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Informal forum

AMCOM Town Hall meeting draws positive reviews from work force

By Skip Vaughn

AMCOM workers seem to like the commanding general's informal approach.

That was the impression from some comments after Thursday's town hall meeting with Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. In his first such forum since assuming command July 9, Sullivan never stood behind the lectern. He moved about the auditorium floor, explaining his policies and goals and then answering questions from attendees and the closed-circuit television audience.

"I'm an informal guy," Sullivan said at one point.

He announced a feedback line—dial 3-Boss or 313-2677—for receiving comments and concerns from the work force. He said he will personally review the recorded messages and ensure that the callers receive answers.

"I am happy to be a part of your team," Sullivan said.

His new teammates at AMCOM seem to



Photo by Skip Vaughn

INTERESTED OBSERVERS—From left are Terry Yancey, Cleadus Thompson, Tim Mitchell and Pam Keahay, all members of the Corporate Information Center.

feel the same way.

"I think it was very good," Daniel Edwards, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, said while leaving the filled 650-seat auditorium. "To me his attitude and all was really refreshing. You know, I think things look good."

"It was very informative," Marsha Bailey of IMMC said. "I think he's a very people-oriented person. I think he's really trying to support the people here."

During the meeting, the commanding

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

EXPRESSING VIEWS — Sullivan addresses workers during the town hall meeting in Sparkman Auditorium.

Retiring LOGSA commander won't be leaving community

By Skip Vaughn

A 32-year Army career has taken Col. Ronald Hyatte throughout the world during war and peace. Now that he's retiring, Hyatte has other plans.

"We'll stay in Huntsville, just bought a home in Madison," he said after relinquishing command of LOGSA.

Col. Jerry Warnement succeeded Hyatte as commander of Logistics Support Activity in a ceremony Friday in the Sparkman Auditorium. Hyatte commanded LOGSA for two years.

"It has been a good ride here at LOGSA," Hyatte said. "It's been a lot of fun. It has been personally and professionally challenging."

Warnement joins Redstone from Fort McPherson, Ga., where he commanded the

Logistics Support Element-CONUS (continental U.S.).

"I am deeply thrilled and honored, professionally proud and humble to stand before you today as the commander of LOGSA," he said during the ceremony.

Warnement, a native of Newark, Ohio, was commissioned in the Army Aug. 16, 1971. He is married to the former Cindy Fowler of Berkley Springs, W.Va.

Hyatte enlisted in the Army in August 1967. He attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in February 1970. He received a Regular Army appointment in the Ordnance Corps in January 1975. He served in a variety of locations and positions throughout his Army career including platoon leader of D

Company, 58th Infantry, Vietnam. Before becoming LOGSA commander, Hyatte commanded the Logistics Support Element- Far East and Pacific Rim, Republic of South Korea.

Hyatte and his wife, Martha, have a daughter, Deidre LaShawn Joffe, who resides in Colorado Springs, Colo., with her husband, Steve.

The Logistics Support Activity, under the Army Materiel Command, was formed in 1992 as a merger initiative. It has 686 workers, including more than 500 at Redstone.

"The support which this organization provides to the field I think has been tremendous," Brig. Gen. John Deyermond, AMC's deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations, said of LOGSA during Friday's ceremony.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CONGRATULATIONS — Hyatte, left, shakes hands with his successor, Warnement, after the change of command ceremony.

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Words rule

Words from the heart
Travel near and far
Through the distant lands
To the brightest star

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Of a human soul
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To try and control

They try to explain
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And make them become real

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As our hearts can't speak
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Of feeling unknown
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Of a love we've known

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Both good and bad
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And follow the "Golden rule"

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SFC Gloria Dorsey
Headquarters & A Co., 832nd

School safety

As millions of children prepare to head back to school, parents, motorists, and other adults must work together to promote safety in the days and weeks ahead. Walking, riding, or biking to school can be the most dangerous time for students. Motorist and parents must increase safety awareness by driving cautiously and teaching children safe practices. As the school year approaches, the following safety tips are provided to help pedestrians and drivers review their responsibilities and increase safety awareness for the new school year:

Traffic safety— Since school buses add to traffic congestion, motorists should be aware of them on their daily commute. Expect delays, especially in the first weeks of school. Watch for flashing red lights and extended STOP arms that indicate a bus is loading or unloading. When you meet or are following a school bus stopped on the road while the stop signal alarm is extended and displaying flashing red lights, you must stop until the stop signal is retracted and red lights are turned off. You should also stop when meeting a school bus, which is, stopped on a four to six lane highway even if a median or safety zone separates the opposing traffic lanes. Allow for quick stops by leaving plenty of room between your car and a school bus. Avoid parking on the opposite side of the street from the school. When it is necessary, instruct children on how to safely reach your vehicle. Make sure children are careful in opening the vehicle doors and that they exit and enter on the curbside of the vehicle. Children should not be allowed to cross the street in the middle of the block to reach a vehicle. Do not double park or block traffic. Expect more bicycle traffic this time of year and learn to share the road. Bicycles may be hard to see in traffic, but they must be given the same rights-of-way as any other motor vehicles. Allow plenty of room when passing a bicyclist or follow at a safe distance until it is safe to pass. Look for and make eye contact with bicyclists as you enter

Army grounds Chinook fleet

The Army announced Aug. 9 that it grounded its CH-47 Chinook helicopter fleet, following the discovery of cracked transmission gears during an aircraft overhaul.

The Army here and the Boeing Company in Philadelphia are working with aviation units in a records search to locate all gears of the suspect type and design.

The Army's leadership took this action

as a prudent measure to ensure the safety of soldiers. No accidents or mishaps have been attributed to these gears.

The CH-47 fleet consists of 466 aircraft in the active and reserve Army.

The Program Executive Office for Aviation, with Boeing and the Army Aviation and Missile Command are also investigating the condition of all similarly designed transmission gears.

an intersection or make a turn into a roadway. During school hours, pay close attention to speed limits posted in school zones. Speed limit signs or flashing amber lights are in place to alert you to SLOW DOWN. School crossing guards are in place to assist the children in crossing the street safely, so you may even need to come to a complete stop until it is safe for you to proceed.

School bus safety— Children riding school buses should also obey safe practices. Teach your child to wait for the bus in a safe place, as far from the edge of the roadway as practicable. They should always remain seated, facing forward, follow the bus driver's instructions, and keep hands, arms and feet inside the bus at all times. They should also be told to never run or throw items inside the bus, or walk into the street near the bus without looking carefully for traffic.

Pedestrian & bicycle safety— Pedestrians and bicyclists should obey the same traffic safety practices as motorists. Teach children whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers, and safety patrols. Remind them to be extra careful in raining, foggy, or snowy weather. A child should not assume a driver sees them. Parents should walk with their children to teach them aspects of pedestrian and bicycle safety. Teach children about traffic laws and encourage them to ask questions when they are unsure of what to do. Help them to select

alternate routes to busy streets. They should use STOP signs, traffic signals, and crossing guards when available. If your child is planning to ride a bike to or from school, ensure that they wear helmets that fit and have safety-approved labels. About 250 children a year are killed in bicycle-related accidents. Seventy-five percent of these deaths are due to head injuries. Using bike helmets reduces head injuries by 85 percent. When riding a bicycle, children should be taught to ride with the flow of traffic (not against it) as close to the right edge of the street as practicable, in a single file. When walking or biking across a street, they should not assume a green light or WALK light means it is safe to cross. They should always look for traffic first. Make sure they walk to and from school with others, a friend, neighbor, or relative, NEVER alone. Teach your child about the dangers of talking to strangers or accepting rides or gifts from them. Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number (including area code) and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to use 911 for emergencies. Designate a special pocket in their book bag for change or a calling card in the event they have to make a telephone call.

The AMCOM Safety Office wishes you and your family a safe and accident-free school year.

John Frost
Chief, Safety Office

Cutting grass

As I chopped my way into my office with my machete, I determined that I had never seen the Arsenal in such disarray. I have been a DAC here for 18 years and have always marveled at the beauty of this post. When the grass was FINALLY cut, it looked like the work had been done with a pair of dull scissors.

Then this morning I discover that the

contract funding is being reduced in the printing of necessary forms. We will now be required to obtain needed forms from the computer. So when the computer is down, everything else shuts down. I question the wisdom of making ourselves totally dependent on the computer.

The crux of this whole situation is that the advocates of outsourcing or "contracting out" say that it "saves money." The only way there is any money saved is very

evident—quality of services has been cut, quantity of services has been cut and supplies have been cut. Where is the REAL savings? It all seems to be wrapped up in theory rather than reality.

Sarah Bryan

Editor's note: Reference your concern about grass cutting, the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "We have a new Grounds Maintenance contractor, Chugach

Management Services. This contractor was behind in the mowing schedule, but is currently meeting the contract requirements. I am not aware of your location but mowing around administrative buildings is accomplished once every two weeks.

During the peak growing season, the weeds/grasses can grow at a furious rate (we would not advocate machetes). We are currently looking at low cost alternatives to increase the appearance of the post while working within the era of shrinking budgets and downsizing government."

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Reducing schoolhouse

OMMCS facilities in step with 'Operation Smaller Footprint'

By June Johns

Much more than paperwork is being shuffled back and forth at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, since military and civilian personnel have begun the effort to downsize and consolidate the number of buildings out of which they operate.

OMMCS's efforts to reduce the size of their training facilities is part of an overall downsizing effort being conducted by Team Redstone, called "Operation Smaller Footprint."

