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## Badging starts anew in Y2K

Some 20,000 will have to get new ID badge to meet security requirement

By Skip Vaughn

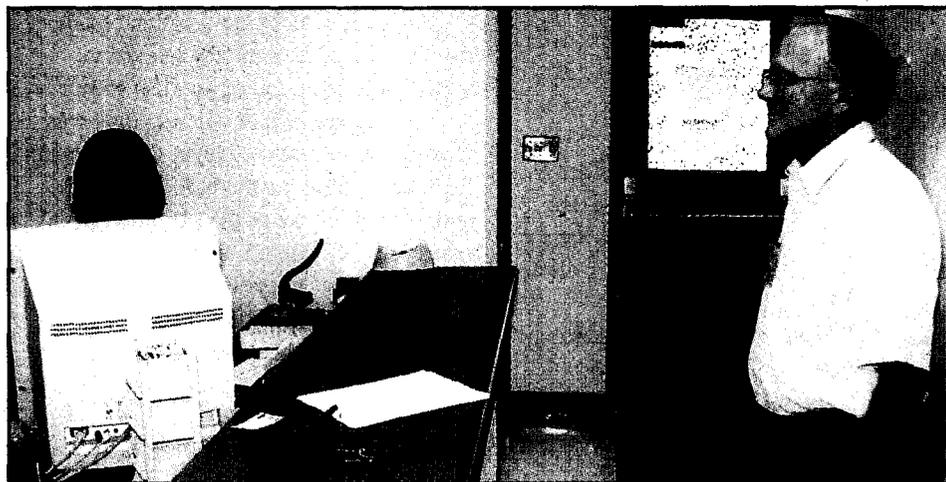
Chuck Fortner picked a good time to go to the vehicle registration and badging office— even if it was to replace a lost badge.

Fortner, who works in the Aircrew Integrated Systems Project Manager's Office, didn't have to wait because he was the only customer at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 12. But he and 20,000 others will have to get brand new badges when a mass rebadging process begins in mid-February or by March 1.

"We are projecting to begin the installation rebadging requirement mid-February, but no later than the first of March," Maj. Janice Smith, the provost marshal, said. "But the actual implementation date will be based on the completion of the software design."

This includes DoD civilians, military and contractors. "Retirees don't get a badge unless they work out here," Charles Payne, physical security inspector in the Provost Marshal Office, said. It also excludes NASA workers because Marshall Space Flight Center has its own badging system.

The Army's physical security regulation, AR 190-13, requires replacement of security identification cards and badges every



**SAY CHEESE—** Williams, at computer terminal, takes a digital photo of Fortner to replace his lost badge.

three years. It also means a change in the badge's design every three years.

The new badges will be horizontal rather than the current vertical format. They will have the individual's picture as usual. They will also have a color-coded strip on the side to distinguish contractors, civilians, foreign nationals, and military.

"The access codes are more noticeable" on the new badges, according to Dorothy Williams, team leader of NCCIM, the con-

tractor that runs the vehicle registration and badging office. She said work began on the new design last year.

Workers should plan to get a new badge during the week of their birthday. "That way we'll keep everybody from coming in the same day," Williams said with a laugh.

They should take an updated badge card, AMSAM form 1116, which is signed by their supervisor. A contractor's badge request should be signed by his or her gov-



Photo by Skip Vaughn  
**REGISTERING VEHICLE—** Kristie Gatlin helps DoD worker Bruce Bartholomew renew his vehicle registration.

ernment point of contact. Also, officials ask that workers update their vehicle decal registration at the same time they're rebadging. They should bring their registration for each vehicle along with a valid driver's license.

"The plan is for the badges and decal to expire at the same time. That way you won't have to make several different trips," Williams said.

The goal is to complete the mass rebadging by February 2001. This was last done in 1997-'98.

The vehicle registration and badging  
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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MOVING IN—** Darryl Pope, left, and James Murphree, both of Telos Field Engineering, move computer equipment from building 4488 into 5303.

## Making more room for a perfect fit

Acquisition Center's move to Sparkman complex will free space for SMDC from off post

By Skip Vaughn

Nobody enjoys moving, especially when it's not their idea. But the goal can make a move worthwhile. That's the case with the Sparkman Center consolidations.

Last August some organizations began moving within the complex to make room for the Acquisition Center workers from building 4488. Those consolidations were finished in December.

The acquisition workers began moving

into the Sparkman Center on Tuesday and that move should be finished by April. The vacated building 4488 will be renovated so the Space and Missile Defense Command can move in from leased space off post.

"The cost for all the moves and alterations and construction to the Sparkman Center is \$1.2 million," Carol Meekins, building manager for the complex, said. "And the annual cost savings for AMCOM for closing 4488 is \$900,000 annually. See we almost pay it back in a year."

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## Letters to the editor

### Thanks, Redstone community

There's such warmth behind the thanks this brings your way. Your special kindness brought such joy, it really made our day. When any group of people does the thoughtful things you do, it's hard to find words warm enough to thank each of you.

In November, a request was put out to the Redstone community to help a

fellow worker, and the Lord blessed this family through your kind hearts. The family of the late Crystal N. Hale would like to thank you for your prayers, monetary donations, and kind thoughts. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

#### The family

### Historical photomontage

For the Jan. 12 issue of the Redstone Rocket, the AMCOM Historical Function was commissioned to develop a photomontage depicting the history of Redstone Arsenal from 1941 to 2000. Michael E. Baker, AMCOM command historian, developed the photo.

The photos were not identified in the newspaper. Clockwise from top-right: Apache helicopter with Hellfire missiles; Maj. (later Col.) Carroll D. Hudson breaks ground for Redstone Arsenal, October 1941; transfer of von Braun rocket team from Army to NASA, July 1, 1960; UH-1 (Huey) with TOW missiles (first firing of Army missiles by U.S. troops in Vietnam); MLRS; activation of AMCOM, July 17, 1997; Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, Dr.

Wernher von Braun, Maj. Gen. Holger N. Toftoy; Javelin; Jupiter Missile AM-18, carrying monkeys Able and Baker; Patriot; AMCOM distinctive unit insignia; Cobra. Center (from top clockwise): The Huntsville Times, July 3, 1941; Sparkman Center; Explorer I.

Additionally, the URL to the AMCOM Historical Function's website was not cited. The address is: <http://www.redstone.army.mil/history>.

A 300-dpi version of the photo is on the website, along with the aforementioned identification of the photo. The address is: <http://hNww.redstone.army.mil/history/offer/cover.html>.

**Claus Martel**  
AMCOM Historical Function

### Picture perfect football

How often have rehearsals been conducted to make sure that a scheduled performance will be perfect? Yes, this is a rhetorical question. However, if an answer is required, we saw it in the last seconds of the NFL Wild Card playoff game, Jan. 8 between the Buffalo Bills and Tennessee Titans. Even if you did not see the game live, by now with all of the media replays, for sure any television viewer, a football fan or not, has seen it.

The practice of that winning play was most unfamiliar to the player that ultimately ended up running the ball. He became an instant alternate as the player who had rehearsed the "ticking seconds of practice to perfect," was not able to perform. Apparently the substitute comprehended enough to make those ticking seconds translate to victory. As the runner accelerated, his wall of teammates provided certain protection. This epitomized the necessity of players acting as a team.

The team sport of American football is an extremely physical one. It began as a college game. Professional football was



introduced in the 1890s....

The Super Bowl is now an unofficial American holiday. Many group parties are held. Not only is the game a major attraction, but the expensive commercials and halftime programs are enamored.

As a novice, when watching the Super Bowl or any other football game, get a pen and pad and jot down questions. Try to set aside a mutual time with someone who is knowledgeable to get your questions answered. With practice and learning tools, ticking seconds will become game-viewing passion.

**Jeannette E. Sellers**  
Madison

## Personnel exempted from .38 percent budget cut

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON— Servicemembers will barely notice congressionally mandated federal budget cuts, Pentagon officials said Jan. 11.

