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Measuring up to standards

Russian and American experts compare radiation detection equipment used in nuclear arms reduction

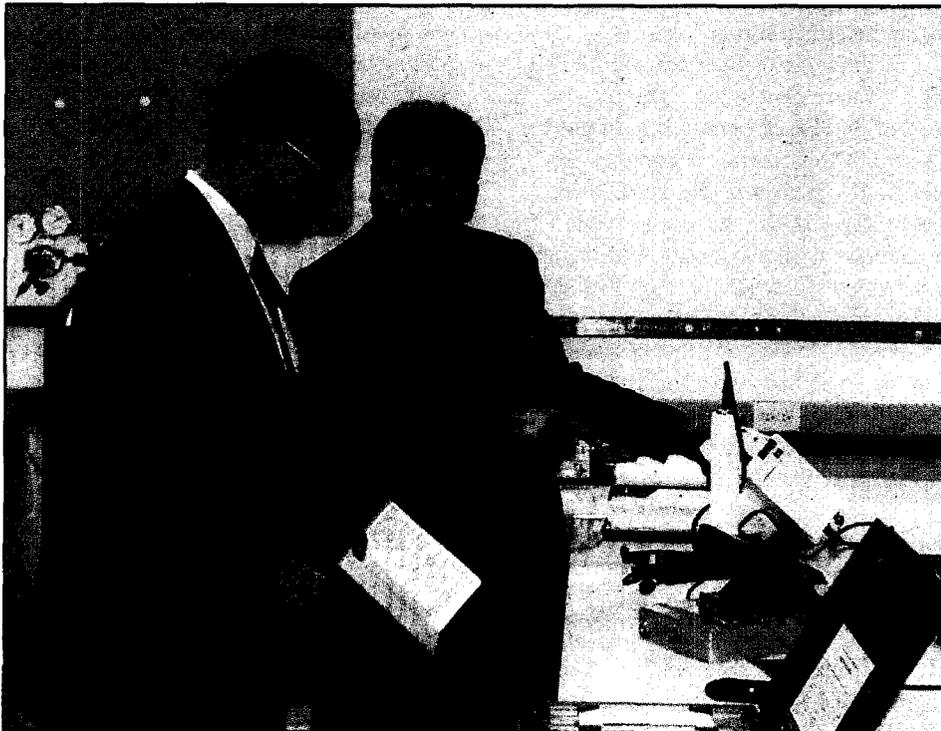


Photo by Skip Vaughn

RUSSIAN VERSION— Isalimov, right, shows his country's radiation surveying instrumentation to Tim Mikulski, a health physicist from the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity at Fort Belvoir, Va.

By Skip Vaughn

The Russian radiation safety expert couldn't stop laughing. It looks like some language is international after all.

Kabadulla Isalimov, among four Russian visitors last week, got the giggles while posing for a picture in the Radiation Standards and Dosimetry Laboratory. Soon everyone in the room, Americans and Russians alike, shared a good laugh.

The Russians were here along with some representatives from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, in Washington, D.C., to compare their radiation measuring equipment with the American versions. This equipment measures levels of radiation exposure during the ongoing nuclear arms reduction efforts in the two countries.

"Under the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, I'm currently working with the Russians in the area of ballistic missile submarine elimination," said Navy Cmdr. Mark Baker, international project manager for the Defense Threat Reduction

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Ready to tackle the world of finance

Workshop teaches young soldiers to manage money and make the right choices

By Skip Vaughn

The financial readiness class was finished. But the real test is only beginning.

That's because the students— 13 soldiers and one spouse will face the usual spending choices that most people encounter. The test will be whether they apply what they learned in the first Financial Readiness Workshop, Feb. 7-9, sponsored by Army Community Service.

"Set your goal today and keep it updated," Juanita Adams, consumer affairs and financial assistance program manager at ACS, told the 14 graduates. They had finished three half days of lessons, from 8 a.m. to noon, in a classroom at building 3447.

The eight subjects included principles of personal finance, planning and budgeting, checking accounts and banking, using credit wisely, getting insurance, savings and investing, large purchases, and consumer scams and getting help.

The instructors included Adams, Ellis Andrew, ACS information and referral program manager; and ACS volunteers Marsha Collins and Alice Mockensturm.

"You are the first class to go through this training," Sue Paddock, ACS chief, said during the graduation Feb. 9. "And we are very proud of you."

First-term soldiers were encouraged to attend the training. Future classes will be scheduled when necessary.

"We have briefed the commanders so they know we're available," Adams said. "And we've briefed the human resource councils so they know we're available."

Tentatively scheduled is a class for 500 people from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School on two Saturdays.

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Keep the Arsenal beautiful

Volunteers wanted postwide for beautification efforts

By Sandy Riebeling

Just in time for spring planting, the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity is creating an "Adopt an Area" program as a way to maintain the professional appearance and preserve the natural beauty of the Arsenal.

RASA is looking for volunteers who will commit to caring for a specific garden area on post throughout the year. Three such areas, the Bicentennial Chapel, gate 8 and the Youth Center garden plots, already have sponsors that work and weed, plant and water throughout the year to keep the area neatly maintained and planted with colorful annuals. RASA has listed 11 additional areas in need of a little tender loving care.

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TENDING THE GARDEN— Gate 8 is one of three areas already adopted by volunteer groups on post. Garden Club members from the Officer and Civilian Women's Club have taken care of this garden area more than seven years. Workers out on this crisp February morning include, from left: Judy Morgida, Cathy Ryan, Gerdy Wyatt, Atty Allred, Julie Goodridge, Marie Handley, Cookie Kruvand and Debby Stevens.

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Traffic signal observation

The traffic signal at the intersection of Neal Road and Marshall Road-Mills Road apparently favors traffic on Neal Road during the morning hours. My observation is that the majority of the traffic is coming from the north from the Madison area to the Sparkman Complex during the morning rush hours. I believe that reprogramming that light to favor Marshall Road would improve the flow of traffic.

