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## Expansion in store for Post Exchange

PX renovation project changes face of retail store, mall and food court with completion in March

By Skip Vaughn

A funny thing happened during the renovation work that's been going on at the Post Exchange the past several months.

Absolutely nothing.

The shoppers have continued shopping and business has continued to prosper. Despite the noise of construction and the moving around of merchandise, the PX has stayed open on schedule. In fact sales were up 3 percent last December compared to December 1998. The PX did help this process by scheduling the renovation in phases so there was no construction work inside the store from Thanksgiving until after Christmas.

"Overall it has gone well," PX general manager Kenny Barton said. "Any construction or renovation is going to have hitches that arise but in each instance we were able to get it resolved so it didn't hinder the operation."

The project to renovate the food court and main PX started in May 1999. This included an upgrade of the PX retail store,

an upgrade of the PX mall, and a new food court operation.

"The main store portion of the project is about 95 percent done," Barton said. "The remaining part of the project—the mall and the food court—we expect to be completed by the first week of March. Tentative date right now for what we would call a dedication is around March 15."

This \$3.2 million project is funded from earnings generated by AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service). George Hicks Construction, of Talladega, is the contractor.

"This store, to include the food court, was very outdated and hadn't had an update in over 10 years. It was not updated to AAFES standards," Barton said. "The store was a bit small and this renovation added approximately 3,500 square feet of retail sales floor space which allows us to display much more merchandise than we have in the past."

"In the food court, the old concept, we had two operations: one was the Anthony's Pizza and a Special T's. We had approxi-

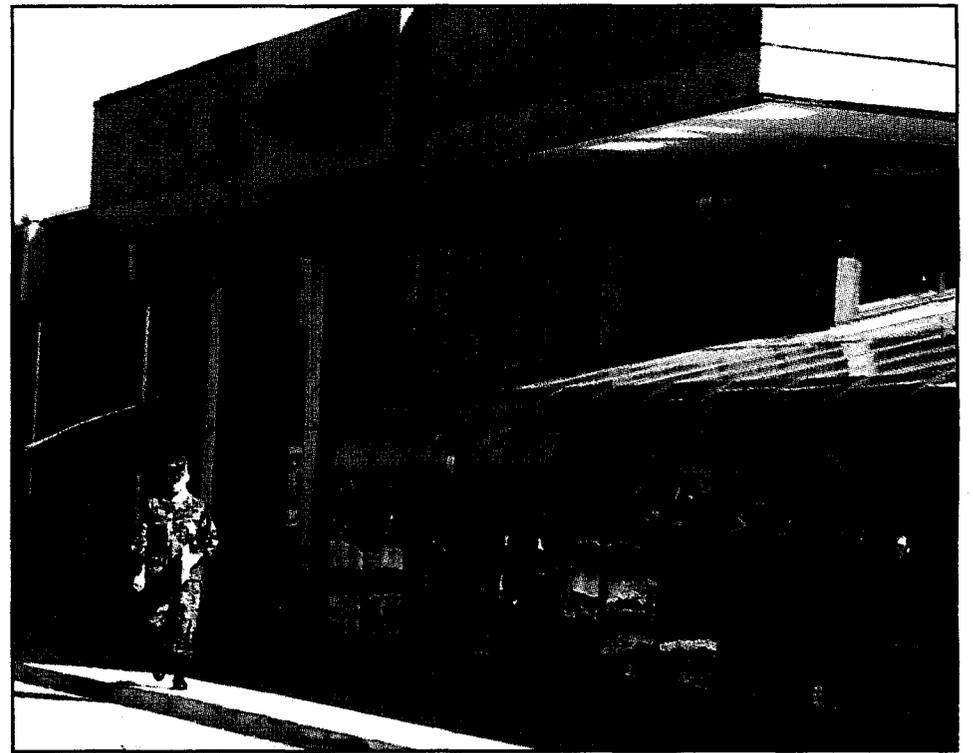


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PUTTING UP A GOOD FRONT**—The PX renovation project includes a new food court which will be behind the solarium at right.

mately 50 seats for customers in that old food court. In the new food court we will offer a new Anthony's Pizza, Robin Hood Sandwich Shop, Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream, Seattle's Best Coffee, Cinnabon (pastry shop), and a Church's Chicken with drive thru. There will be 140 seats in the new food court."

The most difficult part of the overall

project was replacing the floor covering inside the main store. That took from July through November 1999.

"Every piece of merchandise in the store had to be moved at least three times and sometimes four. Every fixture," Barton said. "And during that time the customers were still shopping with us. And they put up with

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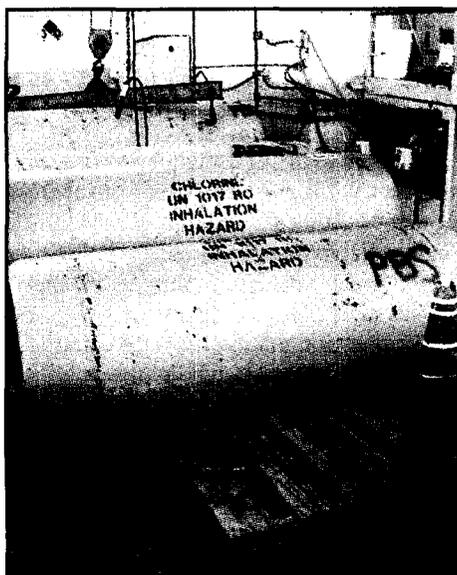


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**CHLORINE TANKS**—Chlorine stored in these 1-ton cylinders is used to purify the Arsenal's drinking water collected from the Tennessee River.

## Managing the chemical risk

Public meeting set for March to discuss plan of action in case of chlorine spill

By Sandy Riebeling

Chlorine is a good thing. It is used to purify water in nearly every water treatment facility in the country, including Redstone Arsenal. An average of three million gallons of domestic water flow from water treatment plant no. 3 out into the Redstone community every day. To purify that much water takes a lot of chlorine.

The Clean Air Act of 1990 identifies a list of 140 regulated chemicals. Any company or government agency that stores or uses such chemicals in an amount exceeding the specified threshold is required to develop a Risk Management Plan. The pur-

pose of the plan is to require facilities to develop a systematic program for safely managing chemical risks.

"Redstone has three chemicals on the list that exceed the threshold," Dan Seaver, chief, Compliance Division of the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning, said. "The chlorine used by the Arsenal for water purification exceeds the threshold. The other two chemicals are used by a company located on the Arsenal."

The other two chemicals, ammonia and iron pentacarbonyl are used by International Specialty Chemicals Inc., a manufacturing plant which produces carbonyl iron powder used in electronic communications, defense applications, and

metal injection molding. ISP has leased the facility from the government since 1949. A separate risk management plan has been developed by ISP and is included as an addendum to Redstone's plan.

Redstone's RMP, prepared by Danny Brandon, environmental specialist at Vista Technologies Inc., deals strictly with chlorine risk management. It has four major components including, hazard assessment, management program, prevention program and emergency response program. Brandon worked in partnership with government agencies on post as well as the engineers from Chugach, the installation support services contractor.

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### Commander's letter: customer survey

Your satisfaction with the services you receive from Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is of great concern to me and to our MWR management team. It is our desire to develop and offer programs, services and facilities that best fulfill customers' desires.

