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**CUTTING RIBBON—** Dedicating the support center in Korea are, from left, Gen. John Coburn, commander of the Army Materiel Command; Brig. Gen. Wade McManus Jr., deputy commander for support, 8th Army; and Hartwell of AMCOM.

## Setting up shop in Korea

### AMCOM establishes supply/maintenance center for 8th Army

By Skip Vaughn

Soldiers in Korea won't have to wait so long for missile and aviation repairs.

AMCOM has established a supply and maintenance center at Camp Humphreys, Korea to serve the 8th Army. The Aviation and Missile Command originated this concept for such support centers near warfighting units; and plans are to use it throughout the Army Materiel Command.

The first AMC Logistics Center of Excellence was established in 1996 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Another followed in 1997 at Fort Sill, Okla. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the third center was held Aug. 20 at Camp Humphreys.

"What the CINC (commander in charge) needed was in-country resources to sustain his warfighting capability," Michael Hartwell, director of the Air Defense Missile Directorate under the Integrated

Materiel Management Center, said. He serves as program manager for the support centers.

Providing supply and maintenance support near warfighting units helps reduce operating and support costs and repair cycle times. It's like having a car mechanic in your neighborhood rather than miles away.

"We established a forward wholesale supply depot operation for Patriot, for all the aviation systems in Korea, for MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System), Avenger, and Air-to-Air Stinger. And we also established a forward wholesale depot repair capability for all the aviation systems and for Patriot ground support equipment," Hartwell said.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the initial phase of the support center in Korea. "The aviation maintenance work has begun. We antici-

pate the supply operations beginning not later than Sept. 30. And then the Patriot maintenance, we expect that to begin right after the first of the calendar year," Hartwell said.

The supply depot operations portion of the center will be performed by Paragon Systems of Huntsville. Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., will be responsible for the Patriot maintenance while also using the Materiel Support Center, Korea. The aviation maintenance will be done by Project OLR, a division under the Aviation and Missile Command.

"It's anticipated that we're going to have an improved order ship time, and repair cycle time," Hartwell said. "Since the repair and spare parts will be in country, you don't have to ship them over ocean."

This eliminates the overseas shipping of

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## Boeing Huntsville launches production on PAC-3 seeker

Production to support the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile program is now under way at the Boeing Company's 23,000-square foot facility in Huntsville. The facility officially opened Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"The opening of the PAC-3 facility is another example of pairing the talent of the Boeing work force with the unique capabilities of this Huntsville facility to support one of the most successful missile programs in the Department of Defense," Jake Volkert, vice president of Boeing Huntsville operations, said.

PAC-3 is the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile program managed by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and executed by the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense and the Patriot Project Office. Unlike the Patriot missiles deployed during the Gulf War, the PAC-3 missile uses hit-to-kill technology

to intercept and destroy tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and air breathing threats through direct body-to-body contact.

Boeing Huntsville's work on the PAC-3 program includes production, assembly, integration and testing of the PAC-3 seeker. The seeker provides active guidance data to the missile, which enables the missile to acquire the target shortly before intercept, select the optimal aim point and initiate terminal guidance to ensure target kill. The highly sophisticated seeker will be produced in the specialized facilities provided by the Boeing Jetplex in Huntsville. The newly established production area includes a Class 50,000 clean room for high reliability electronics assembly, an anechoic test chamber for calibration and acceptance testing, as well as facilities in which to conduct environmental stress screening.

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**AIR DEFENDER—**PAC-3 uses hit-to-kill technology to intercept and destroy tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and air breathing threats through direct body-to-body contact.

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## Letters to the editor

### Helpful MPs

Some days start off being bad and for me, Wednesday (Aug. 18) was no exception. My daughter had a hard time getting up and was complaining as I tried to hurry her up for school. Got her to school after fighting the morning traffic down the Parkway and she is upset because she wants "Fruit Loops" for breakfast. Of course, school only has "Cherrios." Leaving a pouting daughter I race to the office to find a ton of work waiting. I plow through the pile and somehow find myself slowly reaching a stopping point. Deciding to go to the PX on lunch, off I go. Got through the shopping OK. It's now time to head back to the office. As I leave the parking lot, I hear this weird sound as if I was constantly running over something. Getting back to the office I check my tire. Lo and behold, there in the front tire sat a long screw just smiling at me. My husband drives a truck, so there was no sense in trying to reach him. My next thought was to call the manager and have her have the parking lot checked so that no one else would have this problem. She was really nice and tried to help me in any way that she could. (Thank you, Ms. Sumpter.) I called my

road service to have the tire taken off and the spare put on. The spare is that little doughnut that allows you only to drive 35 mph. I called the tire center on the Arsenal and was told that they would try to fit me in. I was all alone at the office and could not leave right away. I manage to send the tire down there and was told that they could fix it but could not put it back on my car because "they were shorthanded." I called Ms. Sumpter and she advised me to call the MPs. Wow, you talk about going above and beyond the call of duty! When I called, I talked to Sgt. William Pitts and explained my plight and let him know that I had a small child to be picked up from school. He assured me that they would assist me in any way that they could. We set a time and he and Officer Bill Gaines were here right on time going right to work to get my tire changed and even putting the hubcap cover on. You do not know how special that made me feel. It really put a bright spot in my day and in my heart. Thank you so much, Sgt. Pitts and Officer Gaines. You were the light at the end of the tunnel for me. My daughter and I are really grateful to you.

**Loretta Ragland**  
Personnel clerk  
NAF Unit, CPAC



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### Arrow point...

Robert Szerszynski speaks after becoming the Arrow product manager in a ceremony July 7. He succeeded Joseph Butler who became special assistant to the program executive officer for tactical missiles.

## AMCOM's senior managers outline top issues at off site



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

**PRESENTING GOALS**—Sullivan makes a point during the off-site meeting with AMCOM senior managers.

By James McGraw

On Aug. 10, the senior managers of AMCOM conducted an off-site meeting to introduce the new commander, Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, to his senior managers, and to allow them to tell him about the issues they felt were urgent.

Sullivan kicked off the meeting by presenting his philosophy, the vision, and products for AMCOM to his senior people.

The attendees were surveyed before the off site to identify AMCOM's immediate issues. Four topics were identified as topics for small group discussion and resolution at the off site. They were Human Resources, Financial Resources, Customer Relations and Information Technology.

Col. Joe Young led the Financial Resources team; and the team members included Al Schwartz, Col. Steven Hamilton, Bruce Coulter, Frank Lawrence and Carolyn Collier.

Col. Micheal Coleman led the Human Resources team; and the team members included Col. Chris Anderson, John Chapman, Rebecca Pratcher and CSM Roscoe Johnson.

Brig. Gen. Bob Armbruster led the Customer Relations team; and the team members included Dr. William McCorkle, Robert Kennedy, Robert Spazzarini and Dr. Eugene Paro.

Mike Ivey led the Information Technology team; and the team members included Marlene Cruze, Col. Clifton Broderick, Col. Douglas Brouillette and Gerald Tucker.

Each team identified three things—strategies and solutions — and presented them to Sullivan. The action plans are under review by the commander.

In the afternoon, the members of the board of directors met with Sullivan to discuss how they envision AMCOM by the year 2004. The commander was updated on prior board meetings. Several strategies for an objective organization for AMCOM were discussed. These discussions will continue at the Sept. 8 board meeting.

The off site was planned and facilitated by the Strategic Planning Office and the Quality Institute, with support from the Corporate Information Center.

*(Editor's note: McGraw is an engineer in the Strategic Planning Office.)*

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# Arts director applauds role models on Women's Equality Day 1999

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Perhaps best known as director of the Huntsville Broadway Theatre League, Jean Warren is also a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club, the Junior League of Huntsville, the U.S. Tennis Association and a committee member of the Huntsville Museum of Art Gala. At the Redstone Arsenal Club last Thursday, Warren was the keynote speaker for the Women's Equality Day program.

She began her talk by giving credit to her parents, especially her mother, an international executive, who offered her great support throughout her life. And, today her strong supporter and mentor is her husband, Bland, who she met in college and married five years later.

Warren advised women headed up the ladder to find role models, even if they are not women. "It's helpful to have women to look up to," she explains, but "I don't think it's a total necessity. You need supporters. It's always great to have role models and individuals who are willing to take a chance."

As an example, Warren asked everyone in the audience to recall the Women's Rights Movement, which began July 19, 1848, in Seneca Falls, N.Y. There were some 300 people, including 40 men, travel-

ing by horse-drawn wagons and by foot, from up to 50 miles away, protesting the legal bondage of American women and demanding full equality.

A handful of feisty females, a housewife, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and a wise Quaker preacher, Lucretia Mott, planned the convention. By the time of their deaths, almost every right that had been demanded at Seneca Falls had been granted. Their grandest dream was finally won in 1920: full suffrage for American women.

"The characteristics these women had in common were building strategic alliances, setting priorities, communicating and taking risks essential to their advancement," Warren said.

"So, of course, when the board extended me an offer in 1997 to become the director of the Huntsville Broadway Theater League, I knew I would have to capitalize on these same traits to succeed."

Under Warren's direction, the BTL has made some real accomplishments. The BTL has experienced approximately 150 percent growth in membership through innovative marketing and public relations initiatives.

"By using my previous business experience as a commercial lender, the BTL has been able to repay a massive debt," Warren said. "This year, the BTL has put surplus

money back into the community. I have formed a strategic alliance with the media and established a very active website to increase our services. And, for the first time, businesses have contacted us."

Today the BTL has 150 volunteers and 10 members on the board of directors who have brought life to the table, according to Warren. They have brought in high quality shows to Huntsville and have increased awareness and an appreciation of the arts in the community.

She ended her talk by thanking everyone for inviting her here and quoted Margaret Mead, the poet, who said "Never doubt that a small group of dedicated individuals can change the world... indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

"The BTL is a healthy organization and these past two years have been the most rewarding years of my life," Warren said.

Awards presented during the annual luncheon program included the following:

**AMCOM**—Dorothy May, of MRDEC, outstanding woman of the year; and Vickie Compton, MRDEC, supervisory EEO award.

**Medical Department Activity**—Hiedi Frazier, outstanding woman of the year; and Col. J. Mark Kirk, super-



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WARREN

visory EEO award.

**Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office**—Carol Worsham, outstanding woman of the year.

**Aviation Program Executive Office**—Janice Isbell, outstanding woman of the year; and Joanne Kennedy, supervisory EEO award.

**LOGSA**—Malinda Schmidt, outstanding woman of the year; and Henry Rone, supervisory EEO award.

**Dental Clinic Command**—Katherine Brown, outstanding woman of the year; and Sgt. Sally Guzman, supervisory EEO award.

**OMMCS**—Anna Glasgow, outstanding woman of the year.

## Retiree appreciation day

Military retirees can get advice on rights, benefits at annual event Sept. 18 at Redstone Arsenal

By Beth Skarupa

Retirees and their families will learn which of their rights and benefits are under the gun in Congress when they attend the Military Retiree Appreciation Day this year.