Congress exempted military pay and benefits from the .38 percent fiscal 2000 budget cut it passed in December.

"We don't have to cut back ... the 4.8 percent pay increase, nor do we have to cut back the number of people in the military in order to reduce what we spend in personnel," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said. "We have to take the cut in other areas, and we have done that in a very surgical way."

Since Congress exempted personnel, the bulk of DoD's cuts were in procurement and operations and maintenance accounts. "Basically, we took the smallest cuts in our top-priority programs," Bacon said. To hit the mandated bottom line,

some DoD programs were cut more than .38 percent, though none lost more than 5 percent.

According to the legislation, no program could take more than a 15 percent cut, and no department was allowed to impose an across-the-board cut.

"The cuts had to reflect the priorities of the department," said a defense official. Bacon noted some high-priority programs, such as the Air Force F-22 air superiority fighter, escaped cuts.

DoD officials were careful in cutting operations and maintenance accounts. Money in these accounts directly affects readiness. Bacon said one measurement of readiness is the amount of O&M money per person in uniform. In constant 1999 dollars, he said, the figure was \$53,000 per servicemember in 1990 and \$67,800 in 1999.

DoD officials will release a list of the affected programs soon. (American Forces Press Service)



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# Cash managing skills a must for soldiers

Army Community Service will offer first Financial Readiness Workshop in February

By Sandy Riebeling

When student soldiers come to the missile school at Redstone they expect to be taking courses on basic electronics, missile management, munitions handling—but there's a new course in town and no matter what the MOS, all first term soldiers should attend a class on financial readiness. A soldier's ability to handle money and manage finances is now a priority for the Department of Army.

"The Army has become aware of the need to educate soldiers on good money management skills if we ever want their quality of life to be the best," Juanita Adams, consumer affairs/financial assistance program manager, Army Community Service, said. "The goal of the course is to teach soldiers how to plan ahead, to improve their money management skills and to save for retirement."

Adams is working with OMMCS sergeants major to determine when and which soldiers will be attending the Financial See Money on page 8

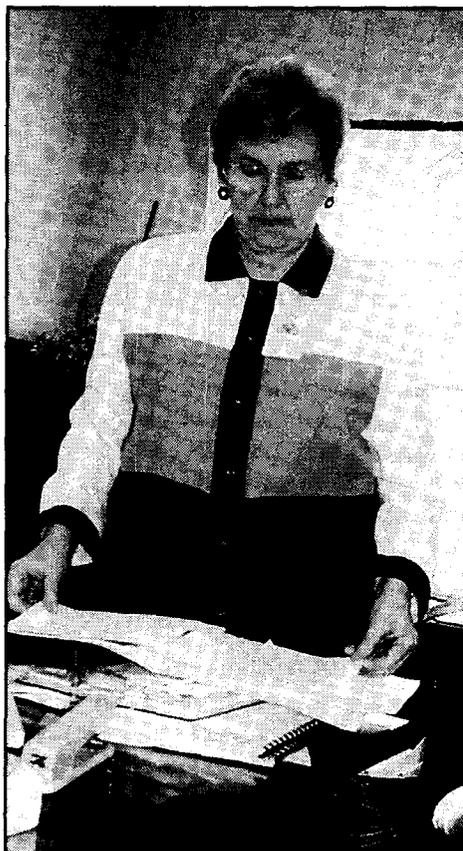


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**THE MONEY MARKET**— Adams will talk to Redstone soldiers about financial planning and budgeting; credit and insurance; savings and investing; and how to avoid consumer scams.

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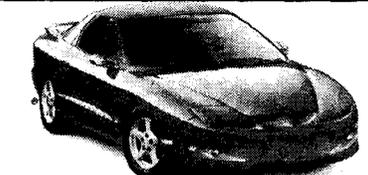
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# Missile mission met

Laboratory's guidance director retires at start of new millennium

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

**D**ifferent life stages means different approaches to the world around us. For Dr. Paul Jacobs, director for Missile Guidance Directorate and acting associate director for Missile Technology in the Research, Development and Engineering Center, it meant entering the 21st century as a federal retiree Jan. 3.

Jacobs began his career here in the Lance Project Office as a commissioned Army officer with a doctorate in engineering. The Lance was a surface-to-surface ballistic missile. After a few months, Jacobs was sent with 32 other soldiers who had their doctorates and had been working in Army labs to Vietnam. After the war in 1971, he returned to Huntsville to look for a teaching job.

"In the interim, I took what I thought was going to be a temporary job in the Army Missile Laboratory," Jacobs said. "I started work as the lead engineer for SIG-D, a technology demonstration program, which led to the Army Tactical Missile System."

In December 1989, soldiers from the 6th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., conducted a 15-missile flight test program of the ATACMs missile system at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The development test marked the first firing by three-man crew from the cab of the conventional weapon's deep attack launch-

er. Earlier shots were done remotely. The missile's non-nuclear warhead initially contained several hundred submunitions, each similar to a grenade, for attacking enemy troops, supplies and equipment.

In the years to follow, Jacobs became widely known as one of the guiding forces behind the Army's Fiber Optic Guided Missile developments. The FOG-M program led to the full-scale development of the Non-Line of Sight Missile for battlefield use against helicopters and tanks.

"I have been lucky enough to be involved in hardware programs where I have had an influence on the design from concept to putting missiles in the air," Jacobs said. "My employees would be so dedicated and interested in their programs that they would work evenings and weekends, without pay."

Technology demonstrations are part of what has kept Jacobs working for the RD&E center for almost 30 years. The facility exercises actual weapon system components in realistically simulated operational scenarios.

"Laser guided systems were developed right here in our laboratory for the Hellfire in the 1970s," Jacobs said. These capabilities exist today and have been tested and demonstrated on the AH-64 Apache and AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters in a variety of missions.

In addition, development of micro-

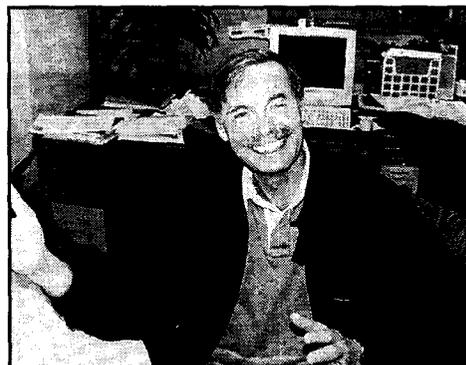


Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson

**HAPPY TRAILS—** Jacobs plans to enjoy his leisure after retiring from the RD&E center.

processor controlled fire control systems were pioneered here, which today are used with actual missile components in what is known as hardware-in-the-loop testing. AMCOM provides hardware-in-the-loop simulation support to Program Executive Offices, who are responsible for developing and fielding tactical precision guided missiles and submunitions for the Army. HWIL simulation uses actual sensors together with scene projectors and generators utilizing digital terrain models, to fully test missile systems before actual flight tests.

"I have worked with high acceleration technology, fluidics and other guidance technologies and battlefield simulation for many years," Jacobs said. "I will be going into a totally different endeavor for sure now. My wife, Peggy, and I plan on spending our time hiking, snow skiing, sailing and flying our Cessna plane."

# Selling the Army

Alabama A&M University rebuilds ROTC program

By Sandy Riebeling

**H**ow do you draw quality young men and women into the Army ROTC program? According to Alabama A&M University's ROTC battalion commander, you have to tell and sell the Army story. You make the experiences and training real and true. You exude the confidence and pride the Army has instilled in you. It's something Lt. Col. Joshua Montgomery lives everyday in the hopes of building an officer force for our nation's future.

"It's a real challenge to recruit and retain quality students and cadets for our program," Montgomery said. "When the economy is good and opportunities abound for these young people, the Army really has to compete. We have to sell the Army."