Bob Lovell, logistics program manager for OMMCS, explained that OMMCS is a "tenant organization. We occupy buildings owned by the Army Materiel Command."

Lovell noted that reducing the amount of space occupied by OMMCS would allow other groups to move on post, thus avoiding more costly rent for private, off-post facilities.

In other cases, buildings formerly occupied by OMMCS will "simply be torn down... saving money by not having to pay water, electricity, etc.," according to Melvin Hanna, facilities manager for OMMCS. "If they flatten (a) building they save approximately \$8 per square foot per year."

Since beginning the consolidation effort we plan to turn back 13 buildings, for a total of 100,000 square feet, at an estimated savings of \$500,000 per year," Lovell said. This constitutes a 16 percent reduction in occupied space as of the beginning of their efforts.

Hanna explained that his organization is currently "in the thick of things," having started the move to consolidate about eight weeks ago. He projects they should be finished by the beginning of next year. "It's obviously not an overnight process," Hanna noted, explaining that during the moving process much of the wait occurs when one organization must completely move out before another moves in. "We do this to keep organizational entities together."

It is estimated that more than 300 people will be affected by these moves.

Some of the moving has had to be done on evenings and weekends, Hanna said. "In the meantime, we still have to train soldiers."

OMMCS will retain buildings 3300 through 3308, informally referred to as "academic row," as well as buildings 3328, 3329, 3495, 3457 (the Munitions Training



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TURN KEY OPERATION — Col. Steven Hamilton, left, deputy post commander, receives the key to building 3457 from Col. Stephen Taylor, commandant, OMMCS. Formally used as an OMMCS training facility, building 3457 will be used for other purposes as part of Team Redstone's cost and space consolidation efforts.

Department headquarters) and 3458, among others, Hanna said. He noted this list does not include Army barracks, "they are not part of the Smaller Footprint initiative."

Obstacles for those involved in the consolidation efforts include security precautions, building modifications and unique power requirements for training.

OMMCS trains soldiers in electronic and missile maintenance; explosive ordnance disposal; ammunition handling; and test, measurement, and diagnostic equipment repair.

Hanna and Lovell both noted the team effort involved in making these moves successful.

"We have gotten a lot of cooperation from our own people, as well as from the Directorate of Public Works personnel," Lovell said. He emphasized that the people in "our training departments came up with...ways to consolidate and implement Operation Smaller Footprint on their own initiative."

Lovell continued that "the successful implementation of Smaller Footprint at OMMCS was because the soldiers are tremendously involved."

Lovell also noted the personal commitment of Col. Stephen Taylor, commandant, to operate OMMCS efficiently and effectively as a key factor in the school effort to reduce space and cost.

Working schedule

Management-employee pact gives new work schedule alternative

The Aviation and Missile Command and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1858 have reached an agreement on a new Alternative Work Schedule (AWS)/ Compressed Work Schedule (CWS).

The new AWS/CWS applies to bargaining unit employees, who were formerly in the Missile Command (and current bargaining unit employees of Program Executive Office, Tactical Missiles, Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, Tactical Operations Center/Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office, and Redstone Technical Test Center) and are represented by AFGE, but are not assigned to shift operations. The new AWS/CWS became effective Aug. 15.

Provisions

The new AWS/CWS is subject to the following provisions:

Employees may request a 5-4/9 work schedule which provides for an 80 hour pay period, consisting of two basic workweeks, comprised of eight 9-hour workdays; one 8-hour workday; and one non-duty day. Use of the schedule, however, is subject to supervisory approval.

Employees may request to participate in the compressed work schedule option only during the first two weeks of February and August of each year. If approved, the selected schedule becomes effective beginning the first full pay period after March 1 or Sept. 1.

Core time for the 9-hour workday shall be during the hours of 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

The employee may request any workday within the basic workweek as their non-duty day and any workday within the basic workweek as their 8-hour day. Supervisors will review such request to assure adequate staffing throughout the workweek.

If approved, the employee's non-duty day and 8-hour day will remain the same throughout the six month period unless a change is further approved by the supervisor.

When a federal holiday occurs during any given pay period, the employee timecard shall show the employee's time as nine hours when the work schedule is scheduled to be a 9-hour day or an 8-hour day when the work schedule is scheduled as an 8-hour day. All other holiday provisions shall be in accordance with statute.

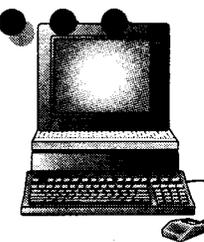
Employees who are assigned to perform their duties at a different geographical site, i.e., temporary duty involving travel, will adapt their work schedule to that of the TDY site. Necessary adjustments to the work schedule will be made to assure that 80 hours are worked during each pay period.

Training

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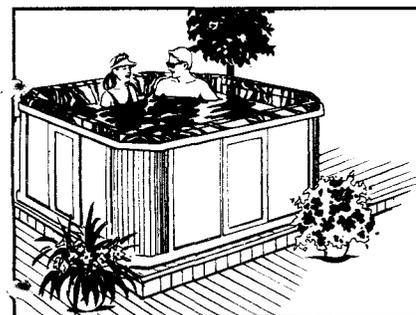
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Still fighting a war

Veteran battles government over \$30K debt on benefits never collected

By Sandy Riebeling

Edwin Grady will be 80 years old next month. He is a retired World War II veteran. He is a retired civil service employee. He sits, hunched over a mound of paperwork and appeals, fighting to keep the retirement check he spent his entire life earning. The battle is with his own government.

The controversy began in February 1998 when Grady suffered the loss of his wife, Gwen, after a 20 year marriage.

In dealing with the paperwork surrounding the death of his wife, Grady contacted the Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C. to make them aware of her death and to discontinue paying the premiums for survivor benefits. Since 1984, Grady had paid, through a monthly deduction, for survivor benefits so that if he died before his wife, she would continue to get a percentage of his retirement. He no longer needed this benefit.

In September, he received a letter from OPM stating that an error was made in October 1984 when his survivor benefits



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

PILES OF APPEALS— Grady can't afford to give up the fight to get a \$29,316 debt waived, the result of an OPM miscalculation for withholdings on survivor benefits, an error made more than 10 years ago.

election was processed and that he had been overpaid from October 1984 through February 1998, in the amount of \$29,268. An additional \$48 as overpayment had also been discovered. Including everything, OPM claimed Grady owed them \$29,316, which would be taken out of his retirement check over a period of 36 months at the rate of \$814.33 a month, which is roughly a third of his total income. If he had a problem with this, he had the right to dispute OPM's findings within 30 days.

And so it begins.

The form Grady filled out gave him several choices, only two of which seemed reasonable to Grady, and his son, Alan, who was now assisting him with the case. One choice was reconsideration of the existence of the debt; the other, a waiver, acknowledging the debt but asking for it to be waived because the mistake wasn't his fault and repayment would cause undue financial hardship.

Grady sought council from his cousin, a federal judge, and from his local union chapter. With only a few days left before the deadline and still no clear-cut answers, Grady checked the box marked reconsideration, rather than waiver.

"I didn't believe I owed them this debt so I checked the box questioning its existence," Grady said. "I found out later that I should have checked the waiver box."

In short, OPM denied his request and Grady appealed to the Merit Systems Protection Board, arguing both reconsideration of the existence of the debt and for a waiver. The judge didn't care for the first reason but was impressed with the waiver argument.

"I did hours and hours of research to prepare the argument for the judge," Alan Grady said. "Since we could argue more than one point, I found supporting evidence through case law for everything I could. The judge suggested we drop the appeal and resubmit our dispute but this time using the waiver. The OPM representative told us

before we did it that he would deny the waiver because the 30 (day) deadline from the original letter had passed."

It was now April 1999. Alan knew that as long as the matter was in dispute, no deductions could be withheld from his father's check so he quickly resubmitted the paperwork, by certified mail, with the new consideration. In June, Grady received a letter stating that withdrawals would begin in August. Alan called OPM and asked why nothing had been done on the new dispute papers filed and was told that they didn't have those papers.

"I refiled the papers with someone different in the office," Grady said. "This time the mail receipt date was June 22." Without another word from OPM, Grady's July check reflected the first installment of \$814.33 had been withheld. Another payment was withheld from his August check.

"I contacted senators Shelby and Sessions, asking them to help," Grady said. "They did inquire into the matter. As a result, OPM finds the request and agrees to look into it."

As expected, OPM rejected the waiver request in July because it had not been filed within the 30-day time limit of the original decision back in September. In frustration, Grady waits.

"I was caught in the Pacific, 80 miles off the coast of Pearl Harbor when it was attacked," Grady said. "We were one of two

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Family Activities gets billeting mission from the Directorate of Public Works

By June Johns

An Armywide transfer of the billeting function, moving it from the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) to the Directorate of Community and Family Activities (DCFA), became effective at Redstone Arsenal Aug. 1.

"The Department of the Army made a decision to implement the 'one roof concept,' putting all non-appropriated funds under one umbrella organization," Georgina Melon, housing officer, said.

Melon noted that Redstone Arsenal officials, who had been working on this effort since the early part of this year, completed the transfer two months in advance of DA's Oct. 1 deadline.

Billeting supplies hotel facilities for traveling and temporary duty military personnel. It also provides transient housing for military personnel and their families who are permanent change of station (PCS) in or

out of an installation. On a space-available basis, billeting will also provide temporary housing to civilian workers and retired military.

There are currently 143 houses and apartments available at Redstone for official travelers, and 28 guesthouses on this Arsenal for PCS military personnel, Melon said. These are primarily located north of Goss Road, with a few situated on the south side.