Charles Partridge, legislative director of the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) in Springfield, Va., will be the guest speaker at the event to be hosted by Redstone Arsenal and the Retiree Advisory Council Sept. 18 in the Sparkman Auditorium, building 5304.

"Our guest speaker will be bringing retirees up to speed on what's in front of the Senate and Congress as far as it applies to retiree services — things like Military Health Care, Survivors Benefits Improvements, Veteran's Benefits and Senior Issues," Phil Fredrich, retirement services officer, said. "These things are constantly under the gun because there are over 2 million retirees, ages 18 to 106, and that's a big chunk of the budget."

The purpose of NAUS is to support legislation which will uphold the security of the United States, sustain the morale of the

armed forces, and provide fair and equitable consideration for all members of the uniformed services.

Retiree Appreciation Day will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a social hour and registration. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 8:30. This year a Retiree Update, which includes an invitation to the event and a pre-registration form, will be mailed to approximately 35,000 – 40,000 retirees in the area. The goal is to get the Update to all retirees about two weeks before the event, but an invitation is not needed to attend.

"Anybody can come, even active duty military," Fredrich said. "There will be information that's useful to everybody."

More than 38 organizations will participate in the County Fair Exhibits and Services with booths set up from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. offering information on services provided to retirees. Redstone Federal Credit Union, Fox Army Health Center, veterans' organizations and others will be represented.

The guest speaker's presentation will begin at 9 a.m. After a break, the Redstone Arsenal Services Panel will have a question and answer period followed by an awards



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**CHECKUP STOP**—A retiree speaks to a representative of the Men's Health booth at last year's Retiree Appreciation Day.

presentation.

"Anyone can get up and ask a question. These will be cold questions, and members of the panel will get up and address them," Fredrich said. "The awards are to thank those who are providing the services the retirees deserve and expect."

Lunch will be served at noon in the Sparkman Cafeteria, building 5302. Beef tips, noodles, carrots or green beans, yeast rolls, and dessert are on the menu. Lunch

tickets will be sold for \$5.50 at the event until 10:30.

Thomas L. Ryan, an attorney specializing in Living Trusts, Elder Law and Estate Planning, will speak after lunch. "He practices in downtown Huntsville, and is probably one of the better attorneys specializing in Elder Law in the state," Fredrich said. Ryan began private practice in 1979

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specializing in civil and criminal litigation, then turned to Elder Law. He has lived in Alabama more than 30 years.

This is the first time an additional speaker has been scheduled after the luncheon, according to Fredrich. If this approach works well, Fredrich said he would like to get someone to come in next year to deal with issues in relation to elder care and someone from Hospice as well. He sees a need for this information in the retirement community because retirees are

getting older.

Although thousands are being invited to Retiree Appreciation Day this year, Fredrich is realistic in his expectations for attendance. "I would love for 3,000 to attend. But if we get between 300 and 500 people I'd be very satisfied," Fredrich said. "I know there's a tremendous amount of competition for time. For example, the event coincides with Oktoberfest this year. On the other hand, that might draw more people in— people who are going to be out here during that time anyway."

For more information or a pre-registration form, call Fredrich at 876-2022.



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Developing strategy...

Secretary of Defense William Cohen, left, meets with Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze at Krtsanisi, the presidential compound near Tbilisi, Georgia, on Aug. 1. The leaders discussed fundamental work on developing modern defense strategy and methodology for reforming the Georgian armed forces.

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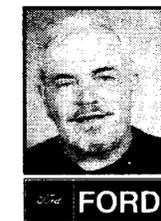
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# One of a kind

FBI bomb school at Redstone trains 1,500 students annually

By Sandy Riebeling

For 28 years bomb technicians from across the country have been coming to Redstone Arsenal to attend the FBI's Hazardous Devices School operated by the Army. It is the only school in the country that trains civilian law enforcement and public safety personnel in the design, construction, render safe and disposal of hazardous devices.

"This is a joint effort between the FBI and the Army," said David Heaven, program administrator of the HDS for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "Before 1971, it was the Army's job to deal with bomb disposal, but then the burden began to shift."

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School's Explosive Ordnance Device training is equivalent to the bomb technician training given to civilians. The HDS offers five courses which include basic course, recertification course, weapons of mass destruction course, robotics course and the executive management course.

"All bomb technicians must be certified and we are the only school in the country that does this," Heaven said. "When the courses first began in 1971, it was only three weeks long. As time went on, the

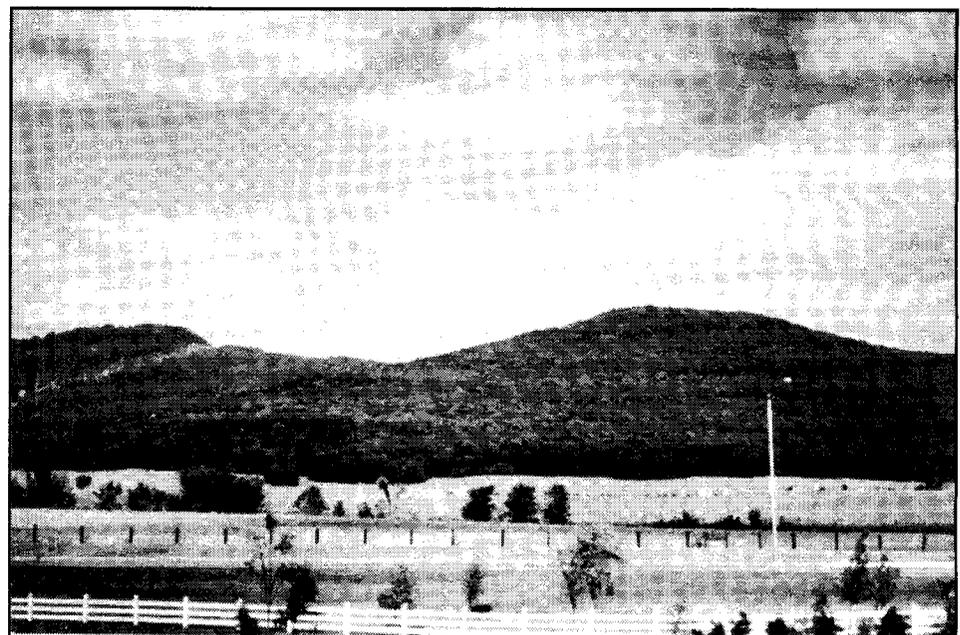
course went to four weeks and now five."

Basic course training combines classroom instruction and practical applications on a variety of topics including nuclear, chemical and biological detection, protective clothing, decontamination procedures, basic electronics, fundamentals of explosives, incendiary materials, demolition, bomb investigations, fragment analysis, disposal procedures, bomb threat procedures, search procedures, operational concepts and the tools needed for the training.

"In our practical exercises we take the students out to the sites for simulations and teach them how to use the tools," Raymond Funderburg, chief of hazardous devices division in the EOD training department at OMMCS, said. "We also have training for disposal of illegal explosives and hazardous materials. We use two ranges for demolition training and procedures."

The other courses are specialized to meet specific needs. The WMD course is taught to technicians who took the basic course before this information was included in the course. It will take two years to train the 1,500 certified bomb technicians in the Weapons of Mass Destruction

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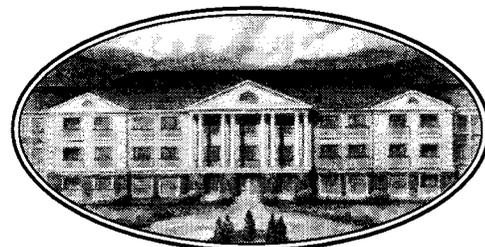
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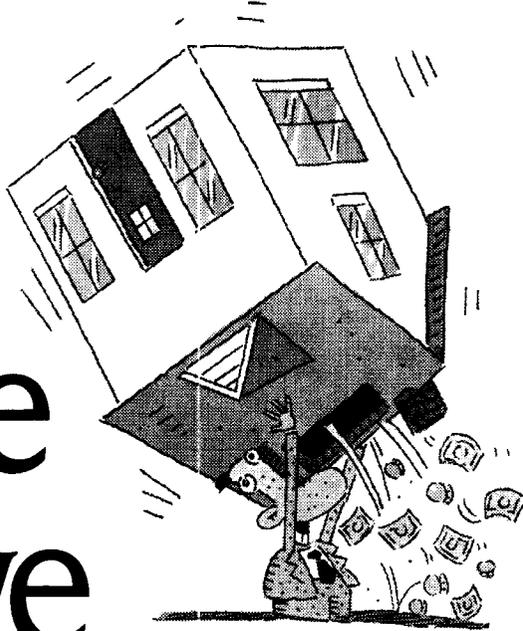


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The school currently uses three buildings in the OMMCS area for classrooms and administrative support as well as two demolition ranges and several remote buildings on the south end of the installation.

In 1997, the FBI was issued mandates that included doubling the output of the school and developing a plan for a new facility modeled after the Felix Centre in England. The original proposal included an instruction facility, auditorium, operational deployment building, instructor support facility, robot obstacle course and 14 mock city villages spread across 295 acres on Redstone, all totaling \$22 million. Due to budget constraints, only \$9 million was approved for the project. The school is developing a plan for 14 mock villages to be built on the south end of the Arsenal, which will be used for simulations.

"I get on average, five calls a week from departments wanting to start a bomb squad," Heaven said. "It costs \$25,000 for

the basic equipment and then they really need a place for storage and a way to transport explosives. A robot can add another \$100-140,000. The department has to be willing to commit to training time and money it costs to have a squad. Once a technician is trained, he is required to do 16 hours a month plus 40 additional hours of training a year."

In the history of the school, there have been few accidents. Among the approximately 5,000 graduates of the school, six have died while on active duty.

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**SUIT-ABLE ATTIRE**—Roughly 1,500 students will train this year at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School operated by the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. HDS instructor SSgt. Shay Bjorkman models some of the protective gear worn during training. HDS secretary Quedell Moore is standing next to him.

