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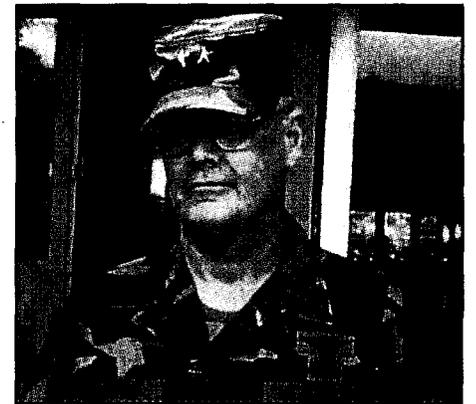


Photo by Skip Vaughn

TAKING CHARGE- Sullivan arrives at the ceremony July 9 in which he assumed command from Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson.

Commanding general focuses on customer service

By Skip Vaughn



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TOP-LEVEL VIEW-- Sullivan discusses his schedule with Capt. Marty Muchow, his aide-de-camp.

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The new commanding general puts people at the top of his agenda for AMCOM. Not far behind are readiness and teamwork.

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan uses examples of success stories in private industry to show the value of customer service. Sullivan, who assumed command of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal on July 9, says his biggest concern entering the new millennium is meeting the AMCOM mission while dealing with inevitable cuts.

He touched on these and other topics in an interview with the Redstone Rocket on July 28.

Question: What are your goals as commanding general of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal?

Sullivan: "I guess the first goal is to ensure that we have our focus correct. Focus needs to be first on people. Stop and think about it: We can't make anything at all happen without people and so we really need to make sure that we work to have anybody that's in a management position focus on people first.

"And while we're sharpening our focus, our focus needs to be on readiness from a mission side. And this means current readiness of the operational Army, and future readiness through technology.

"And the last area is a sense of teamwork. If people are your focus, teamwork needs to be a part of that process. We need to make sure we have teamwork across the board - with the people we

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Forgiveness

When speaking and people don't speak back, forgive them

When gossiping, don't get mad later when it's about you, forgive them

While living and not taking chances, don't envy your neighbor, forgive yourself for not taking risks

When loving, remember to also love yourself and to forgive yourself

When people sacrifice and step on you to get ahead, forgive them because they just did it before you did

While talking to friends new and old, remember to accept them—good and bad because along the way they will have to forgive you too!

Becoming successful is hard to do; thus remembering the bottom is always close

will help you strive better but remembering to forgive and pray will get you higher

When always working and not playing, remember you can't get the days back so forgive yourself and give yourself some play/par per days

When there's no money, remember you spent it; so forgive yourself and save a dollar today

When the tears come and the showers are over, forgive yourself and reaffirm that you are special too!

As the sun shines and the days are long, forgiveness with a smile shall help you shine above all the rest; so forgive and ask for forgiveness on a daily basis.

Veronica Edmiston
Operations sergeant,
Provost Marshal's Office

THAAD defense missile system records successful flight test

The 11th flight test for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) defense missile system was a success Monday when it intercepted the Hera target missile at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

THAAD uses technologies developed in earlier BMDO programs. It is the first weapon system developed specifically to defend against theater ballistic missiles. The THAAD system will provide upper-tier defense for the Army's two-tier theater missile defense concept. The higher

altitude and theater wide protection offered by THAAD will provide more protection of larger theater areas than lower-tier systems alone. THAAD is being designed to defend against both medium and long-range ballistic missiles. THAAD is a completely integrated weapon system consisting of radars; battle management, command, control, communication, and intelligence (BM/C3I) segment; launchers and missiles. The THAAD program is

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The wife of commanding general welcomed by OCWC members



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NEW HOME—Sullivan addresses members of the OCWC who welcomed her with a reception.

By Skip Vaughn

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club has officially welcomed its new honorary president.

Kathy Sullivan was guest of honor at her welcome reception July 27 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The Birmingham native is the wife of Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"Thanks for making this home," she said. "I look forward to working with each of you in making this the best place to live and work in the Army."

She received two pineapple candlestick holders presented by Karen Lake, the OCWC president. Eighty-four people attended the reception.

The Sullivans have a daughter, Linsay, and son, Ryan.

The commanding general's previous assignment was in the Pentagon as director for supply and maintenance in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. He succeeded Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson on July 9.

Challenging trip

Radar repair job takes logistics management specialist to Bosnia

By Sandy Riebeling

When the product manager for the Sentinel Radar System assembled his staff in a meeting and asked for volunteers to go to Bosnia to make repairs, logistics management specialist Jerry Isbill said, "Everyone just kind of looked at each other and then I said, 'Uh... okay... I guess I'll go.'"

Travel is a part of Isbill's job—assisting customers with the Sentinel Radar System used by Army Air Defense Artillery Units worldwide.

"Our office got a call April 9 saying that one of our Sentinel systems in Bosnia was down," Isbill said. "Clover Wakefield and Dan McKee worked all weekend to get the parts ready to ship. At that time they hadn't asked for support."

A few days later, the request came to Product Manager, Col. Lloyd McDaniels, that a team was needed to fix the radar. Isbill, along with two employees from Raytheon, Steve Wiederhoft and Jess Collins, were on a plane two days later, headed for Germany.

"Everyone who goes over there (Bosnia) has to check in with AMC in Seckenheim,

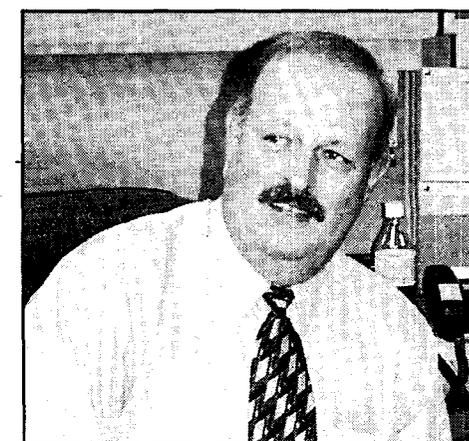


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GLAD TO BE HOME—Isbill made two trips to Bosnia during the summer to perform repairs on the Sentinel Radar system.

Germany," Isbill said. "There was six hours of briefing before we were allowed to go in country. Stuff like how to meet and greet the press, safety, interrogation, what a landmine looked like and how to disarm it."

Isbill watched and listened and then went to the supply point to draw field equipment.

"When they handed me the flak jacket and Kevlar helmet—that was when it hit me that this wasn't just any trip. It never seemed extraordinary until I got those," he said.

He and the contractor team flew on a C-130 to Tuzla, Bosnia then drove to Camp Comanche where they did the repairs.

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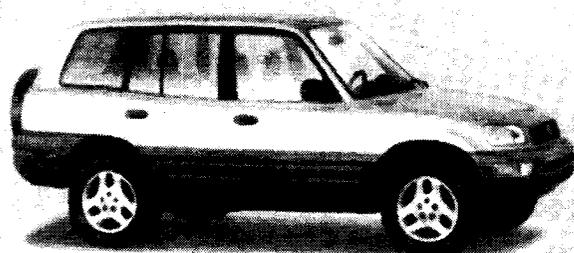
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Dawn of a new era...

American Indian firm wins 10-year base support contract

By Skip Vaughn

A company of American Indians will provide base support services for Redstone Arsenal into the 21st century.

Chugach Management Services, based in Anchorage, Alaska, on July 28 was awarded a 10-year contract worth up to \$360 million. Beginning Oct. 1, Chugach will take over the installation support services which were performed by Northrop Grumman Technical Services the last five years.

The base support services contract managed by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provides mail distribution, military housing support, transportation including household goods shipment and inbound/outbound shipments, motor pool support including taxi service, environmental testing and protection, building and structures, utility services, road maintenance and repair, and heating, air conditioning and ventilation maintenance for Redstone Arsenal including AMCOM and its tenants.

This contract requirement was accomplished by "stepping outside the box" in several different ways, according to Janice Daniels, contracting officer. The base

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

TEAM EFFORT—Dick Hobbs, of Chugach Management Systems, and contracting officer Janice Daniels sign the base support services contract. Looking on, from left, are Nick Kellum of Directorate of Public Works, attorney adviser Dal Widner, Jim Dewese of Directorate of Management and Operations, Vicki Girardi of Documentation Support Office within RDEC, Diane DeHart of Directorate of Logistics, Kim Woodberry of Installation Contract Management Office, lead technical adviser Bob Barnes, Jo Ann Knight of Installation Contract Management Office, and Michelle Cross of Acquisition Center. Not pictured is Craig Northridge of Environmental Office.