Melon noted that although the supervisory responsibility will change for the billeting function, budgets, facilities, and 41 administrative personnel will remain the same. As of Aug. 1, the billeting function is under the auspices of Dan Ahern, director of DCFA. Those eligible to stay in Redstone Arsenal's visiting officers quarters will enjoy facilities that have been entirely redesigned, renovated and refurbished in

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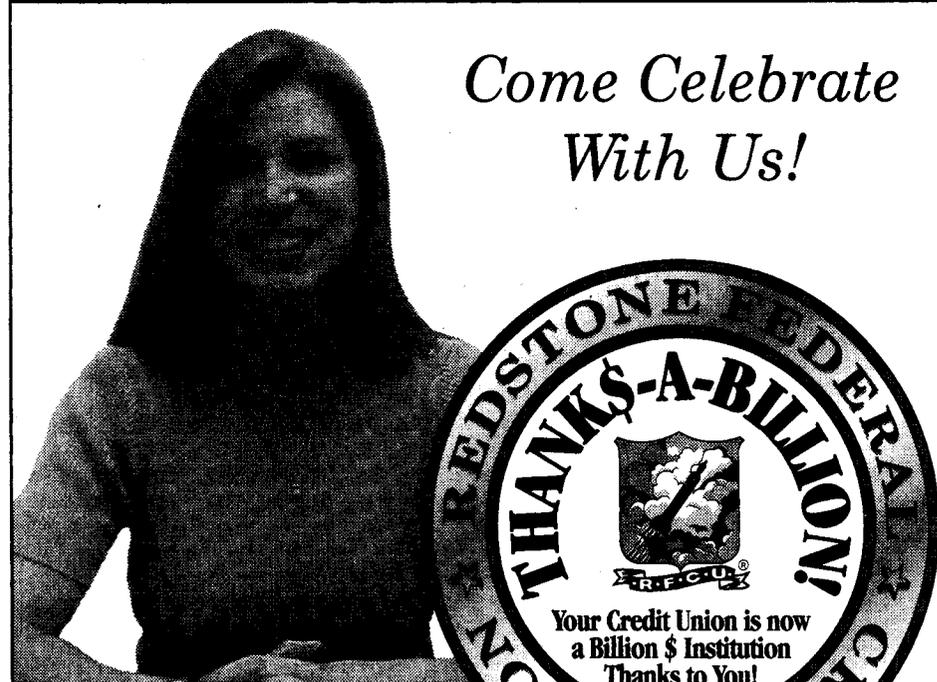
remaining task forces left. I survived 11 battles. In all that time, I never felt as helpless as I do right now. Back then I was part of a team, fighting for my country. I don't know how to fight this kind of battle."

While investigating this story, OPM was contacted for a statement. OPM replied that after a reconsideration of the matter, they have decided to rescind their earlier decision to deny the waiver appeal and expect to have a final decision this week.

So nearly a year after this nightmare began, Grady is still fighting.

"I won't give up," he said. "I can't afford to."

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NEW INTERIOR – The newly refurbished visiting officers quarters feature cherry furniture, as well as burgundy and green decor in their interiors.

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various phases over the course of the last year, Melon said. Renovation was completed and the last affected units made available for occupancy July 26.

Major renovation efforts included gutting and totally rebuilding the inside of these units, as well as supplying new appliances and furnishings. Decorated in shades of burgundy and green, each of the new guest quarters boast cherry furniture, as well as armoires filled with larger-size tele-

visions and VCRs. A professional interior designer, who coordinated furnishings, wall art, floor coverings and more, decorated the guest quarters' interiors. "We had the easy job of just going out and buying it all," Melon noted. The \$3.4 million interior and exterior renovation adds "a touch of elegance" to the 62 refurbished units, she said.

While Melon is no longer in charge of billeting, she still remains in control of the programs and projects for family housing, as well as the work requirements for E1 through E6 Army barracks, and for the two-bedroom, on-post dwellings for E7s and above.

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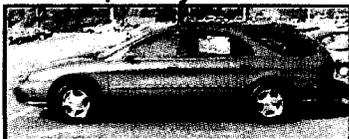
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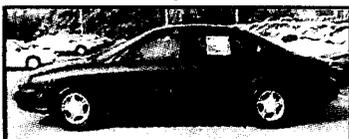
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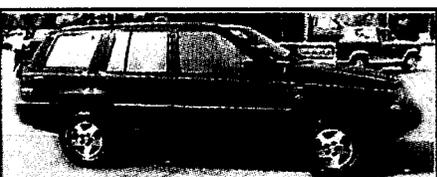
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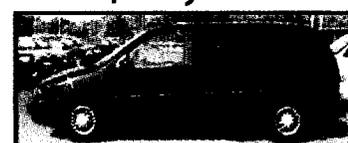
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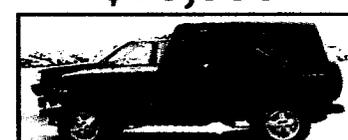
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Deployed calibrators

95th Maintenance Co. team provides support in Bosnia

Editor's note: A team of soldiers from 95th Maintenance Company is deployed in Bosnia. Team member SFC Robert Branin provided the following article.

By Robert Branin

TUZLA, Bosnia— SSgt Kurt Taylor, Sgt. Robert Lumbra, Spec. John Pick and I arrived here in Tuzla on May 12 on a C-130 military transport. After a brief transition with the soldiers we were replacing, the adaptation got under way.

The threat conditions have dropped since the first round of soldiers came here, but the mission is still much the same. We provide calibration and repair support to over 3500 items of Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) belonging to military and government contractors located throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Supporting the mission from inside two 5-ton expandable trucks began as an adventure and slowly became a nuisance. Since I am a rather tall person, I have to constantly duck to prevent hitting my head as I move around inside. The trucks have been in use since IFOR was implemented and they have slowly seen the test of time. However, their role of providing mobility in our mission is still essential. One truck is dedicated to

administrative functions and facilitates production control where our customers turn in their equipment. The second truck is strictly for calibration and repair operations. Racks of test equipment line the center of the truck and are used to support our mission. We receive outstanding calibration and repair support for our own equipment, and various other life support needs, from the 95th Maintenance (FWD) in Pirmasens, Germany. Customer equipment that we do not have the capabilities to support is shipped to Germany. Transportation of large amounts of equipment requires a great deal of attention to property accountability.

Each of our customers plays a different role in the Task Force. Aviation and communication units are our largest customers and receive our greatest attention. While some customers are located at Eagle Base along with us, others must travel 20 minutes or more from other camps to see us. The thorough checks going in and out of the gates can make any trip just a little bit longer.

Our week consists of many of the same requirements we are used to back at our home stations. We do PT four times a week, motor maintenance, and common core military training. In addition to supporting our calibration mission, each soldier has many



Photo by John Pick

BUBBLY MEETING—Branin blows bubbles for some Bosnian youngsters.

additional duties they tend to. Areas such as mail, vehicles, supply, counseling, quality assurance, shipping, safety, and fire marshal challenge us to focus our attention on many areas throughout each week.

Over time, permanent structures known to Multinational Division-North soldiers as SEA (Southeast Asia)—Huts, have given us a stable place to live and work. The SEA-Huts are generally 16 by 32 feet and have heating and air conditioning units installed. Our team is currently organizing the move of our mission support into a SEA-Hut to provide a more comfortable working envi-

ronment.

The four of us share one SEA-Hut to live in. Working and living in such confined areas seven days a week requires a great deal of patience with each other. Free time is often spent watching AFN TV, reading, studying, or watching a movie at the new theater. The Task Force commanders have done their best to make many recreational activities available for the soldiers to unwind. New softball and soccer fields are being constructed to give soldiers an outlet

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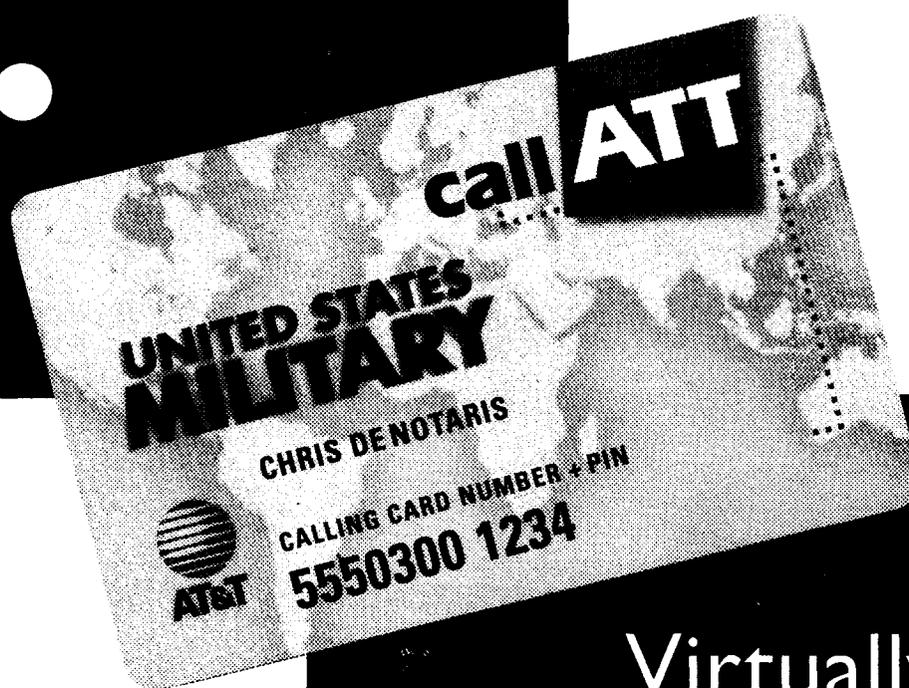
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Bosnia

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through sports. Threat conditions are still at a level that requires us to wear BDUs every day and carry our weapons at the ready.