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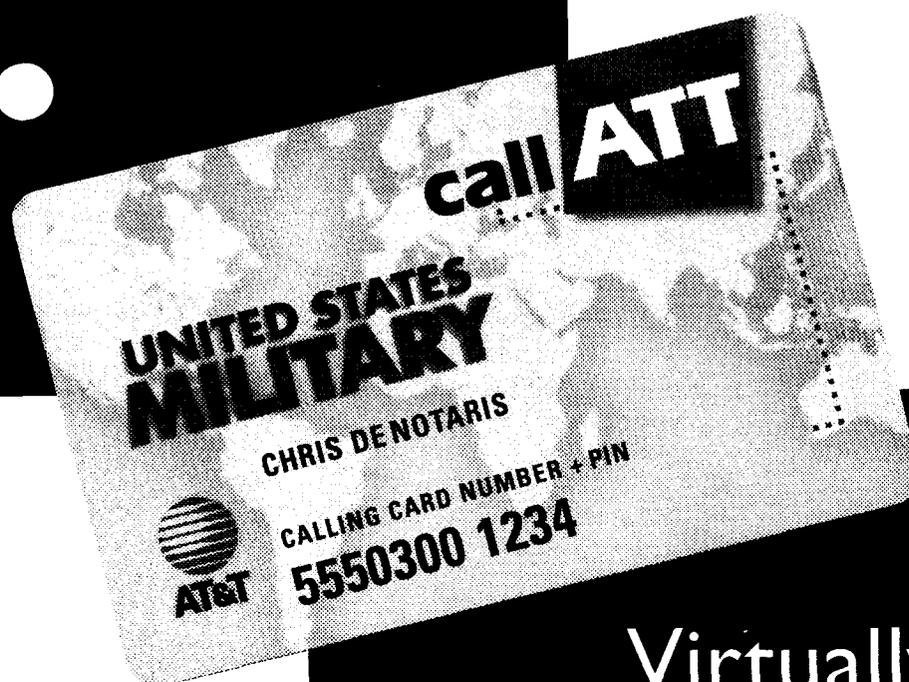
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# Reaching the mountaintop

## Chaplain and assistant challenge Redstone single soldiers

By Michelle Williams

Imagine a nonstop action-packed weekend full of invigorating physical challenge, team-building obstacles, and better yet... spiritual enlightenment. This is what 12 Redstone soldiers sought to achieve deep within the Tennessee mountains Aug. 20-22. The weekend was organized and sponsored by Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Payne and his assistant, SSgt. Frederick Traylor, of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, through the aid of a grant awarded to them by the Chief of Chaplains. When asked why he chose to use the grant toward the single soldier population—Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) —Payne said, "We wanted to give emphasis to permanent party single soldiers as a way of addressing all aspects of their life, including their spirituality."

Twelve soldiers departed with Payne and Traylor on Friday morning, Aug. 20 for the destination of Eagle Ranch and Lodge in

the quaint and rustic community of Copperhill, Tenn.—home of the Ocoee River and site of the 1996 Olympics for kayaking. The afternoon began with a horseback trail ride through the piney-green rolling mountains—the first horseback riding experience for several of the soldiers. Needless to say, many of the soldiers developed a John Wayne-like walking stance the following day while nursing their tender cheeks, but all of the soldiers successfully finished the trail and engulfed the beauty and peace of the nature surrounding them while they reflected on their thoughts and found contentment.

Saturday morning began with a team development obstacle course very similar to the Army Confidence Course completed at Basic Training. The primary difference of this course was that every obstacle required the full participation and cooperation of each and every member in the group to successfully complete it—it allowed no room



Photo by Michelle Williams

**GROUP TRIP**— Taking part in the weekend trip to the Tennessee mountains are, from left: back row, Spec. Charles Hague, Spec. Jennifer Rivas, SSgt. Frederick Traylor, Sgt. Gilbert Gonzales, SSgt. Audrey Sandoval, SSgt. Johngeline Abernathy, Sgt. Arthur Tinsley, Sgt. Shana Cathey, Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Payne; middle row, Spec. Robert Bullard, SSgt. Jesse Chargualaf, Spec. David Fowler; and in foreground, 1st Lt. Sam DeBoard. Not pictured is Spec. Michelle Williams.

for individualism. The first obstacle for many of the soldiers may have been the most intimidating. Appropriately named "Leap of Faith," it required one soldier to climb aboard a 6-foot-high "plank," turn their back toward the rest of the group, and

leap into the group's intertwined arms below without hesitation. With a little bit of encouragement from the team and a lot of adrenaline coursing through the veins of the

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■ Chaplain takes single soldiers on challenging trek in Tennessee mountains

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"planked" soldier, each member proved his/her personal courage and trust with the other members thus, bonding the team. The group went on to complete other similar obstacles with great enthusiasm and some ease as they learned to skillfully utilize each member's unique strengths and talents.

Later that afternoon, the group headed for the Ocoee River where they would attempt to raft some of the same rapids done by the Olympians. After a brief class of instruction on rowing and safety techniques, the group separated into three rafts along with their guides, and started down river. For nearly two hours the group braved the swirling forceful rapids of the mighty river. Halfway down river two soldiers were catapulted out of their raft when it slammed into a "rough spot" as they called it, but the soldiers immediately recouped and heroically jumped back in to finish the ride. They later laughed with the other soldiers as they told about their hair-raising experience.

Each evening after conquering the vigorous physical demands and psychological challenges, the soldiers met with Payne and Traylor to reflect on the day's events and partake in group discussion. The discussion required each soldier to take a "spiritual

look" at himself/herself by evaluating his/her personal attributes, values, and goals and to consider ways in which they might employ those elements to grow and develop further in a spiritual arena. Payne commented on how pleased he was with the candor and sincerity all of the soldiers displayed with their comments. Another soldier mentioned how surprised and proud he was a how well the group came together to meet the challenges but even more so, to share personal aspects of their lives - a side easily overlooked or taken for granted during the daily hustle and bustle of work.

Over the course of the weekend, each of the soldiers faced and conquered challenge. For some, it was overcoming a fear of water, for others it was breaking down personal barriers and learning to trust, and still for others it was examining their personal values and considering where they rank spiritually. Regardless of the form the challenge presented itself in, every one of the soldiers met that challenge head-on with great success. The BOSS Committee would like to extend its sincere gratitude and utmost appreciation to Payne and Traylor for their generosity. Both were a great source of motivation and inspiration in the truest form to the soldiers that participated in the retreat. Thank you!

(Editor's note: Spec. Williams is secretary of the BOSS Committee.)

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**■ Korea joins growing list of locations with supply and maintenance centers for warfighting units****Korea**

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parts which typically takes 30 days, he said. "And since the repair and overhaul will also be in country, that should reduce the time to ship equipment back and forth. And another key feature, it gives the commander the continuing capability in country during the transition to war."

The logistics centers replenish spares and also overhaul and repair items to keep systems operational. The center at Fort Bliss provides supply and maintenance for Patriot, Stinger, and Targets. The one at Fort Sill does supply for the Multiple Launch Rocket System.

Hartwell and his staff are developing a plan for approval by the AMCOM commanding general and AMC that would potentially see support centers established at such locations as U.S. Army Europe, Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Stewart, Ga., and the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. With approval these could begin Oct. 1, 1999 through Sept. 30, 2002.

Members of the AMC Logistics Center of Excellence office at the Integrated Materiel Management Center include Hartwell, Mark Hudgins, O.V. Bonner and Donna Morris. Members of the integrated process team include Sam Collier, Lou Clark, Thomas Geoffroy, Jim Neale, Bob Spencer, Gifford Lee, Larry Phillips, Denny Banzhoff and Gloria Brown.

**■ PAC-3 facility opens at Boeing Huntsville****Boeing**

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While the PAC-3 seeker work is new to Huntsville, it is not new to Boeing. The work was transferred to Huntsville from the Boeing facility in Duluth, Ga., earlier this year.

"The PAC-3 program has been characterized by outstanding performance and we're looking forward to continuing that tradition in Huntsville," Robert Paster, vice president and general manager, Boeing Electronic Systems & Missile Defense, said. "Following the suc-

cessful flight test program, our plan is to ramp up PAC-3 seeker production at the Boeing Huntsville facility."

Approximately 70 percent of the Duluth PAC-3 workers transferred to Huntsville to continue supporting the program. Currently, 50 Boeing employees are on board to support low rate production of PAC-3. However, that number will grow up to 300 when the facility begins full rate production. These jobs will include a range of skills from professional engineers and technicians to assembly workers. **(Boeing release)**

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# Outnumbered in battle

Two local veterans receive award for heroism in Vietnam

By Beth Skarupa

Ron Skarupa and Ken Ingram are in the same place at the same time again. These two military retirees who independently chose to make Huntsville their home, also served two tours of duty in Vietnam together in the same place. Now, after 27 years, they and the other members of their small unit of "advisers" led by Col. Walter Ulmer Jr. have been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for their "extraordinary heroism" in the Siege and Battle of An Loc, one of the war's longest and bloodiest battles.

The citation honors the unit of a dozen or so advisers in Combat Team 70 for overcoming "seemingly insurmountable odds" in rallying An Loc's 5,600 defenders to fight against the 36,000 North Vietnamese troops who attempted to overrun South Vietnam in a surprise attack in April 1972. The citation states that the advisers helped to "save Saigon for another three years, assured the safe withdrawal of our remaining combat forces, and assisted in making possible the January 1973 peace agreement and release of American prisoners of war."

The Presidential Unit Citation is one of the Army's highest awards. The level of heroism required for the award is the same as that required of an individual soldier to be awarded the Distinguished Service

Cross, which is second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Ingram and Skarupa were majors assigned to the 7th Regiment of the Army of Vietnam (ARVN) 5th Infantry Division Artillery when the offensive began. They had worked together about three years before in the same area of Vietnam as members of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery.

"It was unusual to be thrown together twice like that," Ingram said. "We were working side by side in the regimental combat team. All the U. S. units had practically left at that time. It was really the Vietnamese versus the North Vietnamese."

Another member of Combat Team 70 named Hank Ruiz worked alongside Ingram and Skarupa during the offensive and ended up living in Huntsville in the late 1980s. But he died of a heart attack before the team ever had a reunion.

"At first I was at Loc Ninh with Hank Ruiz. I had been there about two months ... there was a lot of activity, but they didn't shoot back much," Skarupa said. "That was up pretty close to the Cambodian border, about 10-15 miles from Cambodia."

The unit that came to replace Skarupa and Ruiz was part of the 9th Regiment. Of the five men who replaced them, three were captured and two were killed when Loc



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**GETTING PINNED**— In 1972, then-Col. James Hollingsworth, left, congratulates Skarupa, right, for earning the Silver Star for bravery during the Battle of An Loc.

Ninh was surrounded as a first step in the North Vietnamese surprise offensive.

"It ended up we were only back in our base camp for a few weeks, then they shipped our whole regiment up north of An Loc," Skarupa said. "We were in a bunker out on the field and I got up real early because I could hear all this shelling way out in the distance, and that was the start of the attack on Loc Ninh. Eventually they came real close to where we were and we had to fall back to the city of An Loc. By the time we were moving back into the city, they were almost on three sides of us."