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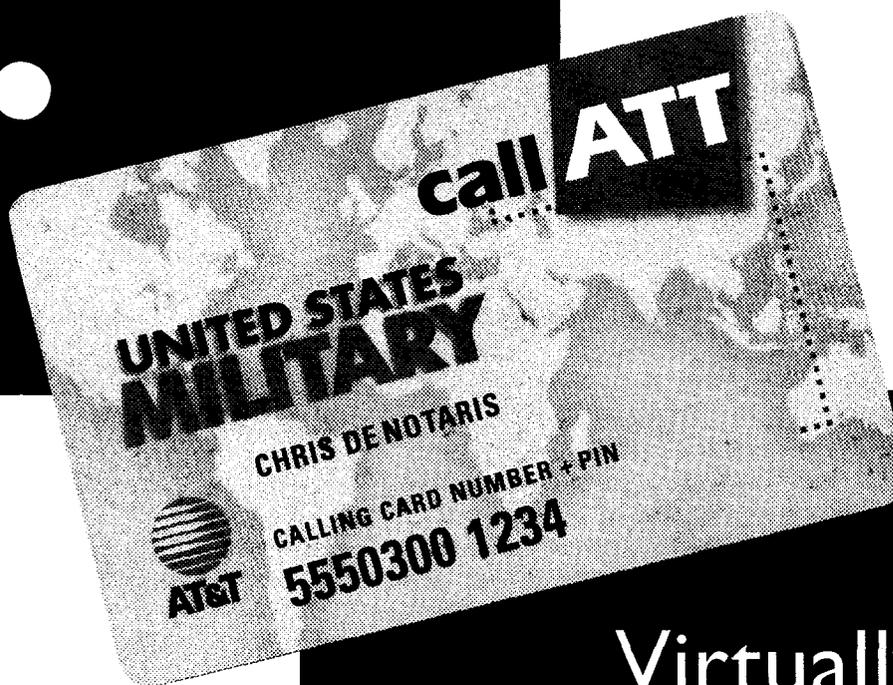
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Replacing old buildings...

Major demolition, construction effort to begin in housing areas

By June Johns

Redstone military housing will undergo a major overhaul once the Arsenal's fiscal year 1999 Replace Family Housing construction project begins. This project is the second in a series of six whole neighborhood revitalization plans.

Joe Davis, chief, master plan and major construction division and William Avila, general engineer and project manager for the construction project, recently sat down and discussed the details and timing of this massive improvement project, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning.

Work will be done on the housing units on both sides of Goss Road in the areas of Dyer Circle/Niblo Drive on the north side, and Hof Circle on the south side. Avila estimated that this \$14 million project would be completed in May 2001.

"Right now we're still in the design phase," noted Avila, who explained that the project under contract calls for the demolition of 118 existing homes, and the design and rebuilding of all new dwellings. The current family living units, which are heavily comprised of attached, multi-family dwellings, will primarily be replaced with single family homes. The exception will be 16 duplexes,

which will be able to hold 32 families.

Moving from multiple attached units (known as high-density housing) to single family homes (low-density housing) will require additional land. The extra space will come from other multi-plex units that have been torn down already, and which will not be replaced, Davis reported. Davis noted that the Arsenal will be able to accommodate the reduction in available housing due to the downsizing of military personnel. Demolition of these 118 units is estimated to begin in September. Fortunately, these homes currently sit vacant, so relocation of families will not be a problem.

The contract for the demolition of existing housing, as well as the design and construction of new quarters, has been awarded to American Renovation and Construction Company, out of San Diego.

A major facelift will be given to roads, utilities and yards, Avila said. He went on to note that current dilapidated community playgrounds in the construction areas are also being redesigned with more modern equipment in mind, as well as an eye toward meeting child safety standards.

Efforts are also being made to preserve as many of the trees, plants and vegetation as possible, Avila explained. Not only will native plant life be preserved, but additional

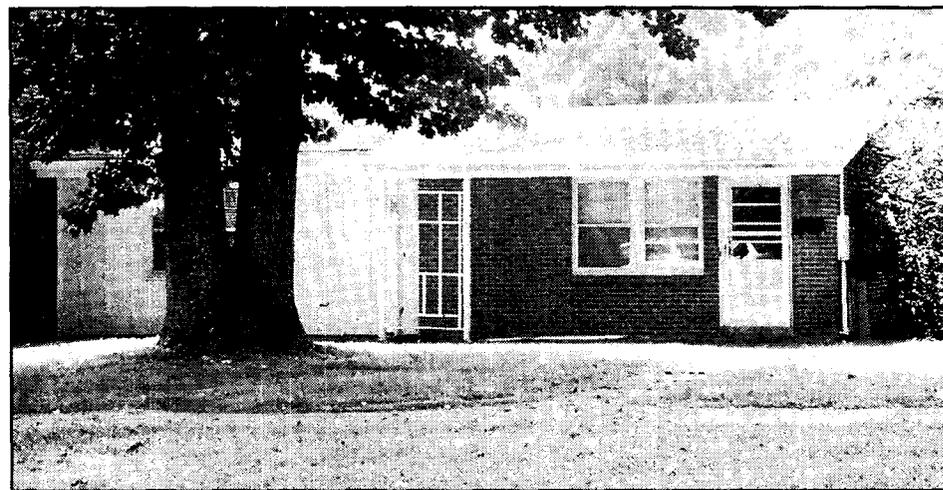


Photo by June Johns

GOING, GOING, GONE – Going soon will be some of the old multi-unit military housing such as this one, which will be replaced by brand new single family dwellings. Staying, however, will be large trees such as the one in this photograph.

trees will be added and each living unit will be framed with shrubbery in the front. Yards will be surrounded with 6-foot wooden privacy fences, replacing the chain-link variety currently in use, and each home will include a private backyard.

Yards will be 50 feet deep. The width of each house's lawn will vary from 54 to 61 feet, depending on the size of the house. This is a far cry from the current attached units that predominate, and which house

between four and six military families, who must share a common yard.

Units will vary in size, from over 1400 square feet to slightly more than 1900 square feet. In addition, each single family home will have either a one or two-car garage,

Davis said. Current units have no garages, and average about 1200 square

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ATTENTION FORMER MICOM EMPLOYEES

RENEGOTIATED AWS CHANGE FOR FORMER MICOM EMPLOYEES

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1858, who has represented Redstone Arsenal (and the Huntsville area) Federal employees since October 1, 1958, has renegotiated the Alternative Work Schedule for former U.S. Army Missile Command (MICOM) employees who are now in the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. AFGE Local 1858 negotiated with management and signed the AWS change on 19 May 1999. It is our understanding General Sullivan has recently signed off on these AWS changes. Some of the changes are: Any day of the week for AWS off day (previously just Fridays); arrival time between 0630-0900 (previously 0700-0800). Another change: If a holiday falls on your day off, you do not have to make up the extra hour. According to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, the effective date of the above changes is the pay period beginning on 1 August 1999. The flexitour (40 hours a week, 8 hours a day) remains unchanged.

For additional information, please call the AFGE Office at 256-876-4880/881-7430, fax: 256-955-8846, e-mail afge-user@redstone.army.mil. The mailing address is: AFGE LOCAL 1858, BLDG. 3202, REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL 35898. OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 0700 TO 1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY.

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The gift of life

Redstone Arsenal donors provide 20 percent of blood supply in bi-county area for American Red Cross

By Sandy Riebeling

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; this is to have succeeded." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Celebrating the success of blood drives at Redstone Arsenal was the purpose of the American Red Cross Blood Service Awards Ceremony held Thursday in building 5309.

"You are the ones that help make the Red Cross successful," Barry Porter, American Red Cross Madison/Marshall counties chapter manager, said to the audience of honorees. "We have 47 paid staff and 2,500 volunteers. What you've done makes a difference."

Arsenal donors gave 4643 pints of blood last year, 20 percent of the supply in Madison and Marshall counties, representing the largest single-entity donor in North Alabama.

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived," Porter said, quoting Emerson, "this is success. This is what we are here to recognize this morning."

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, attended

the ceremony in a show of respect and admiration for the Red Cross and the volunteers that have made such a considerable donation possible.

"When I was in Haiti, the Red Cross was there when no one else was," he said. "I commend you for such great work and I commend the volunteers. You are truly America's heroes. Thank you very much."