Montgomery sees a bright future for the program that began with the first commissioned officers in 1973. A&M offers cross enrollment with the University of Alabama-Huntsville, which doesn't have an ROTC program. There are 179 students, including 129 freshmen, enrolled in the program. One of the biggest obstacles

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A new "Tax Information-Potpourri" section provides web site addresses for state tax rates and forms, and web site addresses and telephone numbers for states taxing

military retired pay and SBP.

The document "TROA's Tax Guide— for 1999 Returns— is available online at <http://www.troa.org/TaxGuide.asp>. It is also available in fact sheet form at <http://www.troa.org/Fact-Sheets/2000TaxGuide.asp>

TROA is the nation's fourth largest veterans' organization. Membership is open to all current and former uniformed service officers and warrant officers in the active duty, reserve, and National Guard forces. You do not have to be retired to join. (Army News Service)

(Editor's note: This article courtesy of The Retired Officers Association.)

# A&M's ROTC program has produced several colonels

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is retaining those freshmen to their junior year when they are contracted into the Army.

"It used to be mandatory for incoming students to take at least two semesters of military science," Montgomery said. "Since the rules have changed, we have to work a lot harder to get them interested."

Freshmen and sophomore students can elect to enroll in military science classes, basically the ROTC program, without any commitment or obligation to the Army. These students study and train with the program during the school year. At the beginning of their junior year, if they want to continue with the program they are contracted into the Army with a commitment of eight years with three or four years on active duty and the remainder served in the reserves.

"We're in a rebuilding process now," Montgomery said. "The guidelines and standards are the same everywhere, but we are drawing on the experiences of other schools to find ways to improve the training

techniques and capitalize on other ideas to make our program more successful."

Students must meet certain criteria to enroll in ROTC, which include acceptable ACT/SAT scores, an excellent academic record, be in good physical condition and be a quality person. Montgomery defines quality by citing the honor code— loyalty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

A staff of eight military science instructors, five officers and three noncommissioned officers, handle classroom studies plus lab training, which is held once a week on campus. Cadets exercise platoon tactics, squad tactics, leadership skills, command and staff functions. Field training exercises are conducted at least four times a year at either Redstone Arsenal or Fort McClellan.

"We try to keep the cadets involved in ROTC functions and activities as much as possible so that they can get a feel for the program— the lifestyle. We have special social functions at the school and then the labs and training."

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**AFTERNOON BULLDOGS!**— Afternoon, sir! ROTC cadets in formation at the A&M campus receive a safety briefing from Montgomery, their battalion commander.

# ROTC

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Montgomery expects eight to be commissioned at the end of 2000. UAH student Lt. Col. Franz Mentor, senior ranking cadet, is one of those eight.

"This has been a great experience," he said, praising the instructors of the program. "I'm looking forward to what comes next. I want to go to flight school. I want to fly—to be an Apache pilot."

The economical and political ebb and flow has a great impact on the numbers of commissioned officers each year. A&M is a historically black university with a comparatively young program. The largest class of commissioned officers was in 1981 with 47, then the numbers drifted downward to a low point in 1996 with six graduates.

"The goal of the program is to meet Army requirements for the mission. Currently that mission is 13 per year and it goes up to 15 per year in 2003," Montgomery said. "We have to continue to be aggressive with recruiting."

Col. Micheal Coleman, director, AMCOM Personnel and Training Directorate, was commissioned from A&M's program in 1976 and is impressed with its short but distinguished history.

"Two of the four officers that were commissioned in the first class are now O-6's," Coleman said. "When considering the military career, to make O-6 is successful. Several of the officers commissioned from A&M have made colonel, and you have to remember, the first class was commissioned in 1973. That wasn't so long ago. A&M is just beginning, really. I think they have a bright future."

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## ■ Sparkman moves make room for acquisition workers

### Move

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The payback is even better for moving the SMDC workers into 4488 from their leased space at Huntsville's Research Park. That \$25 million project has been approved for fiscal 2001.

"We anticipate we would start construction in July '01 and complete construction

in July '03," said Valerie Shippers, project engineer in Master Planning which is part of the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning. "Then they would start their move on post. And they have about 830 people involved in this.

"It's a \$25 million project and their lease is currently \$6.7 million per year," Shippers said. "So you can see the obvious economic benefit to moving them on post. Actually it's like a four-year simple payback."

The Competition Management office and the Small Business office have already moved from building 4488 to 5303. Competition Management moved in Jan. 3 and Small Business arrived Jan. 12-13.

Former occupants of building 5303 were occupied with their consolidations through December. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center moved to the first floor of building 5308. The Corporate Information Center moved 420 people to various locations: the third floor of building 5301; the basement, second and third floor of build-

ing 5300; and about 40 moved outside the complex to buildings 5205 and 5206.

"For all the other organizations, it was just a consolidation within their assigned area," Meekins said. "They consolidated to vacate a block of space. For example, the IMMC (Integrated Materiel Management Center) was located in 5309, 5302 and 5301. So what they did is they consolidated and vacated the whole third floor of 5301."

There wasn't enough vacant space in the Sparkman Center for all the acquisition workers, so workspace is being constructed in the basement of building 5308 for 85 of them. Administrative space is being built in half of the unfinished basement while the other half remains unfinished. This space for 85 acquisition workers should be ready in March.

Also under way, with completion in March, is a project to build an executive suite on the third floor of 5303 for Marlene Cruze, the acquisition director.

"We've moved over a thousand people within the Sparkman Center. And there's 624 moving from 4488 into the Sparkman

Center," Meekins said.

Meekins realizes the frustrations of many Sparkman Center workers affected by the consolidations.

"It has been a very difficult move for the folks. It is a consolidation. Our goal was 100 percent occupancy. That meant we put a person in every available space," she said. "And the bottom line is this is the first time since construction (of the Sparkman Center in 1994) we've been at 100 percent occupancy. We developed a move plan and by the time we implemented, we've downsized. But overall the personnel have been very cooperative and very understanding. And the bottom line is this was a command goal and it's the right thing to do. It was the judicious and prudent thing to do for the Department of Army and ultimately the American taxpayers. There's a significant cost saving resulting from the consolidation.

"Next to your paycheck, your physical space assignment is the nearest and dearest thing to your heart," Meekins said. "So when we ask you to move and we ask you to change, there's always emotions involved."



Courtesy photo

## Corpus Christi newcomer...

Ann Oglesby, left, has become DLA customer support representative at the Defense Distribution Depot in Corpus Christi, Texas. She is standing with William Ebeler from DLA headquarters in St. Louis. Oglesby, who replaces Greg Sprouse, is a graduate from E. Texas Baptist with a bachelor's degree in business. A civil servant for the past 12 years, she has worked in St. Louis and at AMCOM headquarters. She has been a logistic management specialist for the Black Hawk program. Her job will be to work with parts and item managers (about 45 individuals) at Corpus Christi Army Depot to find parts for various programs throughout the DLA system.

## ■ First-term soldiers should attend Financial Readiness Workshop

### Money

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Readiness Workshop. The 20 hour course covers topics such as personal finance which includes planning budgeting and goal-setting; pinpointing potential problems; how to recognize danger signs; and if you're already in trouble, how to take the necessary steps to get back into control. Additional topics address banking and checking accounts, using credit wisely, insurance needs, saving and investing, making large purchases and avoiding consumer scams.

"Insurance is one of our biggest rip-offs," Adams said. "Salesmen target young couples with a little baby and convince them they need insurance for the little one. My training says that if you're going to insure anybody, insure yourself. Car insurance is another

tricky area. These young people don't know to shop around for the best deals. A lot of them just pick up the phone book and go with the first one they call. It's astronomical what young people pay because of their age, driving record and single status. I want to teach the soldiers how to be good consumers."

Having worked many years as an Army Emergency Relief officer before moving into consumer affairs, Adams has seen the most common pitfalls of the young soldier and names the "got to have it now" syndrome as one of the biggest problems.

"There are only two things you should go into debt to buy," Adams said, "a house and an automobile. Everything else you should save up for. And I'm a firm believer in thrift shops."

Understanding contracts and impulse buying are two other financial danger areas,

according to Adams.