When our mission allows, we take advantage of programs that get us off the installation and into the local community. We have had the opportunity to go to an orphanage and help pass out candy, Frisbees, and yo-yos, to the children. Two other trips have been to what are termed "Displaced Persons Camps." The camps are areas that provide substandard housing to families that have not been back to their homes since the end of the war. Their reasons for staying vary, from the destruction of their home, to waiting for word from family members that are still missing. We were able to join in with other soldiers to

pass out humanitarian goods that have been donated and interact with the people and hear their stories. What started out as one trip to see Bosnia, outside of our Base Camp, turned into the most rewarding part of our stay here. The children are often hesitant about accepting our gifts at first but are thrilled with receiving even the smallest things like pencils or pens. We now stand ready to assist in any way to help the less fortunate people of Bosnia. Our families and our command have grown interest and are playing roles in supporting the need for humanitarian goods.

Whether it is providing a quality product to our customer or making productive use of our free time, this tour has been immeasurably valuable to us. We find ourselves in a rather primitive environment away from our families but we find strength in the support we receive from everyone around the world.

AMCOM worker's son is promoted to cadet lt. col. at Oklahoma State

The son of an AMCOM worker is the vice commander of the Air Force ROTC cadet wing at Oklahoma State University for the fall 1999 semester.

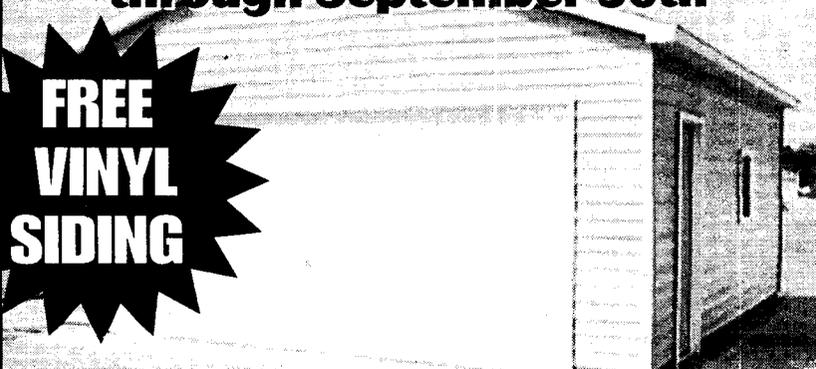
Scott Cline, a senior at Oklahoma State, is the son of Dickie and Jean Cline of Huntsville. His father is an aircraft equipment specialist in

the Aviation and Missile Command.

Cline was promoted to the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel. As vice commander, he is responsible for assisting the commander in the performance, discipline, training and conduct of Oklahoma State's 100-member cadet wing.

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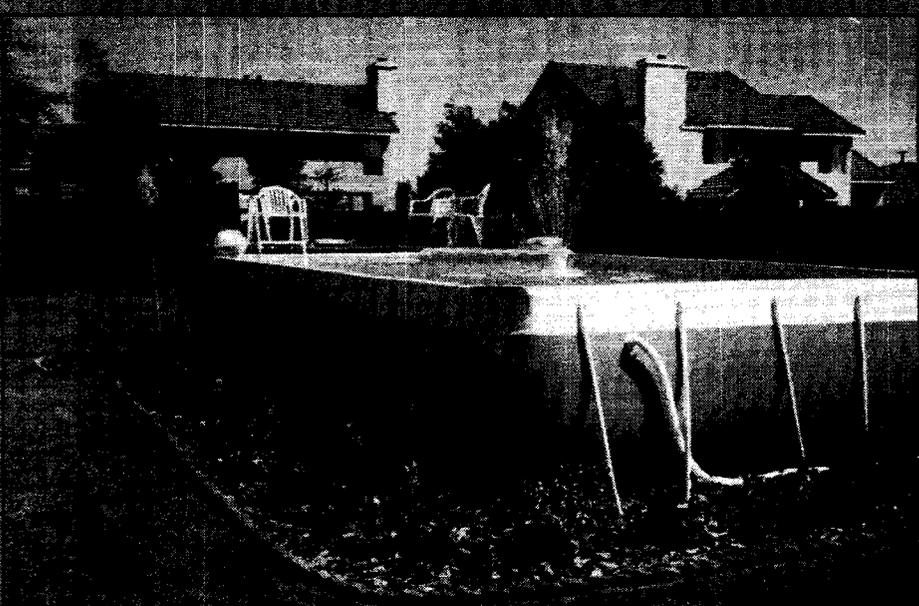
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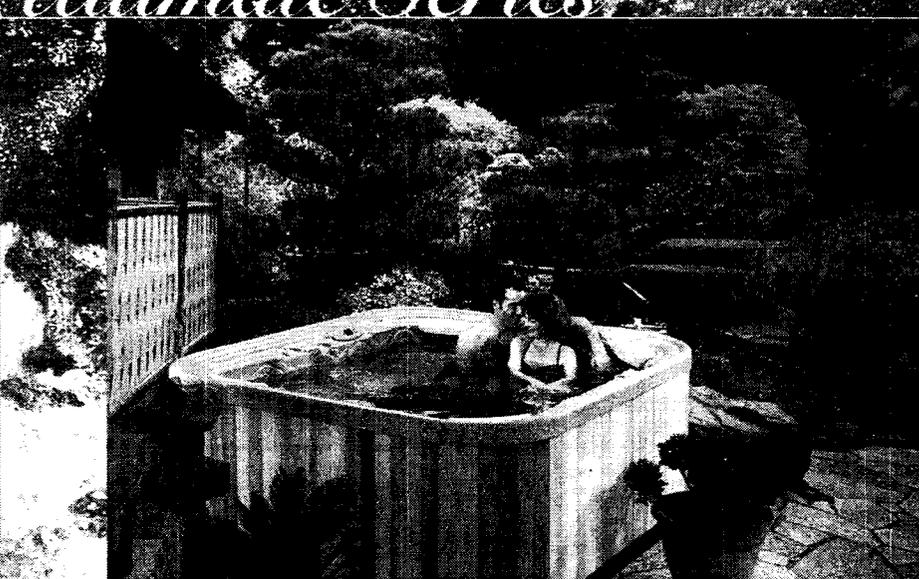
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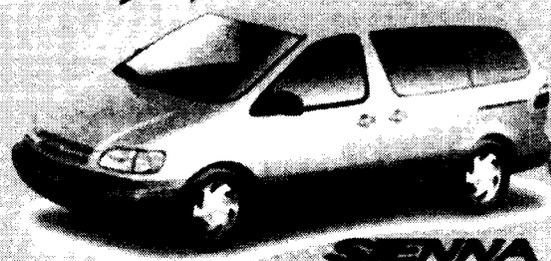
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Dockens takes command at Corpus Christi Depot

Col. Mitch Dockens is the new commander of Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas.

Dockens succeeded Col. Dennis Williamson in a ceremony held July 15. Williamson has transferred to the Army Materiel Command in Washington, D.C.



DOCKENS

File photo

Dockens, a native of Brevard, N.C., attended Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., where he received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1976.

He attended flight school and the Aviation Maintenance Officer Course in 1978. His initial assignment after school was to the 18th Airborne Corps in Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as maintenance officer, platoon leader, production control officer and executive officer. In 1983 he attended the advanced course with a follow-on assignment to the 503rd Combat Aviation Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, Hanau, Germany from January 1984 through June 1987. There he served as battalion aircraft maintenance officer and AVIM company commander for the 4th Aviation Brigade and Division Support Command. Concluding this assignment, he attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., with a subsequent assignment as the FORSCOM aviation maintenance officer at Fort McPherson, Ga.

After his assignment to FORSCOM, Dockens served in the 160th Special Operation Aviation Regiment (Airborne). There he served as commander, F Company 1-160th, executive officer, 2-160th and as the regimental executive officer. In 1994 he assumed command of the 127th Aviation Support Battalion in Hanau, Germany and after 27 months of command moved to

Heidelberg, Germany where he served 12 months as the V Corps aviation officer and deputy G-3. He then attended the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., with a follow-on assignment as chief, Materiel Readiness Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

Dockens' awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (fifth oak

leaf cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service, Overseas Ribbon, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and NATO Medal. He is a senior Army aviator and is Airborne and Air Assault qualified.

He and his wife, Lyn, have two children, Joshua and Katie.

What goes up must come down...

Demolition set for several buildings as cost cutting, consolidation effort

By June Johns

About 80 Redstone Arsenal buildings have gone to the demolition block during the past year and a half. According to Roger Schwerman, chief of the installation management office, about \$2.2 million was set aside in 1998 for the demolition of these buildings as part of the Department of the Army's cost-reduction and consolidation efforts.

In addition, the Army has allocated \$769,000 to tear down another 24 Arsenal buildings over the next 12 months, Schwerman said.

This demolition work is part of a five-

year plan, developed by the Arsenal's installation management office, with funding from the Army Materiel Command. It encompasses demolition plans through the year 2003, and involves another 75 buildings, which are scheduled for the wrecking ball if appropriate funding is received.