Skarupa stayed in An Loc for almost two days before being sent on a mission to

find those members of the 9th Regiment who had replaced him at Loc Ninh. He went out with a helicopter squadron and tried for three hours, but ran into heavy fire. Skarupa flew back to Long Binh with the squadron.

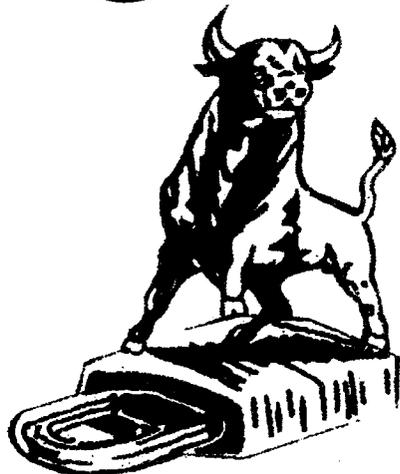
"That's when I first knew that something pretty big was going on because I didn't even ask and they put in a call to my wife," Skarupa said. "Although we knew it was bad right there, we didn't realize the extent of everything that was going on."

"I thought I'd never see him again," Skarupa's wife, Madeline, said. "I was

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# Pumping iron

Redstone soldier takes all in body building competition

By Sandy Riebeling

It was a night of firsts and lasts for Avenger instructor SSgt. Norman Hines as he competed in the National Physique Committee's Night of Champions body building competition at the Von Braun Center, July 24.

It was the first time Hines won an "overall" title in a body building competition. It was the last time he would compete in the junior division. With this win of first place in the light-heavyweight class and overall champion, Hines will move up to the "open" division where he will compete to earn the opportunity to participate in national shows.

"It was a great, great feeling," Hines said of his win. "I was a little concerned when they were judging the class. I am friends with another competitor. He and I both work out at Gold's Gym. He looked really good and I didn't know if I could beat him. When they got down to the final two, it was just me and him."

Hines took first place in his class and then took the stage to compete against the

other weight class winners for the overall title.

"There was a lot of energy and support for me that night," Hines said. "I wanted to do well because of all the people who had helped and supported me. Guys had watched me diet all summer long for this. I didn't want them thinking it was all for nothing."

This competition was more about weight than most people realized that night. Normally Hines competes in the heavy-weight class but when he showed up for the weigh-in the morning of the body building competition, there were no other competitors in that class.

"All my friends were coming out to see me compete and I didn't want to win because I was the only one in the class," Hines said. "I wanted to win because I was the best."

There was only one thing for Hines to do.

"I weighed in at 201 pounds," he said. "The upper weight limit for the light-heavyweight class was 198 and a quarter

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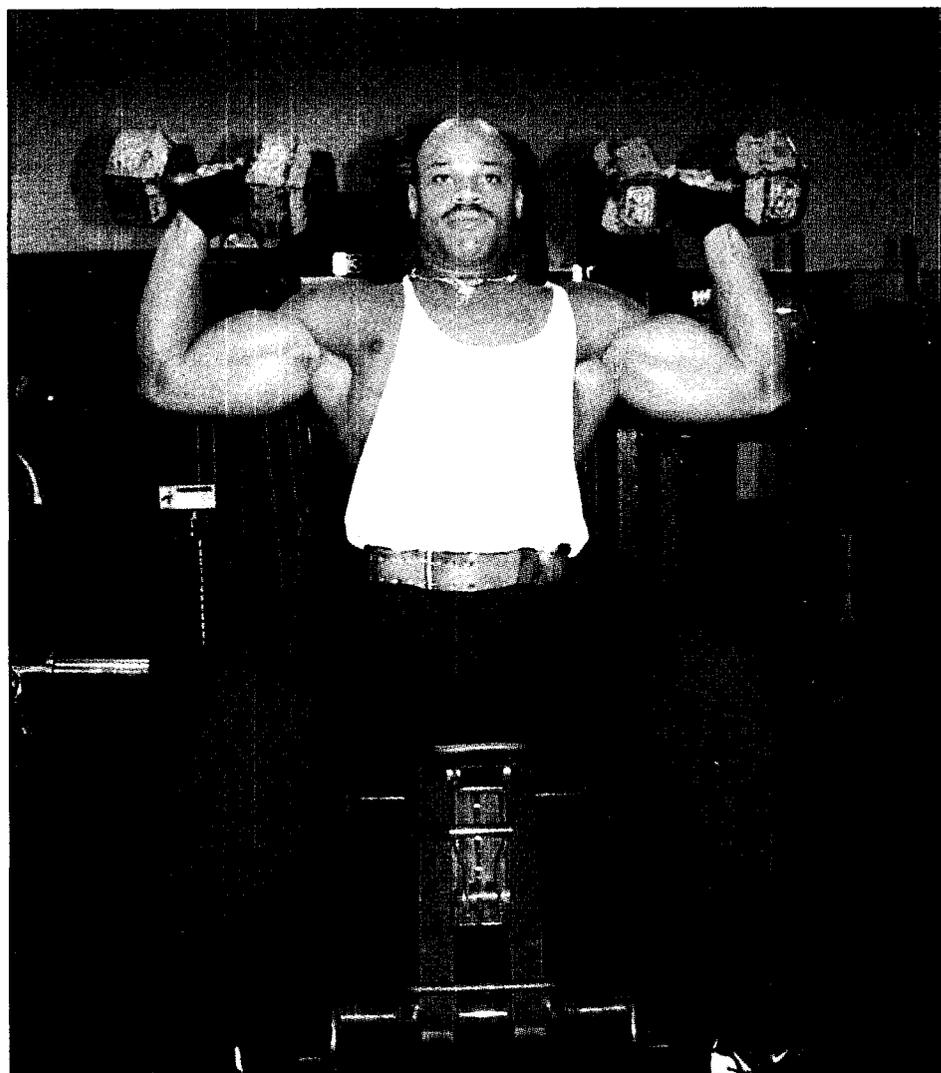


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**HARD WORK**— Hines began weightlifting in 1994 as therapy for an injury and he hasn't stopped since. He spends most of his afternoons working out at Gold's Gym.

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■ Body building champion is Redstone soldier



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**FABULOUS PHYSIQUE**—Hines strikes a winning pose as he captures the "overall" title at a body building competition in July.

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pounds. I had 45 minutes to lose three pounds so I could compete in the light-heavyweight class—against a lot of other guys."

How do you lose three pounds in 45 minutes? Sweat, sweat, sweat. Hines took off for the gym and got into the sauna.

"I did push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks and ran in place to try to lose weight," he said. "I had to come out of the sauna once because I was getting weak. I needed a little fresh air, but then it was right back to working out."

The weigh-in cutoff time was 9:30 a.m. and Hines showed up right at the deadline, weighing three pounds less. He qualified for the light-heavyweight class but now he was wondering if the sudden weight loss would affect his appearance for the competition.

"I didn't want to look flat," he said. "I drank a little water, about 24 ounces after the weigh-in."

Most of the competition is done in morning with no music, no crowds, only judges and other competitors. The body builders perform 60 seconds of free poses then divide into groups and do eight mandatory poses. As they pose, the judges move them around to compare each body builder against the next until they choose the winners. The winner is not announced during the morning competition, though. Competitors come back and do an evening show with a crowd and music.

"I went out, drank a couple of beers, ate two pieces of chicken and took a nap to

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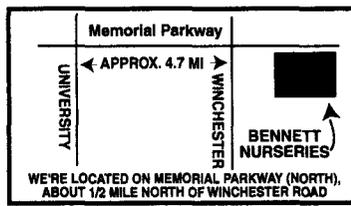
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■ It's all for the crowds when he strikes a pose at the evening show. Next year Hines will compete in the open division.

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get ready for the night show. That's when you really have fun," Hines said. "You get up there and perform for the crowds with your music and stuff. It's really the best part."

The winners in each class are announced at the end of the show. Then those winners compete for the overall title.

Hines had won first in his class before, which had always been heavyweight, but this was the first overall title.

"It was nice because I knew, win or not, I was going to compete in the open division from now on. This way, I have to move up. Winning an open title will get me to the national competitions and then I can earn a pro card. There are several different sanctioned body building organizations but I want my card in the natural one, not NPC. I don't use drugs or anything like that and that's how I want to compete."

This was Hines' last show for the year. The head judges gave him some advice that included shaving off three or four more pounds and staying in the light-heavyweight class. Hines said he will work mostly on his legs, lower back and

calves.

Hines, 32, began his body building career sort of by accident. Recovering from an injury in 1994, he began lifting weights. It was then, while he was stationed in Wurzburg, Germany, that a friend encouraged him to take weight training to another level.

"Then another guy asked me to compete and I said no," Hines said. "But he said that he would train me so I did it. I placed third in my first competition. That was in Germany in 1995."

Hines took a year off because of his military duties and travel but then in 1997, competed in two shows, earning a first and a third in his class. He stopped competing for a year to work on his body. He began a special diet to help him gain weight.

The Night of Champions was his fourth and last show for the year. After the win, Hines took leave to spend time with his two children, Venisha, 8, and Norman, 3.

"I'm not going to pig out or anything—I don't want to have to lose the weight again next year," he said. "I'm still watching my diet and working out. I'm even training a couple of people. I want to be ready to compete next year."

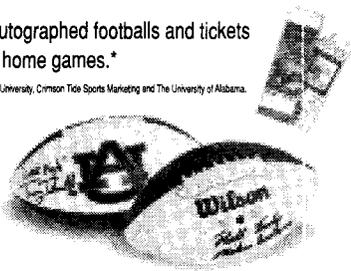
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# Skip's Picks



## Alabama favored over Vanderbilt this weekend; Auburn should win big

By Skip Vaughn

Here are my predictions on selected games this week in major college football:

- Alabama at Vanderbilt—Bama
- Appalachian State at Auburn—Auburn
- Alabama A&M at Jacksonville St.—Jax
- Wyoming at Tennessee—Tenn.
- Arkansas at SMU—Arkansas
- Oregon at Michigan State—Oregon
- Nebraska at Iowa—Nebraska
- Stanford at Texas—Texas
- Virginia at North Carolina—Virginia
- Baylor at Boston College—BC
- West Virginia vs. East Carolina—W. Va.
- Notre Dame at Michigan—ND
- South Carolina at North Carolina State—NC State
- Villanova at Air Force—Air Force
- Georgia Tech at Navy—Ga. Tech
- Florida A&M at Miami (Fla.)—Miami
- San Jose State at LSU—LSU
- Utah State at Georgia—Ga.
- Louisville at Kentucky—Ky.
- Ole Miss at Memphis—Ole Miss
- Middle Tenn. State at Miss. State—Miss. State
- Akron at Penn State—Penn State

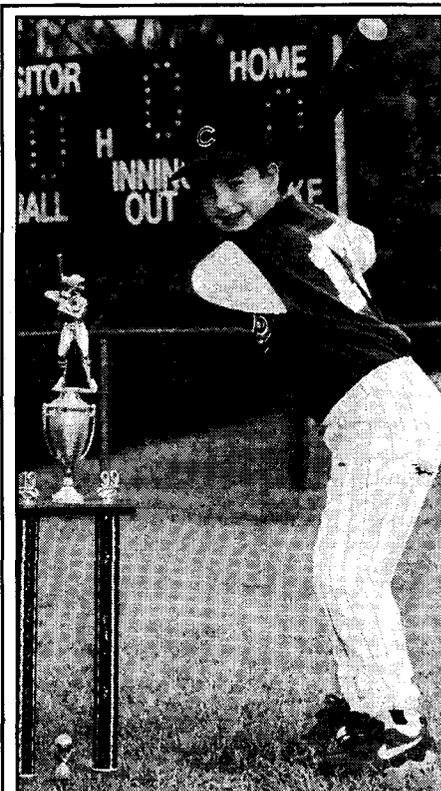
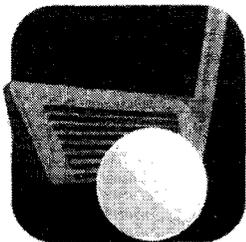


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# Tasteful beer festival packs in crowd at Redstone club



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**LOOKING GOOD!**—Tamyra Yarbrough, a draft line specialist and on-premises sales representative for Alabama Crown, a local beer distributor, discusses the merits of Sierra Nevada Wheat Beer with Paul Rufe.