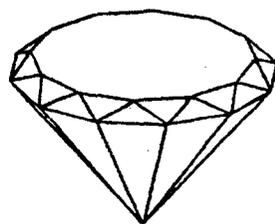
"I knew of one young woman that went to one of those title loan companies to get some quick cash and had to pay 300 percent interest. That's outrageous. To me, that's a consumer scam. It's legal, but it's ridiculous. It's so important that consumers know what the contract says before they sign it."

Adams also points out that while the course targets young soldiers, people are the same everywhere and subject to the same temptations, whether they wear a uniform or not. The course instruction addresses the military, but is good solid teaching for anyone.

"While I was getting the training to teach this course, I was reminded of so many things that I should be doing, things that I knew to do at one time and have just fallen away from. It's a good course for all ages."

The workshop begins Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. and is the first one Adams will be teaching.

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## HHC AMCOM team wins preseason tournament

The defending champion in unit-level basketball has gotten off to a good start in the new millennium.

HHC AMCOM, the 1999 post champion, won the Preseason Christmas Tournament, Dec. 9-16 at Pagano Gym. AMCOM beat Charlie Company twice in the final.

AMCOM continued its winning ways when the season opened Jan. 10.

Anthony Pringle scored 15 points and Kenneth McQueen added 10 as AMCOM beat Delta Company 54-38 on opening

night. AMCOM led 27-18 at halftime.

Michael Perry scored 12 and John Winters had 10 for Delta Company.

Here are the season standings as of Friday:

- Eastern Division: AMCOM (2-0), HHC 59th (2-0), Marines (1-1), Bravo Company (1-1).

- Western Division: MEDDAC (1-0), Charlie Company (1-1), Delta Company (0-1), Headquarters & Alpha (0-2), and ROTC (0-2).

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"This is sort of a trial run for me," she said. "There is so much material in the course I'll need to gauge how much time I can spend on each topic without running out of time at the end. I expect I'll have a lot of military family members in that first class, and that's great."

Adams will offer the course on an as-needed basis, according to soldier requirements.

"A lot of my job is about counseling people who are already in trouble," Adams said. "It will be uplifting to teach this course—to help soldiers get off to a good start. I am really looking forward to this opportunity."

While the course is mandatory training for all first term soldiers, other military and family members interested in increasing money management skills may attend on a space available basis. For more information or to register, call ACS at 876-5397.

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# Power-packed Night

Energetic show entertains soldiers with a spiritual workout

By Sandy Riebeling

It was attention getting, brick smashing, telephone ripping fun at the Post Theater last week as a group called the Master's Commission performed for the soldiers.

The first 10 minutes of the Power Night show concentrated on physical abilities but the real power was released as these young performers shared their lives, their past, their tragedies and their triumph over it all, through the love of Jesus Christ.

"I thought it was great," Pvt. Yewaur Roberson of C Company, said. "The human videos were really good. It led me to thinking about my life and the changes I need to make."

That, in a nutshell, was the purpose of the performance and one of the goals of the discipleship training program called Master's Commission, sponsored by the Assemblies of God denomination. It is a nine month program for college age men and women who desire a closer relationship with God— living their lives as disciples and reaching out to others. There are 47 MC groups worldwide. Calvary Assembly of God Church in Decatur is the home church of this particular group.

"This is the third or fourth time we've had Master's Commission come here to the post," Capt. Lane Stockeland, 832nd Ordnance Battalion chaplain, said. "Power

Night, where they break bricks, give testimonies and perform human videos is just one part of their outreach program. It's young people talking to our young soldiers and I think it's effective."

Perhaps one of the first turning points of the night came when cast member Chris Dunn stood up to give his testimony. As a member of the National Guard's 142nd Signal Brigade, he understood the special challenges and frustrations of soldiers. It gave him credibility. Soldiers responded when he spoke. The door had been opened.

The bulk of the 90 minute show reached the hearts of the audience through personal testimonies and human videos— songs with a message acted out as it played.

The first, "I Am Free" video showed on one side of the stage men who were physically imprisoned with chains and on the other side, those in a self-made prison chained by their lifestyle of violence and addiction to drugs and alcohol. It took just one person sharing the Word of God with just one person willing to receive it to break the chains. Ministering to each other was the path to freedom for them all.

"What they were showing and saying on stage, I went through it all," Pvt. Jorg Cancel of C Company said. "That's why I'm here, why I joined the Army. I wanted to change my life. The show was great. I

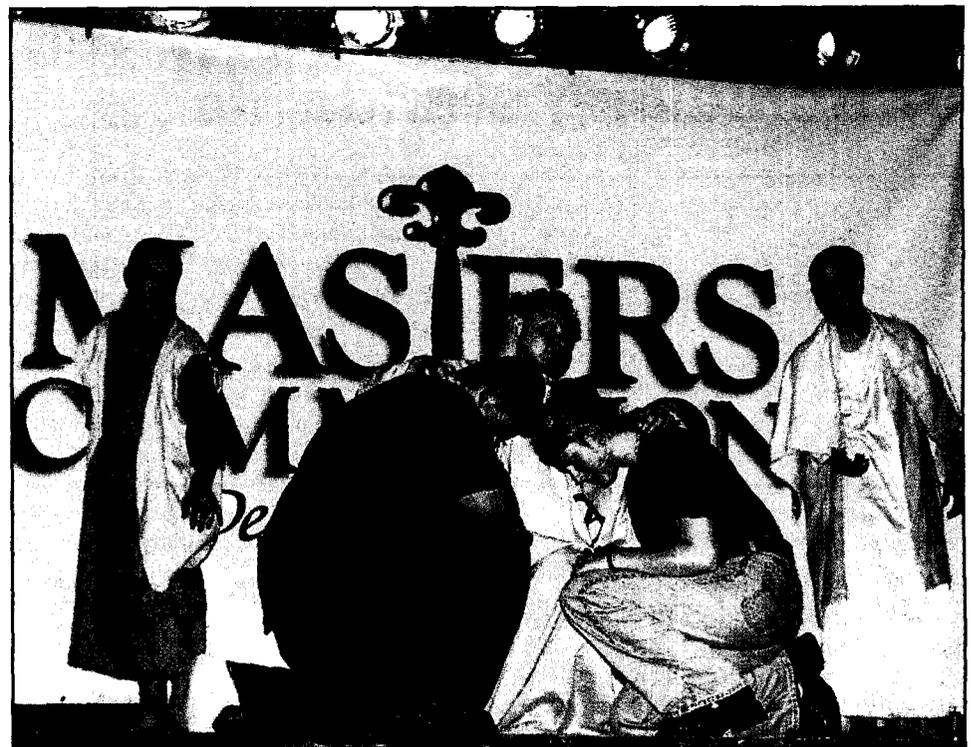


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**JUDGE NOT—** The story told in this human video "Wide Eyed," helps a woman to see people as individuals created by God rather than to judge them by appearance or situation. It was one of three videos performed by the group, Master's Commission, at the Post Theater last week.

liked all of it."

For the next two human videos, some of the cast members changed costumes to reflect characters from biblical times. Between the videos, scriptures were read and more personal testimonies were given. From beginning to end, it was all about the saving power of God.

At the end of the show, cast members lined up on the floor in front of the stage and invited audience members to come down and talk with them or pray with them. Many responded. The emotions playing on the faces of those who took counsel proved that the night was successful. People were touched.

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# CCAWS project worker cited for achieving standards

By Jim Steelman

Brig. Gen. John Holly, program executive officer for tactical missiles, has presented a Standards Officer Charter to Mike Finley of CCAWS Project Office.

Finley has been the chief of configuration management at Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems for 12 years. He is the first person within the PEO, Tactical Missiles project offices to be fully certified as a standards officer under the PEO, TM Innovative Acquisition Strategy. Under this

strategy, each project office is encouraged to assume greater ownership and autonomy for internal innovative acquisition performance.