Schwerman outlined the importance of a long-term, five-year view, and went further by observing that the Army is moving toward a 50-year "birth to death plan" for each of its buildings. Schwerman noted that the Army didn't use to employ this type of advanced

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Teen Discovery teaches youth how to encourage each other

By Sandy Riebeling

To stop teen violence, drug abuse, sexual activity, and crime, it's going to take more than a "Just say no," slogan. It's going to take action. And that's just what the Army is doing with their Teen Discovery.

Last week Redstone hosted the first Army Materiel Command-wide Teen Discovery, a five-day conference of training the trainer sessions empowering youth to reach out to other youth.

"The purpose of the event is for the teens to be able to go back to their respective commands and sell the other youth on the seven baseline programs the Army outlines in their Youth Services programs," Gregg Mitchell, computer specialist from Oregon State University who is temporarily working with the Army for Teen Discovery, said.

The seven baseline programs include: computer labs, homework centers, sports, open recreation, youth sponsorship, teen councils, volunteerism and workforce preparation. The conference gives the teens a chance to see what's going on with other programs across the country, share their successes and develop action plans in their weak areas.

The conference began with the arrival of 52 teens and 22 staff members from AMC installations around the country on Aug. 11. Upon checking in each participant received a "welcome" satchel of goodies such as

hats, mag lights, windbreakers, pens, sunglasses and disposable cameras. Their first assignment was to take a piece of poster board and create a display of some of the exciting activities happening at the home command. These boards remained on display throughout the conference.

The conference had a fair balance of teaching sessions mixed with fun-filled activities and sightseeing around the

Huntsville area. The teens visited Alabama A&M University, U.S. Space and Rocket Center, The Park in Madison and enjoyed bowling, swimming and free time. Teaching sessions covered topics such as conflict resolution, leadership, nutrition, how to make presentations, human sexuality, substance abuse, working with computers, career

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

YOU'RE FROM WHICH INSTALLATION?— Brown welcomed the 52 teens and 22 accompanying staff members from 12 AMC commands who were involved in the five-day Teen Discovery held at the Arsenal last week.

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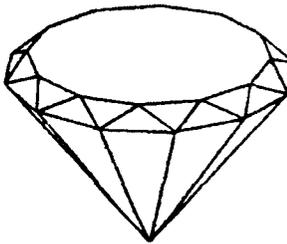
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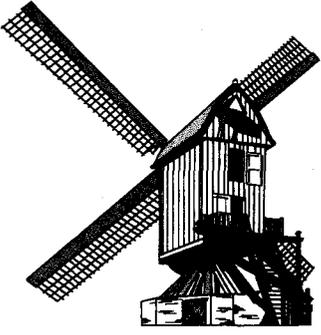
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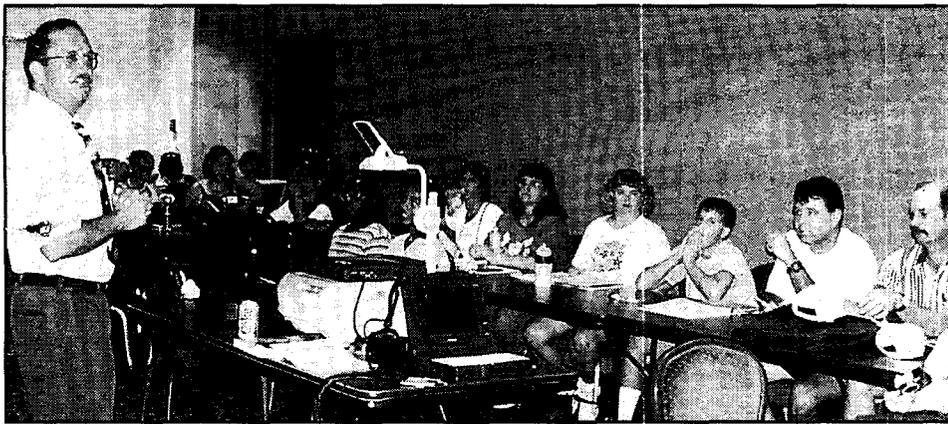


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TEEN VIOLENCE— Sal Riccardi, from Army Community Service, talks to one of the groups about conflict resolution.

Youngsters share ideas through Teen Discovery conference

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building skills and developing action plans.

"Everyone here has given a one-year commitment to the baseline program," Mitchell said. "They will go back to their installations, present programs and create excitement and enthusiasm for the program."

Each installation was allowed a maximum of five teens and two staff members to participate in the program. The participants were intermixed and assigned living quarters on post in the apartment housing. They planned and prepared breakfast meals in their quarters and ate prepared box lunches on their outings. Two formal din-

ners were prepared and the teens were treated to a night of German cuisine at the Soldatenstube. The week ended with a Teen Discovery Dance on Saturday night.

"Before they leave, each group is expected to have an action plan ready to take back with them to concentrate on the areas they are weak in," Mitchell said.

Teen Discovery is a joint effort between the Army and the USDA. The 4-H organization is the youth program for the USDA which is the basis for the partnership. Four coordinators from different areas of the country who work with the 4-H program were involved in the training sessions and organization of the event. Redstone also supplied many staff members to coordinate and assist with the conference.

Redstone Rocket articles available on the Internet

Alabama Live, a site for continually updated statewide news, sports and weather at www.al.com, announces the addition of content from the Redstone Rocket to its web site. The Redstone Rocket content can be accessed for free on Alabama Live through the Internet at www.al.com/redstonerocket.

Alabama Live's Huntsville city page is an interactive collection of resources including news, sports, politics and entertainment from The Huntsville Times as well as live and archived broadcasts from WHNT-Channel 19 and WAAY-TV 31. Content from the Redstone Rocket will complement the Huntsville section featuring military and community news from Redstone Arsenal.

"Alabama Live is excited about adding the Redstone Rocket to our Huntsville city page. Huntsville has a large military community and we're proud to have the opportunity to add online news content for those living and working on Redstone Arsenal. It's also a great way for those living outside of Alabama to see what's happening on Huntsville's Army base," Cindy Martin, president/CEO of Alabama

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Demolition

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planning "and we'd look up and note that a building was in poor shape and ready to be demolished. Now we can plan for this more long-term."

Currently, this demolition work is being done by a private contractor, a company based in the southwestern United States, Schwerman said, noting that any company awarded such a contract must be proficient in dealing with asbestos remnants and other possible environmental contamination.

Due to the cost savings that resulted, a total of 80 RSA buildings — or an additional 100,000 square feet — were demolished for the originally-planned price of tearing down only 70, according to Schwerman. Cost savings resulted by using the current contractor, as well as from effective advance asbestos removal by the Directorate of Public Works operations' division and their supporting teams, in cooperation with the local Army Corps of Engineers, he said.

Arsenal buildings currently scheduled for demolition in 1999, some of which were identified by "Operation Smaller Footprint," include the following:

Building Number	Building Type	Square Footage
3433	Barracks	41,486
3435	Barracks	41,486
3660	Training	1,191
3780	Administrative	3,308
3785	Storage	423
3788	Storage	423
5451	Photo Lab	5914
5673	Storage	8,598
7370	Core Plant	2,498
7375	Static Test	121
7376	Bunker	733
7382	Mixer Building	1,915
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7386	Mixer Building	890
7527	Magazine	137
7528	Magazine	139
7530	Magazine	139
7531	Magazine	130
7604	Boiler Plant	1,696
7608	Processing Plant	2,348
7634	Vacuum Pump	80
7648	Guard House	284
7653	Curing Oven	512
7669	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	297
7728	Change House	7,736
7816	Storage	1,920
8020	Lab	1,430

(Editor's note: This demolition schedule is subject to change, as well as additions and deletions.)



Connie Davis/PEO AMD

Space Camp scholarships...

Bradley Easterwood, left, son of Larry Easterwood Jr., Patriot Project Office, and Steven Allen II, son of Steven Allen, Program Executive Office, Air and Missile Defense, are awarded one-week scholarships to Space Camp by Peter Scholfield, president of the Army Space and Missile Defense Association, in a ceremony Aug. 2 at the PEO AMD. Scholfield said the association awarded 10 one-week scholarships to students this year at a cost of about \$16,000. Easterwood and Allen will attend Space Camp in the fall.

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New project manager makes straight drive on life's fairway

By Sandy Riebeling

Deputy for Systems Acquisition has a new project manager in town and his name is Col. Robert Birmingham. At the Promotion and Charter Ceremony Aug. 12 in the Sparkman Center, Birmingham became a full colonel and accepted his appointment as project manager for Aviation Systems, a newly formed PMO which includes air traffic control, fixed wing aircraft, ground support equipment and Scout/Attack PMs.

"It's like being given a blank piece of paper," Birmingham said. "I believe I know where the organization needs to go, I'm just not exactly sure how we're going to get there."

Fig. Gen. Robert Armbruster's remarks reflected his unwavering confidence in

Birmingham to do the job.

"This is a special event," Armbruster said. "Being selected for an O6 promotion and taking over an O6 command are special events. He has been given a great level of responsibility. He is the right man for the challenge."

Armbruster went on to outline the challenge of the Aviation Systems PM as managing 12 different aviation platforms with the responsibilities of development, acquisition, testing, production, sustainment, and training devices, as a primary responsibility.

Addressing Birmingham's family, Armbruster asked them for patience toward a husband and father who would be on the road a lot, building and preparing the future of aviation for the soldiers.