By June Johns

Amber liquid poured. Couples and friends snacked on cheese, crackers, and light hors d'oeuvres. And if they weren't plastic, the drink glasses would have softly tinkled, as crowds flocked to the Redstone Arsenal Club to enjoy the very definition of conviviality — "relating to feasting, drinking and good company."

Hundreds "headed for the Rockies," and other domestic and international locations during Redstone Arsenal's ninth annual International Beer Tasting, held Aug. 13 from 6-8 p.m.

On hand were a variety of local beer distributors, readily serving up samples in their taste arsenals. Rodney Reece, territory supervisor, poured a variety of dark and tan-colored brews, including "Red Wolf" and "Tequiza," at the Budweiser table. This was his fourth International Beer Tasting. Reece noted that this event is a great public relations opportunity for Budweiser, and that it helps the company's Michelob sales at the Arsenal's Shopette.

Phillip Kromis, a senior computer scientist for Computer Science Operations, and a four-year beer festival veteran, attended with his wife, Cheryl. They sipped on "Wood Chuck Cider," proclaiming it their favorite.

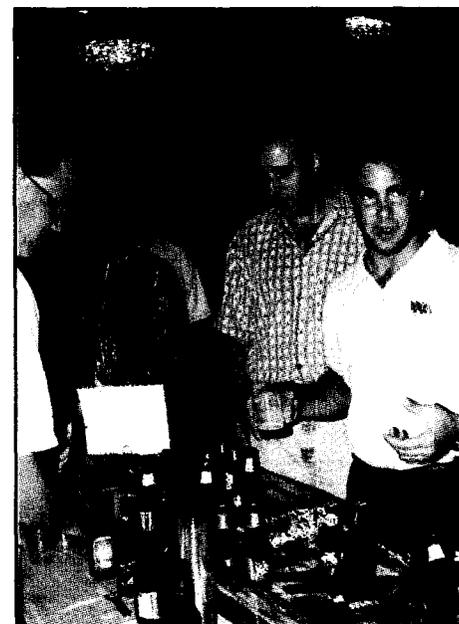
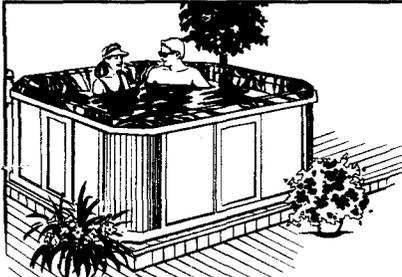


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**DIFFICULT CHOICE** — Earl Hernandez, a major account manager with the Waste Management company, looks over an array of beer, trying to decide which one to sample.

Paul Rufe, a local graphics expert, who introduced himself as a "starving artist," also enjoyed the International Beer Tasting, and boasted wearing his new

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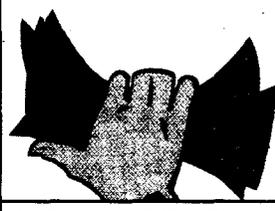
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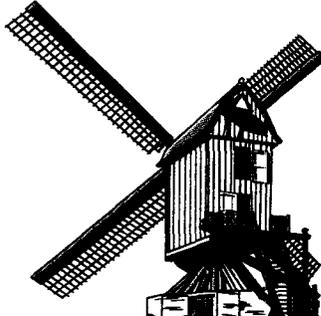
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Ray Sellers, an engineer who works with cargo helicopters, came to this event prepared. As he sipped a variety of ales and beers, he gave them a written rating between 1 and 10, the highest number denoting the best rating. "Mad Monk Nut Brown Ale," manufactured by a Birmingham brewery was given a satisfac-

tory rating by Sellers, who described it as "kind of sweet." The engineer also enjoyed the taste of "Fuller's ESB," and ranked it 8 out of 10. "Fuller's ESB" was described by an on-site distributing representative as a "full bodied ale beer." It is brewed in London and considered the No. 1 selling beer in England.

Sellers, who learned about the beer fest from a friend who works on the Arsenal, said he plans to attend next year.

"I will definitely be here next time. All these beers, plus free food – all for \$5. Unbelievable!" he said.

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The Army has announced that about 50 percent of its CH-47D Chinook helicopters may return to limited flight, following the inspection of all forward and aft transmission records for specific part numbers.

The entire fleet of 466 Chinooks was grounded Aug. 9, following the discovery of a cracked transmission gear during an aircraft overhaul.

The Army here and the Boeing Company in Philadelphia, as well as aviation units worldwide, have conducted a

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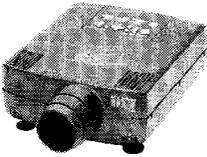
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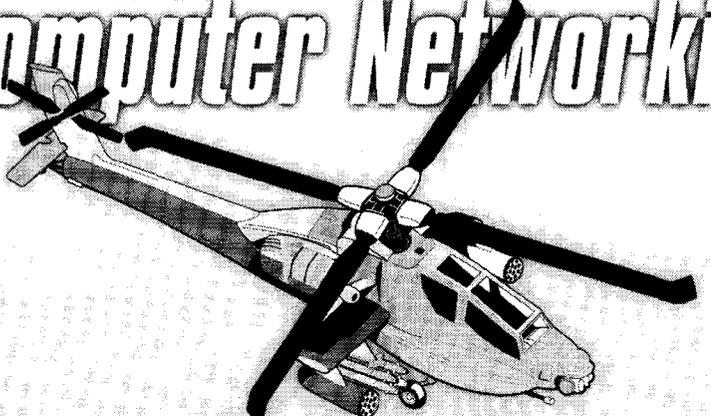
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Little Megan was featured in her father's Air Force newspaper at Luke AFB where he was stationed in a Marine detachment. When "Grandma" Sharon read Megan's story, she immediately wrote a letter telling Megan about a special program in Florida that allowed children with special needs—Megan is a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy and severe complications — to swim with dolphins, one of Megan's favorite animals.

Megan was delighted! Knowing just where to turn for help to make this meeting possible, Megan's mom called Children's Hopes &

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Megan and her family were soon ushered aboard a jet to a tropical paradise where they would spend a full week visiting aquariums, pirate ships, nature trails, glass bottom boat tours and spending time with sharks, sea lions, and of course, her beloved dolphin friends. Everywhere Megan and her family went, they were blessed with the kindness of so many wonderful people who helped make this special little girl's 'dream' come true. The impact of the dolphin therapy Megan received was evident in the smile on her face and the peace in her eyes.

Megan's father was formerly based at Koneohe MC and Twenty-Nine Palms.

### Disney trip

Peter "PJ" is the son of a retired Air Force officer, formerly of Vandenberg AFB,

Homestead AFB, Shaw AFB as well as Korea.

Being a typical teen-age boy in spirit, he wanted to either meet the Spice Girls or go to Disney World. Of course, he thought it would be really nice if the Spice Girls would meet him at Disney World! Unfortunately for them, the Spice Girls were touring Europe and unavailable to escort him around the Magic Kingdom.

PJ's 'dream' trip to Disney became a reality when his airline tickets, information packet and spending money arrived. It was just the boost his doctor's and mom said he needed.

Since he was 5 years old, PJ has had multiple corrective surgeries because of a very rare, life threatening, bone disease called Olliers.

The family was on the go day and night trying to see all the sights of Orlando. PJ's



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**READY TO SAIL** — Nicholas' dream was to sail on the "Big Red Boat" to the Bahamas.

favorite was the Wet & Wild Water Park.

As a surprise bonus, when he arrived back home, PJ's all time favorite race car driver, Kyle Petty, invited him to spend a day with him and his crew at the Nascar racetrack near PJ's home. The family was escorted to the center of the track before the

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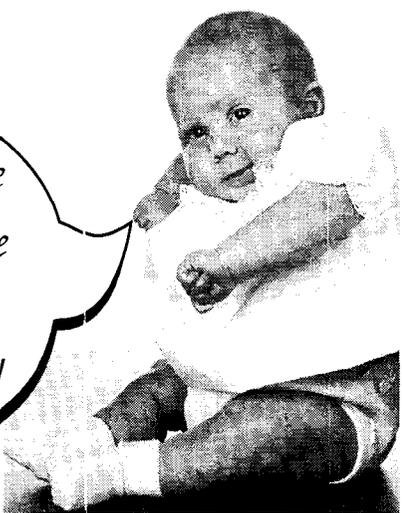
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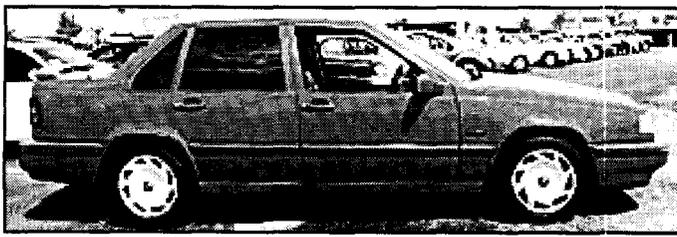
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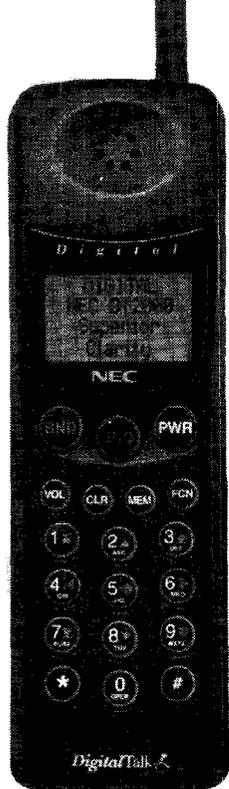




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■ Children's Hopes & Dreams fulfills wishes of seriously ill youngsters

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beginning of the race where they were treated to the most special seats in the house, right inside Petty's personal trailer. In air-conditioned comfort PJ watched every part of the race, enjoyed the company of Petty's family, and had a wonderful banquet lunch. PJ spent time with Petty and his friends, before and after the race. What a day!