"Mike's certification represents a significant step in placing the responsibility and authority at the proper level," Holly said. "This certification recognizes the technical competence of the Mr. Finley and the impact of his efforts to ensure that the CCAWS processes are in control and possess the appropriate rigor."

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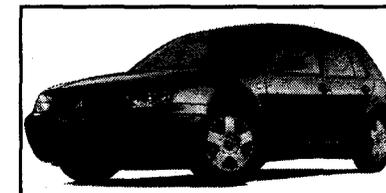
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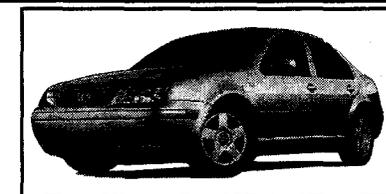
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# Chef burns a mean steak

Family man, volunteer firefighter finds home at RedstoneArsenal's dining clubs

By Sandy Riebeling

Whether it's flame broiling a filet at work or fighting fires in his spare time, chef Pete Mehok can stand the heat. He's been the executive chef responsible for Redstone's MWR dining facilities since 1992, and he's happy right where he is.

People might assume since he's the chef he spends his days laboring over steaming pots and a baker's oven but that's not an accurate picture of what he does.

"I am involved in food preparation," Mehok said, "but my primary concerns are sanitation, food quality, employee morale, things like that and it not just here at the Club. I also handle the Soldatenstube, the JOC, and catering, whether it's parties served here in our banquet rooms or picnics at the river."

Mehok does the menu planning, but most of the daily cooking duties are performed by the lead cooks in each kitchen.

"We've got a great team here," he said. "I have a great purchaser, Mark Justice, who's responsible for ordering. It's important that we have the stock we need because people expect us to serve what we put out on the menus each month. I also encourage input from the staff and even the customers on what we should serve. Some things work and some don't go over as well. It's trial and



Courtesy photo

**NICE ICE**— Mehok uses drills, sanders, dremmels and chainsaws to make his ice carvings. Looking on is Barbara Langford, club system caterer.

error."

According to Mehok, most meats served with dressing are a big hit for lunch at the club, as is the taco bar and schnitzel. The blackened salmon with fruit salsa has also remained popular for the last year.

"I like what I do," Mehok said. "Cooking just comes naturally for me. I never really made a decision to become a chef, it just sort of happened as the opportunities opened up for me."

The Pottsville, Pa., native got his first

taste of restaurant work during his high school years in Hershey, Pa. After graduation he attended Penn State but had to go to work full time when "the college money ran out." He took a job washing dishes at a Marriott Hotel in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1982. Soon after he was progressing up the ranks, working with a number of talented chefs, learning the trade. He "went on the road" to open Marriott hotels around the country.

He began working as a volunteer firefighter in Hershey in 1980 and has contin-

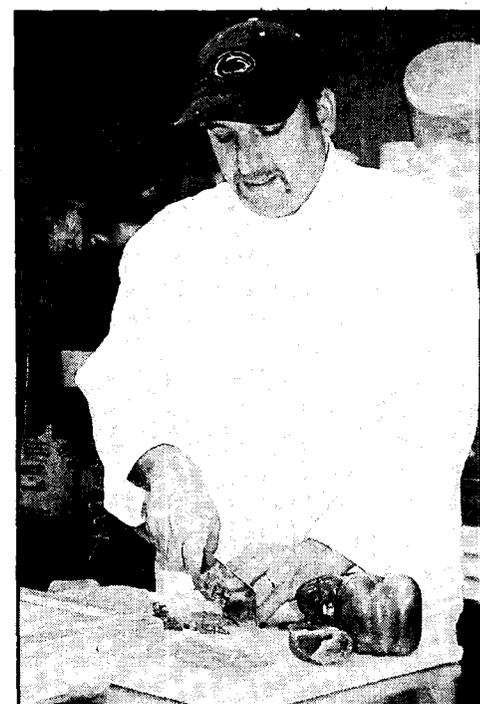


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**CHOP CHOP**— After working his way through kitchens up and down the east coast, Mehok found his way west and has served as the Arsenal's dining clubs executive chef since November 1992.

ued his work throughout his career. "I used to like the fact that it was a little dangerous but now since I've had a family, I've gotten wiser. My wife always tells me to be careful, and I am."

Mehok moved to Huntsville in 1991 with the hotel chain, working as their executive chef.

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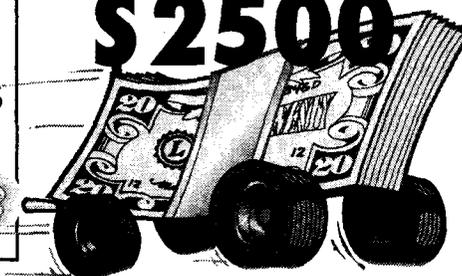
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"A hotel is open seven days a week, 365 days a year. It's very demanding. I was ready to get married and have a family and I knew that wasn't the right job for me anymore."

Mehok made the move to Redstone in 1992, married his sweetie, Amy, in 1993 and has since had three children, Bailey, 5, Peter IV, 3, and Davey, 1.

"My family means everything to me," he

said. "They're great. We play games, read, wrestle and yes, even cook together. I got to deliver all my kids. Of course, I'm on the Monrovia volunteer fire department."

Spending time with your family is the secret to a happy family life, Mehok said. The secrets to a successful kitchen are excellent food quality, good communication and consistency.

"You have to make sure the customer gets what they ordered, how they ordered it," he said. "We have a lot of repeat customers because they can depend on our quality."

# CCAWS

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To qualify as fully certified, Finley met performance standards for training, experience, and effectiveness of CCAWS internal practices. These standards include demonstration that CCAWS internal policies and practices are mature, measured and controlled. Before his certification, Finley completed his training and performed as an associate standards officer under the PEO, TM Standards Executive, Jim Steelman.

Finley's experience with innovative acquisition goes back to his service on the PEO, TM IPT for Performance Specifications in 1996. Finley was a key player as CCAWS matured use of performance specifications for ITAS and IBAS. These programs are successfully transitioning from the initial technical data package approach to

use of performance specifications for major items and spares under contractor logistics support.

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*(Editor's note: Steelman is the standards executive for PEO, Tactical Missiles.)*



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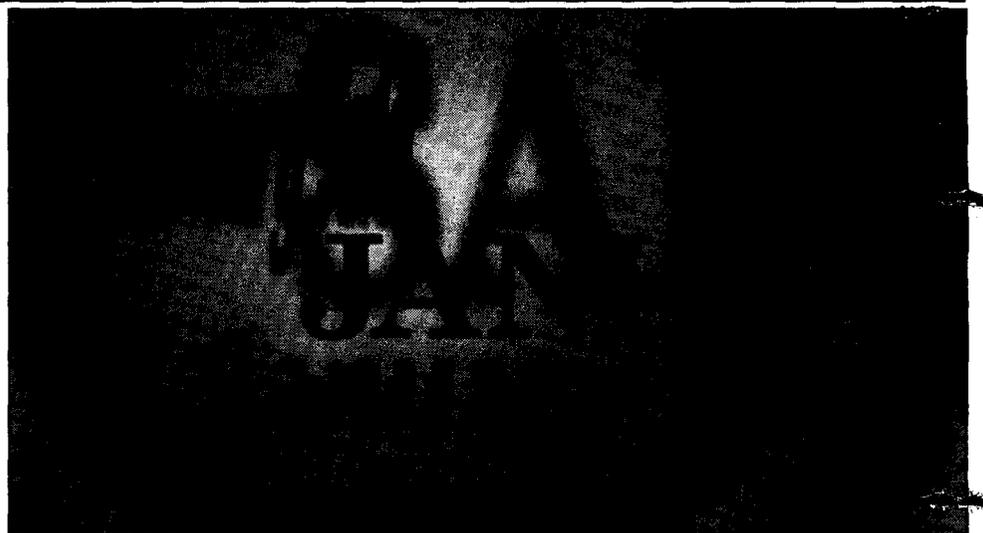


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**VIOLA**— Two new MWR membership packages were unveiled during the membership drive kickoff last week. Ahern, left, along with Bob Brown, Officers' and Civilians' Club manager, center, and Hamilton, presented the benefits to the crowd.