Joseph Morton
IMMC

DoD approves technique for destroying munitions

DeMil International of Huntsville has been notified that the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board has approved the company's T-10 Transportable Donovan Blast Chamber as safe for disposal of conventional, unexploded ordnance (UXO). This patented technology is manufactured and marketed worldwide by DeMil International.

The T-10 permits continual detonations of munitions up through two 81-millimeter mortar rounds plus the donor charge used to initiate their detonation. The Army Corps of Engineers estimates that more than 90 percent of the UXO the military needs to dispose of at more than 700 formerly used federal sites falls into this class.

The trailer-mounted T-10 Transportable Donovan Blast Chamber permits contained detonation of these munitions faster, cheaper and more quietly and cleanly than customary techniques of burning or detonating them in the open air. (DeMil International release)

Veterans preference issue

Men and women give their lives to serve, defend, and die to preserve our Constitution. So, why are the government and the commercial industry trying to repeal "Veteran Preference" for ex-military servicemen who have served in every war since the first in 1776? Just because the wars have ended, doesn't mean that "veterans" are no longer "veterans."

Can the government give back to parents the lives of the soldiers that were lost in these wars, of course not! So, how can you repeal or eliminate something that was earned by becoming a soldier? Each time we pledge allegiance to the flag, we should remember that someone had to pay for those "Stars and Stripes" with their blood. We should not just honor veterans once a year, but every day while one nation sleeps under the blanket of freedom that we as veterans provided.

The government (Congress) is trying to

eliminate Veteran Preference from job applications and merit promotions.

Why, because, some civilians who didn't serve in any of their country's wars or conflicts (government managers) feel that it's unfair to see a veteran get 5 or 10 points preference toward job hiring or a promotion, "only because he or she was not in the armed forces."

I'm a veteran of Vietnam and I feel all veterans have earned the right to get to the head of the line of opportunity in this country. If this country is going to be ashamed or jealous of their vets, then, maybe the next war that claims your son or daughter will convince you of the need to credit these people for a job well done and not renege on a promise.

Veterans, if the government takes this away from us now, what next? Are we going to stand by our future veterans when they return from wars or conflicts?

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Fox center has new preventive health tool for soldiers in Y2K

Fox Army Health Center is moving into the new millennium with health care. DoD has mandated the implementation of Preventive Health to increase the health and well being of the military population. Fox is taking it one step further and extending the same standards to all military eligible beneficiaries.

One of the many tools that Fox is utilizing is the HEAR questionnaire. HEAR stands for Health Evaluation Assessment Review. There are many questions related to you, your family and your health habits. Questions ask about seat belt usage, tobacco habits, when you last had certain tests done, medications, family history and other topics.

The HEAR is an electronic questionnaire that can be filled out at several different locations, including Troop Medical Clinic, Family Practice 2-3, and the Public Health and Education Center. You will be counseled on the significance of the results and your risk factors. You and your health care provider can then plot your prevention plan and "Put Prevention into Practice."

HEAR has replaced the Health Risk Appraisal for evaluating the general health of the active duty military population. Currently Health Affairs recommends that

all inprocessing soldiers to Redstone Arsenal, and support activities fill out a HEAR questionnaire and annually thereafter in their birth month. All other active duty soldiers already assigned to Redstone Arsenal will be requested to do a HEAR during their birth month.

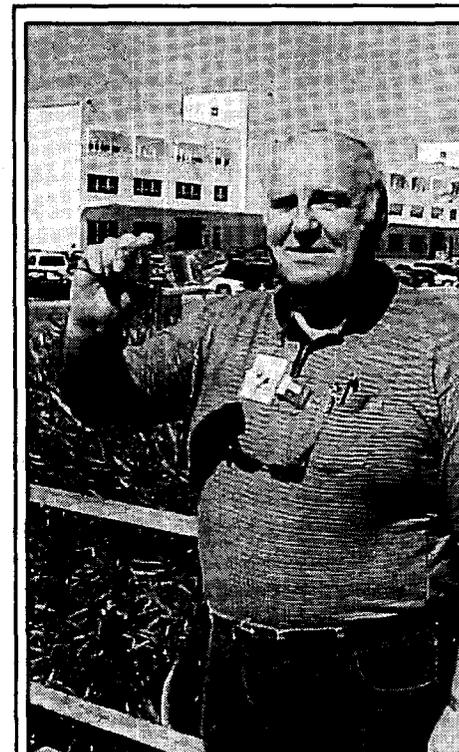
Prevention is a much better idea than treatment of a disease. It makes more sense from the participants' standpoint to prevent the illness than to fix it. Fox now has wellness appointments (physicals) available for the Tricare Prime population. These appointments allow the providers to evaluate the patients' need for preventive services and order tests as appropriate. If you are Tricare Prime and would like to set up a wellness appointment, you may call 955-8888, and follow the prompts (or select 2 to schedule an appointment). You will be asked to come in early to this appointment and complete the HEAR questionnaire.

The HEAR is one more tool to help you "Put Prevention into Practice" and move your health care into the new millennium. If you have questions call Eileen Bailey, community health nurse, at 842-0196 or 842-0149. (Fox Army Health Center release)

Doorway access buttons usage

It is truly amazing how lazy some people around the Sparkman Center actually are. Ever notice how many perfectly able bodied people, who are not carrying anything but their rear end, will push the easy access button at doorway entrances instead of going all out and pulling on a door handle? Are you folks really that lazy?

Name withheld by request



Courtesy photo

Safety glasses...

Charles Stence, 20-year Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, employee and health physicist, holds the safety glasses that saved his eye from injury during a bizarre accident. Stence and Chuck Bird were carrying part of a computer work center down the stairs. When Stence stopped on the landing halfway down, the entire wood part they were carrying fell apart projecting one of the screw fasteners into his glasses. The impact pushed the pair of glasses up on his forehead. "I know the screw would have hit my eye without the safety glasses," he said. Safety glasses are so strong that they did not shatter, like normal eyewear.

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Claims Office moving to new schedule

Moving is something all soldiers are familiar with. Unfortunately, moves often result in loss and damage of the items being shipped. Whether it is a scratch on a family heirloom, or a box of your favorite compact disks that disappears during the move, such losses can be traumatic.