For this reason I am asking you to participate in the 2000 Leisure Needs Assessment and study. This survey will help us better understand our customers' needs and your degree of satisfaction with the current MWR services offered here.

Only a small, but representative, sample of the Team Redstone customer base is being surveyed, so your opinions and constructive comments are very important. Make them count by

filling out the questionnaire. Of course, your responses will be strictly anonymous and confidential.

Please help us by completing the questionnaire within one week of receipt. After the surveys are consolidated within your organization, pickup can be arranged with a simple phone call to the MWR Sales and Marketing Office, 876-5232.

Your prompt attention and support of this undertaking is greatly appreciated. I assure you that your participation will make a difference. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please call the installation point of contact, Yvonne McGuire, 876-5232.

**Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan**  
commander, AMCOM and Redstone

### Black history view

As we begin our recognition and celebration of Black History Month, I have some observations and opinions that I believe are invaluable to the recognition and respect for the heritage of not only African Americans but also all Americans. Having grown up in a society that was not integrated, I have had to learn to do the right thing from experience.

My first experience was when I attended a rally in Columbus, Ga., in the late 1960s or early 1970s at the Courthouse. African Americans from near and far were in attendance. I was one of two people in attendance who did not have black skin. I remember feeling a real sense of pride when we all held hands and sang "We Shall Overcome." Now for a young woman raised in a small segregated town, this was a new beginning for me.

Later, in 1973 I worked for the IRS in Jackson, Miss., and made friends with a young black American woman and spent many lunches with her. At the time even though Jackson had been integrated, the citizens were still of the "segregated mindset." I recall many lunches where the servers would pretend they could not understand my friend when she ordered her meal. She told me as we walked down the street of downtown Jackson, "ten years ago you would not have been here with me— ten years ago a black American could not go into a department store in Jackson and try on clothing without purchasing the article." Even for me, this was hard to imagine. How could we as a people have felt this way? It is still a mystery to me.

I have tried to teach my son to look at

the whole person and not the person's skin color or sexual preferences to form his opinions and relationships about and with individuals. But, why should he suffer the continuous mandate of a society that has decided that no matter how much the generations change we must still always be reminded of the travesty of slavery? He cannot change what happened before he was born— only what happens in his lifetime. Nor should we require reparations from him. He was born 200 years after the fact and there is no way he could ever repay those who were treated so despicably. When I hear a black American state he or she, his or her grandchildren, or his or her great-grandchildren still can feel the sting that was felt by slavery, I say to myself I seriously doubt your generation or any future generation could ever feel the sting that was felt by slavery. When this statement is made I think of the despicable way slaves were treated— sold on the block naked, all dignity stripped from them, teeth checked like they were horses, and when bought most of the time treated in an inhumane manner. Can any of us whatever the color of our skin really say we can feel or know how slavery would make us feel. I don't think so.

We need to give sons and daughters of this and future generations a break in life. I encourage our society to look toward the new millennium with changes that will benefit all people. Much can still be accomplished, but not if we dwell on what happened 200 years ago as a means of the accomplishments. Yes, slavery is a part of American history and we must never forget it, but not for reasons of reparations; rather for reasons of uniting our society and embracing all people with respect.

**Gerry Nitz**

### Remembering a man of vision

On Jan. 20, several of us gathered into the First Baptist Church on Governors Drive to pay respect to a giant of a man and to his family. The occasion was the funeral for Luther F. Adams, a man who served as the civilian personnel officer for Redstone Arsenal from March 1971 to August 1984. Several of us spoke of our memories of the giant of a man, a tall man with a deep resonant voice, both calling for a degree of respect. However, he was more than just a tall man with a deep resonant voice; he was a man of vision who won the respect and praise of those who worked with him and those who presented many challenges as he sought to change the Personnel Office and the Redstone community.

He was well known as respected throughout the federal personnel community. Upon his retirement in 1984, he received the well-deserved Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service.

It was a bright December day in 1965 that I met Mr. Adams. He interviewed and welcomed me to the world of personnel work. I suppose, in the first days of my work, that he felt a great need to share moments with me during the lunch period. I have concluded that it was his way of saying to others that he approved of my being there and that he expected others to get to know me and for me to get to know others. My career took me many places, but the defining moment came when Mr. Adams thrust me into presenting a workshop at the Worldwide Civilian Personnel Conference in 1971. He believed that we learn great lessons from the "University of hard knocks." There were many who would remember the young black man who presented a topic on Affirmative Action to the Army leadership. I firmly believe that it

was this workshop that led to at least two of my career-enhancing promotions.

Mr. Adams was the pacesetter. He was the first to appoint an equal employment opportunity action officer within the Civilian Personnel Office. That young equal employment opportunity action officer also made several career moves and today serves as the director of the Small Business Office for the Aviation and Missile Command. John Nelson can tell you about a great meeting that led to a change in attitudes that led to a change in the demographics at Redstone Arsenal. But Mr. Adams was more than a change agent for Affirmative Action. He led the efforts to increase automation in the personnel office. Because of his automation foundation, the Redstone Personnel Office was later to be referred to as the most automated personnel office in the Department of the Army.

Mr. Adams was also concerned with the financial well being of the work force. He was one of the founders of the Redstone Federal Credit Union. Today that credit union is the largest financial institution in Alabama. Charles Ray is the chairman of the board of directors.

In his remembrances, the Rev. Ralph Langley spoke of the many challenges that Mr. Adams had to overcome. He had to overcome poor vision, wounds from World War II, and many prevailing attitudes and practices from his era. Nevertheless, he was able to overcome them all and made significant contributions to his profession, his community, and his church.

As we reflect on our challenges, let us remember that we can overcome if we don't give up.

**LeRoy Daniels**  
civilian personnel officer

### We're in this thing together

The African-American finds himself in somewhat of a peculiar situation. Although we are advancing by leaps and bounds in every field of human endeavor, which can easily be measured when held against the backdrop of the sociopolitical/socioeconomic condition of the civil rights area and before, a disproportionate number of those Americans who are in need of almsgiving remain those of African descent.

136 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, 129 years after the 15th

Amendment to the Constitution and 36 years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, an alarming number of the descendants of the Virginia Negro remain marooned on Dr. King's "lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity."

The question that bedevils the mind of scholar, policymakers and layperson alike is why. Why after so many years does the greater mass of the black population remain strapped to the bottom rung of the socioeconomic ladder? Although this

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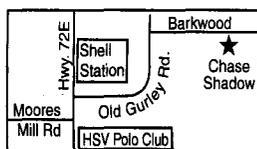
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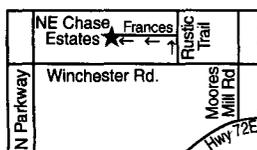
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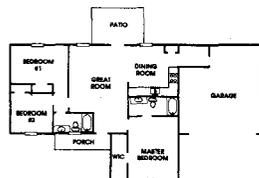
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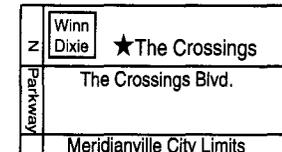
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"The survey results tell managers about the wishes, desires and needs of the people who use their facilities," said Amy Hipschen, a research specialist in the marketing division of the Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate for Army Community and Family Support Center, Alexandria, the headquarters for MWR programs.

"We also find out why people who are potential customers don't use MWR facilities.

"The survey results identify strengths and weaknesses of MWR programs and are also used to decide what major MWR construction projects will be funded," Hipschen said.