Birmingham's family assisted in the pro-

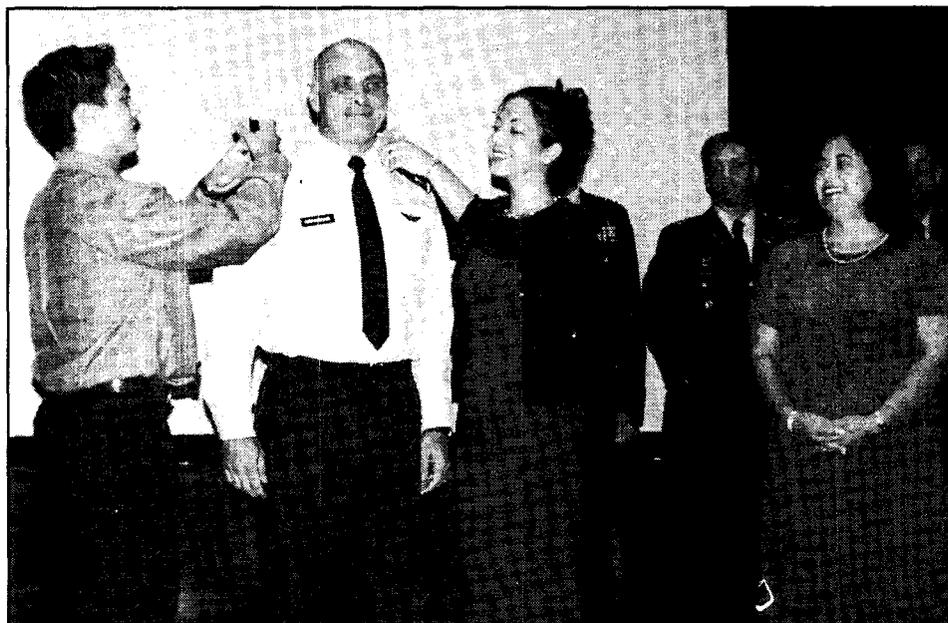


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FAMILY AFFAIR-- Birmingham's son, Jacob, and daughter, Cori, assist in the promotion ceremony while his wife, Janet, looks on.

motion portion of the ceremony, before he accepted the new Charter. During his remarks, he likened life to the game of golf.

"To be good in golf, you have to be able to hit long straight drives," Birmingham said. "The longest, straightest drive for me was 21 years ago when I married an Army nurse. My wife, Janet, has managed to keep

me on the fairway.

"In my life I've had some pars but mostly bogeys. I have had two eagles though-- my son and daughter, Jacob and Cori.

"Now I feel like I'm off the first tee; I've got a good straight drive and I'm on a long par 5 but I'm ready to go and I like my chances."

Army test-evaluation expo deemed a successful step

By Sherry Hilley

The Test and Evaluation Management Office, Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, hosted the Army Test and Evaluation (T&E) Days II Conference and Simulation Test and Evaluation Process (STEP) Expo, June 16-18 at the Von Braun Center. The conference was sponsored by

the Army Test and Evaluation Management Agency (TEMA), Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Dr. John Foulkes, director, TEMA, and Michael McFalls, chief of AMCOM's TEMO, worked hand-in-hand to gather experts from the T&E community and provide a meaningful conference for the attendees. The Redstone Technical Test Center stepped in and orchestrated the STEP Expo

by bringing in over 30 booths demonstrating Virtual Proving Ground capabilities, and arranging for on-site demonstrations at the RTTC facilities, and coordinating on-site demonstrations at MRDEC laboratories.

Keynote address

The Conference began with a host welcome from Dr. William McCorkle, executive director, Missile RDEC. Following

McCorkle's welcome to the 200-plus attendees, the keynote address was presented by Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology. Kern provided excellent information on the philosophy and techniques of Simulation and Modeling for Acquisition, Requirements,

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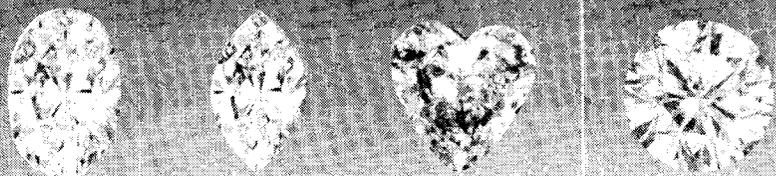
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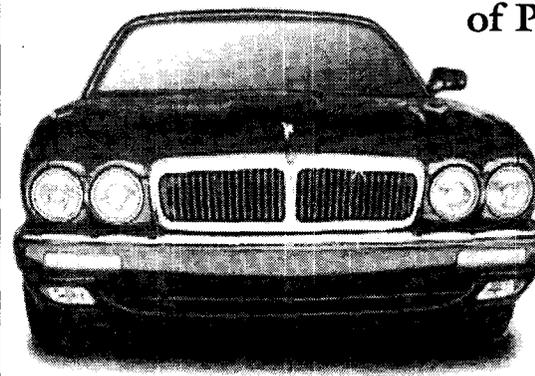
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■ Test and evaluation community steps out with expo

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and Training (SMART). His comments served as motivation for the T&E community to continue to embrace the SMART approach and make the T&E business more effective and efficient.

Day one of the conference started with the first panel titled "The Path Forward for Army T&E." The panelists included Maj. Gen. Albert Madora, commanding general, OPTEC; Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commanding general, TECOM; Brig. Gen. Robert A. Glacel, commanding general, TEXCOM; Dr. James Streilein, director, EAC; and Harry Pasini, technical director, OEC. This panel discussed the formation of the new Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Panel presentations

The conference continued the following day with a panel comprised of industry experts providing their views on "TEAMS for Efficient Product Development." The panelists included Dr. W.P. "Bud" Albritton, president, AMTEC Corporation; Michael Bennett, vice president, Lockheed Martin Corporation; Don Gover, vice president for production engineering, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation; George Haan, manager for operations research development, Raytheon Missile Systems; and Karen Carnago, manager for structural analysis, Daimler Chrysler.

After a short break, the panel titled "Proactive SPE: How to Streamline Performance Testing" presented their briefing to attendees. The panelists included Dr. Connie Smith, principal consultant, performance engineering services division, L&S Computer Technology Inc.; Dave Locke, Rational Software; and Kerry Kennedy, Software Engineering Directorate, MRDEC.

The final day of the conference, two panels were presented. The first panel titled "Experimentation and T&E for the AOA Paradigm" was chaired by Vernon Bettencourt, technical adviser, DCSOP's. His panel consisted of Col. Gary Swenson, senior military analyst and commander of troops, TRADOC Analysis Center; Robert Chandler, chief, Artillery, Aircraft, and ADA Branch, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA); and Dr. James Streilein, director, EAC. The final panel was chaired by

Col. Mark Russell, project manager, Instrumentation, Targets and Threat Simulators, STRICOM; Col. John Holly, program executive officer for tactical missiles; Col. Jeff Sorenson, project manager for Night Vision/Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition; Col. Thomas Strauss, director, Close Combat Test Directorate, TEXCOM, and Brian Simmons, technical director, TECOM.

After each panel presented their briefings, a question and answer session for the attendees was offered. The afternoons of each conference day were split between a bus tour of the Redstone Technical Test Center (RTTC) and Missile RDEC laboratories, and the STEP Expo. Attendees were afforded the opportunity to view firsthand STEP in action during on-site demonstrations at RTTC and MRDEC laboratories.

Expo booths

The STEP Expo consisted of 33 booths. There were 23 booths from the Test and Evaluation Command (TECOM), with several of those booths from TECOM's Redstone Technical Test Center, TECOM's Yuma Proving Ground, and TECOM's Aviation Technical Test Center. The remainder booths were from MRDEC, TEXCOM, PEO Tactical Missiles, TSMO, AMSAA, CECOM, TACOM, ARL/SLAD, and TEMA.

The conference was further enhanced with keynote speakers during each day's luncheon at the Von Braun Center. Michael Schexnayder, associate director for systems, Missile RDEC, was the guest speaker on day one. Walter Hollis, deputy under secretary of the Army for operations research, provided his view and comments on day two.

The conference culminated with Foulkes' vision of T&E and a commitment to provide meaningful conferences such as Army T&E Days II to the T&E community.

Should your organization want more information regarding the conference, and view the various presentations, you may access the web site: www.testevaldays.com or call Michael McFalls 876-3462, email address: mcfalls-mt@redstone.army.mil. Any suggestions for topics of interest to the T&E community for next year's conference are welcomed.

(Editor's note: Hilley is a support staff specialist at T&E Management Office, MRDEC.)

Spear assumes command for local Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, held a change of command ceremony Aug. 11. Col. Harry Spear assumed command of the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, from the retiring Col. Walter Cunningham, who has commanded the Center for the last four years.

Maj. Gen. Russell Fuhrman, deputy, chief of engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, presided over the ceremony, which marked the 214 year-old Corps tradition of "passing of colors (passing of the Corps flag)" from the outgoing commander to the incoming commander. Fuhrman also honored Cunningham for his 30-years of military service and his Huntsville Center initiatives.

Fuhrman then welcomed Spear as the new commander of Huntsville Center. Spear previously commanded the Corps' Louisville District.

A native of Macon, Ga., Spear holds a bachelor of science degree in construction management from Auburn

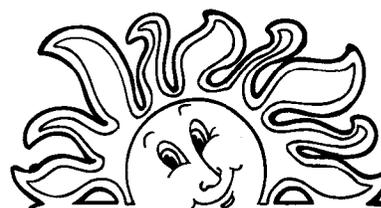


Bob DiMichele/Corps of Engineers
PASSING FLAG — Fuhrman, right, passes the Corps of Engineers flag to incoming Huntsville Center commander Spear, left.