Sullivan presented certificates to individual blood drive coordinators as well as building representatives responsible for the many drives on post last year.

Although blood drives are a significant contribution to the Red Cross organization, they are not the only source of support received from the Arsenal.

"The Arsenal's involvement with the Red Cross dates back to 1942 when wives of soldiers assigned here began helping the Red Cross by making surgical dressings, helmet liners, gloves and other items," Col. Steven Hamilton, commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, said. "That was called the civilian war relief."

"Every year the Redstone community has the opportunity to make financial contributions to the Red Cross through

the Combined Federal Campaign. The Red Cross is usually the first or second largest recipient of the total dollars pledged to the CFC.

"So you see, the Red Cross, together with the support of Team Redstone, has helped save hundreds of lives, reassured loved ones and made our community a safer place to live. Blood Services celebrates its 51st year of services this year. We want to recognize the blood drive

coordinators and building representatives."

The following individuals received certificates of appreciation for blood drive coordination:

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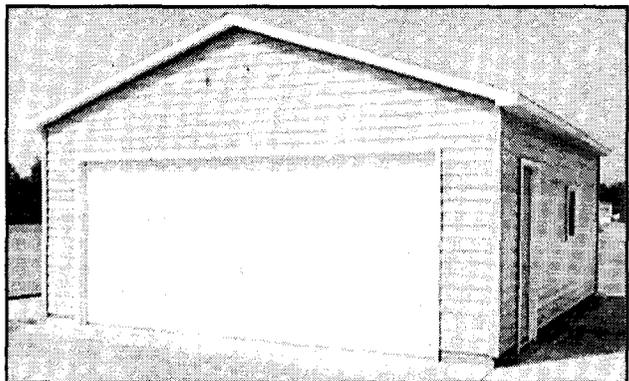
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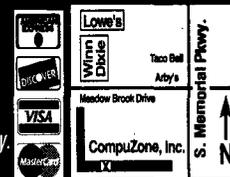
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■ Alaska-based firm wins base support contract

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support services effort had always been competed by means of full and open competition. This effort is a Small Business Administration Section 8(a) directed source action. FAR Part 19 excludes Indian Tribes from the dollar restrictions requiring competition under the 8(a) Program. This award enhances AMCOM's 8(a) goals during the 10-year life of the contract.

Chugach Management Services is a subsidiary of the Chugach Alaska Corporation, a regional corporation formed in 1971. As a result of the Alaska Native Settlement Act, 13 regional corporations were formed in Alaska. These for-profit corporations were established to take the place of the reservation system which was not working. Chugach Management Services itself was formed in 1996.

"We feel that we've got a good product at a fair and reasonable price, and that's what our goal was," Daniels said, citing a team effort that resulted in the contract award.

Estimated cost of the contract may range from \$240 million to \$360 million if all options are exercised completely. Although this contract for base support services is Chugach's largest such contract, the 600-employee company provides these services for several other government agencies throughout the United States.

"The majority of the current (base sup-

port) work force will transition over" to Chugach, according to Dick Hobbs, operations manager for Chugach Management Services. The company plans to provide "cost-effective customer service," he said. "Open communication and teamwork with our customer. And so as we jointly identify the requirement, then we'll provide the service."

The procedure leading to the contract award is known as Alpha Contracting: the government and contractor working together, in this case, from beginning to end. An inprocess team was formed with members from Redstone Arsenal Support Activity's Installation Contract Management Office, representatives from the four major directorates within RASA, Acquisition Center, Data Management, AMCOM Legal Office, the DCAA office in Anchorage and the contractor. Since the Small Business Administration's acceptance of the requirement March 15, the team has come full circle starting with a site visit to acquaint the new contractor with Redstone Arsenal and a draft performance work statement or statement of work. Since May the team has been together reworking the performance work statement, all attachments, appendices, exhibits, and the contract document. The team openly discussed the contractor's approach, quality assurance documents and pricing issues. Last week's contract signing begins a two-month transition process.

"We're obviously excited and look forward to the opportunity to perform and excel," Hobbs said.

■ Redstone neighborhoods will get facelift during fiscal 1999

Housing

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feet in size.

Inside, houses will take on a more modern look, and include up-to-date amenities. Wall-to-wall carpet in the living rooms and bedrooms of the new homes will replace the vinyl flooring that is part of the currently used quarters, which date back to 1957. New bathrooms will have ceramic tile. Garbage disposals and shelving for tenant-owned microwave ovens will also be in place in every new home. Additional interi-

or and exterior storage space will be another welcomed feature that will be added to the new houses, which will also have laundry rooms included in their design. Each home will also be pre-wired for cable and designers are currently looking into providing the option for two telephone lines, the second one to be used for Internet computer access or as an alternate phone line, Avila explained.

Avila easily summed up the reasons for the multimillion-dollar project. "It's cost prohibitive to keep up (the older) housing units, and this will improve the quality of life for soldiers."

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BLOOD DRIVE HONOREES—Blood drive coordinators from MRDEC, Pepper Takayama, left, and Sarah Mills, center, talk with June Fletcher, CEO of the Blood Services Office in Birmingham, about the tremendous need for blood and the generous efforts of donors at the Arsenal.

■ Blood donors honored for giving the gift of life

Awards

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Edwina Bressette, Carol Meekins, Vivian Paschal, Betty Mountain, Zakiyyah Shakoor, Jean Hicks, Angie Foutch, Helena Moore, Sharon Bocclair, Walter Russey Yarbrough, John Sands, Pat Moyers, Dianne Stephens, Pamela Lee, Lisa Wright, Fran King-Wilburn, Cathy Brown, Donna Smiley, Rickey Moore, Ray Schleeper, Joan Blackmon, Frank

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Registration required...

Arsenal children must be signed up for bus service before start of school

By Sandy Riebeling

How are your children getting to school? If you live on the Arsenal and your children need to ride the bus to school, the time to register was yesterday. Since only 350 of the expected 500-plus bus riders have registered, school bus registration has been extended.

"We will have 13 buses running 18 routes this year," Carl Pack, motor pool supervisor, said. "We need to know how many children we expect to pick up at each stop so we can schedule the routes. And then we need time to get the schedules to the printers and then delivered to the residents. School starts Aug. 17. That doesn't leave a lot of time."

Some of the buses will do what Pack calls "doubles." The bus will pick up one set of students and deliver them to school then come back for a second round that will be going to a different school. Knowing how many children to expect at each stop is extremely important when planning the routes.

For example, if a bus is scheduled to

pick up 20 children at three different stops but 25 get on instead, that puts the bus capacity over the limit and some children will have to wait at the stop while Pack arranges for another bus to come and pick up the remaining children.

"All the children will get to school," Kimberly Pugh, school bus transportation coordinator, said. "But it's easy to see why we need registration—and that means every year, for every child riding a bus. We don't start with any of the old records because people move in and out so much. If a parent registered their child last year, even though they haven't moved, they still must register this year. We have no way of knowing who stayed and who didn't."

The first day of school is always hectic, according to Pugh and Pack, due to the variations of bus stop locations and timing. Parents and children may be expecting the same thing as last year but the scheduling changes slightly year to year because of the population shifts in the Arsenal housing areas.

"Usually the first day of school is a full day which gives us about six hours to get



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

READY TO ROLL—The buses are lined up and ready for the first day of school but are the students ready? School bus transportation coordinators Pugh and Pack urge parents of children needing bus service to get signed up as soon as possible.

everything straightened out before the buses leave to bring the children home," Pugh said. "This year, the first day is only a half day. That only gives us about two hours to work out any difficulties."

It's also important for parents to note

the half day attendance so that they can arrange to have someone at home to receive the children, unless they are scheduled to be dropped off at School Age

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■ Redstone officials urge parents of children needing bus service to get signed up as soon as possible

School

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Services or the Youth Center.

The dropoff location is another reason registration is so important. When parents come to register their child or children, they must bring an active duty military identification badge and, if applicable, proof of registration at School Age Services Program so that children may be dropped off there. If children are to be dropped off at any location besides their residence school bus stop, it must be listed on the registration form.

"I know Youth Services doesn't have registration but kids can't just get off there if they want to. It's something that has to be prearranged through registration," Pugh said.

She offered reminders to parents and students about the bus program. First and foremost, be at your stop on time. If there are no children at the stop, the bus doesn't stop and wait. Dress appropriate-

ly. Bring a jacket if it's cool or an umbrella if it looks like it's going to rain.