Fort Lewis, Wash., got a new golf course clubhouse and upgraded recreational facilities as a result of local input to the 1996 Leisure Needs Survey.

The Army's MWR Regulation 215-1 requires each installation to conduct a leisure needs assessment every three years.

The 2000 survey is being sent to a random sampling of active-duty soldiers, civilian employees and retirees at more than 90 Army installations worldwide. The number of people surveyed is based on the size of each demographic group and the total number of surveys required to ensure a 95 percent confidence level (+/- 5 percent) for overall installation results, according to Hipschen.

Installations have already received guidebooks with instructions and dates for the survey process. Survey packets will arrive at all installations no later than Feb. 11. Deadline to return surveys to the contractor tabulating results is April 21.

Installations should receive reports and briefings from survey results by mid-September.

The cost of the surveys and data analysis is centrally funded by CFSC. MWR officials at the major command and headquarters levels also use information from the surveys for strategic planning and program design. For more information call Yvonne McGuire, MWR Sales & Marketing, 876-5232. (Army Community and Family Support Center release)

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**PX project should be finished in March**

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the noise, the dust and the moving on almost a daily basis."

In the first phase of the project, some 5,000 square feet in the stock room was converted to sales floor space. So various departments could be moved to that area and then back to their original space when completed. At the same time, work continued on the new food court. Some 1,500 square feet of that original stock room space will be used for the new food court.

"This project was started initially by the previous PX general manager, Ken Klein. He recognized that there was a need for an expanded food court," Barton said. "When he recognized that need, there was already

an existing project on the books to upgrade the main store. So what happened was those two projects were combined to do it all at one time."

And the store has stayed open and the customers have continued to shop there. In 1999 the exchange gave \$1.4 million in dividends to Army and Air Force morale, welfare and recreation programs. But the customers will be happy to see the work finished.

"During the holidays it was kind of an inconvenience because they were like moving everything every day," Sgt. Mallory Ivy of HHC AMCOM said. "Now, I think they've got everything pretty much where they want it except for the snack places. It'll be nice to see that up though.

"I think it looks better," she said of the results. "It looks a little more organized."

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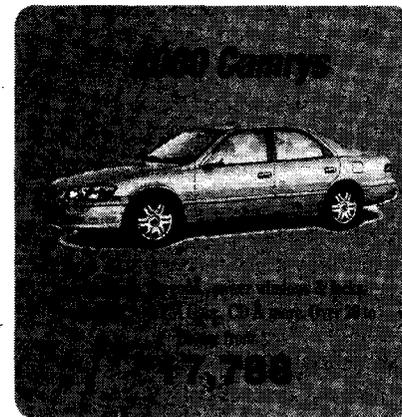
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## And the winners are...

Slogan and logo competitions create new look for new RDEC

By Sandy Riebeling

With the newly formed Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center comes a new graphic, the result of a contest held within the organization.

Donald Dunstone, general engineer, Manufacturing Science and Technology Division, Engineering Directorate, submitted the winning logo. Richard Hatcher of the Propulsion and Structures Directorate, submitted the winning slogan, "Strength Through Technology."

#### Logo winner

"I knew I wanted to enter the contest as soon as I saw the e-mail about it," Dunstone said. "Part of my job is technology transfer which means designing posters, charts and display boards for presentations and conferences. I really enjoy doing it."

Dunstone has a background in art, at one time pursuing it as a second career. When he saw the contest announcement Oct. 6, he printed out the e-mail and placed it on a board in his office as a reminder.

"I knew the graphic had to be easy to reproduce and must employ both the aviation and missile missions. I took elements of each of the logos (before the merger) and pulled some photographs. I used the globe to symbolize a world class organization."

It only took "a good lunch time" or about 30 minutes to create the winning logo. Initially, he submitted two logos, one with a slogan and one without. But it wasn't a matter of simply wait and see. He was asked to make changes to the logo several times during the months following the Oct. 29 deadline.

"They were concerned about the file size of the graphic," Dunstone said. "The original design had a lot of detail. Even though details don't really determine the size of the file, I made some changes. The resolution and dimensions determine the file size."

Dunstone called the final graphic an evolution of the original. During those changes, he would often ask a friend or co-worker for input to see if they liked the direction he was taking with the design.

It was during one of these changes that

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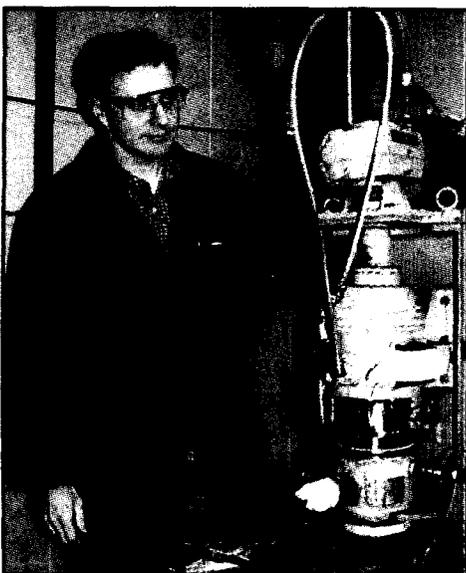


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**SLOGAN WINNER—** As a research chemist, Hatcher uses this solid propellant mixer while attempting to create a minimum smoke propellant.

**Logo**

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he finally asked the question, "How many times do I have to change this before I know if I've won?" He was told on the spot that his was the winning entry. Once the slogan was chosen, Dunstone was asked to design it into the logo to complete the new graphic.

With the win, Dunstone earns half of the prize money, split between himself and Hatcher. "I certainly didn't do it for the money," he said. "Not that I've seen it yet but I



think it turns out to be about \$125, before taxes.

"It was nice to win," he said. "I've been here at Redstone for 35 years, looking towards retirement. This is something I'll leave here when I go."

Dunstone's creative outlet at home is his flower garden where he grows what he calls "easy flowers" such as irises. Besides his garden, he spends much of his time with his wife, Mildred. The couple has four married daughters and eight grandchildren.

**Slogan winner**

"It didn't really take that much time to develop a slogan," Hatcher said. "I knew it needed to be direct and concise. I thought about what we do. One of our main objectives in defense is to maintain strength. AMRDEC is pushing the edge of technology to meet that objective. Based on that, the slogan 'Strength Through Technology' fell out pretty easily. The whole process took about a minute."

Hatcher didn't tell his co-workers that he entered and he said he was surprised to find out that he'd won the contest.

"I was looking at some AMRDEC charts or something and noticed a new logo and slogan and assumed that was from the contest," he said. "Then a little while later I got

phone call that I'd won. They must have been using some interim logo and slogan. I'm not really sure."

Even after the phone call he didn't tell anyone about his win; he was awaiting official notice before saying anything.

"I knew something was up when I came into my office and there were comical variations of my slogan written on my chalk board. A little while later the official e-mail came."

This isn't the first writing contest Hatcher has won. His literary interests go all the way back to high school when he won second place in an essay contest.

By day, Hatcher formulates rocket propellant and tests solid rocket motors. In his spare time, he stays involved with his church, enjoys his family and restores World War II era Willys jeeps.