**Computer gift**

Dong Uk's parents came to the United

States in hopes of saving his life. Through 14 futile months of shuttling between Seoul and New York City for chemotherapy and five operations, post surgery complications brought the news that the fist sized tumor between his kidneys would take his life in a matter of months.

Hearing of a hospital in Los Angeles that runs an experimental program for children with neuroblastoma, the parents of Dong Uk contacted the Korean community in that area hoping for a miracle. Someone read about Dong Uk's battle and quickly contacted Children's Hopes & Dreams-Wish Fulfillment Foundation, recognizing a real

need for a 'dream' to come true. The agency soon contacted the family only to find that they had sold their home and business, left their homeland and moved to the United States to be with their son. They had invested everything in that miracle.

Dong Uk was quick to tell the agency what his 'dream' would be...a computer. The computer would supply information and connect him to the rest of the world, including his homeland. Shortly after the computer arrived, Dong Uk's mom sent a note saying "Words cannot begin to express what a great and wonderful gift this computer is to Dong Uk. The gift is truly a dream come true

for my son. He is already very involved with the educational and entertainment aspects. Thank you very much."

Nicholas' life was thrown into a tailspin when this 10-year-old son of an Air Force officer was diagnosed with congenital heart failure. With the stresses of doctors, tests and the diagnosis, there was a lot of pressure on the entire family. Life would never be the same. One thing Nicholas was sure of...his 'dream' would help the family have some fun leisure time together...sailing on the Big Red Boat!

Their trip had an explosive beginning at the Disney World fireworks the first night? Then it was on to the Wild Kingdom and

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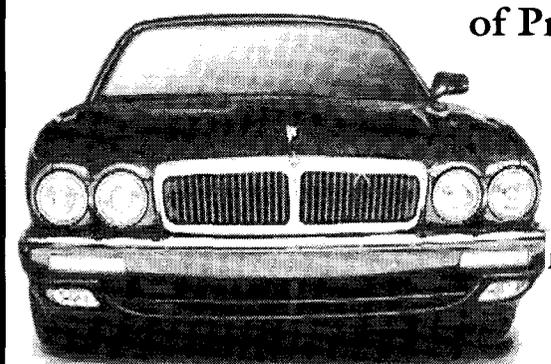
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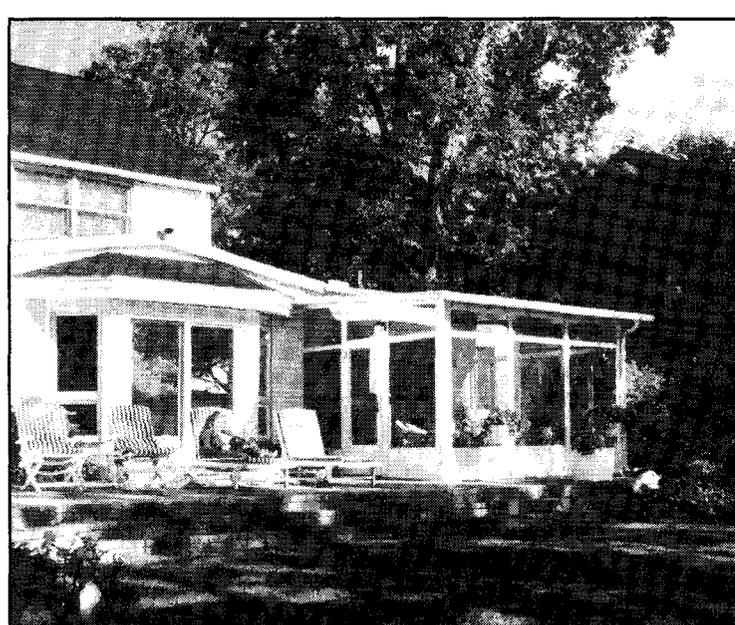


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## Veterans receive Presidential Unit Citation for heroism at An Loc



Photo by Beth Skarupa

REVIEWING HISTORY—Skarupa, left, shares war stories with Ingram.

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receiving letters from him every day and there was a six day delay. I knew he was at An Loc and I heard it was surrounded, but I was still getting letters saying nothing much was happening where he was. Then I stopped getting letters."

Skarupa went on leave and met his wife in Hawaii, then went back to the base camp at Lai Khe. While Skarupa was in Hawaii, Ingram was sent from the base camp to An Loc.

"The offensive was going on for some 30 days - air defense missiles and weapons denied access to air, so no helicopters were going into An Loc," said Ingram. "Because of this, there could be no medical evacuation of wounded. Many of the supplies and ammunition were falling outside the perimeter and were actually being used by the North Vietnamese. The first team leader of the group, colonel Miller, decided we needed to demonstrate to the North Vietnamese that helicopters could indeed fly in and out of An Loc."

Miller and two other members of Team 70 were in An Loc. Ingram and Ruiz volunteered to fly in from the base camp to be part of the relief and the demonstration. Before that, Ingram was in the rear in division headquarters providing air force support.

"Now, when we landed in An Loc, the situation was that the city was effectively destroyed, only one vehicle was operational in the city and colonel Miller was driving it," said Ingram. "I'll never forget the scene as we landed. There was a wounded Vietnamese soldier on a stretcher, completely naked, and we made sure he got into the helicopter. Then we had to push off all the other Vietnamese surrounding the helicopter - they were trying to desert. As soon as I could, I turned and looked back. The door gunner had this terrible look in his eyes - several of the Vietnamese had jumped on the skids and he couldn't lift off. I had a 100-180 pound pack on my back, but I turned and pushed every one of them off the helicopter."

As the helicopter lifted off, another Vietnamese jumped onto the skids. Ingram saw him fall to his death as the helicopter

ascended. According to Ingram, it was an indication of how desperate they were.

"We were under constant artillery fire all the way in. I was riding on top of the hood of the jeep as Miller drove, spread-eagle, and there were claymore mines all around. At security points I'd have to get off and move the barbed wire. Miller kept saying 'Watch the claymores, watch the claymores.' When we got back in, a barrage of artillery came down on the roof of the bunker," Ingram said. "The first night we were there, the Air Force made a supply drop, there was so much anti-aircraft fire at the planes, it looked like the Fourth of July."

Ingram stayed in An Loc for 30 days and was scheduled to go on leave. Ulmer, who later retired from the Army as a three-star general, had come to relieve Miller by that time. Ingram went to Ulmer and told him that he didn't want a pilot to fly into An Loc just so he could go on vacation. But Ulmer told Ingram that they had to show the North Vietnamese they could fly helicopters in and out of An Loc. According to Ingram, it was largely a psychological battle and they had to show the North Vietnamese that they could not overrun the Americans and South Vietnamese.

"When I arrived in An Loc, Col. Fung - Ulmer's South Vietnamese counterpart - asked me, 'Why did you come here where you'll most certainly die?' I told him, 'I didn't come here to die, I came here to win.' But that's how demoralized they were at the time," said Ingram.

According to Ingram, he lost 30 pounds in 30 days in An Loc. There was not enough food and water. Marine, Navy and Air Force pilots were flying off carriers and from Thailand and the Team 70 members were directing air strikes. The conditions made Team 70 a very close group.

"It was almost like we were bonded together," Ingram said. "And I felt, and I think others felt, there wasn't anything we wouldn't do. A tank was firing at us one night and Ulmer picked up a LAW and said he was going to go and get them. But Ed Benedict said we didn't need for him to go out and get killed right then, it wouldn't do any of us any good. Hung sent out some of his men and the firing stopped after a while."

Those were some of the most grim few hours they spent, according to Ingram. It

was an obvious precursor to a ground attack. But they were always in jeopardy. Ingram was knocked off an antenna two different times and suffered a concussion. Repairing the antennas was part of his job.

"I never did feel that I was going to die there, never did. But I was prepared to - all of us were," Ingram said. "Colonel Ulmer was a wonderful example for us all. He was very calm. One night, we were being bombarded vigorously. Ulmer woke me up and said, 'Ken, you better get up' very calmly. And we all started cleaning our weapons, so we were ready for them. But they never breached the perimeter. They were less than 1 kilometer away from us."

Skarupa replaced Ingram in An Loc, jumping off the helicopter May 20 when Ingram jumped on. He ended up staying 67 days instead of the usual 30 or 35. "I was there a long time," Skarupa said. "There were thousands of rounds a day."

As stated in the Presidential Unit Citation, the Team 70 members were "pounded night and day by the war's heaviest and most sustained artillery and tank assaults." Yet, no adviser was killed or wounded at An Loc even though the assaults averaged one shell every five seconds, or about 5,000 a day, and at its peak totaled as many as 12,000 a day.

However, there were American pilots killed at An Loc and advisers (such as those mentioned earlier from the 9th Regiment) were killed at nearby Loc Ninh during the offensive.

"It was amazing none of us were ever killed or wounded in there," Skarupa said. "We were too busy to think about being killed. We were relaying coordinates for air drops and getting targets in from the Vietnamese for 12-14 hours a day."

Although Skarupa does not talk about An Loc very often, there is one story he likes to tell. It is about a time when they had a lot of Air Force and Navy planes coming in to drop bombs. According to Skarupa, everything was going fine and they were getting targets in, when suddenly there was a lull and they didn't have any coordinates.

"The Vietnamese soldiers were out there relaying targets, and there was about a half hour to hour where for some reason they didn't call back with any targets. So Hank Ruiz and I were sitting together and I had a

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## ■ Youngsters have their dreams come true through Wish Fulfillment Foundation

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Epcot. Nicholas loved all the animals he saw and thought it was great to have lunch at a real Norwegian restaurant. But above all else, Nicholas loved the rides!

The next four days on the ship, Nicholas and his family ate until they almost burst. They had so much fun, making new friends and exchanging addresses to keep in touch. While at the Bahamas, Nicholas was able to swim with the dolphins for almost five hours! The entire trip was perfect, according to Nicholas' father who is stationed at Luke AFB, formerly of Moody AFB.

The Air Force personnel, who take care of Evan on his frequent visits to the Luke Air Force Base facilities for treatment of his neurodegenerative disease, knew that he

needed a little something extra to help him through his days. News of the work of Children's Hopes & Dreams-Wish Fulfillment Foundation was passed along to Evan's parents who then called to ask about a 'dream.'