The Claims Office of the AMCOM Legal Office works to help people recover for such losses. To improve customer service, as of March 1, household goods/shipping claims will be accepted by appointment only on 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, off of Goss Road, phone 876-9007.

The military claims system is designed to process the claims by soldiers, DA civilians, and other military personnel for personal property lost incident to service (including losses to household goods during a PCS move). It is also designed to ensure that the carrier responsible for the loss and damage is held accountable. The Claims Office can provide you with the necessary forms and other information to file a claim. In the future, watch for the AMCOM Legal Office website (under construction) where you will find all of the

important forms, checklists and other claims information on the "Claims" link. Also, you may visit the Army Claims Service website at <http://www.jagcnet.army.mil/claims/index.nsf>.

Before the move

The best way to ensure you will be compensated for loss and damage during a move is to take a few precautions before the move. Documenting what you own is perhaps the most important thing to do before your move. Ensure that you save receipts, bills, appraisals, high value item inventories, and other proof of ownership. These important documents should never be shipped with your household goods. Ship them separately or, better yet, hand-carry them. This way, if your entire shipment is lost, your proof of ownership will not be lost as well.

An excellent way to document what you own is to take pictures or videotape of the items in your house immediately before the move. Pictures and videotapes have an added benefit; not only will they show what you own, but they will also demonstrate the condition of your items. Carry the photos and videotapes with you; do not ship them. When the movers deliver your household goods, make sure that they have delivered everything. Have a copy of the inventory handy and check off the numbers of items when the movers bring them into your new home.

If you notice that any items are missing or damaged, note this on the pink form (DD Form 1840), which the movers will give you. Do not leave this form blank if you have missing or damaged items; the government uses this form later to evaluate whether the carrier did a good job. There is no need to unpack all of your items at this time; you can note additional missing and damaged items later on the reverse side of the pink form (the reverse side is the DD Form 1840R).

After the move

Unlike most civilian moves, where loss and damage must be noted immediately after delivery, soldiers have 70 days to notify the local claims office of loss and damage. This means that after your household goods have been delivered, you have 70 days to unpack them and note any loss and damage on the reverse side of the pink form (the DD Form 1840R).

You must turn in the reverse side of the

pink form (the DD Form 1840R) to your nearest Army claims office within 70 days of the delivery of your household goods. Failure to do so will make it impossible for the claims office to collect from the carrier responsible for your loss. As a result, the claims office invariably will not pay you for any items that you failed to report within 70 days.

When you turn in your DD Form 1840R, the claims office will provide you with forms and information on filing your claim. At this point you will need to get repair estimates and other documentation to substantiate the amount of your loss. You have two years from the date of the original delivery (not from the date you turned in your DD Form 1840R) to file a claim. If you are late in filing your claim, the government will not be able to pay you anything.

For more information, contact the Claims Office in the Legal Office located in building 111, phone 876-9007. **(Claims Office release)**

Westar of Huntsville receives recognition

Westar Corporation of Huntsville is this year's winner of the AAAA Small Business Materiel Readiness Award.

The Army Aviation Association of America will present its materiel readiness awards at the 26th Joseph P. Cribbins Product Support Symposium, sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Chapter, Feb. 23-25 in Huntsville.

Westar was cited for its professional excellence and dedication to providing outstanding nondestructive test technical support to Army aviation organizations worldwide. The company opened its Huntsville Engineering Center in October

1996 to support the aviation community that was moving from St. Louis to Redstone. Today, Westar has more than 50 people working in Huntsville in support of the aviation community.

"We are excited about receiving this prestigious/highly competitive award," vice president Bill Wahlheim said. "It is a success story for our company having moved our operations to Huntsville and continuing to provide our engineering support to our aviation customers, and then being recognized for such by this award for Excellence in Materiel Readiness."



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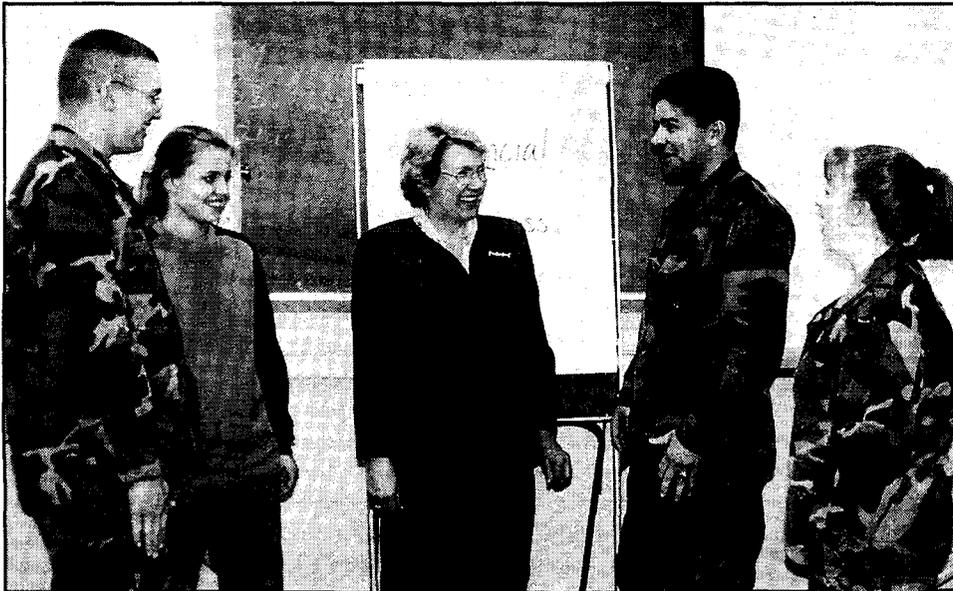


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MONEY TALK— From left are Spec. Jeremy Bean, Tracy Haagenson, Juanita Adams of ACS, MSgt. Jose Garcia-Aponte and Spec. Karen Saffari.

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The first class got good reviews from the students. "It was very educational and even entertaining and I definitely learned something," Pvt. Chad Holden of MEDDAC said. "And I imagine my finances will be better because of it."

"Great class," Spec. Robert Szymanek of MEDDAC said. "I think that every soldier should attend."