"Willys is one of the best examples of

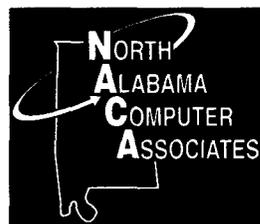
technology transfer in history," Hatcher said. "The Army wrote the requirements and Willys built the jeeps during World War II. They went commercial after that. I have a 1946 and 1948 model."

He is also working on his first novel.

"I've finished a chapter or two," Hatcher said of his adventure story. "I'm not investing much time in it right now. But winning this competition did inspire me to enter another contest. Hungary Jack biscuits has a contest where you fill in the blanks to this sentence. I don't know about winning but the payoff is a lot better— \$8,000."

Hatcher is putting his slogan contest winnings toward a trip to Disney World this summer. He and his wife, Tracey, are going to take their 2-year-old son, Jacob to meet Mickey Mouse.

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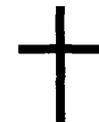
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## Making your voice heard

Army school liaison visits Redstone Arsenal to hear from parents

By Sandy Riebeling

Ever wonder who makes the rules in the Army? Well, the Army is about to write a new regulation that will assign a full-time school liaison to each post and now is the time for military parents to speak out about issues that concern their children's education.

Susan Conklin, chief, Army school liaison, will be visiting Redstone Arsenal Feb. 16-17 to gather information on education issues, visit local schools and meet with concerned parents. A public meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. at building 3447, behind the Army Community Service building.

ACS Education Committee chairman, Capt. Michael Newell, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, urges all parents to attend the meeting.

"DA is working on the funding and authorization for the school liaison," Newell said. "Sue is researching the issues and finding the things that need to be specifically addressed when writing the regulation at the DA level."

Newell met Conklin while attending a school liaison officers' conference last fall. Newell said that Conklin had been visiting other installations but what brought Redstone to her attention was the level of involvement the education committee has with the community schools. Several members of the education committee, including Newell, have served on action teams for the safety and security task force created after

the Columbine school shooting as well as the strategic planning committee for the Huntsville City School system.

"Having a voice in the future of the city's schools is important," Newell said. "Serving on these committees gives the Army a voice in the system."

The education committee deals only with the six or seven schools that children living on Redstone Arsenal attend. There are approximately 500 students on the Arsenal, the bulk of which attend Williams elementary and middle schools, and Westlawn Middle School.

"The liaison assigned to this post would deal with all schools where military children attend," Newell said. "Some soldiers don't live on the post. They live out in the county or even in Limestone County. The liaison would cover every school that has military children attending."

It will be at least a year before a liaison is assigned to Redstone. Newell said that one of the goals of the committee is to be prepared to assist the school liaison with the transition into the new position. The education committee will continue to function as it does now, even after the school liaison is established here.

In the meantime, the committee continues to work toward a resolution of zoning issues to provide Redstone residents a choice of at least two local high schools. The Arsenal is currently zoned to send high school students to Butler High School.

Other concerns before the committee involve military lifestyle issues. Two of the

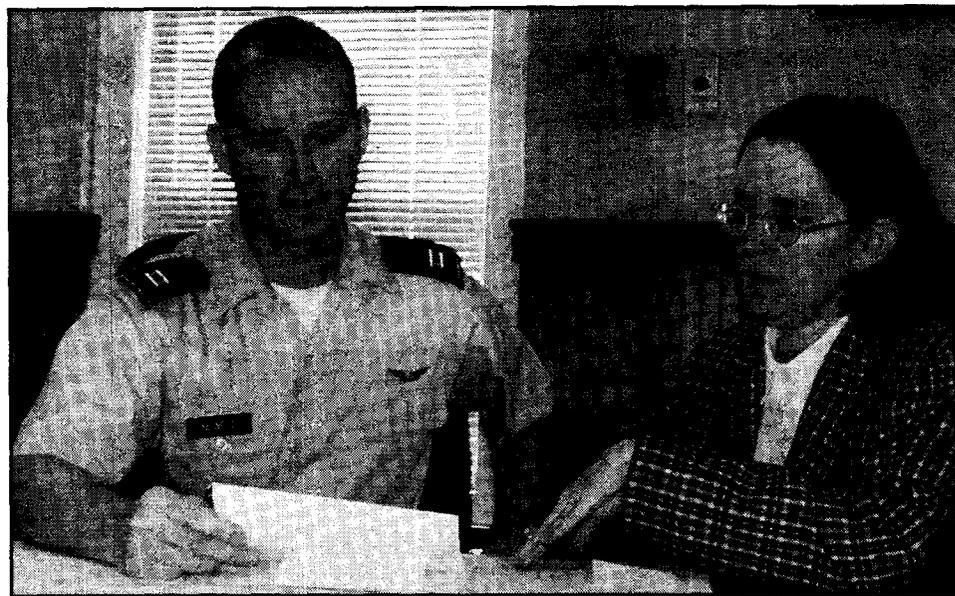


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**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY—** Parents have a chance to discuss school-related problems and issues with a Department of Army school liaison at a meeting Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. Newell, left, and Ann Cooper, ACS family coordinator, invite all the parents to come out and take an active role in identifying issues that relate to the education of military children.

top five issues of the Army Family Advocacy Program for 1999 had to do with transitioning students and transfer of a student's credits from one school to another.

"This is a problem for high school students more than any other," Newell said. "There is no federally mandated curriculum so there's always a question of whether or not a student's credits will transfer from one school to another. And each school has their own requirements for graduation, some require at least two years of a foreign language, and some four years of English. It's a problem for military children because they

move around so much, all over the world."

Not only would Newell like to see a packed house for the meeting, he encourages parents to volunteer to serve on committees.

"Parental involvement does wonders," he said. "The statistic I heard was that when at least one caring adult is involved in a child's education, the probability of a violent incident is reduced by 80 percent."

"If parents have questions or concerns, they should really attend the meeting and be heard. The more times Susan hears the same concerns at different places, the more credence that issue is given."

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**OFFICIAL OPENING—** Lending a hand during the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Tax Center on Redstone Arsenal are, from left, Cornelius, Broderick, Plotner and McGilton.

# Tax Center open for business

Facility provides free tax assistance for active duty and retired military people

By Jim Bowne

With one snip of the scissors, Col. Clifton Broderick, AMCOM chief of staff, cut the ribbon at the entrance and declared the Tax Center "officially open for business."

Col. Roger Cornelius, staff judge advocate; Capt. Chin-Zen Plotner, the post tax officer for 1999-2000, and SSgt. Michael McGilton, NCO-in-charge, assisted Broderick during the ceremony held Feb. 1.

This free tax assistance program is available for active duty and retired military personnel. Located in building 3447, the Tax

Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, office hours will be extended from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. IRS-trained volunteers will serve as income tax assisters and customers will ordinarily be seen by appointment only. The Tax Center will remain open through April 15.

The Staff Judge Advocate will supervise all tax assisters as well as the preparation of

complex tax returns. The officer in charge will also determine, on a case-by-case basis, if clients should be referred to a private tax preparation service.

The Tax Center will offer both computer-assisted tax preparation and direct electronic filing of federal returns. Assistance will be provided on personal tax returns only.

For an appointment or more information, call the Tax Assistance Center at 313-3909.

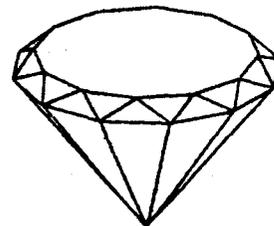


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**TAX CLASS—** IRS agent Jennifer Baggett instructs SSgt. Craig Poshva and Spec. Judy Williams on how to become unit tax assisters.