The family felt at a loss...not sure where to turn, or for what! It was soon learned that Evan was unable to communicate very well at home. In school, he has been taught how to use special computer devices that adapt to his limited mobility. A home computer, complete with identical devices as in Evan's school, seemed the answer to many prayers.

Evan's mother was ecstatic. Finally, Evan would have a way to tell everyone how he felt, what he wanted, where he would like to be...whatever a 7-year-old has to say! All his buddies at Sheppard AFB, where his father was stationed earlier, will

be surprised when they get e-mail!

### Happy time

Keri is 11, fairly typical in her love of the Spice Girls and horses (especially her horse named Stinkey). Keri, however, has a cerebellar astrocytoma (brain tumor) which has affected her life since she was diagnosed at the age of four. After several surgeries, Keri is unable to walk, has deficits on both sides of her body and has problems with her vision. Being both bright and ambitious, Keri is determined not to let her illness get her down.

"She struggles everyday but does not complain," her father said. "She looks to the future with a brightness in her eyes that makes our own life struggles seem meaningless."

Keri really wanted to spend some happy time with her parents and her sister. Disney World was her choice for a 'dream'. As Keri watched the fireworks at the Magic Kingdom she turned to her mother and

said, "Mom, my dream came true, didn't it!"

Keri wants to be a teacher someday, according to her father. "But all of us in the family know in our hearts that Keri became a teacher just after her first surgery. Keri believes and we are all convinced that there is nothing she cannot accomplish." Keri's father is in the Navy and has been stationed at Norfolk NAS, Mayport NS, Charleston NH, White Sands Missile Range, Luke AFB and as a recruiter in Seattle, Wash., Beaumont, Texas; Albuquerque, N.M., as well as aboard the Antrim, Carr and Moore.

Megan, PJ, Dong Uk, Nicholas, Evan, Keri and their families extend a big thanks to all the donors who support Children's Hopes & Dreams-Wish Fulfillment Foundation. "This is an experience our entire family will always remember. We feel extremely blessed to have been given this opportunity. May God bless you!"

**(Release from the Children's Hopes & Dreams-Wish Fulfillment Foundation)**

## ■ Formal award ceremony planned for An Loc veterans

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C ration pack that had little things of M&Ms in them ... and there was always one red M&M," Skarupa said. "We needed a target because there were these four planes coming in and they needed to drop a bomb. So I just ripped the pack of M&Ms and dropped it on the map in the area where the NVA were, and I gave them the coordinates underneath where the red one landed. They dropped bombs on it and there were big explosions, and it exploded and burned for three days. Turns out it was a big ammunition dump."

Skarupa came out of An Loc when what was left of the 5th Infantry Division was replaced with troops from another division. On his last day he spent five hours assembling troops on the road to get on the helicopters. The North Vietnamese were still shooting at them, but there was not as much shelling as there had been when he first arrived.

"Actually, I had a 105 go over my shoul-

der the last day I was out there, but it hit in the soft dirt. It only landed about 20 feet away, but it burrowed right into the dirt and I didn't get cut or anything. But it knocked me down," Skarupa said. "The Vietnamese were laughing, but it's their custom when they're happy to laugh."

Ingram spent his leave at Redstone Arsenal, where his wife and children were living at the time. He had been assigned to the Redeye Project Office, working on shoulder-fired air defense systems before he was called for his second tour of duty. According to Ingram, he went to see Brig. Gen. Louis Rachmeler, Redstone's deputy commanding general at the time.

"I told him about the problems with the missiles, that the wire-guided TOW could not be used effectively because you had to guide it and the soldiers didn't have time to do that and not be shot down," Ingram said. "Later, 'fire and forget' weapons were developed."

Ingram returned to the base camp at Lai Khe after his leave and finished his tour of duty. Skarupa spent a week at the base camp after leaving An Loc. He said he

wanted to wait a week because it was just too intense and he wanted to "get human again." He and the other team members were given 14 days special leave. Then he returned to Lai Khe to finish his tour. Skarupa had five children waiting for him at home and Ingram had four.

After Vietnam, Ingram was assigned to Redstone's Kuwait-Jordan Project Office and was responsible for planning deployment of Hawk missiles into those two countries. After 18 months at Redstone, he worked in Germany on the Lance missile that had been developed at Redstone. Ingram ended up working in Huntsville as an engineering analyst after retiring from the Army as a colonel in 1992. He eventually ran into Skarupa, who had retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel to become vice president/treasurer of Physitron Inc.

The first Team 70 reunion was hosted by Ulmer in 1992 in Greensboro, N.C. Ingram became a small business owner in 1995, acquiring two MAACO Auto Body Repair and Painting shops in Decatur and Huntsville.

"I think the prayers of the friends I had in the Officers Christian Fellowship on Redstone, of our wives and others was really what kept us all alive," Ingram said. "Every person who served was willing to

die if he had to, but we were blessed that the Lord didn't take us. Our little group, our little nucleus seemed to have the Lord's protection."

Both Skarupa and Ingram agree that they owe a lot to Ulmer and to Philip Clarke, a journalist who covered the Vietnam War as an AP correspondent and who wrote an article about An Loc in 1972 for Reader's Digest. It was Clarke who gathered the information on An Loc and worked ever since he met Team 70 on getting them the Presidential Unit Citation.

"I think it's wonderful that Phil took the time," Ingram said. "Otherwise there would be no recognition for the unit itself. We met him for the first time right after coming out of An Loc when he interviewed us. It wasn't that he was just there and then left and never thought about us again. It was wonderful he did what he did."

"It's a nice recognition," Skarupa said. "If it wasn't for Phil Clark's persistence of the story and everything, this award would never have happened."

A formal ceremony to award the citation to all the Team 70 veterans is in the planning stages.

*(Editor's note: Beth Skarupa is the daughter-in-law of Ron Skarupa.)*

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# Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### 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.



## Miscellaneous

### Mr. Man quest

The quest has begun for the ninth annual "Mr. Man Premiere." SB Productions will present this exciting and enchanting event Friday 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.

### 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 mid-

night at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va. Tickets are available for the 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.

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

### OCWC coffee

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have a fall signup coffee Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Any group, crafter, or organization interested in being represented at the signup should call Kathy Cray 430-1705.

### Health Center hours

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Friday and Monday for Labor Day. Advice Nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments for the Evening/Weekend Clinic. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed.

### Weight control

For military beneficiaries: Fox Army Health Center is registering participants for the weight control program, "A Lifetime of Weight Control and Fitness." Unlike diet programs that typically fail and make us "fatter", this program has proven success. This program is a nutrition education program as well as a weight control program. Be advised, you will not lose weight quickly. Instead, you will begin making permanent, realistic changes in your eating and exercise habits—changes that will become a natural part of your lifestyle. It may take six months, a year, or more to reach your personal goals, but you will maintain them for a lifetime. Past participants have rated the program as excellent and stated "the program is wonderful," and "I am eating healthier and determined to continue a regiment of exercise." Classes are scheduled from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 14 and continuing until Dec. 14. To register call the Public Health and Education Center 842-0196.

### Big Spring Jam

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling Big Spring Jam tickets for Sept. 24-26. The three-day pass costs \$20; and the last day to purchase these tickets is Sept. 20. You must pay by check payable to "Big Spring Jam." CWFC members will have tickets or you can call the Rustic Lodge 955-6739.

### Show tickets

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling 50 tickets for "Annie," scheduled Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Cost \$36.50 per person; monies due by Sept. 27. For more information, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-1698.

### Craft fair

Civilian Welfare Fund Council will hold a craft fair of homemade items at the Rustic Lodge, Sept. 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Logistics achievement award

The 1999 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award Luncheon/Ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept 21 at the

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

## AMCOM honorees...

From left CSM Roscoe Johnson congratulates Spec. Oscar Saenz, the Aviation and Missile Command's Soldier of the Year, and SSgt. Matthew Perr, AMCOM's NCO of the Year. Saenz is a member of 95th Maintenance Company, Fort Carson, Colo.; and Perr belongs to 95th Maintenance Company, Camp Casey, Korea. The annual luncheon and ceremony was held Friday at the Redstone Arsenal Club.

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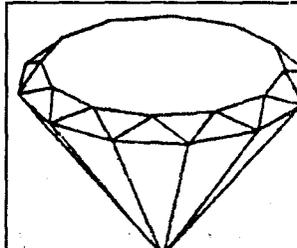


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Redstone Arsenal Club. The following individuals have been nominated for this prestigious award: Amy Barnett, CCAWS, Logistics Office; O.V. Bonner, Air Defense Directorate, IMMC; Cindy Carlisle, Logistics Support Directorate, IMMC; Richard Gramly, Logistics Support Directorate, IMMC; Mark Hudgins, Air Defense Directorate, IMMC; James Lang, Aviation Logistics Support Directorate, Acquisition Center; Thomas Lavin, Aviation Systems Directorate, IMMC; Tammie Newby, Information Systems Directorate, CIC; Willie Sandifer, Business Management Directorate, IMMC; Stanley Seymour, JTUAV, Logistics Office; Martin Walsh, Aviation RDEC, Fort Eustis; and James Wasson, Business Management Directorate, IMMC. The nominees will be recognized during the ceremony and Ernest A. Young, retired deputy to the commanding general, will announce the winner of the 1999 award. Tickets for the event are \$9.50 each and are available from the following: Anne Hughes, IMMC, 876-1757; Betty Lee, IMMC, 876-5044; Brenda Parker, IMMC, 876-2392; Diane White, IMMC, 876-3393; Romona Rice, IMMC, 313-1641; Lesley Smith, IMMC, 313-1581; Debra Teamer, IMMC, 313-1653; Katie Clark, AC, 876-1093; Beverly Layne, CIC, 876-5174; Frances Ruiz, JTUAV, 895-4595; Maydel Nelson, Fort Eustis, (757)878-2208; Julie Tesi, Aviation RDEC, 313-1725; or Susan Bagby, CCAWS, 876-4500. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Anne Hughes 876-1757.

### Tarquine award

Nominations for the Tarquine award are now being accepted for a deserving individual who is assigned to AMCOM and has made significant contributions to the AMCOM Value Engineering Program. This award was established in 1996 by the AMCOM VE Office in honor of the late Bob Tarquine for his significant contributions to the AMCOM VE Program. Mrs. Tarquine received the first annual award for Tarquine posthumously at the FY '97 VE Kickoff Luncheon. The 1997 award recipient was Jean Grotophorst, Army TACMS-BAT. This year's award will be presented at the FY 2000 VE Kickoff and Awards

Ceremony scheduled for Nov. 17. The awardee is selected by a voting panel comprised of the AMCOM Value Engineering Office. Questions concerning the award may be directed to AMSAM-RD-SE-IO-VE, 876-8163. Nominations are due by close of business Oct. 1.