Spec. Karen Saffari of MEDDAC, with completion certificate in hand, stopped at the door to give a final message to the Army Community Service staff.

"You guys at ACS are the best," she said. The graduates included Spec. Eilene Phillips, Spec. Carrie Tompkins, Szymanek, Saffari, Holden, MSgt. Jose Garcia-Aponte, Spec. Arvin Dewberry, Spec. Jeremy Bean, PFC Darien Butler, Spec. Mario Gallardo, Spec. Carla Thomas, Sgt. Gerson Ramirez, Tracy Haagenson, and Spec. Henry Kyemba.

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■ Russian experts visit radiation standards laboratory

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Agency's cooperative threat reduction program. "Part of that includes dealing with the spent nuclear fuel that comes off the submarines as they are dismantled. So in dealing with this spent nuclear fuel, we work with the Russians at the various nuclear facilities to ensure that the Russian (detection) equipment provides the same readings or measurements as American equipment."

The side-by-side comparison was made here Feb. 8-9 because the radiation standards laboratory is the Army's center for personal dosimetry. The equipment compared included handheld radiation monitoring instrumentation and personal dosimeters from the two countries. There is also a Navy version and an Army version of the personal dosimeters.

The equipment will be used by Defense Threat Reduction Agency teams on future visits to Russian nuclear facilities.

"Since we're talking about exposure to radiation, it's a health and safety issue," Baker said. "We want to know how much exposure."

The levels of radiation are relatively low—similar to what would be encountered from X-rays at a doctor's office—but continued exposure could become a problem if undetected.

The Radiation Standards and Dosimetry

Laboratory is part of AMCOM's Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity. The lab has had other international visitors in recent years.

"We've had visitors in the laboratory from Poland and Czechoslovakia over the last four years," Patrick Kuykendall, the laboratory chief, said. "This'll be the third group."

The four Russians arrived Feb. 7 and left Feb. 10. They visited the Space and Rocket Center on Feb. 9.

"The people are great," Valery Emelyanov, deputy head of a division of Mayak Production Association, said through an interpreter. "We established the business relationship at very beginning."

Mayak, the Russian word for Lighthouse, was the first enterprise of nuclear industry in Russia. The company is located in Ozyorsk (Lake City), about 800 miles east of Moscow.

"If the experts (from the two countries) meet, they find a common language very quickly," Emelyanov said. "I'm not just speaking for myself, but for the other (Russian) experts as well. That is probably why our joint work will be very productive and successful."

The Russian visitors included Emelyanov, Isalimov, and interpreter Ekaterina Peshkova, all from Mayak Production Association; and Konstantin Popov, deputy head of the international relations committee of the Russian Ministry of Atomic Energy (Minatom).

Award winner always on move

Wakefield plays key role in air defense community, fielding Sentinel Radar systems throughout world for Army

By Sandy Riebeling

Clover Wakefield thought it was a joke when she first received word that she had been chosen to receive the Department of Army 1999 Integrated Logistics Support Achievement of the Year Award for ILS Management.

"I have a pretty good sense of humor," Wakefield, logistics management specialist for the SHORAD Project Office, said. "I was on TDY in Hawaii when I got a congratulations e-mail from a friend back in the office about winning the award. I chuckled about it, and even shared the joke with my team members; then I deleted the message."

It wasn't until later that day when Lt. Col. Lloyd McDaniels, product manager for Sentinel, called and told Wakefield that she had indeed won the award.

"I know colonel McDaniels has a sense of humor but I knew he wasn't joking," Wakefield said. "I was shocked."

During a ceremony at the Sparkman Auditorium on Feb. 1, Wakefield was presented with a certificate, which described, in part, her efforts in logistics support.

"Ms. Wakefield's outstanding contributions and support to the Sentinel program and to the soldier are unsurpassed. Her charisma, combined with her expertise in logistics processes and total package fielding, resulted in worldwide support second to none. Ms. Wakefield's foresight and wisdom ensured a rapid response to any crisis both in peacetime and during contingency operations. On many occasions, mission accomplishment was due solely to her dedication and tenacity. Ms. Wakefield is a true leader among logisticians and is a credit to the U.S. Army and a standard bearer for the soldiers."

Listening while these comments were being read at the presentation, Wakefield said that she was thinking, "Is that for me?"

It was an award that McDaniels said was "richly deserved."

"Clover Wakefield has been a key factor in the air defense community as long as I have known her and that's going back at least 10 years," he said. "She's not just recognized here and by DA with this award, but the units view her as key in fielding systems. She was made an honorary member of the 4th Air Defense Regiment and she is a member of the Order of Saint Barbara, the patron saint of artillery, all in recognition of her significant contributions to air defense artillery."

In her 29 years at Redstone, Wakefield has worked in several organizations supporting logistics work. In 1996 she came on board with the Sentinel. Her duties with the project office include fielding new Sentinel equipment to active Army and National Guard units as well as providing the training for the operators and maintainers of the system.

"A major part of my job during the rating period looked at for the award, was as the acting logistics division chief," Wakefield said. "Besides that I am the Sentinel team leader. During 1999, Sentinel was called on to support Kosovo and part of that effort was making sure that spare parts and on-site teams were in place during the required time. The effort wasn't limited to this office, though. We depended heavily on IMMC support and our prime contractor, Raytheon."

Two teams of three were sent during this time period, one government volunteer and two Raytheon employees on each team, both required to stay 14-15 days at a time. Coordinating this effort was in addition to her training and fielding responsibilities.

"We do a major fielding every quarter," Wakefield said. "We do four weeks of maintenance training and two weeks of operator training. I'm always there for the

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LOGISTICS SUPPORT— Fielding Sentinel Radar Systems and providing training to active Army and National Guard units is a major part of Wakefield's job, something she said could not be done successfully without the assistance of people like Dennis Board, logistics management specialist, in the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

■ Logistics specialist receives Armywide award

Wakefield

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initial part of the training and then I try to come back at the conclusion to make sure all the questions have been answered and they are comfortable with the system."

To date, 64 Sentinel systems have been fielded. Fielding should continue at the quarterly rate with a schedule out to FY '09.