A list of school bus safety rules are available when you register. Registration is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at building 3664B which is at the motor pool on Patriot Drive, (behind the Post Office).

To assure a safe trip for the students, every bus is put through a bumper to bumper safety inspection once a month. All drivers are certified annually and drivers perform daily bus checks on lights, brakes, tires and oil.

"We're going to need every space on every bus this year to get the children transported," Pack said. "It's human nature to wait until the last minute to do things, I understand that, but we have to get our schedules out to the residents five days prior to school starting. If your children are going to ride the bus, you need to get them registered now, so that there aren't any problems on the first day of school."

Among MWR highlights...

Barbecue, buffet and more on menu for community

The MWR Sales & Marketing office, phone 955-7399, listed the following events for Morale, Welfare and Recreation:

Gourmet night-- The Redstone Arsenal Club will hold "Chef Pete's Fabulous Gourmet Night" at 6 p.m. Thursday. This five course meal will be served with a taste of three different wines. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$46.95 per person. For more information, call 830-CLUB

Outdoor barbecue-- The Sparkman Cafeteria will hold an Outdoor Barbecue on Aug. 11 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Cafeteria Courtyard. The price of \$5.35 per person includes your choice of one meat, barbecue ribs or barbecue chicken, choice of two vegetables, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad or potato chips, with bread and beverage. For more information, call 876-8741.

German dinner buffet-- Did you miss the German Dinner Buffet at the Soldatenstube? The next German Buffet will be on Aug. 11; seats are limited so

make your reservations today. The Soldatenstube serves authentic German cuisine and is open to the entire Redstone community. The Soldatenstube is also open for lunch on Thursdays only, and for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. Dinner reservations are required. For reservations or info, call 830-2582 or 881-5181.

Oktoberfest '99-- This summer has been a hot and dry one, but Oktoberfest '99 is just around the corner! Sample the flavors of Germany Sept. 16-19. Watch for more details about advanced ticket sales.

International beer tasting-- Mark your calendars for the ninth annual International Beer Tasting. This fun-filled event will take place Aug. 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served, and entertainment will be available for everyone to enjoy in the Big Spring Lounge. For more details, call 830-2582.



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Organizational day

Ordnance brigade soldiers enjoy family outing in park

Will Smith's "Wild Wild West" blasted from a boom box in the distance. An impromptu game of horseshoes was under way. Parents soaked in the sun with their small children. That was the scene Friday at Vincent

Park as the 59th Ordnance Brigade held its annual Organizational Day.

Activities for the servicemembers and their families included a cookout, organized sports, and moonbounce for youngsters.



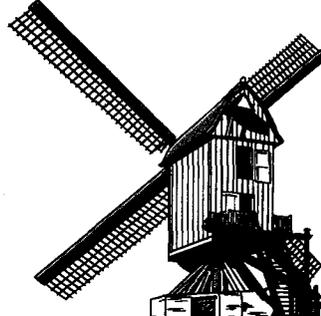
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TAKING AIM— Playing a game of horseshoes are Pvt. Stephen Tylutki of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and Blake Coleman, 12, son of Stan Coleman of OMMCS.



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FIRING UP GRILL— Working the grill, from left, are Betty Jones, JoAnn Evans, Wilfort Stephens, all of K and K Food Service; and Hal Weatherman, the contracting officer's representative for food service.



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Quarterly retirement ceremony moves to Sparkman Center

By June Johns

From now on, those desiring to attend one of the quarterly post retirement ceremonies will need to head toward the Sparkman Center.

The new location for these retirement ceremonies will be the open grassy area between buildings 5303 and 5304, MSgt. William Loew, RASA NCO in charge of these ceremonies, said. Helping to put together the details of these ceremonies is SSgt. James E. Matthews, RASA support operations.

These quarterly ceremonies are held for any interested officers or enlisted military personnel, including staff sergeants and higher. Those retiring from any Army post in the world can call Loew at 876-2819 to participate in a Redstone Arsenal retirement ceremony. This is often the case for military retirees with families from this area, as well as those who want to retire in Huntsville, Loew said.

The next Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held Aug. 19, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Sparkman Center Parade Field. Rehearsal for the ceremony will be held at 8 a.m. on the same day and in the same location. Retirees who would like to participate in this ceremony should contact Loew no later than Aug. 5.



Mary Petty/Photo Lab

MEMORABLE EVENT—Col. Jeffrey Schreppe, deputy program manager for Ground Based Element (GBE) Program Office under the PEO for Air and Missile Defense, presents flowers to his wife, Carol, at his retirement reception July 12 at the Marriott Hotel.

Fixed-wing assistant says...

Army's UC-35 aircraft makes an immediate impact

By Carter Jones

With the change in the Army's role in the national military strategy from a forward-based to a CONUS-based, force-projection army, fixed wing aviation has been challenged to provide the force with a fast and efficient medium-range (500-1800 nautical mile) transport. This aircraft must provide the Army with an all-weather transport for commanders, their staff and critical equipment and parts. The Army's Modernization Plan and Fixed Wing Investment Strategy identified the need for an airframe capable of rapid, worldwide self-deployment, while continuing to provide for cost-effective, intra-theater missions covering the full spectrum of military operations. With the Army downsizing and operating under severe budget constraints, this airframe had to be economical as well as capable of getting the decision-maker to the right place in the shortest possible amount of time.

Since the 1970s, the C-12 King Air has been the workhorse of the fixed wing fleet, performing its intended short-range mission,

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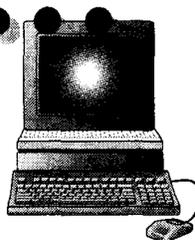
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Wilson returns to Redstone as Acquisition Center deputy

By Sandy Riebeling

Moving back to Huntsville from what his wife calls "the whatever state," Col. Scott Wilson is getting just what he asked for.

"If I'm not happy here, it's my fault," Wilson said. "This is the job I wanted and the location I wanted. I'm glad to be back."

Wilson reported for duty as the Acquisition Center deputy director July 19. It's a homecoming of sorts. He has been stationed in Alabama twice, the first time was from 1981-84 where he served as assistant professor of military science at the University of Alabama and the second at Redstone working with the Multiple Launch Rocket System from 1989-92.

"My wife is from Alabama," Wilson said. "I met her while I was teaching at the University of Alabama. She's glad to be back home and we both loved the community when we were stationed here before."

Wilson entered the Army in 1976 through the ROTC program at Northern Illinois University where he graduated with bachelor's degree in finance and economics. Since then he's been traveling the globe, one of the things he especially enjoys, and working his way around the

world of contracts, financing and acquisition. In 1979 he earned his master's degree in business administration from Augusta College and then in 1991, graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a master's degree in procurement and contracting management.

"About one-third of the Army's procurement fund runs through AMCOM," Wilson said. "It's the Army's largest buying command and a great job for an acquisition contracts guy like me— it's not just the volume of the contracts but the complexity and scope of them."

One of the most immediate challenges facing Wilson as deputy director is moving 738 Acquisition Center employees from their current offices in building 4488 to the Sparkman Center. The move is scheduled for November. Another major challenge is the ongoing struggle to streamline acquisition processes.

"We're always trying to find ways to do it better, faster and cheaper," Wilson said. "We need to figure out how we fit into the Army after next."

While he fights the war of acquisition reform at work, at home he's fighting the battle of the boxes.

"We're still not quite settled," he said.

"But we're looking forward to getting involved in the community. Last time I was here I coached sports and served as the chairman on the ACS (Army Community Service) education committee. I believe in giving back."

In fact, much of his family life is centered around sports and education. His wife, Susan, is an elementary teacher who will teach at Discovery Middle School this fall and his son, Tyler, 14, is a budding young star on the basketball courts.

"When we told Tyler about the move

from California to Huntsville his first reaction was, 'Can I still go to basketball camp?'"

Tyler attended Michael Jordan's "Flight School" last year, a basketball camp at the University of California-Santa Barbara and was recommended by his basketball coach to go again this year in August.

"We got here just in time for Tyler to get his room settled before he goes back to California for camp."

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Marines brace for softball showdown

The Marines have been battling a thousand in troop softball. At least that's how it seems anyway.

After last week's games, the Marines were a perfect 9-0 so far in the regular season. They faced a showdown scheduled today at 6 p.m. against Headquarters & Alpha team-1 EOD which was 6-1.

The regular season, which began July 6, will end Aug. 10. The postseason tournament is scheduled Aug. 16 through 20 or 21.