# Celebrating new members

## MWR membership drive kickoff deemed 'tremendous success'

By Sandy Riebeling

Free food, free drinks, gifts and door prizes offered plenty of incentive to bring in the masses. More than 300 people from every segment of the Redstone community attended the MWR Membership Drive Celebration Kickoff last week.

"It was a tremendous success," Yvonne Coleman McGuire, MWR sales and marketing director, said of the event. "We've had more than 100 new members sign up tonight and one even made reservations for a Christmas party in December."

Midway through the event, Dan Ahern, director, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, announced the addition of two new memberships to MWR. Package 1 is open to all of Team Redstone and includes discounts to many of the MWR activities as well as access to the fitness centers. Package 2 includes all the benefits

of Package 1 plus access to the Officers' and Civilians' Club.

"We love our patrons so much— we love our customers so much, we actually pay them to be members of MWR," Col. Steven Hamilton, commander, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, said, offering proof of his statement. "Just look at these savings. Haircuts are only \$2 each and I usually get two every month, that alone saves me \$10. And I have two kids in the School Age Services program, and I get 5 percent off that monthly bill. Those two things alone cover my \$15 monthly membership, and then some. They're paying me to be a member. It's great."

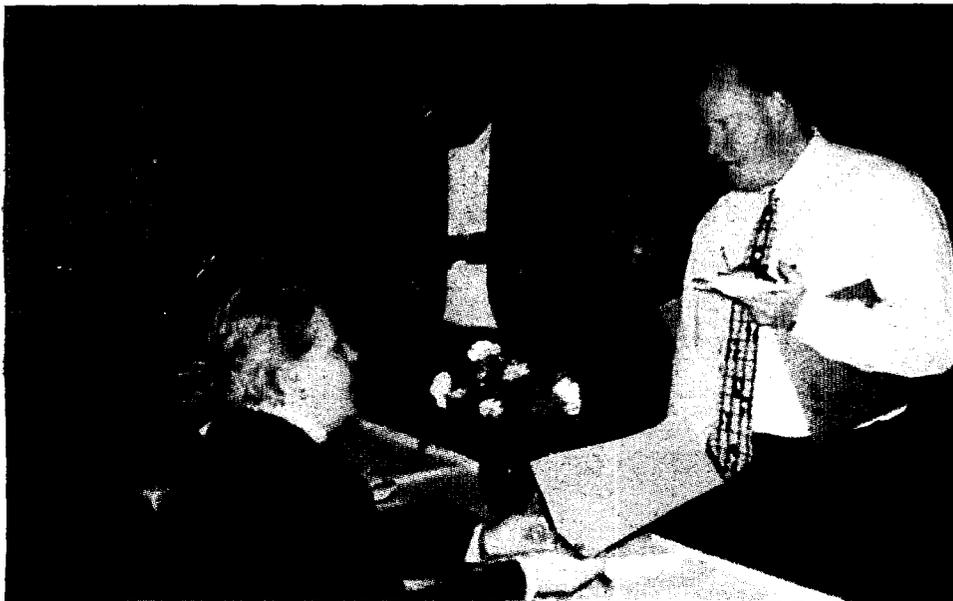
Hamilton also reminded members that every dollar spent at MWR activities goes right back into MWR activities here at Redstone Arsenal. It pays off again in services to the members.

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Photos by Sandy Riebeling

**CHEERS**— Superior Wine and Beverage Company Inc., was just one of several beverage booths offering product samples. Company representative Nevin Cox pours Teri Madak a glass of wine.



**APPLICATIONS**— Working the membership table was a hectic job. More than 100 people signed up as new members during the two-hour event.



**YUMMIE**— Partygoers were treated to a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres including meatballs, chicken wings, roast beef and turkey along with vegetable trays, chips and dips and cheeses.

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"We're very happy with the turnout here tonight," Ahern said. "Now we just have to keep up the full-court press to get the word out and make sure everyone knows about the benefits and value of MWR membership."

The membership drive lasts until the end of February. People can sign up after that but on March 1 the monthly fees on the Club membership increase to \$17. People joining prior to March 1 lock in the \$15 monthly membership fee until Oct. 1. The Membership Services Discount Card (Package 1) fee is \$10 a month.

For more information, call MWR at 955-7399.



**LUCKY LADY**— Jennie Doss, former employee in missile intelligence, won the VCR door prize, donated by the Post Exchange. Thousands of dollars worth of prizes were given away during the celebration.



**FAMILY AFFAIR**— Capt. Martin White, who works in the office of the Judge Advocate General, enjoyed the afternoon party with his wife, Tammy, and their daughter Kathryn. Tammy was also the winner of a golf package door prize.

# Badging

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office, building 3423 on Gray Road, is open 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. "They're planning on changing the hours so we can better serve people," Williams said.

A satellite office at the Sparkman Center, currently open for four hours on Wednesday mornings, will also expand its hours to handle the rebadging. "It'll be Monday through Thursday. We don't know the hours on that yet," Williams said. The satellite office is now in the basement of building 5302 next to the mail room, but should move elsewhere in the Sparkman Center by February.

Badges for DoD personnel, including civilian and military, expire three years from date of issue. Contractor badges are good for a year or until the contract expires, if less than a year.

"If your badge is lost, you need to have a lost badge memo signed by yourself and your supervisor," Williams said. "So that will cut a lot of the hassle when they walk up to the counter and say they don't have their badge."

They can also avoid future problems by not attaching pins or anything else to their new badges. Pins and stickers can damage

the badge; and these badges are expensive. "The DoD (security badge) and NASA's security badge are recognized by the different organizations," Payne said. "It's the same way as NASA's vehicle decals."

Besides 20,000 badges, some 48,000 vehicles are registered for decals. The office also registers weapons and bicycles for active duty military people residing on post. Some 409 weapons and 54 bicycles are registered for the military residents.

Security officers from each organization should attend a class this week on the completion of the badge cards. A class was held Tuesday, and a makeup class is scheduled for 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the Post Theater on Patton Road.

Anyone unsure about what to bring with them when applying for a new badge or vehicle decal should call Williams' seven-member office at 842-2453.

Members of that office have seen their share of irate customers who waited for hours only to learn that they didn't have what they needed to get a new badge or decal.

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# Announcements

## Sports & Recreation

### Ducks unlimited

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its annual membership banquet Jan. 28 at the Rustic Lodge. There will be large selection of live and silent auction items available and numerous raffles. Ducks Unlimited is committed to the preservation and reconstitution of North American wetlands and waterfowl conservation. Current members as well as prospective members interested in supporting this organization are encouraged to attend. The Redstone Arsenal Chapter is also in need of volunteers to assist with the planning and execution of this event. For more information, call Derek Jackson 534-9216 or Maj. Dave Johnson 842-6504.

### Golf league

The OMMCS Golf League will have its opening 2000 season meeting at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Redstone Golf Course Clubhouse. It appears that at least two of the 20 league teams will not field a team for the 2000 season. The league is seeking teams to fill this void. The league plays each week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:45-4:45. Each team will only play one day per week, fielding a team of four players. Each team roster has to have a minimum of four players and a maximum of 12 players. The OMMCS league will begin play April 4 and run through the second week in September. A team entry fee of \$110 is charged to all teams, which is used to pay to winning teams for the first and second parts of the season, as well as individual and team wins each week. For more information, call Bob Kruse 881-3404 (home) or Dean Anderson 313-3477 (work).

### Aerobics classes

Here's the Pagano Gym's aerobics class

schedule: Monday— 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 4:35-5:35 p.m. and 5:35-6:35 p.m.; Tuesday— 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.; Wednesday— 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 4:35-5:35 p.m. and 5:35-6:35 p.m.; Thursday— 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.; Friday— 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 4:35-5:35 p.m. and 5:35-6:35 p.m.; and Saturday— 10-11:30 a.m. For more information, call the gym 876-6701/7969.