"It's a great job," Wakefield said. "Probably the best part of it is handing over new equipment to these really sharp wonderful young soldiers and seeing their eyes light up."

The job keeps Wakefield on the road most of the time, and that's OK with her.

"I'm in a good situation right now to be doing all this travel," she said. "I'm divorced and my children are grown so I don't have the responsibilities of keeping the family life going at home. My daughter, Lana, does keep a schedule of when and where I'm going so she knows where I am."

Wakefield has two children, Lana, who works for Wesfam, the company that owns Burger King, and Steven, a senior at Auburn University, who will graduate in the spring.

"They think the overseas travel is fascinating— sometimes I come home with unusual stories," Wakefield said. "And the other day, they let their guard down and told me they think I'm pretty neat."

To receive the prestigious award was a

great honor for Wakefield but just as meaningful, said Wakefield, was that the management and McDaniels took the time to document all that she does and saw to it that her nomination was presented in the best way.

"I felt appreciated," she said. "Recognition is a good motivator. It inspires you to work harder. But I don't believe that any award is an individual award. Anything I'm recognized for isn't an individual effort. It's strictly a team effort. The team I work with is wonderful—totally unselfish. They are an outstanding group of people."

With the certificate comes a \$1,000 cash award.

"That's going straight to Auburn," laughed Wakefield. "The timing couldn't have been better, but I'd say it was a good investment for the money."

AMCOM rebounds in troop basketball

HHC AMCOM, the defending champion in unit basketball, isn't ready to surrender its crown.

AMCOM avenged its only loss so far this season by beating HHC 59th Thursday night at Pagano Gym. In a close game from start to finish, AMCOM prevailed 47-45 and gave 59th its first loss.

William Kelly missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds for the 59th. Teammate Michael Liggins grabbed the rebound but his putback missed at the buzzer.

"He went back up and it came out on

him," Pagano Gym's Don Lewis said. AMCOM led 26-22 at halftime and neither team got more than a six-point lead the entire game.

Kenneth McQueen scored 15 points and Columbus Wheeler added 13 for AMCOM (8-1). The 59th (8-1) was led by Liggins with 16 and Kelly with 11.

On Jan. 18, the 59th beat AMCOM 55-53. Now the two teams are tied atop the Eastern Division.

Here are the standings as of Friday:
Eastern Division: AMCOM (8-1), 59th (8-

1), Marines (6-3), Bravo Company (3-6).

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Volunteers needed to get down and dirty for Redstone Arsenal "Adopt an Area" program

Beautification

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"We're kicking off this program in time for spring planting," RASA's CSM Lewis Lockett said. "The program is open to all units, tenants and organizations on Redstone Arsenal. We put in the shrubbery and pine bark and then the volunteers put their own fingerprint on it—they plant the seasonal flowers they like and keep it maintained and beautiful."

As part of the Officers and Civilians Women's Club, the Garden Club has spent years building, sculpting and maintaining the garden area around the gate 8 sign at the corner of Goss and Patton roads.

"We started with nothing, just a sign," Atty Allred, Garden club project chairman, said. "It's really an ongoing project. At first we put a bed in front of the sign, putting in hedges and then we moved out to the sides and now we have a garden all the way around."

The club has several workdays each year, with three seasonal plantings. Last fall they planted the pansies that are just now starting to bloom. Beginning in April the group will start on their summer plantings. Tending the garden means more than just planting. The group plans what the garden

should have in it, buys the materials, plants, waters, weeds, and keeps the area clean and neat.

"We love our volunteers," Col. Steven Hamilton, RASA commander, said. "We depend on their efforts for nearly everything we do here. We couldn't run the installation without them."

The following areas need volunteers: PX parking lot; commissary parking lot landscaping plots; Child Development Center; landscaping plots near the post service station; gate 3; gate 7; gate 9; gate 10; Vincent Park; landscaping plot at intersection of Burose and Neal roads; and the RSA Fitness Center.

"This program does not replace the building custodian's responsibility for landscaping and beautification around their buildings for 50 feet," Lockett said. "This is a program for the garden areas and plots not included in that service."

Upon volunteering for a specific plot, Lockett will provide an on-site briefing to point out the boundaries of the area, explain in detail what is expected and will answer any questions. All volunteering activities will be recognized with a placard sign in the responsible area.

For more information or to adopt an area, call Lockett's office at 876-5331 or 876-8850.

Weekend retirement

Hamilton completes Army career, starts job at Teledyne Brown

By Sandy Riebeling

It was a 27-year military career that almost didn't happen. Albert J. Hamilton III entered West Point in 1968 during the tumultuous years when joining the military wasn't very popular.

"I grew up in a railroad family in Denver," retired Col. Jerry Hamilton said. "We were a conservative family. My dad served in World War II in the Coast Guard attached to the Navy's 6th fleet. It wasn't a career for him, though. I guess the influence of the Air Force Academy so close by and being in a family of five children, West Point was a way to go to college."

Upon graduation, he was assigned his first duty station at Gathersburg, Md., working with Nike-Hercules. It was during this 18-month tour that Hamilton questioned the Army as a career choice. But then something happened.

"When I got my orders to go to Korea, I wasn't sure I'd stay in the Army," he said. "Then I ran across a couple of senior officers I really respected. They were the epitome of dedication and integrity. I credit one of them, retired Maj. Gen. Don Infante, for my decision to stay. He was a lieutenant colonel when I met him. He made me believe that there were senior officers that cared about junior officers. That's been my creed throughout my career, to try and look out for people."

Twenty-seven years later, on Jan. 31, Hamilton retired from the Army, having spent his last three years as the program manager for Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment.

"This wasn't my first tour here," Hamilton said. "I was the PM for the Avenger from '90 to '93. It was a wonderful and exciting time. We fielded the first Avengers to fight in the war."

By the time he'd made it back to Redstone in 1997, he and his wife, Patricia, were already talking about retirement. When Hamilton's three year tenure was up with TMDE, the couple decided now was the time to make the move to civilian life.