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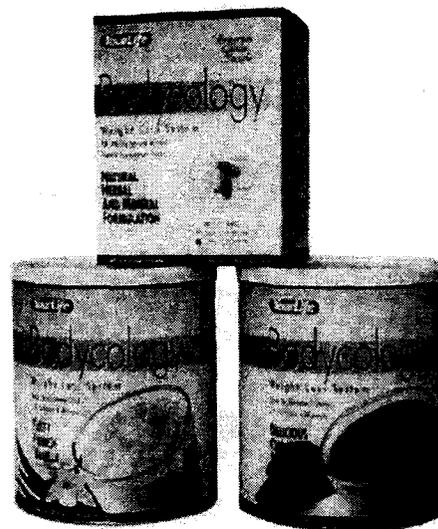
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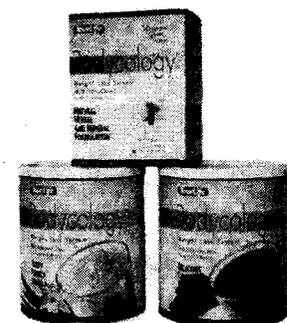
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# PAC-3 missile intercept test deemed a success

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Test objectives included demonstrating system/missile capability to engage a full-body tactical ballistic missile using remote operations which include employing the launching station several kilometers from the radar and engagement control stations; and demonstrating intercept using the tactical software which allows the seeker to select the optimal aimpoint on the target.

The PAC-3 missile is a high velocity, hit-to-kill missile and is the next generation Patriot missile being developed to provide increased defense capability against advanced tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and hostile aircraft. The PAC-3 missile uses kinetic energy to destroy targets rather than employing a high explosive warhead.

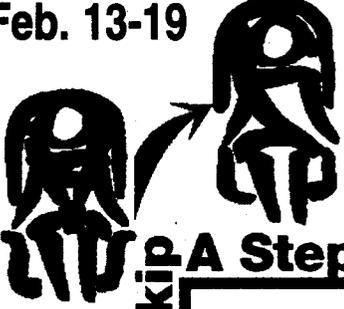
The PAC-3 missile successfully completed four missions prior to Saturday's flight test. The first two PAC-3 developmental test missions consisted of missiles with special instrumentation packages in place of the seeker and the missions were structured to verify critical systems and missile performance prior to conducting target intercept flight tests. A seeker characterization flight (SCF) mission was conducted March 15, 1999, to test a PAC-3 missile with a seeker. Although not a primary objective of the SCF, an intercept of the target was achieved. On Sept. 16, 1999,

a second intercept test was successful. The remaining PAC-3 missions will consist of 14 PAC-3 missiles intercepting various classes of targets.

The Patriot program is managed by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in Washington, D.C., and executed by the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense and the Patriot Project Office. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Dallas, Texas, is the prime contractor responsible for missile development. The seeker is produced by Boeing in Huntsville. Raytheon Systems Company, the Patriot system prime contractor, is the system integrator for the PAC-3 missile segment.

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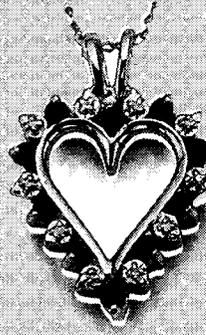
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### Chlorine

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"The first thing we had to do was the hazard assessment," Robert Moore, environmental engineer with Chugach, said. "What we have—chemicals on location and how we're using them. We also had to consider other chemicals in the vicinity that might react with it. We also reviewed the processes of maintenance and handling of the chemicals."

Once it was determined that chlorine was the only subject of the RMP, studies were done on how a release or spill could occur and who would be impacted by the release. Redstone has a combined chlorine storage capacity of 28,000 pounds, stored in 1-ton cylinders on site—10 cylinders at plant no. 1 and four cylinders at plant no. 3. The EPA threshold for chlorine is 2,500 pounds.

According to the usage and how replacement tanks are cycled in, the most chlorine on hand at either plant would be four tanks, two connected to the treatment facility and two refills. The chlorine feeds from only one tank at a time. As one empties, the full one takes over. New supply is brought in as the old is used.

"We had to consider a worst case scenario," Seaver said. "Worst case is that all four tanks at one plant would discharge all of its contents at the same time. The chances of that happening are one in a million, if that. It's not something that could accidentally happen."

Worst-case release from plant no. 1, located on the Tennessee River, would impact a population of approximately 8,000 people. Worst-case release from plant no. 3, on Jungerman Road, could impact 27,000. Evacuation of the population would be required until the chlorine gas cloud dissipates. The rate of dissipation depends on weather conditions—temperature, wind, sun, humidity—all have an effect. If the gas is inhaled, it burns the lungs. At the same time, chlorine is heavier than oxygen, which means the lungs could fill with the gas, causing suffocation.

Part of the RMP was a historical review of chlorine related accidents. The study goes back five years, with no reported incidents.

Risk management is about understanding the worst possible scenario, developing a plan to deal with any degree of leakage or spill and most importantly, prevention.

Equipment at the water treatment plants is inspected by several different agencies throughout the year. Water plant operators check connections on the tanks several times during a shift, using ammonia to detect even the slightest leak. Besides inspections of equipment and review of procedures, safety measures are built into the system that detect a loss of pressure and set off an alarm.

The management component of the program deals with documentation of procedures and inspections as well as a demonstration of involvement and knowledge by upper level management of how the chlorine is being managed on the facility.

Emergency response describes what the facility will do in case a release occurs.

"This is really about communication with our emergency responders and the communication between Redstone emergency responders and civilian responders," Brandon said.

"Our whole thrust is prevention,"

Brandon said. "But if something does happen, we have to have a plan, to know what actions to take, who will be affected, what sort of equipment we'll need and we have to know all of that in advance."

"What people should know is that there is nothing unusual in our amount or usage of chlorine on the Arsenal," Seaver said. "The city of Huntsville does the same thing we do, but they use a lot more chlorine because they treat a lot more water. They have to write a plan the same as us."

The RMP has been completed according to the EPA's guidelines and within the specified time frame. Now that it is complete, it will be presented to the community at a public meeting at the Sparkman Auditorium, March 20 from 3-6 p.m. The meeting will include poster stations and brief presentations given at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30. For more information, call Pam Rogers of AMCOM Public Affairs, 842-0561.

## 59th tops Marines in unit basketball



The Marines gave HHC 59th a tough test last week in unit basketball. But in the end, HHC 59th remained the only unbeaten team by winning 51-40. HHC 59th improved to 6-0 while the Marines fell to 4-3.

"It was closer than what the score says," Pagano Gym's Don Lewis said of the game played Feb. 1. "It was a pretty good game overall."

HHC 59th led 25-18 at halftime. Mitchell Liggins scored 19 points and

William Kelly added 15 for the winners.

The inside game was the difference, according to Kelly. "We just pounded it in, pushed it down to the paint," he said.

Here are the standings as of Friday:

- Eastern Division: HHC 59th (6-0), AMCOM (7-1), Marines (4-3), Bravo Company (3-4).

- Western Division: Charlie Company (4-2), Delta Company (3-3), MEDDAC (2-4), Headquarters & Alpha (1-6), and ROTC (0-7).