### Pregnancy class

Fox Army Health Center will offer a Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby class from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 8. This class is open to military beneficiaries, active duty and retired. The class will be held at the New Parent Support Program, building 1220-B Lacrosse. For more information and to register, call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center 842-0196.

### Junior Achievement

Team Redstone volunteers are needed to give practical lessons in business and economics one hour per week for six to eight weeks at the following schools: elementary—Discovery, Hazel Green, McDonnell, University Place, West Huntsville and Terry Heights; middle—Arab, Challenger, Chapman, Davis Hills, Discovery, Ed White, Harvest, Hazel Green, Huntsville, Madison Cross Roads, Owens Cross Roads, Liberty, Riverton, Stone, Westlawn and Whitesburg. To sign up or for more information, call Jack Padley, Civilian Welfare Fund Council representative, 842-8196 or e-mail him at the following address: padleyjw@redstone.army.mil.

### Plastic modelers

Huntsville Plastic Modeler's Society will meet at 7 tonight at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 851-6842.

### Legal education

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2000 and will remain on active duty while attending law school. Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (the Judge



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### And the winner is...

Jerry Lee Bradshaw III, left, was one of two youngsters who recently received a Space Camp scholarship from the Army Space and Missile Defense Association. Holding up the all important scholarship envelope is Pete Schofield, the association president.



Courtesy photo

### Space Camp bound...

Christopher Bruce Blackwell receives a Space Camp scholarship award certificate from Ron Gray of the Army Space and Missile Defense Association. Looking on is Brig. Gen. Steven Flohr, deputy commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable. Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the fall offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at PERSCOM, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Attn: DAJA-PT, 1777 North Kent St., Rosslyn, Va., 22209-2194, to be received by Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised. Applicants must be interviewed by the local staff judge advocate early enough to permit

him to provide a letter to the board. For more information, call Maj. Butler 876-9017 or Col. Cornelius 876-7153.

### Hispanic festival

Rosie Douglas, of SMDC, is planning a festival for the City of Huntsville during the Hispanic Heritage Month in September. Chris Silva, of AMCOM, and Luis Trevino, NASA, have volunteered to join her in planning for this Hispanic event. "We are looking for support from our local Hispanic population," a prepared release said. For more information, call Silva 876-5286 or Trevino 544-1233.

### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Cost is \$9 for members,

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## Surplus sale

A sealed bid sale of Defense surplus property will be held Tuesday at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, building 7405 on Warehouse Road. Property inspection and bid submission are scheduled today through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Methods of bidding include fax, Internet, hand delivery, and mail. Bid receipt deadline is 8 a.m. Tuesday. Verbal bids will not be accepted. Catalogs are available by polling the fax number 876-9634 or visiting the web site at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil). To view material for the sale and to submit bids, report to building 7415 on Red Oak Road. For more information, call Donna Davis 842-2570 or Elizabeth Couch 842-9474.

## Donations request

Sept. 13 is the deadline for contribution requests from the Thrift Shop. Anyone who qualifies under the 501c category of non-profit organizations is eligible to make requests. Requests for funds for the needs of a specific individual are ineligible.

Requests must be specific about what the money is needed for and must include: name and address of the requesting party; to whom the check must be made out to; and a phone number for more information. Also, please include in the request if funds have been requested from other organizations. Gift certificates may also be requested and these certificates are for merchandise from the Thrift Shop and must be used within a certain time period to be determined by the board of governors. The Thrift Shop makes welfare contributions twice a year. Requests can be addressed to the Thrift Shop, welfare chairperson (Fran Rubery), building 3657, Redstone Arsenal 35898 or faxed to the Thrift Shop 881-9807. Requests may be submitted at any time. A new request must be submitted in writing at each give-away.

## Space society

A space-related talk and demonstration will be held 7-3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe St. This public event is sponsored by the Huntsville L5 Society chapter of the National Space Society. Admission is free. For more information, call Ellen Cozelos 726-6387 or 883-4873.

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## Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for August include Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel Loscudo, 480 Cooke Drive, officer; Gunnery Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Collette, 1020 Buffington Road, senior NCO; SSgt. and Mrs. Richard Nyman, 1365B LaCrosse Drive, junior enlisted single/duplex; SSgt. and Mrs. Richard Troendle, 527D Magnolia Circle, junior enlisted/multiplex. The unit winner was C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3410.

## Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in building 3202 (the union office). All bargaining unit employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

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## PX hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours Labor Day, Sept. 6: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Concessions, closed; Mall Barber Shop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; and Barber Shop, building 3479, closed.

## Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting from 6:30-7:30 in the morning Sept. 16 at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.

## ARMY MERIT PROMOTION ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND THE HUNTSVILLE AREA

These announcements provided by the AMCOM CPAC can be found on the web at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil). This list includes announcements that opened prior to the Friday before Rocket publication date and close on/after the publication date. For a complete list and details on these opportunities go to the web.

PVA NUMBER	TITLE	CLOSES	LOCATION	PPSERIES	GRADE	POT
99B1272AC	Supv General Engr	1-Sep-99	PEO AMD	GS-0801	15	15
99C1201RC	Logistics Prgm Mgr	1-Sep-99	AMCOM, RASA	GS-0340	14	14
99C1193FM	Computer Spec	2-Sep-99	LOGSA	GS-0334	13	13
99B1185AC	Info Mgmt Anal	3-Sep-99	PEO AMD	GS-0301	12	12
99D1196ST	Accounting Technician	3-Sep-99	AMCOM, RMD	GS-0525	5	5
99C1199RC	Supply Technician	3-Sep-99	AMCOM, RASA	GS-2005	7	7
99D1196ST	Accounting Technician	3-Sep-99	AMCOM, RMD	GS-0525	5	5
99D1215BL	Mission Support Spec	3-Sep-99	AMCOM, DSA	GS-0301	9	9
99D1204DW	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Sep-99	AMCOM, LAISO	GS-0346	13	13
99B1238AW	Contract Specialist	7-Sep-99	PEO AMD	GS-1102	9	11
99C1200RC	Supv Equip Spec	7-Sep-99	AMCOM, RASA	GS-1670	13	13
99C1231RC	Supply Technician	7-Sep-99	AMCOM, RASA	GS-2005	7	7
99C1232RC	Supply Technician	7-Sep-99	AMCOM, RASA	GS-2005	5	5
99D1194DW	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Sep-99	AMCOM, LAISO	GS-0346	11	11
99C1211IG	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Sep-99	AMCOM, IMMC	GS-0346	12	12
HA99A2383	Geophysicist	9-Sep-99	CofE Huntsville	GS-1313	12	12
NC108599	Auditor	9-Sep-99	CofE Audit Ofc	GS-0511	9	12
99D1268BJ	Computer Spec	9-Sep-99	PEO Tac Missiles	GS-0334	7	9
99C1241BR	Lead Auditor	10-Sep-99	SMDC	GS-0511	14	14
99B1186AW	Ops Research Anal	10-Sep-99	PEO AVIATION	GS-1515	13	13
99C1242FM	Oil Anal Mgmt Spec	10-Sep-99	LOGSA	GS-0301	12	12
99C891ABR	Security Spec (Ops)	17-Sep-99	SMDC	GS-0080	13	13
99D1188DW	Integration Sys Mgr	21-Sep-99	AMCOM, LAISO	GS-0301	15	15
99B1214DT	Electrical Engr (DEMO)	23-Sep-99	AMCOM, AVRDEC	DB-0850	III	III
99B1220SH	Aerospace Engr (Demo)	23-Sep-99	AMCOM, AVRDEC	DB-0861	III	III
99B1221SH	Aerospace Engr (Demo)	23-Sep-99	AMCOM, AVRDEC	DB-0861	III	III
99B1222SH	Aerospace Engr (Demo)	23-Sep-99	AMCOM, AVRDEC	DB-0861	III	III
99C1142BR	Supv Ops Res Anal	24-Sep-99	SMDC	GS-1515	15	15
NC08699	Criminal Investigator	13-Apr-00	CID	GS-1811	9-12	12

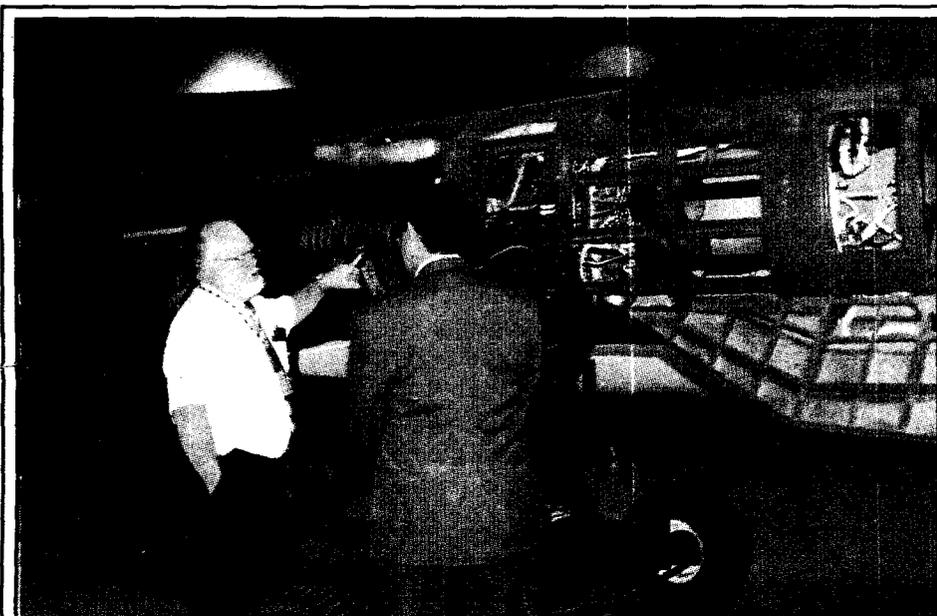


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## Missiles on display...

This Russian Scud-B missile was on display at the Von Braun Center for the Space and Missile Defense conference Aug. 23-26. JLENS logistician Wylie Foster gets an up close and personal view of the missile that has been in use since 1962.

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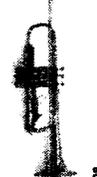


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**1994 Honda Civic DX** red, 2 door coupe, 99,000 miles, great condition, \$5995. 828-2012 after 4 p.m.

**1992 Mercedes 190E, white ext/gorgeous car. \$9000** (\$2000 below book value), 103,000 miles 883-6894

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**1990 Mercury Cougar, V6, maroon/velour maroon interior, good condition, \$2,600. 461-1486 after 4:30**

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## ★ MISCELLANEOUS

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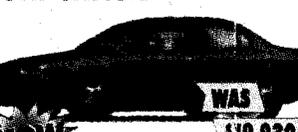
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