"Huntsville was one of our top three choices for retirement," he said. "And we thought it was best not to make a whole lot of changes at the same time I hung up the uniform. Our friends are here. We're very active in the parish. Our support structure is here."

Hamilton was offered a job with Teledyne Brown working technical support contracts for program offices. It was a great opportunity, according to Hamilton, one he didn't want to pass up, even if it meant leaving his TMDE job on Friday and starting his civilian job the following Monday.

"It wasn't much of a retirement, but that's OK," he said.

The transition to civilian life is slow for Hamilton and his wife of 22 years.

"My wife grew up in the Air Force," he said. "She'd always been a military family member. I think she had more anxiety than me about retiring from the Army. She said that she wouldn't know how to act without packing up and moving every two or three years."

"It's sort of strange not to be 'colonel' anymore. Now it's just Jerry. Sometimes I pause when I answer the phone because I have to think about it."

There may someday be another Col. Hamilton in the family though. His son, Matthew, is a junior at West Point. When Matthew was 12 he told his father he wanted to go to West Point and never wavered from that decision. A few years ago, Matthew told his dad that he wanted to be an aviator, to fly Apaches.

"I believe he'll do it," Hamilton said. "And Huntsville is the perfect place to sit back and watch my son's career. He'll probably be stationed close by— Fort Rucker or Fort Campbell. That will be nice."

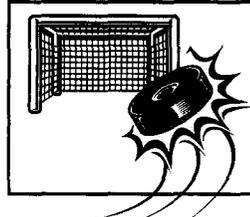
Even though he's still working full time, Hamilton is looking forward to the completion of his retirement home currently being built on five acres of land in east Limestone County.

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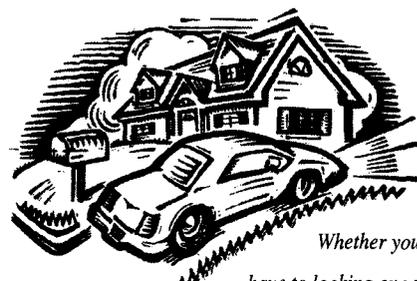


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LOGSA worker makes top 10 list for accomplishments

Judy Brisson, chief, Technical Publications Division, Logistics Support Activity, has been recognized as one of the top 10 people in the Army Materiel Command.

Brisson is among the recipients of the Ten Outstanding Army Materiel Command Personnel of the Year Award.

Col. Jerry Warnement, commander of Logistics Support Activity, presented the award to Brisson in a Jan. 10 ceremony, with her immediate supervisor, Jack Jones, chief, Acquisition Logistics Center, LOGSA, in attendance. The award was established to recognize outstanding work

accomplishment and service contribution to AMC, efforts considered exemplary and an inspiration to others.

Other awards Brisson has received in recent years include: Federal Women's Program Outstanding Supervisor of the Year Award in 1998; the Army Integrated Logistics Support Achievement of the Year Award presented to Brisson and her Electronic Technical Manual (ETM) Digitization Team in 1997; and the Paul E. Burns Award in 1994 for significant improvements to the AMC Equipment Publications Program.



Courtesy photo

Top honor— From left Warnement presents the AMC award to Brisson while Jones looks on.

Retiring colonel goes to work in civilian world

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"It has a three car garage," he said. "One of the bays is my wood shop. My wife made all the decisions in the house, but the wood shop is mine."

One of Hamilton's hobby's is wood-working. He enjoys crafting mantles, keepsake and jewelry boxes and picture frames. He even built an entire set of cabinets for his mother's house in Denver.

"I went out over the Christmas break two years ago and measured the kitchen," he said. "I knew the room pretty well, it was the house I grew up in. Then I came back here, built the cabinets and had them shipped to Denver. I flew out and installed them in time for Mother's Day last year. They fit perfectly. It was the best job I'd ever done."

Hamilton has a lot to look forward to but there's a lot he will miss.

"Some of the best times were served right here," he said. "Probably my most notable work with TMDE was answering the call of the Army chief of staff to initiate a program of moving diagnostics into the



Photo by Patricia Hamilton

CIVILIAN PAY— Hamilton holds his first civilian paycheck in more than 27 years. He retired from the Army Jan. 31.

21st century. I had a lot of fun developing that plan— the Army Diagnostic Improvement Program. There were a lot of challenges, too. I worked with wonderful people— they were the ones that made it happen."

Hamilton expects to move off post with the completion of his new home in March.

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Booster seats: a simple solution that saves lives

In August 1998, Krista Baker and her three sons were involved in a crash that totaled their car. Only months earlier, Krista received some life-saving advice: technicians at a child safety seat checkup told her that Zachary, her 4-year-old son, should be riding in a booster seat and using it along with an adult lap and shoulder belt. This simple tip may have saved Zachary's life as he escaped the crash virtually unharmed.

Unfortunately, Autumn Alexander Skeen did not know the importance of booster seats until it was too late. In 1996, while visiting family in Yakima, Wash., Skeen and her son Anton were both buckled into a sport utility vehicle using a standard lap and shoulder seat belt. Autumn Skeen was distracted and lost control of the vehicle. The crash caused Anton's small, 4-year-old body to slip from the seat belt and he was thrown from the vehicle as it rolled over. Anton was killed instantly.

Skeen thought she was doing the right thing by simply buckling Anton in. What she now knows, but what most other parents don't realize, is that once children outgrow their convertible child safety seats, they need to be put in booster seats until the seat belt system designed for adults fits them correctly.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children of every age from 6 to 14

years— due in part to the fact that most kids are unbuckled or improperly restrained in vehicles. From birth to age 1, restraint use is 97 percent, for ages 1 to 4 it is 91 percent. From age 5 to 15, restraint use falls to 68.7 percent, and over 47 percent of fatally injured children ages 4 to 7 are completely unrestrained. One NHTSA study showed that only 6.1 percent of booster-aged children were restrained in a booster seat.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends that all children ages 12 and under ride in the back, properly restrained at all times.

Child safety seats, including boosters, are very effective in keeping kids safe. Parents should use boosters for children once they outgrow forward-facing child safety seats at about 40 pounds and around 4 years old. They should continue to use booster seats until children are 4-foot-9 and about 80 pounds.