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query has the appeal of conversational leprosy, it requires candid race-transcending dialogue if we are to ever unearth the truth behind the state of the black downtrodden.

Typically when we discuss the problems of Black America, in the halls of academia or everyday discourse, the conversation rests upon three schools of thought. The first suggests that the single greatest impediment to the mass of African-Americans achieving some modicum socioeconomic success remains that of the color line. This theory contends that although the legal barriers to equality have been dismantled, those internal barriers which have for generations been woven into the tapestry of the American fabric still cover the hearts, souls and minds of her numerical majority.

On the other hand, many believe that although prejudice and discrimination has played a major role in the creation of Black America's social ills, its grip is no longer sufficient to remain a viable factor in her success or failure. This theory contends that cultural pathologies within the black community such as black on black crime, a high illiteracy rate, an epidemic of illegitimate births, the proliferation of drugs, disease and the alike, should be seen as the primary suspects in the state of Black America.

The third and perhaps most nefarious of all these theories suggests that people of color are innately inferior to other social groups. This Darwin like theory contends that the aforementioned indicators of social failure are the direct result of heredity.

Suffice to say, notwithstanding the pseudo-scientific studies done in the name of

racial superiority, such as the work of Herrnstein and Murray's The Bell Curve, have there been any empirical data introduced to the scientific community that can substantiate the thesis that one group within the family of man is actually more intellectually, physically or artistically superior than the other. In fact, the various phenotypes that we have come to associate with race are no more than man's chameleon like ability to adapt to the milieu from which his recent ancestors hailed. If there ever was a time when race as a taxonomic unit of man meant superiority in any way, miscegenation would have millenniums ago seen to its demise.

Although I fancy myself no sociologist, one need not be socially sagacious to see that all three schools of thought are honeycombed with inconsistencies. Unfortunately, a great number of us have allowed ourselves to be out maneuvered by this so-called liberal/conservative/eugenic debate. Thus pushing ourselves into mutually hostile corners and omitting the fact that regardless of which side of the political pendulum you chose to swing, within a multicultural milieu, the dynamics of group are so fluid that if left unchecked the problems of the few can quickly become the problems of the many. One need only watch the news or read the paper to see that, so-called traditional inner city problems which are generally associated with the black community are rapidly becoming mainstream. This cultural diffusion makes the process of blameworthiness somewhat self-nullifying.

Yet, as nation we seem to have a "blame fixation." Bearing this axiom I thought the term "comparative liability" seems an effective tool when discussing the state of

the black underclass. Just what is comparative liability? It is a legal term that means all parties involved are responsible for a given situation. For who amongst us I would have the hardihoodness to say that America's history of phenotype oppression should not have a generational effect upon the oppressed. Remember, history is not simply the regurgitation of dates and times. It is the study of cause and effect.

Antithetically, Black America has an explicit obligation to move beyond the origin of our social ills. Although I take issue with the motif of DuBois' essay on the Talented Tenth, I find merit in his exhortation that "The Negro race, like all races, is going to be saved by its exceptional men." This is our responsibility, it cannot be delegated to White America. Please understand that I am not advocating cultural isolationism; such a philosophy would not only prove economically devastating for both black and white Americans, it is also spiritually immoral. Yet, years from now when this crises in African-American history has run its course cultural pride will demand that the credit for the bulk of African success in America be given to her leaders and people.

This panacea lies not in the harboring of America's past and sometime present indiscretion, but the mastery of her gifts. These gifts— education, legislation and economics — in tandem with a comprehensive affirmative action jobs bill guarantee our goal of equality of earnings.

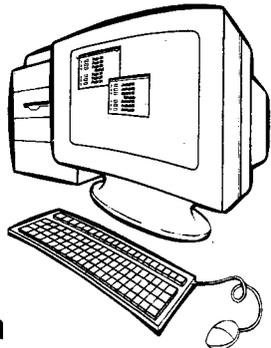
And what of affirmative action? Here I find need to invoke artistic license and beg the readers forgiveness as I stray from the motif and style of this text. For I hear the howl of the packs of critics as they stand like wolves in collective opposition say-

ing— here goes another bleeding heart liberal vying for government intervention where none is needed. Oh, how glad I am that I saw them first, for like Socrates in Plato's Republic I have avoided being dumb founded by their assertion. I ask you who would champion laissez-faire insofar as employment is concerned, is it not a government's obligation to ensure that the rights of all its citizens are not trampled upon, regardless of rather these rights are that of fair housing or fair employment? And what of the most qualified, howls the wolf? Here you will find no opposition from me as long as these qualifications are based purely upon merit. Unfortunately one would find it is hard if not impossible to dispute the validity of the following observation: although we have made great strides in our quest for racial synergy and the distribution of American wealth. An earnest study of scholarly literature on American microeconomic decision making and social policy-making will reveal in short order that to date our society has not matured to the point that it should be left to the whim of moral suasion to force us to do that which is right.

Back to the subject at hand.... We live in an interdependent society whose success in the end will be based upon our willingness to share the wealth resources of our nation. For whatever reasons, Black America at present finds itself unable to successfully compete for its slice of the American pie. The answer to this cultural paradox can only be found through an earnest analysis of historical data and the communication and cooperation of all the American people. Stated simply, we're in this thing together.

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# Humble, happy, proud soldier

## Sparkman audience gets the star treatment as Urias is promoted to brigadier general

By Sandy Riebeling

It was a "hoah" day. In an afternoon ceremony Jan. 31 at the Sparkman Auditorium, Col. John Urias, program executive officer, Air and Missile Defense, was promoted to brigadier general. It was Urias who received a star that day, but it was the audience who was exalted by his words of gratitude and sincere expression of love for God, family and country.

"I have many emotions today, as you would expect," Urias said. "And since I have much to be thankful for, I would like to spend a few minutes reflecting on some of those emotions.

"First and foremost I thank God for life and for people, for it is the influence of other people who have helped me to grow throughout the years.

"I thank my mom and dad for their great example and for giving me a strong set of values and work ethics, and an intense desire to serve my country and its soldiers.

"Then there's my soul mate, Heidi, who

has been with me since day one of our Army career and has had a tremendous influence in bringing out the best in me. I wouldn't be standing here today without her love and support.

"My son, Adam, who couldn't be here today because of college demands, has taught me courage as he has dealt with a lifelong physical disability," Urias said, his voice breaking. "I respect him more than he'll ever know."

There were more words of thanks to family and friends on hand for the occasion, many from out of town that came to Huntsville for this special day. Urias had flowers presented to his mother, wife and sister-in-law, Holly during the ceremony.

"I must single out Heidi's sister, Holly, who allowed me to steal her twin 25 years ago and take her on a new journey."

Though his mother-in-law wasn't able to make it for the ceremony, Urias shared her sentiments with crowd.

"I can't forget my mother-in-law, Lucy, who I call the Little General. She had to

send me something in recognition of this day," said Urias holding up a small keepsake. "It says, 'Behind every successful man stands an astonished mother-in-law.' She reminds me of that often."

Urias thanked Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, director, Army Acquisition Corps, for officiating the ceremony, and expressed his admiration for the leadership Kern has provided through the Corps and as a friend.