### Bowlathon

The 15th annual Junior Achievement Bowlathon is scheduled for Feb. 19-20 and Feb. 26-27 at Parkway, Plamor, Pin Palace, and the Madison Bowling Centers. Publix SuperMarket is the title sponsor of the Junior Achievement Bowlathon for the fourth consecutive year. The Bowlathon is a two-weekend fund-raising and public relations event, which involves men, women, and students from all levels of companies and organizations in Huntsville and Madison County. Bowlers compete for prizes based on their ability to raise pledges. Last year, Junior Achievement raised \$92,000 from 1,219 bowlers and 65 companies. The maximum number on a team is four, but companies and organizations may have as many teams as possible. The registration fee is \$12 per person to cover the cost of three games, shoes and a T-shirt. Bowlers are asked to raise a minimum of \$35 per person and set a goal of \$50. For more information, call Brett Beard at the Junior Achievement office 533-4661.

## Miscellaneous

### Future scientists

Applications are available for the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program for high school students and the College Apprentice Program. The distribution point of contact for applications is the senior

counselor at public, private and parochial high schools. The deadline is Jan. 31. Possible career placement areas at the Aviation and Missile Command include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is for students who have demonstrated aptitude interest in science and engineering courses and careers. Eligible students must be U.S. citizens who are at least age 15 by the beginning date of the program, June 15. The College Apprentice Program is for undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP and are enrolled in a scientific or technical major. Besides school counselors, applications are also available from the Management Employee Relations and Training Branch, Betty Duke, in building 5303, at 313-4790 or Jerrel McCollum 842-8850.

### Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

### Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present one or more Merit Awards to eligible graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or vocational school and to undergraduate or graduate students who are enrolled in a college and working toward a degree. Applicants must be family members of active duty, retired, reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers. All applicants must submit a photo-copy of a valid military identification card with the completed application. Their primary residence must be with parents or parent residing in the Huntsville area. Students on a fully paid scholarship or who have previously received this award

are not eligible to apply. Merit award applications are also available for spouses of active duty, retired, reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers who have been accepted or are attending an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or graduate student. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card and their primary residence must be in the Huntsville area. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to apply. The deadline to apply for merit awards is March 7. Applications can be obtained by written request to Linda Butler, merit awards chairman, 49 Ripley Drive, Redstone Arsenal 35808. Include your phone number and the type of merit award you are applying for (i.e. high school, college or spouse) on all requests.

### Education committee

The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee serves as a liaison between the Redstone Arsenal community and the Huntsville City Schools. It meets monthly (during the school year) with representatives from the area schools. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. The next meeting is noon today in the ACS conference room, building 3491. This meeting is open to everyone. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. For more information, call Ann Cooper 876-5397.

### Dump your plump

The Wellness Center is holding an eight-week motivational incentive program promoting weight loss beginning Jan. 25. The program is free but participants must complete a pre-assessment prior to registration. There are limited spaces available. Participants can expect a program that features fun and prizes, required daily aerobic exercise, competitions, weekly newsletters, and

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### Aviation conference

The Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) and AMCOM will hold the Worldwide Aviation Logistics Conference and Product Support Symposium during the week of Feb. 21 at the Sparkman Center. The conference is Feb. 22-23 and the symposium is Feb. 24. For more information, call Pat Hopkins 313-2066 or Kimberly Daniel of AEPCO Inc. 464-9191.

### Sergeants major

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

### Financial readiness training

Financial readiness training for first-term soldiers will begin in February. This training is mandatory for all first-term soldiers. Other military and family members who are interested in increasing money management skills are invited to attend on a space available basis. This training will be held 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 7-11 in building 3447. The training includes eight lessons: principles of personal finance, planning and budgeting, banking and checking accounts, credit, insurance, savings and investing, large purchases, and consumer scams and getting ripped-off. To register for this class, call Army Community Service 876-5468.

### Logistics symposium

The Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA) and International Society of Logistics (SOLE) will hold the Year 2000 Department of the Army Integrated Logistics Support Symposium, Feb. 1-3 at Sparkman Auditorium. This is a key forum for Army acquisition logistics professionals. The symposium is open to all government and contractor personnel. Attendees will earn 20 Defense Acquisition Workforce Continuous Learning points. Register today to avoid delays at the start of the symposium. For more information, call 772-4810.

### Garden plots

Due to the ongoing construction of new family housing, the Wesson Circle, Area 2, garden plots cannot be utilized. All personnel desiring garden plots for the year 2000 planting season must utilize the Vincent Drive (Area 1) plots. There are only 54 garden plots available in this area. Consequently, there may not be enough to accommodate everyone's request. The procedures for requesting and assigning garden plots will be the same. Priorities have been established to better serve all interested personnel. First priority: active duty military, must request their plots between Feb. 15 and March 1. Second priority: retired military, must make their requests March 2-16. Third priority: DoD civilians, must make their requests March 17-31. If there are any plots left after this time, assignments will be first come, first serve. Unfortunately, due to the limited number of plots available, only one

plot will be assigned per family until after March 31.

### Catholic community

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

### OCWC donations

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests should outline the groups' programs, reasons for requesting help, how funds will be used, and whether other groups or organizations have been solicited for the same donations. Send correspondence to: RSA OCWC Welfare Chair, P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808. The letters must be postmarked by March 1. The awards will be presented in early May.

### Government accountants

North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Space and Rocket Center Marriott. For reservations call Sandy Seymour 544-0099.

### Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association's will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Sandi Bennett is to speak on "An Interesting Walk in History." For more information, call retired Capt. Al Castelli 859-1340.

### Frequent flyer policy

The Army has revised its policy on frequent flyer mileage credits. This change prohibits the redemption of mileage credits for accommodation upgrades if credits can continue to accrue to qualify for a free ticket. There are three exceptions to the rule: first, credits can be used to obtain accommodation upgrades when paid upgrades would have independently been authorized in accordance with JFTR or JTR; second, when the mileage credits can only be used for accommodation upgrades; or third, mileage credits are about to expire and would otherwise go unused. In these instances and in lieu of allowing the credits to expire, mileage credits may be redeemed for an accommodation upgrade but only if they can't be used first to obtain free travel. Frequent flyer credit/tickets earned as a result of the expenditure of appropriated funds for official travel remain the property of the U.S. government and will not be used in conjunction with non-government/personal travel.

### Kwajalein jobs

Space and Missile Defense Command, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, has the following vacancies which have already been announced or will be announced soon on the web at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil). Filling of these positions will be restricted to current permanent federal employees or reinstatement eligible. These positions are for two years; require overseas physical and See Announcements on page 18

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# Announcements

security clearance: GS 801-14 supervisory general engineer 00C00448ABR, closing Jan. 31; GS 2001-12 general supply specialist 00C0395BR, closing Jan. 21; and GS 1173-12 housing manager, DA ACCES.

## Newcomers orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal at the Army Community Service's Newcomers' Orientation to be held at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 1 at building 3447. The orientation will feature speakers, information booths and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendance is mandatory for all permanently assigned military personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free childcare is provided at the Child Development Center. The child's shot records are required. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

## Office professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Office Professionals (IAAP) will hold its fifth annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," Feb. 15 at the Huntsville Hilton. Anita Reed is to speak on how to "Upgrade Your Skills to the Latest Version of Success." The seminar includes a luncheon workshop, with three concurrent sessions in the afternoon. Topics to be covered include Organizational Skills, Self Esteem, Power-Point Skills, Ergonomics, Balancing Priorities, Avery-Dennison products, Retirement and more. The course code is 2000PTE. For more information call Susan Douglas 876-6757, Ellen Mahathey 876-4396, or Ivagene Baxley 828-7420.

## Surplus sale

A sealed bid sale of surplus property will be held at building 7440 and 7430 on Dogwood Road. Items can be viewed from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 24-26. Bid opening date is Jan. 27. For more information, call the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office 842-2570.