University and a master of science in engineering from the University of Washington. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

His most recent assignments include serving with the 18th Engineer Brigade as the brigade S-5, civil military affairs officer, in which he was deployed to Iraq in support of "Operation Provide Comfort"; commander of the 565th Engineer Battalion in Germany; and engineer branch chief for the Officer

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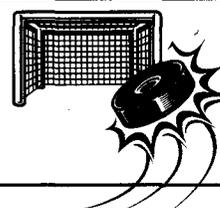
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Thiokol Pond closed to fishing

Precautionary step taken after elevated levels of TCE detected

By Pam Rogers

The Thiokol Pond, located in the old Thiokol area off Redstone Road on the southeast side of the Arsenal, and used by some residents and workers at Redstone as a fishing spot, has been closed for fishing and other recreational uses because of the discovery of elevated levels of the chemical trichloroethylene (TCE) in a spring that feeds the pond.

TCE is a common industrial solvent that is used for cleaning metal and other materials, and in dry-cleaning fluid. It is a suspected carcinogen. The closure of the pond was based on the maximum allowable level of TCE in drinking water, which is five parts per billion. The level of TCE in the spring adjacent to the pond is 140 parts per billion. Although there is not likely an immediate health threat to people who have been using the pond, it will be closed at least until a risk assessment, designed to measure hazards to human health and the environment, can be completed. The study could take a year or more.

"We're being careful," said Terry de la Paz, an environmental engineer in the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning.

"At these concentrations and with the dilution (from the large volume of water in

the pond) there shouldn't be an imminent danger. Until we can take other samples and run our risk calculation, we won't know what the risks are."

The spring at the edge of the pond was indicated by aerial infrared photography performed last February, according to de la Paz. The presence of the spring was confirmed during investigations completed about six weeks ago. The water was tested July 26 and 27 and the results were received Aug. 10.

TCE was used in the Thiokol area for cleaning and degreasing metal. The Thiokol area was first used by the Army from 1942-45 as an ammunition production line. Thiokol used the facility from 1949-96 for rocket motor production. TCE was used in the area by both the Army and Thiokol from 1942-89.

Redstone environmental officials have been actively remediating problems with TCE in the groundwater at the Thiokol site since the company vacated the area in 1996. A pump-and-treat system has been in operation since March 1997. A second pump-and-treat system will begin operating this fall. One of the known sources of the TCE occurred from degreasing activities where TCE was allowed by Thiokol to drip onto the ground as condensate from a degreaser pit.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

RETOOLING— New tool boxes like these are being fielded to aviation mechanics around the world. Major changes to the system, according to Carty, include foam formed inserts and off-the-shelf commercial grade tools, rather than contractor made tools.

Tool time

Mechanics save time and money using new aviation tool system

By Sandy Riebeling

The Army just made getting the right tool for the job a little easier for aviation mechanics. It's not just the same old box with new tools. It's a whole new tool system, designed to cut the time and cost of aviation repair.

"Before, the mechanics had a metal tool box with all the tools just thrown in together," Mike Carty, deputy weapon systems manager for aviation ground support equipment, said. "The New Aviation Tool System uses new tool boxes with foam inserts for each tool and all the tools are

commercial grade off-the-shelf tools."

Back in 1995, the Army decided to redesign the tool boxes. The new boxes were fitted with foam formed inserts to display every tool in a specific place. This takes a 30-minute tool inventory, required after every maintenance or repair job, down to just a couple of minutes.

During the design phase, Carty invited aviation mechanics to look at the new system and offer their suggestions and comments on how to make the system better and easier to use. As a result, some tools

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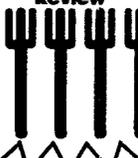
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Women's Equality Day celebrated with luncheon program Aug. 26

On Aug. 26 the Redstone community will celebrate Women's Equality Day and the 79th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment.

This day is set aside by public law to commemorate the passage of the amendment giving women the right to vote and helps to remind the nation of women's continuing efforts toward equality in all spheres of our society. Women vote and actively participate in all levels of government today because of the women's suffrage movement.

Local Army commands in the Huntsville community, the Office of Personnel Management, and Marshall Space Flight Center will sponsor a program and luncheon at 11 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Redstone Arsenal Club.

Jean Warren, director of the Huntsville Broadway Theatre League, is scheduled speaker for the program. Originally from Hilton Head Island, S.C., she graduated from Washington and Lee University with a bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in French. She also held national rankings in singles and doubles tennis. Warren worked in Atlanta as a commercial lender for Wachovia Bank for four years, then was in advertising for two years in Huntsville. She was hired in 1997 to be the Broadway Theatre League director. Under her direction, the League has experienced a 150 percent growth in membership.

During the program, some local Army activities and installations will present awards to women for outstanding achievements in their careers.

All federal employees and contractor employees are invited to attend. The public is also invited to participate in this program. Luncheon tickets are \$8.50 each and can be purchased from: Billie Swinford, MSFC, 544-0087; Carol Toney, OPM, 837-1271; Becky Miller, AMCOM, 876-8946; Cynthia Geis, DIA/MSIC, 876-4934; and Mary Peoples, SMDC Complex, 955-4275.



Courtesy photo

GUEST SPEAKER—Warren is scheduled speaker for the luncheon Aug. 26 at the Redstone Arsenal Club.

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Personnel Management Directorate, Army Personnel Command.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with

five oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Spear is the 14th commander for Huntsville Center. (Corps of Engineers release)

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■ New tool boxes cut time and save money

Tools

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were removed completely while others were added.

The other major improvement in the system is the change in the tools themselves. Previously, the Army purchased tools from contractors that manufactured aviation tools specifically for the Army. The problem occurred when a company made one specific tool great, like a hammer, but couldn't provide the same quality in all their other tools. This is where Carty, and his team, Mike Tesi and SFC Doug Cowart, made some changes.

"We went to the companies who make good commercial grade aviation tools like Craftsman, Snap-on, Stanley-Proto and Allen, to stock the boxes," Carty said. "We didn't just go to one company and get everything. We did independent tests on each company's tools so that we got the best tools from each one."

The up-front cost of the system is a little higher than before but it pays off down the road through tool replacement costs.

"We have a lifetime warranty on 90 percent of the tools in the system," Carty said. "And the replacement procedures are remarkably better. The mechanics used to have to do a report-of-survey to get a tool

replaced that was lost or broken. Sometimes they had to wait a long time to get the replacement tool. With this system, all that is done away with. You just drop the tool in a pouch, describe how or why the tool broke and you'll receive a replacement in 4 to 14 days. This system is so much better."

According to Carty, the tool companies take the breakage reports seriously and have even redesigned tools when a certain weakness was identified.

The NATS for the unit level maintenance contains five tool boxes, each stocked for a particular mission, general mechanic, power plant, power train, sheet metal and airframe. For the unit maintenance, additional tools are provided in S280 shelters. The number of boxes and additional tools depend on the needs of the mechanics.

Each of the tool boxes costs approximately \$1,200 and thousands are expected to be fielded within the next two years.

As the NATS reaches the soldiers in the field, the feedback has been positive, Carty said.

"It's a much better system that what we had and cheaper in the long run. It also cuts repair time because it's easier to find the tools and perform the FOD (foreign object damage) check. They can see at a glance that they have all their tools back in the box and nothing was left in the aircraft."

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The Thiokol Pond, located in the old Thiokol area on the southeast side of Redstone, is closed after tests revealed elevated levels of the chemical trichloroethylene (TCE) in the water. TCE is a commonly-used industrial solvent. The pond will be closed until risks to human health, if any, can be determined. For more information, call Whitt Walker 955-6967.

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.

Ten-miler tryouts

Tryouts for Redstone Arsenal's team in the Army Ten-Miler will be held 5 a.m. Saturday 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.

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 browse <http://www.gthhh.com/hrhhh.htm>.

Golf tournament

A benefit golf tournament will be held 7:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Complimentary breakfast starts at 7. This four-man scramble tournament is to benefit the Meridianville Middle School Girls Basketball Booster Club. Cost is \$200 per team. Winners receive \$200 for first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third. Registration deadline is Sept. 9. For more information, call Larry Tate 828-6675, Cary West 828-5466 or Cindy Markham 828-5459.

Young bowlers

Rocket Lanes will hold "Youth Appreciation Day" from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. This bowling bonanza is for ages 3-21. The appreciation day includes two free games, free shoe rental, one hot dog and a small drink for each youth who bowls between 9 a.m. and noon. For more information, call 876-6634.

Oakwood golf classic

Actor-singer Clifton Davis, an Oakwood College graduate, will host his alma mater's first Pro/Amateur Golf Classic at 9 a.m. Aug. 31 at Hampton Cove. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward student scholarships at Oakwood College. For more information regarding sponsorship and donors, call Jan Ross at Oakwood College 726-7584.

Bowling league

The Friday Night Mixed Bowling League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at Rocket Lanes. The first night of bowling is Sept. 10. Signup sheets are at the lanes. For more information, call the bowling lanes 881-1780 or call Naomi Hodges 883-2612 or 533-0915 (from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.).

You don't have to be military to bowl in this league.



Ceremonies

Retirement ceremony

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



Miscellaneous

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Thursday 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 went 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.

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.

Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. at Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information, call the AA Central Office 885-0323.

Newcomers coffee

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a newcomers coffee Thursday 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.