Reaching back to the beginning of his officer career, Urias named his first platoon sergeant, SFC James Clark. Urias said he is grateful to Clark for teaching "me what being an officer was all about... and to successive assignments of increasing responsibility, where leaders, peers and subordinates have put forth their best efforts to teach, train, counsel and follow me. I cannot thank them enough for what they have done to help me along the way. As I've said many times over the years, I'm standing here today because of people like you."

He thanked the 101st Army Band from Fort Campbell, Ky., for their performance during the ceremony and all those who worked so hard to organize the ceremony.

"As I said at the PEO Change of Command ceremony in September, I wore the eagles passed down to me from a good friend and mentor, Brig. Gen. Dan Montgomery, who taught me much about linking acquisition with soldiering," Urias said. "I am now proud to be able to wear his stars as well."

Urias said that perhaps his strongest



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**CONGRATULATIONS—** Well-wishers offer congratulations to Urias, with his wife, Heidi, on his promotion to brigadier general.

emotion of the day was that of honor for the opportunity to continue to serve soldiers. There is no greater honor in our Army, he said, than to lead soldiers, and in our case, to provide them with world-class weapons systems to help them preserve our freedom.

"So I stand before you today, humble but happy, and extremely proud to be a soldier. There is no other job I'd rather have than wearing the Army uniform.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for attending today's ceremony. Yes, it's been long awaited— 22 months, three days, 14 hours, 30 minutes to be exact — but your presence today makes the wait worth it."

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# Reflecting on Army's role in space

Series of informal panel discussions recall early years of space exploration, Redstone Arsenal's participation

By Skip Vaughn

Have you ever wanted to hear about milestone events from those who participated?

A series of informal panel discussions on the history of space exploration, and the Army's early involvement, will give the public just that opportunity. These "fireside chats" are co-sponsored by the Army, Marshall Space Flight Center, the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and retirees from the Army and NASA.

The discussions are set for 7 p.m. Feb. 17, March 16, April 27 and May 18 in the exhibit hall of the University Center, UAH campus. The first event will cover 1945 to the early 1950s, "Huntsville— Before and After the Rocketeers Came"; the second, 1950-60, the "Army Years"; third, 1960-70, "The Lunar Program"; and fourth, 1970-2000 and the future, "Space Shuttle and Beyond."

"It's going to be an informal sharing of the milestone events that occurred during the 10-year period they're covering," Ed Buckbee, president of the NASA/Marshall Retirees Association, said.

"It's a continuation of the von Braun Celebration of the Arts and Sciences," Buckbee said. "The celebration started in January '99 and it ran through the year. And each civic organization recognized the von Braun contributions, particularly the 30th anniversary of the first moon landing in July '69."

Scheduled moderators include Joe Moquin, Woody Bethay, Ed Buckbee and Jay Foster, and Margaret Belle Mahoney Crowe and Bob Ward.

Each discussion, led by a moderator with a three to six member panel, will be followed by a question and answer period. The sessions will probably last from 90 minutes to two hours each.

Moquin, who came to Huntsville in 1956 and worked for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency as chief management engineer, will



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**MISSILE PIONEERS**— This historic Army photo appeared on the cover of Life magazine. In foreground is Dr. Hermann Oberth; middle row Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, left, and Dr. Wernher von Braun; and back row Maj. Gen. Holger Toftoy and Dr. Robert Lusser.

be the moderator for the Army Years presentation March 16. He worked for the Army from 1956-59, when the Jupiter program ended. He then went to work for Brown Engineering as executive vice president until 1967 when he became its president. Moquin retired in 1989.

"That whole period (1950-60) was when the von Braun team worked for the Army," Moquin said. "And of course we put an object in earth orbit which was a major accomplishment."

Moquin's panelists are to include retired Maj. Gen. John Zierdt; Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger,

who was a member of original von Braun team; and Jim Kingsbury, retired from NASA.

Ward, assistant to the publisher of The Huntsville Times, said the Redstone community should be particularly interested in the upcoming discussions.

"The Army's role in America's first space successes is not well known or understood by many," Ward said. "And Army employees need to know and appreciate what role the military had in that early era at Redstone."

For more information about the panel discussions, call UAH University Relations 890-6414.

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### 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.

### Life 5K/10K

The Run For Your Life 5K and 10K run will be held Saturday at Goosepond Colony Civic Center in Scottsboro. Both races will begin at 8 a.m. with registration starting at 7. Cost is \$12 and includes a long sleeve T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded in several age divisions. Registration forms are available at Jackson County Hospital and First Place Athletics in Huntsville. The run is sponsored

by Jackson County Hospital. Proceeds from entry fees will go to the American Heart Association and the Scottsboro High School Cross Country Team. For more information, call (256) 218-3349.

### Hunter safety course

Outdoor Recreation is offering the Alabama Hunter Education Course. Youths and adults may attend this class; however, youths must be at least 10 years old by Nov. 11, 2000. Class dates are Feb. 14, 15, 21, 22 and March 6 from 4-7 p.m. at the Post Theater (building 3712) and March 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation (building 5132). All sessions must be attended to have the opportunity to pass the course. For more information and to preregister, call Bill Kerlin at Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.



## Miscellaneous

### 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 just 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Office professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will hold its fifth annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," Tuesday 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

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## 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.

## Field artillery members

Brig. Gen. John Holly, program executive officer for tactical missiles, and the North Alabama Field Artillery Association will hold this year's St. Barbara's Day Celebration at 6 p.m. Friday at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Scheduled speaker this year is Maj. Gen. John Ryneska, deputy commanding general, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, N.C. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, call Renee McArdle 876-1142 or e-mail [renee.mcardle@msl.redstone.army.mil](mailto:renee.mcardle@msl.redstone.army.mil).

## Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 17 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more

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

## Master's degree program

Nova Southeastern University will have an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. Friday at Calhoun Community College, conference room/front entrance, 102 Wynn Drive. Classes begin in April in Huntsville. For more information, call (800) 672-7223, ext. 5039.

## Professional development

American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will hold its annual Mini-PDI, March 22-23 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The seminar leader for the two one-day sessions will be Mark Towers; and is presentation will be on "How to Do More With Less." Bus transportation to and from lunch will be provided by ASMC. All government approved training must be charged to a government credit card. For information and reservations, call Nancy Bales 955-5615 or Brandy Moss 955-1123. Cost of the seminar is \$60 for ASMC members and \$85 for non-members. Note that the training is for one day, either Wednesday the 22nd or Thursday the 23rd. Attendees outside AMCOM's training jurisdiction should send their registration and remittance to ASMC, P.O. Box 8154, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808.

## Claims office

As of March 1, household goods claims will be accepted by appointment only Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. "Walk-ins" will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis only on Wednesday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Friday (12:30-3 p.m.). The Claims

Office is in the Legal Office located in building 111, phone 876-9007.

## Speech contest

Universal Communicators, International Training in Communication, will hold its Annual Speech Contest at 5 p.m. Feb. 17 at building 5681. The cost is \$20. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Janice Isbell 313-4216.

## Scholarship applications

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) has scholarship applications available upon request. The envelope must be postmarked by May 15. For more information, call Arnita Lee 876-8082 or Susan Douglas 876-6757.

## Education committee

The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon Feb. 16 in the ACS conference room, building 3491. Scheduled speaker is the DA school liaison officer. 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.