Parents should have child safety seats inspected by one of a number of certified and trained technicians in their community to make sure they are installing them correctly.

For more information on booster seats or to locate a child safety seat technician near you, simply visit the website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/ or call 1-800-424-9393. (NHTSA release)

Have you belted your child?

Feb. 13-18 designated National Child Passenger Awareness Week

By Cherie Miller

Health care providers often see the tragedies resulting from vehicle crashes: injury, dismemberment and death. These tragedies seem so much worse when the victim is a child— especially when that child was not in a seatbelt or car safety seat. Sadly, studies have shown that almost 50 percent of all children killed in crashes were not in a child safety seat or seatbelt. And for every child killed, thousands more are injured to some degree. To draw attention to this issue, the week of Feb. 13-18 has been designated as National Child Passenger Awareness Week.

In the state of Alabama, all child passengers under age 6 must be restrained in a child safety seat or seat belt. Ideally however, all passengers should be restrained at all times and children should remain in child safety seats as long as possible. Health care providers have a professional obligation to educate parents about restraints and to religiously encourage their use.

Oh boy...go to a store and look at all the car seats and it starts to seem overwhelming. But there are a few general guidelines to start with. First of all, there is no "best" car seat. Since all seats on the market must meet rigid federal standards, the "best" car seat is the one that fits your child, fits your budget, and that you will use correctly. (Note: Many auto insurers provide rebates and other incentives for the purchase of child safety seats.)

With that in mind, the first thing to check is that the seat is the proper size for your child. Safety seats are labeled with the weight and height of the child it is rated for. This label can be found on the side or bottom of the seat. You will also find the manufacturer's address, the model number of the seat, and the manufacture date. Don't remove this label, as you may need to refer to it when verifying if the seat is involved in a recall. To ensure notification, fill out and return the warranty card that comes with each seat.

The next step is to install the seat in the vehicle. Infants must be rear facing until they are both 20 pounds and one year old.

All other children should be forward facing. The safest place to put the child is the center rear position followed by the passenger rear and then the driver's rear outboard position. (Armrests, bucket or scooped seats, and split seats may affect placement.) Never place a rear facing infant in a front seat equipped with a passenger side airbag. If you must place an older child in a front seat, move the passenger seat as far back as possible.

Before buckling the car seat into the vehicle, you should refer to your vehicle owner's manual and the car seat instructions for assistance. Rear facing infant seats must be at a 45 degree angle. You may need to use a rolled up towel or piece of "pool noodle" to manipulate the seat to that angle. To assist in a tight fit, put as much of your weight in the car seat as possible and secure it with the seatbelt. Check for fit by tugging the seat from forward to back and side-to-side. If you can move the seat more than one inch in either direction, the seat is too loose and you should re-install it. This can sometimes be a frustrating process, but remember that your child's safety is at stake.

The next step is to secure the child into the seat. Harness straps hold the child into the seat. Some car seats have several sets of slots where these can be placed. The rule of thumb is that rear-facing infants will have the harness straps at or below shoulder level and forward facing children will have the straps at or above shoulder level. The straps should lie flat against the child to evenly distribute crash forces. They should be tight enough to allow one finger to fit underneath them. The harness clip that holds the straps together should be placed at the child's armpit level. Avoid placing padding, such as blankets or padded headrests, in the child safety seat as it may compress during a crash allowing the harness straps to loosen around the child's shoulders.

Lastly, ensure that any handles on infant seats are down and remove toys and other items attached to car seats. Secure any extra seat belts in the car and pull the belts tight to avoid them flying around in a crash.

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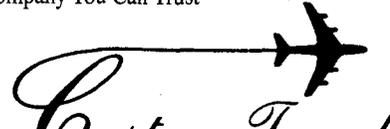
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■ Parents urged to buckle up their children



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SAFE AND SECURE— Audrey McGill, 6-month-old daughter of retired Air Force TSgt. Tim and Janice McGill, will ride securely in her rear-facing safety seat.

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Safely secure in the trunk or under a cargo net any packages or other loose items. Remember that anything that can fly around in the car during a crash can potentially be a projectile to your child, your pas-

sengers, or yourself. And before moving the car, set the example for your kids... and buckle up.

(Editor's note: Miller is the Fox Army Health Center's safety manager and a nationally-certified child passenger safety technician. She may be reached at 876-8837 for more information on child passenger safety.)



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Making a point...

Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Richard Kidd addresses the annual AUSA Soldiers Breakfast held Feb. 8 at the Officers' and Civilian's Club. About 310 people attended. After the breakfast, Kidd conducted a professional development program for NCOs.

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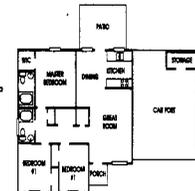
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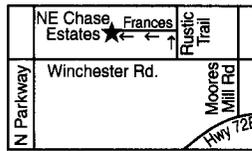
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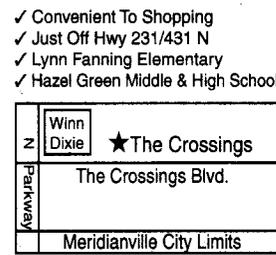
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Managing knowledge as a weapon system

Army awards Utility Helicopter's KAMNET team for innovative approach to meeting warfighter's information needs

By Sandy Riebeling

Providing the right knowledge at the right place at the right time; that's what KAMNET does.

It took a team of 15 people less than a year to get the KAMNET model up and running in the Utility Helicopters Project Manager's Office. The Knowledge Asset Management Network allows digital knowledge delivery to the warfighter using web technologies. It also acts as an industry and administrative life-cycle management tool, integrating business and tactical information that can be accessed anywhere at any time by authorized users of the system.

"KAMNET is a sort of 'website' that specifically provides for multimedia full text search and retrieval of over two million documents and over 40 videos to include airworthiness releases, technical

manuals, safety of flight information and so on," Darwin Oberlander, knowledge engineer project officer for KAMNET, said.

Giving the decision makers access to the latest, most accurate information available on weapon systems is critical to the decision makers in the field. The potential of this system did not go unnoticed.