## Thrift shop move

The Thrift Shop is no longer located at building 3657 on Army TACMS Road. It will reopen at building 3209 on Hercules Road for consignments on Feb. 2. Consignments will be taken on a walk-in basis from 9 a.m. until noon Feb. 2-4. The Thrift Shop will reopen for sales at 9 a.m. Feb. 16. Watch the Rocket or call 881-6915 for updates.

## Defense industrial group

The National Defense Industrial Association will hold its annual general membership dinner Jan. 27 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Thomas Devaney, deputy program manager for National Missile Defense Joint Program Office, is to present the "NMD Program Status and Overview." Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., and dinner at 7. For reservations call Jodi Weiner 533-5923.

## Unit families

Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold a Family Support Group meeting at 5 p.m. Monday at Bicentennial Chapel. Child care is available upon request. For information call Capt. Ward 842-0584.

## Cajun music

The Cajun/Zydeco Connection of Huntsville will bring Rosie Ledet, "the Zydeco sweetheart," to town Saturday for an evening of Louisiana music and dancing. Free beginner dance instruction at 7:15 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3053 Lee-man Ferry Road. General admission tickets are \$12 at the door; children 12 and under are admitted free. For more information, call 880-2653.

## Charitable agencies

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will accept applications through Jan. 31 for a principal combined fund organization to administer its 2000 CFC. Only federations, charitable organiza-

tions, or a combination thereof are eligible to apply for this position. Jan. 31 is the deadline for applying to the CFC Chairperson, AMSAM-CFC, building 3197, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898-5795.

## Mid-Eastern dancing

The Beledi Club invites you to "Belly Dancing Day" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the UAH University Center, Exhibit Halls B and C. Admission is free. There will be vendors, dancing, zill, drum or dance instruction, videos, history behind the dance, storytelling, Mid-Eastern food and beverages, and a free Middle Eastern cookbook.

## Christian women

The Huntsville Christian Women's Club will hold a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Cost is \$10. Child care will be provided if requested in advance. For reservations call Des 650-2111.

## Videotape series

Today the Army Learning Center will continue its Change Management Series with "Resilience: A Change for the Better." This film has been designed to help you learn to see change as an opportunity for positive

experiences, rather than a danger or a threat. The videotape will run continuously from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the side section of the Sparkman Cafeteria. The Army Learning Center resources, located in building 5304, third floor, are available for all Team Redstone personnel. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday 7:30-4. For more information, call 876-1061.

## Toastmasters

The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Piccadilly in Madison Square Mall. For more information, call Anne Hughes 876-1757 or Nell Donlin 859-0034.

## Ammo/missile/TMDE meet

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will hold the 2000 Worldwide Ammunition, Missile, and TMDE Conference, March 15-17 at Redstone Arsenal. Information about the conference and on-line registration can be found on the OMMCS website at <http://www.redstone.army.mil/ommcs>. For other information not available on the website, call the WAMTC 2000 coordinator, Capt. Duncan MacMullen 876-9177.

## 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 Friday

before Rocket publication date and close on/after the publication date.

Other announcements that are open to all U.S. citizens can be found at [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov)

| PVA NUMBER  | POSITION TITLE              | CLOSES    | LOCATION            | PP-SERIES    | GRADE | POT |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|-------|-----|
| 00C0315RC   | Traffic Mgmt. Specialist    | 19-Jan-00 | AMCOM IMMC          | GS-2130      | 12    | 12  |
| 00C0334BR   | Traffic Mgmt. Spec.         | 19-Jan-00 | SMDC                | GS-2130      | 12    | 12  |
| 00C0355RC   | Traffic Mgmt. Spec.         | 19-Jan-00 | AMCOM IMMC          | GS-2130      | 12    | 12  |
| NC068200CS  | Intelligence Specialist     | 19-Jan-00 | 902D Mil. Intell.   | GS-0132      | 13    | 13  |
| 00D0391WT   | Supv. Computer Spec.        | 20-Jan-00 | AMCOM CIC           | GS-0334      | 14    | 14  |
| 00D0406WT   | Engr. Data Mgmt. Spec.      | 20-Jan-00 | AMCOM CIC           | GS-0301      | 13    | 13  |
| 00C0389RC   | Envir. Protection Spec.     | 21-Jan-00 | RASA                | GS-0028      | 11    | 11  |
| 00C0398RC   | Environmental Pro Spec      | 21-Jan-00 | RASA                | GS-0028      | 11    | 11  |
| 00C0443FM   | Personnel Mgmt. Spec.       | 21-Jan-00 | AMCOM CPAC          | GS-0201      | 7     | 9   |
| 00C0444FM   | Personnel Mgmt. Spec.       | 21-Jan-00 | AMCOM CPAC          | GS-0201      | 7     | 9   |
| 00C0445FM   | Personnel Assist. (OA)      | 21-Jan-00 | AMCOM CPAC          | GS-0203      | 6     | 6   |
| 00B0331ACA  | Product Manager             | 21-Jan-00 | PEO Air Missile     | GS-0340      | 14    | 14  |
| 00D0390BL   | General Engineer            | 23-Jan-00 | AMCOM DASO          | GS-0801      | 14    | 14  |
| 00C0298BR   | Attorney Advisor (Gen.)     | 24-Jan-00 | SMDC                | GS-0905      | 12    | 12  |
| 00C0391FM   | Logistics Mgmt Spec         | 24-Jan-00 | LOGSA               | GS-0346      | 13    | 13  |
| 00D0399DB   | Security Specialist         | 24-Jan-00 | AMCOM ISD           | GS-0080      | 11    | 11  |
| HA00A2920   | Lead General                | 24-Jan-00 | CofE Huntsville Ctr | GS-801       | 13    | 13  |
| HA99A2910   | Civil Engineer              | 24-Jan-00 | CofE Huntsville Ctr | GS-0810,0830 |       |     |
|             |                             |           |                     | 0850,0808    | 13    | 13  |
| HA99A2912   | Executive Assistant         | 24-Jan-00 | CofE Huntsville Ctr | GS-0301      | 12    | 12  |
| 00D0456KH   | Activity Career Prog Assist | 26-Jan-00 | AMCOM RMD           | GS-0301      | 9     | 9   |
| 00B0427A-AC | Logistics Mgmt Spec         | 28-Jan-00 | PEO Aviation        | GS-0346      | 13    | 13  |
| 00B0433SH   | Tech Support Assist         | 28-Jan-00 | AMCOM RDEC          | DK-0303      | III   | III |
| 00B0478SS   | Librarian                   | 28-Jan-00 | AMCOM RDEC          | DE-1410      | IV    | IV  |
| 00C0476FM   | Oil Analysis Assistant      | 28-Jan-00 | LOGSA               | GS-0303      | 7     | 7   |
| 00B0457SH   | Security Specialist         | 28-Jan-00 | AMCOM RDEC          | GS-0080      | 11    | 11  |
| 00B0458SH   | Security Specialist         | 28-Jan-00 | AMCOM RDEC          | GS-0080      | 12    | 12  |
| 00B0459SH   | Security Specialist         | 28-Jan-00 | AMCOM RDEC          | GS-0080      | 13    | 13  |
| 00D0481KH   | Accounting Technician       | 28-Jan-00 | AMCOM RMD           | GS-0525      | 5     | 5   |
| 00D0424WT   | Supv. Engr. Data Mgmt Sp    | 5-Feb-00  | AMCOM CIC           | GS-0301      | 15    | 15  |
| 00D0441BL   | Information Mgmt Officer    | 11-Feb-00 | AMCOM DSA           | GS-0301      | 14    | 14  |
| NC08699     | Criminal Investigator       | 13-Apr-00 | CID                 | GS-1811      | 9-12  | 12  |

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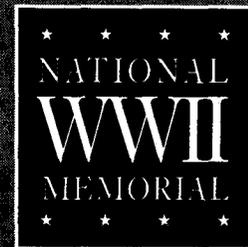
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