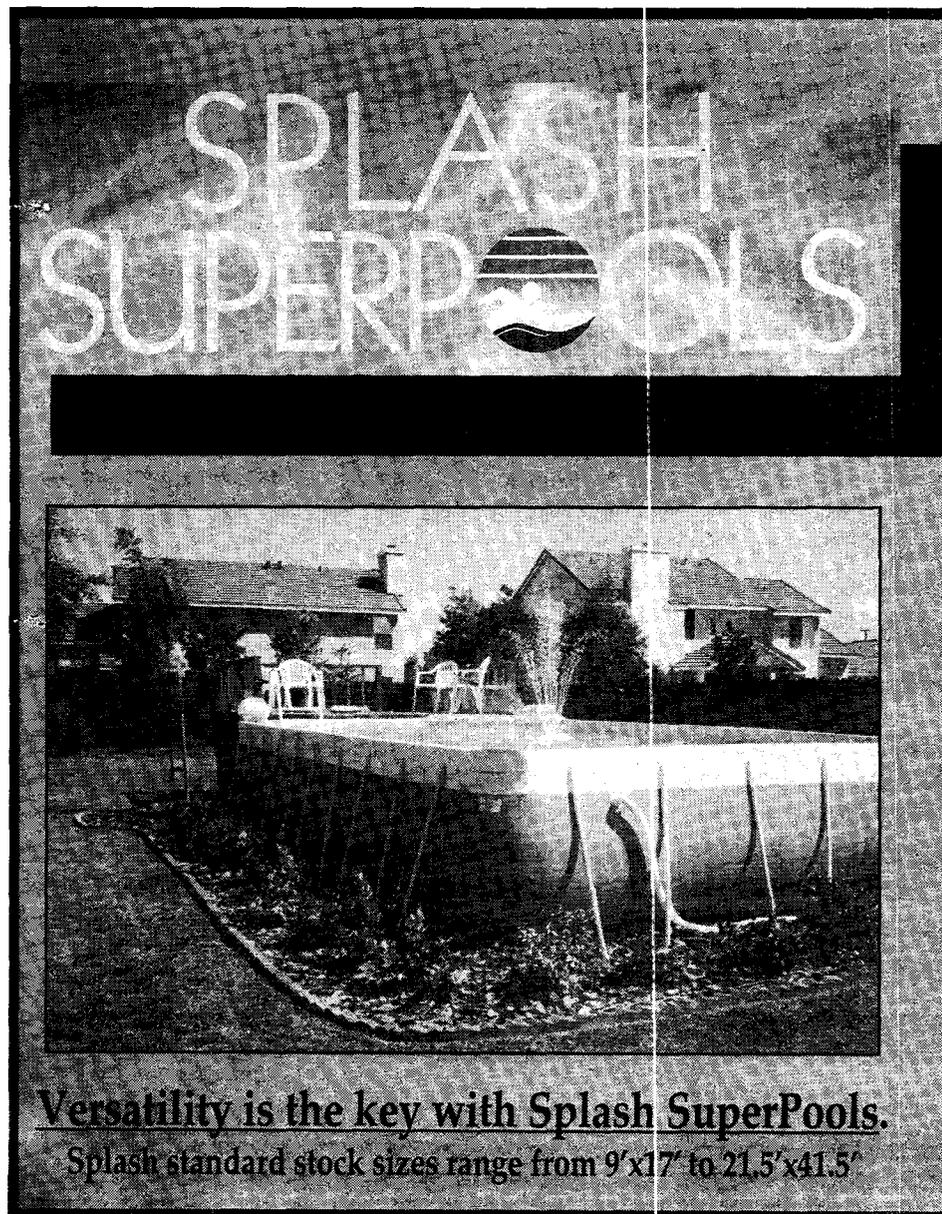
"Those (dates) are subject to change due to weather conditions because this year we

kind of got rained out a few times," recreation assistant Mike Pauer said.

Here are the unit-level standings as of July 25:

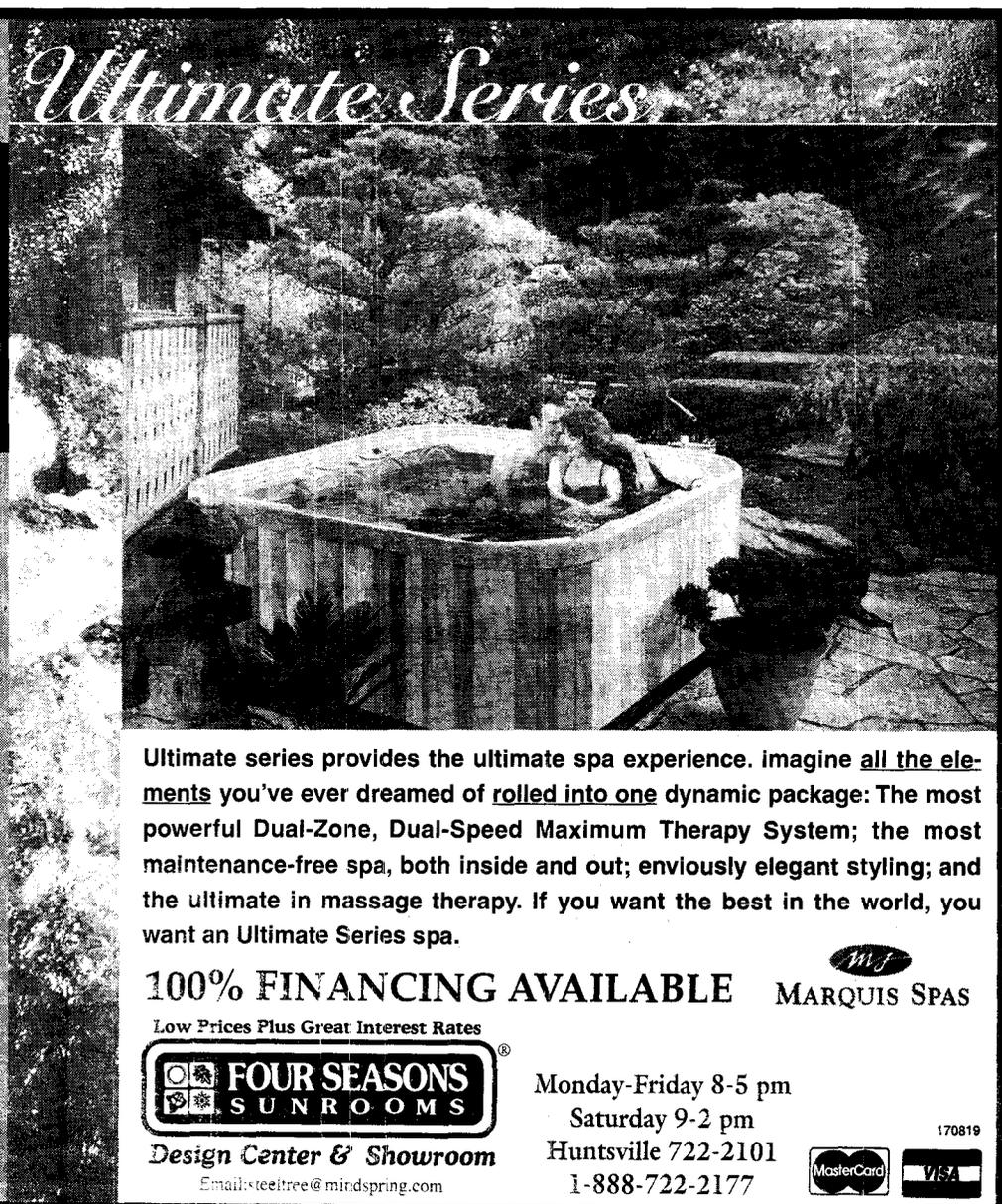
Eastern Conference—Delta 832nd, 5-3; Charlie 832nd, 5-3; Headquarters & Alpha team-2 Reclash, 4-4; Headquarters & Alpha team-3 Warrants, 3-5; and MED-DAC, 1-6.

Western Conference—Marines, 9-0; Headquarters & Alpha team-1 EOD, 6-1; AMCOM, 5-3; Bravo 832nd, 3-5; and Headquarters 59th, 1-12 (dropped from league).



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ATTENTION TO DETAILS— A successful move of the Acquisition Center this fall hinges on the details, said Wilson, deputy director for the Center.

■ Acquisition Center deputy fighting battle of boxes after moving

Wilson

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His wife and son are not the only family members that have to get used to a new home. Several family pets made the move as well.