Speed limit

The speed limit on Goss Road from Skinner Drive to Rideout Road will be changed from 35 mph to 40 mph. The speed limit on Vincent Drive from LaCrosse Drive to Aerobee Drive will be changed from 35 mph to 40 mph. These changes will be effective Friday when signs are installed.

Acquisition workers

Keith Charles, deputy director, Acquisition Career Management, will present his annual update to the Redstone Army Acquisition Workforce, titled "Army Acquisition Workforce 2000." This presentation will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Sparkman Auditorium. Charles will discuss many topics of interest to the Acquisition Workforce including career development, certification, individual development plans and the new Defense and Army policies on Continuous Learning Points and Fulfillment for Defense Acquisition University classes. Military and civilian workers who occupy an acquisition-designated position are invited to attend. On Aug. 24-25, members of the Mobile Acquisition Career Management Office (MACMO) will present a career management workshop consisting of a two-hour presentation followed by a question and answer session. At the conclusion of this session, members of the MACMO will be available for one-on-one counseling. Acquisition personnel wishing to discuss career planning, training, operational assignments or other acquisition workforce subjects should plan to attend. For more information, call Sharon Clodfelter 842-8677, Maggie Dilworth 955-2554 or LaVerne Kidd 876-7305.

Acquisition Corps ball

The Army Acquisition Corps will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the inaugural AAC Ball to be held Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va. Tickets are available for the

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black-tie dinner dance on a first-come-first-served basis at \$70 each. All members of the Army Acquisition Workforce, including those traveling to the Washington, D.C. area Oct. 11-13 for the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) annual meeting, are invited.

Legal assistance

The Legal Assistance Office announces its new appointment by e-mail address: Legalappt@redstone.army.mil. Please send your name, phone number and time preference for appointment. All appointment requests will be finalized through a phone call from the legal office. "Do not send any legal questions! They will not be answered," a prepared release said.

New parents

The New Parent Support Program is offering client services to military families at Redstone Arsenal. The NPSP is a professional team of social workers and nurses who provide supportive and caring services to military families with children from birth to age 6. These services are free of charge and include infant care classes, parenting classes, referrals, home visits and playmornings. Playmornings are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in building 1220 apartment B on LaCrosse Drive. For more information, call 876-2798 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Women's equality day

OMMCS/59th Ordnance Brigade and AMCOM will celebrate Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26. Activities include an essay contest, and a unit/department static display

contest. In the essay contest, entries should be double spaced, two pages or less, and pertain to this year's theme: "Living the Legacy of the Women's Rights Movement." Fax or mail essays by close of business today to: AMCOM, attention SFC Pugh (AMSAM-EO), Redstone 35897, fax 876-8947; or to OMMCS, attention SFC Quesenberry (ATSK-AE), Redstone 35897, fax 842-6853. Plaques will be awarded for the top two essays. For more information, call Pugh 876-8648 or Quesenberry 876-9224. In the static display contest, notify either Pugh or Quesenberry about the location and point of contact. Static displays should be in place by close of business today; and the judging will occur Thursday. Trophies will be awarded for the top three displays.

Sensors workshop

A workshop on "Hyperspectral / Multispectral Sensors Measurements Modeling and Simulation" will be held Sept. 7-9 at the Sparkman Auditorium. Sponsorship for the workshop is provided by the Army Research Office, Army Research Laboratory, Naval Weapons Center, Air Force Research Laboratory, Aviation and Missile Command, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Missile Research, Development & Engineering Center, Space & Missile Defense Command, and Communications & Electronics Command. There is no charge for this workshop, and contractor participation is encouraged. The overall administration of the workshop, including registration, is being provided by the University of Alabama - Huntsville Systems Management and Production Laboratory. A tentative agenda and registration requirements are available on-line at

the following website address: <http://smaplab.ri.uah.edu/hmsm/>. For more information, call the workshop hotline 890-6343 ext. 279.

CPR course

The Madison-Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Community CPR class from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. This course teaches rescue breathing, emergency techniques for choking, and CPR skills for adults, children and infants. Cost is \$30 per person. Participants are required to preregister by calling 536-0084 ext. 321.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will present a show about meteors at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. In a "star party" after the show, join astronomers at their telescopes to see a celestial smoke ring and the Milky Way. For more information, call Charles O'Donnell 864-0879 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

PX renovation

The Post Exchange provided the following release: "Have you been to your exchange lately? Amid the dust, makeshift plastic construction barriers and the reverberating sound of hammers pounding, we are still trying to provide you with the best service we know how. If we have moved your favorite department lately, just ask us and we will stir you in the right direction. We are all looking forward to a bright new store in the near future."

Hard of hearing

Self Help for Hard of Hearing in Huntsville will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the

Airport Road Publix (meeting room), 4851 Whitesburg Drive. Lucy Colson is to speak on how pharmaceuticals can interact and affect your hearing. Volunteers open caption the meeting. Anyone—with or without hearing loss — is invited to attend. For more information, call 852-4580.

University women

The American Association of University Women in Huntsville will hold an open house reception from 2-5 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium of the Madison County Library, St. Clair and Williams Streets. Members, friends and everyone who wants to know more about AAUW are invited.

Self-defense course

A beginner self-defense course, designed to help prevent assault and rape, will be taught by Use-of-Force University at noon Aug. 28 at PRSM Sports Therapy, 4715 Whitesburg Drive. Chuck Vessels, instructor, has a law enforcement background. The course is for everyone 18 or older. Cost is \$25. For more information and to register, call Vessels 233-0020 or PRSM Sports Therapy 880-7002.

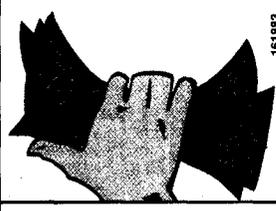
Prayer breakfast

The August non-denominational prayer breakfast, sponsored by IMMC, will be held 7 a.m. Aug. 31 in the Sparkman Complex, building 5309, room 9128 (conference room east end of the Sparkman Center food court). Scheduled speaker is Eugene Edwards of MLRS Project Office. No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own if you wish. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Ronnie Davis 895-4181.

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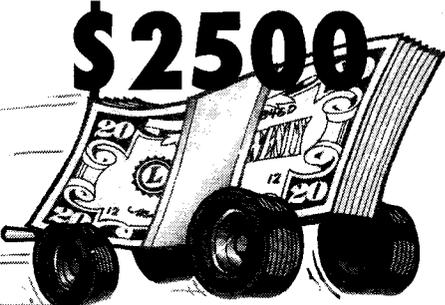
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Kimata still giving to local community

A retired Japanese general is still presenting gifts to the Huntsville community where he lived more than three decades ago.

Masao Kimata of Tokyo, then a lieutenant colonel, was stationed at Redstone Arsenal as liaison officer from his country in 1964-65. He has become one of this community's closest international friends.

Eight videotapes on the botany of Japan were presented recently on his behalf to the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library International Department. The presentation was made by Lola Northington, a board member of the International Services Council.

Through Kimata's efforts his nation provided the Yoshino cherry trees lining the lagoon in the Big Spring International Park. And his personal gifts through the years include the Japanese bridge; approximately 100 books about Japan, its culture and people; and 50 copies of his autobiography in which one-third was dedicated to memories of this city and county, and funds for the Rotary Club, the International Council, and the community.

Kimata has revisited Huntsville several times, and has frequently hosted local delegations to Japan in his home.

Commanding general outlines his priorities with informal approach during AMCOM Town Hall meeting

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general reiterated previous reports that the command had achieved its fiscal 1999 reduction target of 649. This was achieved through voluntary separations and no further cuts are planned this year.

"I really liked what he had to say, that he put people first," Beth Jorgensen, of the Inspector General's Office, said. "I'm glad that there's no RIF (reduction

in force) for the next year or so."

"I think it was great," David McKee, of the Corporate Information Center, said. "I think he's more personable. And I think he's trying to reach and calm people down on anxieties that they have. And I think the way he's approaching it is very good. I mean I think he wants to put everybody at ease."

Sullivan outlined his priorities during the meeting: people, current and future readiness, teamwork, and community relations. "People are job 1," he said.

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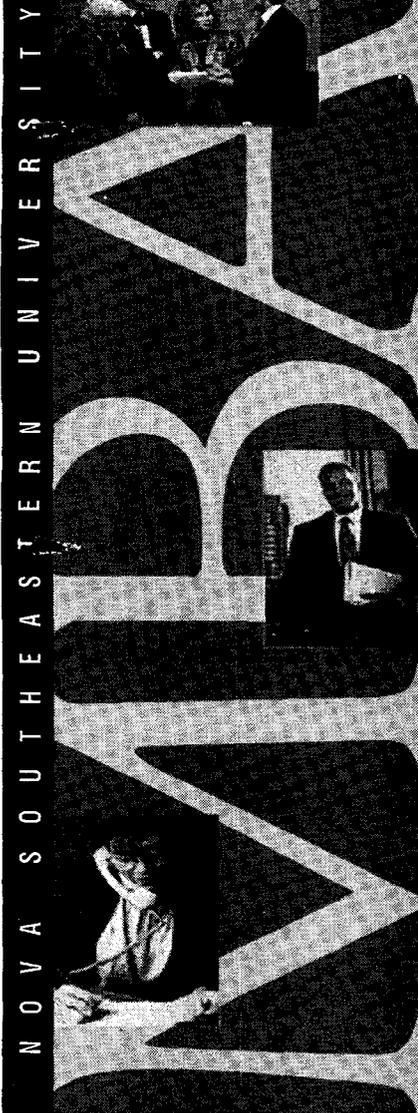
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