## Computer security expo

AMCOM and SMDC will hold an Information Assurance Conference and Exposition, today and Thursday in the Sparkman Auditorium. The conference hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the exposition hours are 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The conference and exposition are free and open to the public. "Information

Assurance 24/7 Protection (Anything Less = Compromise)" is the theme of the conference which will focus on the current information technology threats to the military community and the solutions that are available in the marketplace. There will be speakers from the military, the federal government, and corporate leaders in the computer security industry. To register and for more information, visit on-line at the following address: [www.TechnologyForums.com](http://www.TechnologyForums.com) or by calling toll free 877-4IT-EXPO.

## Prep school event

The Booster Club of St. Bernard Prep School will hold its first "Draw Down" at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Fazi/Richard Gymnasium at St. Bernard in Cullman. For ticket information, call Leon Joly 883-0016 (home).

## Thrift shop jobs

The Thrift Shop has a job opening for assistant manager. This job requires knowledge in retail sales, computer skills, organizational skills, and interfacing with volunteers and paid staff. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop, building 3209, during operating hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Applications are also available at Army Community Service. The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. Friday. The Thrift Shop also has an opening for afternoon cashier, for 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and the application deadline for that job is 4 p.m. Feb. 25. For more information, call Thrift Shop manager Sheila Torongeau 881-6992.

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Vowell offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale, "With one of the largest used car inventories in the area, we're overstocked with hundreds of high quality vehicles from lease turn-ins, distressed loan situations, repossessions, new vehicle duplications and more." He adds, "I can't remember the last time so many rare opportunities were available to us at one time, so we decided to let our customers take advantage of these incredible values rather than sell them to wholesalers or total strangers at auctions." Vowell adds, "Most of the vehicles we're offering will be near wholesale level pricing."

During "The National Acquisition 'Insider' Sale" every vehicle will be clearly marked and available for the low fee of \$29. Extended terms and special financing will be available to help reduce monthly payments or obtain credit for those who may have had challenges in the past. No application will be refused during this limited time sales event.

Many of the vehicles offered are late model vehicles with low miles & balance of factory warranty remaining. There will be many makes and models to choose from including: Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, GMC, Ford, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, Jeep, Honda, Hyundai, Lincoln,

Nissan, Isuzu, & more plus an abundance of S.U.V.'s will be featured, including: 4-Runner, Explorer, Blazer, Cherokee & more. There will be vehicles available with payments as low as \$99\*\* a month. Payments will be clearly marked on windshields. All you'll need to do is pick a vehicle and a payment. It's that simple.

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You will be allowed to assume a contract directly from the bank. Bank representatives will be on hand for immediate approval and release of these 'insider' deals.

Vowell also reminds customers that the event is first come, first served, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle of your choice. The exclusive site for this event is, 1223 Huntsville Hwy, in Fayetteville, TN for 4 days only, Wednesday, February 9th through Friday, February 11th from 12pm-8pm & Saturday, February 12th from 9am-5pm.

For further information on this "National Acquisition 'Insider' Sales Event" please call (800)737-2552.

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**Madison.** The quartet singers are members of the Huntsville Metropolitan Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. Singing valentine deliveries will be made from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to any location within the Huntsville and Madison city limits or on Redstone Arsenal. Cost is \$30 within a four-hour delivery window, \$40 within a two-hour delivery window, or \$50 for delivery within a 30-minute window. For appointments call 881-0652.

### Base supply center

The Base Supply Center would be closed Feb.16-22 in order to make the transition to its new building, 3775 on Maintenance Row.

### Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Col. Jim Allred 882-6286.

### Tobacco cessation

Fox Army Health Center/Public Health and Education Center will offer another round of tobacco cessation classes beginning Feb. 22. One class will be offered on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. The program continues for 10 sessions over a two and a half month period and is offered at Fox Army Health Center. These classes are free and limited to military eligible beneficiaries. The "pill" (Zyban) will be available for use. Recent research has shown this to be effective in helping reduce the craving for nicotine. The success rate increases to close to 50 percent when used with education and group support. To register call PHEC, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196. For more information on the class, call Eileen Bailey 842-0149. Space is limited. The next class will be a day class starting in March; days and times to be determined.

### Art auction

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold an art auction at 7 p.m. March 4 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. There will be an exhibition of the art to be auctioned starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and available now through the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Included in the admission price are complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. For more information, call Martha Brouse at 534-2510. The Officers' and Civilians' Club will also offer a buffet dinner starting at 5 p.m. For dinner reservations, call the Officers' and Civilians' Club.

### Corvette owners

Some Redstone Corvette owners are joining Circle City Corvettes of Dothan in their April 28-29 Corvette Caravan to Panama City Beach. Last year more than 200 Corvettes participated in the caravan. Any Corvette owner who would like to participate should contact Randy McClure at c3vette79@hotmail.com or Jim Worrall at explosivedog@gateway.net.

### Lobster dinner

Get your tickets today for the Valentine Lobster dinner at the Officers' and Civilians' Club at 6 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$28.50 per person, and must be purchased in advance. Have prime rib in lieu of lobster\* for \$19.75 per person. There is limited seating, so call today to reserve your tickets at 830-CLUB.

### NCOs wedding

Sgt. Arthur Tinsley and Sgt. Shana Cathey invite their Redstone community co-workers and friends to their wedding at 1 p.m. Feb. 26 at Bicentennial Chapel. A reception at the Rustic Lodge will follow the ceremony. Tinsley is a member of 59th Ordnance Brigade; and Cathey is with HHC AMCOM.

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

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PVA NUMBER	POSITION TITLE	CLOSES	LOCATION	PP-SERIES	GRADE	POT
00B0433SH	Technical Support Assist.	9-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0303	III	III
00B0515DT	Secretary (OA)	9-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0318	3	3
HA00A2979	Editorial Assistant	9-Feb-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-1087	5	7
00C0520IG	Munitions Destroyer	10-Feb-00	RASA	WG-6505	8	8
00D0441BL	Information Mgmt Officer	11-Feb-00	AMCOM DSA	GS-0301	14	14
00C0416BR	Operations Research Anal.	11-Feb-00	SMDC	GS-1515	13	13
00B0509SS	Engineering Technician	11-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DE-0802	III	III
00C0533RC	Equipment Specialist	11-Feb-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-1670	12	12
00D0352WT	Computer Specialist	11-Feb-00	AMCOM CIC	GS-0334	12	12
00B0510SS	Budget Analyst	11-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DE-0560	II	II
00C0548RC	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Feb-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0346	12	12
00B0488AL	Acq. Support Spec.	15-Feb-00	USAAESA	NH-0301	3	
00C0558IG	Secretary (OA)	16-Feb-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0318	7	7
HA00A3016	Mech-Elect-Indus Engr	17-Feb-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0830,0850		
				0896	13	13
00C0517BR	Patent Attorney	22-Feb-00	SMDC	GS-1222	13	13
00D0512BL	Deputy Product Manager	24-Feb-00	AMCOM DSA	GS-0340	14	14
00D0524BL	Command Ombudsman	26-Feb-00	AMCOM CG	GS-0301	15	15
00A0525PA	Supervisory Architect	28-Feb-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0808	14	14
AC-00-588	Personnel Mgmt Spec	3-Mar-00	SCCPOC	GS-0201	7	11
NC08699	Criminal Investigator	13-Apr-00	CID	GS-1811	9-12	12
00B0479SS	Aerospace Engineer	18-Jan-01	AMCOM AVRDEC	DB-0861	III	III