"We don't have a family," Wilson said, "we have a zoo. Now we just have some normal animals, the dogs and the birds—and well, there's the gecko too."

Being a school teacher, "an excellent school teacher," Wilson said, "Susan keeps animals in her room as class pets. She is a wonderful teacher and has taught everywhere we've lived. When we move, sometimes her students take the pets home with them but some we have to keep."

Pets have ranged from dogs, birds and lizards to rats and pot-bellied pigs.

With the number and constancy of pets, and supporting their son's school and sports activities, one would think the Wilsons have no time left but they always try to make time. Time to become involved in the community and to immerse themselves in the culture in which they live.

"Germany was great because we were so close to so many countries," Wilson said. "We traveled around Europe. There's some great culture in the United States, too. We make it a point to find out about what's around us."

While in California, the family went snow skiing in the morning and spent the afternoon on the beach. They also did the Hollywood tours and attended the taping of two television sitcoms.

"There is plenty to do here both at work and in the community. There are lots of challenges ahead."

■ Logistics specialist returns after repairing radar in Bosnia

Trip

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"We spent most of the week working in an old MiG hangar," Isbill said. "During the Cold War, Camp Comanche was an old MiG base. And of course, we had luxurious accommodations—they gave us an Army cot. The food, in all honesty, was absolutely great."

The team worked late every night, completing the repair in a week. They spent the second week at Camp McGovern, about 50 miles west of Camp Comanche, checking a second radar system in Bosnia before returning home.

"We weren't allowed to leave the compound on our own," he said. "When we went from Comanche to McGovern we had to get a clearance and go through a pre-briefing then we traveled in a four vehicle convoy, with weapons. It was an odd way to have to travel."

Isbill was only at home a month before he was sent back for a pedestal assembly malfunction on a different Sentinel system. It's a reliable system, Isbill said. To have

this sort of trouble is a rarity.

"Luckily we didn't have to wear the jackets this time," Isbill said. "The first time it rained a lot but the second time it had heated up considerably. Wearing those jackets would have been miserable."

The second trip was again two weeks and it went off without a hitch.

"I may have went over there, but it was the people back here in the office that deserve the credit for getting the job done," Isbill said. "They worked around the clock to get what was needed and get it shipped over there. It was a great team effort on their part. Everything was waiting for us when we got over there."

Isbill said that in the beginning, 26 years ago, the travel used to be fun but now it's just part of the job, a part that his wife, Margaret, has accepted for the past 25 years. His son, Christopher, 18, is quite used to the travel as well.

"I don't necessarily like the travel or being away from my family but it comes with the job. There is a certain sense of accomplishment when you are able to go out in the field and help the soldiers so they can perform the mission."



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Neon day...

More than \$3,000 will go to Redstone Arsenal Youth Sports, thanks to the 613 Dodge Neon test drives made by members of the Redstone community July 23-24. From left are Ted Chamberlain of Chrysler; Col. Steven Hamilton, deputy post commander; Missy Richards, Youth Sports director; CSM Lewis Lockett of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; and Dick Holt of Chrysler. Dodge and Plymouth make a donation to Youth Sports for each free test drive taken on the new Neon under this fund-raising program which will reach 36 Army installations this summer.



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■ Post commander puts people at the top of his agenda for AMCOM

Sullivan

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provide support to, and a sense of teamwork with people in our higher headquarters. It stretches both ways.

"So I think those three things are the primary goals I want to try to meet in the first months. Within the first six to nine months, we've got to make sure all these things are firmly imbedded. The goals won't change but some of the enablers will change over time."

Question: How well is AMCOM meeting its mission?

Sullivan: "I think AMCOM is doing a good job. I think if you go out and visit the field, they believe we're value added. If you ask our customers, they believe we're value added. But that doesn't mean we can't do a better job of it."

"I like the analogy of Frank Purdue, a chicken farmer. Purdue spent a lot of time in the store asking customers what they wanted, and then he provided what they

wanted. And it took a small but successful chicken farmer and made him a huge corporate success. The same thing applies to what we do. We need to spend time with the customer and make sure we're meeting their needs. So I've decided the measure of our success here at AMCOM won't be statistics, but it'll be the customers we support."

Question: How can AMCOM do an even better job of meeting its mission?

Sullivan: "Focus on the customer."

Question: Who is the customer?

Sullivan: "There are a number of customers of our products. One is the field Army, operational units deployed throughout the world, and those are the customers of our current readiness. But we do an awful lot of work on future readiness. That comes out of our RDECs and gets focused through a lens I'll call the PEO structure, to get a reliable and more cost-effective platform."

Question: What changes do you plan for AMCOM and how it does its work? Or what organizational changes do you anticipate?

Sullivan: "One of the first things I've got to do is meet with our employees. Aug. 12 is the first of many town hall meetings. So I want to get some feedback from them. And just prior to that, I will have an offsite Aug. 10 with the leaders of AMCOM (on the Executive Steering Committee). And

the intent of that is to get some feedback from both management and the work force on what the major issues are.

"After all, if you say people are Job 1 it might be a good idea to listen to people. And then after I've had that chance to get some feedback, we'll sit back and look at our organization and what type of organization we'll need in the next four or five years.

"If organizational changes are needed, we'll do a redesign. If that's required, I'll discuss it with the leaders first, lay it out to the employees and if necessary take it to AMC. Again I'm not saying organizational changes are necessary. I think it's important that we resolve (issues) early as opposed to just let whatever happens happen."

Question: Downsizing is a major concern for Army civilian workers. How will AMCOM meet its strength requirements in the coming years?

Sullivan: "What we're going to have to do is take a look at all the reduction targets that have been provided to us. Most of them are through 05 (year 2005). And the question becomes how do you accommodate that while still effectively doing the core missions that the organization has. Where we can find a way to seek relief from that, we'll do it; but some downsizing is inevitable. What I want to avoid is tak-

ing every organization and reducing it by some percentage - a salami slice approach, just a percent reduction. We've already taken some reductions. If you just keep taking 5 percent here, 10 percent there, you end up with an organization that's incapable of doing anything. That isn't useful."

Question: What is your major concern as Team Redstone prepares for the new millennium?

Sullivan: "The ability of the command to absorb the cuts and still perform its primary mission."

Question: And what is that primary mission?

Sullivan: "Readiness. And we get that by integrating technology, sustainment and acquisition."

Question: What is your message to the Redstone community?

Sullivan: "First, we are extremely pleased to be here. We have long wanted to be a part of this great community. Second, we want to thank everyone here for their generous hospitality."

"I am absolutely delighted to be the commander of AMCOM. I could not ask for a better job, I could not ask for a better place to work, I couldn't ask for a better team to work with. My wife, Kathy, and I look forward to building on the great tradition of excellence found here."

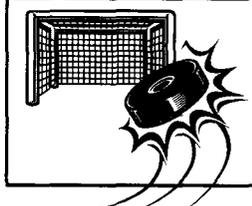


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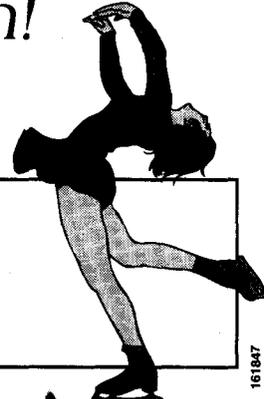
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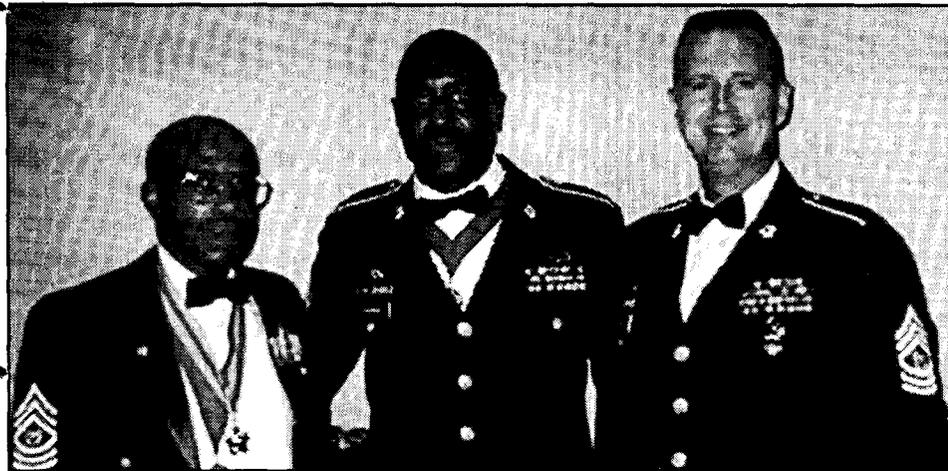


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OFFICIAL PARTY— From left Battle, George and Ayers attend the enlisted dining-out sponsored by OMMCS and 59th Ordnance Brigade.

Stepping out in style...

Ordnance brigade holds formal event for enlisted members

Members of the 59th Ordnance Brigade have established a new tradition with their very first Enlisted Dining-Out.

Some 273 attended the formal event July 16 at the Huntsville Hilton. The guest speaker was CSM Timothy Ayers, regimental command sergeant major; and the guest of honor was retired CSM Willie Battle.

"It was a huge success," SSgt. Tilden Morgan, training NCO for the 59th Ordnance Brigade, said. "And it showed the camaraderie and the commitment to excellence that the NCO Corps constantly

maintains. And I look forward to attending next year."

CSM James George, the command sergeant major for Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade, was the coordinator. SFC Deborah Asberry served as organizer.

Military dining-out is a longstanding tradition dating back to the 10th century. Commanders have recognized over the years the importance of camaraderie for members of their units and their families.

Aircraft

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but also performing the medium-range, intra-theater mission. Although the C-12 has been a very reliable airframe, it lacks the range, speed and efficiency to optimally perform the medium-range mission. Additionally, the C-20 Gulfstream IV, a long-range transport jet, has proven to be too expensive to perform the medium-range mission. An aircraft was needed to fill the void.

The gap left between the C-12 and C-20's operating capabilities would be bridged in 1995 when the Fixed Wing Product Management Office chose the UC-35 as an answer to the Army's transport challenges. Greater operating capabilities,

along with its comparable acquisition and maintenance costs, made the UC-35 an immediate hit with the aviation community as the replacement for the C-12's medium-range mission. To date, the UC-35 has proven to be cheaper than the C-12 when performing missions ranging more than 500 nautical miles. Currently, seventeen UC-35A have been fielded, with an approval to field a total of 67 to support the Army's medium-range mission.

Additionally, the UC-35's immediate operational impact and low maintenance costs have prompted studies into the feasibility of replacing the C-12's short-range mission with the UC-35 or another similar commercial aircraft.

(Editor's note: Capt. Jones is an assistant in the Fixed Wing Product Office.)

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Students earn while they learn in Army engineering environment

By June Johns

In the future, Brian Baldwin may want to work for the Army. Today, he's finding out for sure. Baldwin is one of 13 select students working this summer with a Redstone Arsenal mentor on Army research projects. This student learning/work program is coordinated by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Baldwin is currently comparing data showing strain on optical fiber. This information will be used to further better communications between missiles and ground-based guidance systems.

Meanwhile, student counterparts Angel Ruffin and Sandy Gahagan are busy working on a synopsis of a precision munitions logistics study, while Aaron Brown and Ryan Daffin design web pages for the unmanned ground vehicle joint project office.

Brown and Daffin in particular hope their summer efforts help them with their college work this fall. Brown will be attending the University of Alabama-Huntsville, where he plans to concentrate his studies on computer engineering. Daffin will also be attending UAH, and hopes to major in either civil engineering "or something to do with computers."

Gahagan, who will be a senior at Grissom High starting this fall, said she heard about the program through her school, as do most participants. Applications are distributed to high schools, colleges and universities in the surrounding area during October of each

year, according to Betty Duke, science and engineering adviser who works with Jerrel McCollum on the program. Students who meet the requirements of being an American citizen and attending at least 10th grade can apply in December, Duke said.

Then begins the difficult process of whittling down the applicants and selecting the finalists who will be offered a chance to participate.

"Selection is based on students' proven interest and ability in science and engineering, and on teachers' recommendations," Duke said. Ruffin's 3.6 grade point average, as well as her involvement in the Honor Society and Beta Club, didn't hurt her selection chances either. The Sparkman High senior has chosen computer engineering as her college major. With an eye toward the aesthetic, she also plans to minor in music.

This year, 13 students were chosen from an applicant pool of 102, Duke said.

This number is down from 32 participants the previous year, due to a reduction in funding. Last year George Washington University, located in Washington, D.C., funded all 32 of the Redstone student summer jobs. This year the university was only able to fund two positions. The costs for the remaining positions are being picked up by various Arsenal organizations, Duke said.

"Each student does research on an identified project during his or her assigned time," she said. Select federal employees who work for the Aviation and Missile

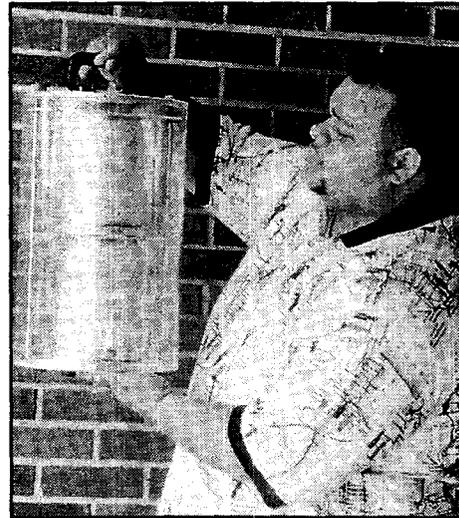


Photo by June Johns

STUDIOUS INSPECTION - Baldwin examines a bobbin, a canister that stores fiber optic cable.

Command are assigned as their mentors. "Students are treated like professionals, because they are working with professional people," Duke said.

Gahagan concurs. "The program is really good, as it introduces you to a real working environment," she said.

"Students are paid an educational stipend for their work," Duke said. "High school students in their first summer with the program will receive \$1400 for their eight (40 hour) weeks." Students are sometimes paid varying amounts, depending on their length of time with the program, how many weeks they are able to work, and whether they are attending high school or college.

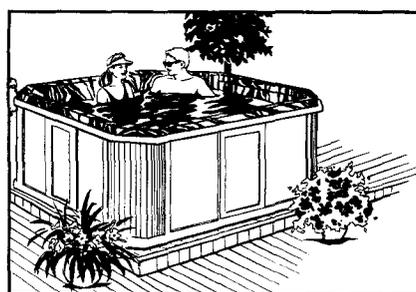
This is Baldwin's sixth year with the

program. During the last two summers, he worked on fiber optics. Prior to that, the Alabama A&M University junior who is majoring in physics worked on a technical video for the Army, among other projects.

The students' summer experience culminates with the preparation of an abstract on their assigned research, which outlines what they've learned during the course of their work. These presentations are judged by a panel of Arsenal employees who are experts in the fields of engineering, physics, math and chemistry. Awards, including medals and savings bonds, are given in first, second, and third place categories.

This student learning/work project is part of a Department of Defense program, which was started in 1980. It is implemented all around the country at various Army posts.

Students participating in this year's summer program include Brian Baldwin, Alabama A&M University; Brandy Smith, Auburn University; Todd Ille, North Carolina State University; Michael Beatty, Bob Jones High School; Aaron Brown, Marbury High School; Ryan Daffin, Lee High School; Christopher Frost, Huntsville High School; Sandy Gahagan, Grissom High School; Chad Hellums, Madison County High School; Angeliea Ruffin, Sparkman High School; Chenita Starks, Lee High School; Aaron Tauchen, Buckhorn High School, and Nathan Harold, Bob Jones High School.



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Col. John W. Holly, center, program executive officer for tactical missiles, presides at a recent Change of Charter ceremony for the Air-to-Ground Missile Systems (AGMS) Project Office, bidding farewell to Col. Richard T. Savage, left. After a three-year tour at AGMS, Savage's new assignment will be with the U.S. Army Armor Center, Mounted Maneuver Battlespace Laboratory, Fort Knox, Ky. The Change of Charter passed the position of project manager to Rhett D. Farrow, right. Farrow will be supported by Lt. Col. Carl Runyon, who assumes the position of deputy project manager.

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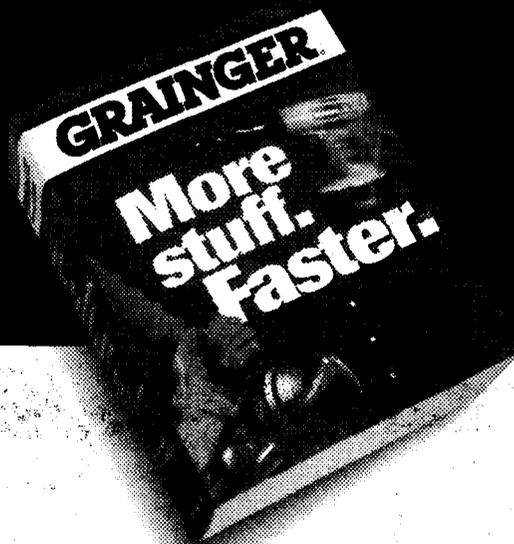
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LOGSA ceremony

Brig. Gen. John Deyermond, Army Materiel Command deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations, will hold a change of command ceremony for the Logistics Support Activity from 8-8:30 a.m. Aug. 13 in the Sparkman Auditorium. The outgoing LOGSA commander is Col. Ronald Hyatte; and the incoming commander is Col. Jerry Warnement.

Recreation volunteers

Outdoor Recreation is accepting applications for volunteers through Aug. 15. Those eligible persons interested in applying should submit a written request to Bill Moreland, chief of Outdoor Recreation, stating their name, address, work and home phone numbers, military unit or place of employment, status-- i.e., active duty, retired military, civilian employee, or contractor -- and a brief statement of reasons for wanting to be a volunteer and past experience which may complement volunteer efforts. For more information, call Potter or Glass 876-4868/6854.

Rocketman triathlon

The sixth annual Heart Center Rocketman Triathlon will be held Aug. 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Col. Hudson Recreation Area on Redstone Arsenal. This race benefits the Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" Program. For more information call Bob Mulkey, race director, 883-7399 during the evening hours.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For

more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.

Mr. Man quest

The quest has begun for the ninth annual "Mr. Man Premiere." SB Productions will present this exciting and enchanting event Sept. 3 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Dinner will promptly be served at 7 p.m. and the show will start at 8. Due to the overwhelming response to the concept and buildup of this Premiere, tickets will go on sale Aug. 2 until sellout. Contestants will be judged by a selected panel in the areas of style, finesse, personality, performance and sincerity. "Seating is limited and there will be no standing room. We apologize in advance to those who will have to wait for next year's event," Samuel Brown of SB Productions said. Ticket locations are Region's Bank (Redstone Branch), Randall's Formal Wear, and Madison Avenue Fashions. For more information, call 233-4702 or 650-7736.

Health center

Fox Army Health Center will be minimally staffed Friday for its annual Organization Day. Same day urgent appointments will be available through the Advice Nurse. All other clinics will curtail services at 11 a.m.. Advice nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to schedule urgent appointments. The Pharmacy will be open with limited staffing.

AMCOM town hall

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, will hold his first town hall meeting with the workforce Aug 12 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Sparkman Auditorium. The meeting will

be broadcast over Redstone Arsenal TV channel 42. Topics to be discussed will be published in upcoming Redstone Rockets.

Ten-miler tryouts

Tryouts for Redstone Arsenal's team in the Army Ten-Miler will be held 5 a.m. Aug. 21 and 5 a.m. Aug. 28 near Sparkman Fitness Center. The team will consist of at least six military members plus two civilians. Cutoff time for participants is 80 minutes. The team will compete in the annual Army Ten-Miler in October in Washington, D.C. For more information call Skip Vaughn, coach, 876-1500 or Alexander Steel, assistant coach, 876-3867.

Retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Aug. 19 between buildings 5303 and 5304 at the Sparkman Center grounds. Rehearsal will be held at 8 a.m. Aug. 19 in the same location. Retirees who wish to participate should call MSgt. William Loew, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819 by Aug. 5.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society invites you to bring the entire family to view the night sky at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium at Monte Sano State Park. A "star party" will be held after the show. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 12 at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Leigh Gonterman, vice president of

AmSouth Bank, is to speak on "Banking Yesterday and Tomorrow." Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Janet Siersma 955-3890.

Surplus sale

A sealed bid sale of Defense Department surplus property will be held Aug. 9 at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, building 7405 on Warehouse Road. Bids are due by 8 that morning at DRMO. They should be faxed (876-9634), sent on Internet (www.drms.dla.mil), hand-carried or mailed. Verbal bids will not be accepted. Property inspection and bid submission are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4-6. To view material for the sale and to submit bids, report to building 7413 on Red Oak Road. For more information, call Donna Davis 842-2570 or Elizabeth Couch 842-9474.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic Community at Bicentennial Chapel holds rosary each day at 11:30 followed by either Mass or a communion service at noon.

Running club

The Huntsville-Redstone Hash House Harriers, a social hounds and hares running club, meets every Saturday at 3 p.m. To find out more and start locations, call Larry McDowell 882-5380 or [browses http://www.gthhh.com/hrhhh.htm](http://www.gthhh.com/hrhhh.htm).

Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. at Sparkman

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Florida Tech

Florida Tech is conducting registration for the Certificate in Computer Networking Program. This 152-hour program began Aug. 3 and meets Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. in building 5304, room 4364. Seating is limited. For information call Florida Tech's administrative office 881-7878.

Purple Heart ceremony

George A. Rauh Sr. Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will hold a Purple Heart Day Memorial Ceremony from 4-5 p.m. Saturday in the area north of building 3300, the OMMCS headquarters building.

Plastic modelers

Huntsville Plastic Modeler's Society will meet tonight at 7 at the Recreation Center. The HPMS is a registered chapter of the International Plastic Modeler's Society, but membership is open to all, even if you haven't finished a model in years! For more information call 851-6842.

Cajun dance

There will be a Cajun/Zydeco dance Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Leeman Ferry Road. The Atlanta Swamp Opera band will provide the music for dancing from 8-11 p.m. Admission is \$10. A free zydeco dance lesson will be given at 7:15. For more information, call 882-2627.

Photography group

The Huntsville Photographic Society will hold its monthly program at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 in the Huntsville Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe St. Visitors are welcome.

Newcomers coffee

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a newcomers coffee Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon in the home of Kathy Sullivan, 1 Wadsworth Drive, Redstone Arsenal. All eligible newcomers and newly-arriving retired wives are invited. Current OCWC members are welcome to attend; feel free to bring a guest. RSVP to Linda Butler 890-1630. Free child care will be provided to all guests. For child care reservations, call Pam Bane 721-9530 by Aug. 17.



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Pentagon honoree...

Paul Hooper, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, presents to Sherry Sexton, Washington operations director for the Program Executive Office, Air and Missile Defense, a Certificate of Achievement for her outstanding efforts from May 1998 to May 1999 in support of the PEO AMD. Having completed this voluntary detail, Sexton is returning to the PEO AMD office in Huntsville.

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The cost-plus-incentive-fee contract amount is \$139,717,827. This 46-month contract supports activity leading to the production cut-in decision of P3I BATs on the Army Tactical Missile System (Army TACMS) Block II in fiscal 2002.

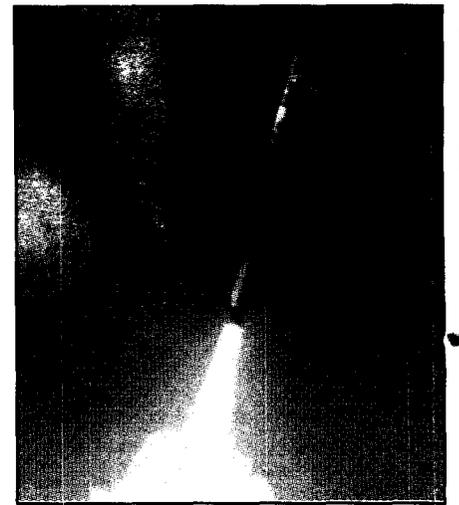
The P3I BAT provides an imaging, infrared/millimeter wave radar and improved warhead. Self-guided, the P3I BAT will use acoustic sensors to autonomously locate and attack moving and stationary targets. Further, the P3I BAT can attack in adverse weather and against countermeasures.

The P3I BAT Continued Development Program is managed by the Army TACMS-BAT Project Office, of the Program Executive Officer for Tactical Missiles.

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managed by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in Washington, D.C., and executed by the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense and the THAAD Project Office in Huntsville. Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space is the prime contractor. The Raytheon Co. builds the THAAD radar. Coleman Research Corp. and Aerotherm Corp. are the Hera target contractors. The Space and Missile Defense Command, also in Huntsville, manages the Hera target program.



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