In a ceremony Feb. 1, in the Sparkman Auditorium, the KAMNET team was presented with the Department of the Army's Integrated Logistics Support Achievement of the Year Award for Logistics Support Execution/Process Improvement. The individuals' certificate of achievement award reads, in part: "The technological innovation of using the system to acquire, exchange and deploy timely digital knowledge throughout the battlespace as a Force XXI solution provides situational awareness for the operation, maintenance

and life cycle management of weapon systems."

"Whether you're doing maintenance on the aircraft and need to know about a specific part or you're a commander who needs to know today's readiness rate, you can find it through the system," Oberlander said. "You don't have to call someone in this department or that division and then wait for him to get the information and call back. Everything is right there, anytime you need it."

KAMNET is an evolving program. Oberlander expects development to lead to real time, shared, readiness visibility with net meeting capabilities.

"We anticipate the capability of real time, direct contact between the unit, the PM, functional and industry, dramatically reducing turn around time for technical and safety data. This concept includes tele-maintenance and training approaches."

The system was designed to be generic enough to fit virtually any information transfer need. There are a total of five Deputy for Systems Acquisition programs using KAMNET, including Utility Helicopters, Scout/Attack helicopter, Short

Range Air Defense (SHORAD), Fixed Wing and Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment.

"Our initial objective was to increase maintenance time lost to administrative burdens," Oberlander said. "We are seeing positive results. We intend to continue KAMNET and enhance it as part of the UH modernization effort. Additionally, the Navy has adopted the concept for all of Navy aviation. They call it Joint Aviation Technical Data Integration."

"The significance of this award is that it provides us visibility with organizations and offices that can provide empowerment through additional resources to continue our cutting edge efforts," he said. "This was really a team effort of all AMCOM and selected corporate partners. No one person deserves the credit."

KAMNET team members include Paul Behrens, Tom Mailey, Robert Benson, Deborah More, Kim Peck, Dwayne Buford, Kimberly Collette, Scott Brown, David Dionne, Mike Giffin, Bill Campbell, Terry Miller, Dottie Rogers, Leonard Hall, Ken Mattern and Charles McCarthy.

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TEAM EFFORT— Managing knowledge is not a new concept but devising a workable system that delivers accurate, up-to-date information with the click of a button took some innovative thinking from the KAMNET team. Team members Oberlander, left, with contractor Ken Mattern, discuss the hardware needs to support the fielding of the system.

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Test your knowledge of African-American history

February is Black History Month. The following questions and answers originally appeared in the Rocket in 1995:

Sports

1. Who was the first American woman to win three Olympic medals in track? Answer: Wilma Rudolph, 1960.
2. Who was the first black baseball umpire in the major leagues? Answer: Emmett Ashford, 1966.
3. Who was the oldest man to ever hold a boxing championship title? Answer: Two answers possible— George Foreman heavyweight champion 1994, age 46; Archie Moore, light heavyweight champion 1961, age 45-48 (birthyear unverifiable).
4. Who was the first black man to win the bodybuilding title of "Mr. America"? Answer: Chris Dickerson, 1970.
5. Who won the first black postseason bowl football game? Answer: Atlanta University defeated Prairie View A&M, 6-0 in the Prairie View Bowl in 1929.

Music and Entertainment

1. Who wrote the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" which is known as the Black National Anthem? Answer: James Weldon Johnson, 1900.
2. What was the name of the cowboy comedy starring Nat King Cole? Answer: Cat Ballou, 1965.
3. What was the name of the first Hollywood movie with an all-black cast? Answer: Hearts in Dixie, 1929.
4. What was the name of the first Motown recording group? Answer: The Miracles.
5. Who was the first black woman to appear on the cover of Vogue Magazine? Answer: Beverly Johnson, August 1974.

Medicine, Science and Engineering

1. Who was the black engineer, draftsman and inventor who solved and patented the problem of transforming electric current cheaply into light through the invention of a durable filament for the electric bulb? Answer: Lewis A. Latimer, 1881.

2. Who developed tests for the detection of syphilis and was the first black professor at Harvard Medical School? Answer: Dr. William A. Hinton, 1949.
3. Who was the first black astronaut? Answer: Maj. Robert H. Lawrence Jr., 1967. (Note: Lt. Col. Guion Bluford was the first black in space in 1983.)
4. Who was the first person in North America to build a clock, which chimed the hour accurately for more than 20 years? Answer: Benjamin Banneker, 1761.
5. Who was the first black Alabamian who synthesized the drug physostigmine, which is used in the treatment of glaucoma? Answer: Dr. Percy Julian, 1935.

Politics and Government

1. Who was the first black to serve in the U.S. Senate? Answer: Hiram R. Revels, Mississippi, 1870-71.
2. Who was the first black governor? Answer: Pinckney B.S. Pinchback, 1872 (23 days), Louisiana. (Note: Governor L. Douglas Wilder, Virginia, was the first black elected governor, 1989.)
3. How many blacks served in the U.S. Congress from Alabama during Reconstruction? Answer: Three— Benjamin S. Turner, Republican, 1871-73; James T. Rapier, R, 1873-75; Jeremiah Haralson, R, 1875-77.
4. Who was the first black to preside over a Republican Party national convention? Answer: John R. Lynch, 1884.
5. Who was the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress from the South? Answer: Barbara Jordan, Texas, 1972. (Note: Shirley Chisholm, New York, was the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress, 1968.)

Civil Rights

1. Isabella Baumfree is better known by what name? Answer: Sojourner Truth.
2. Who served a two and a half year prison sentence during World War II as a conscientious objector and went on to organize the 1963 "March on Washington"? Answer: Bayard Rustin.

See Quiz on page 20

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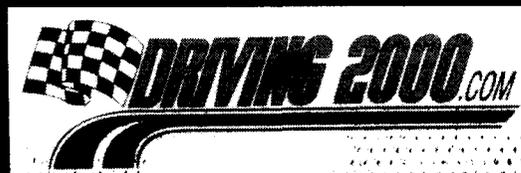
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'Force Protection' focus of AMC-wide annual conference

"May the Force be Protected" was the clear message from a weeklong meeting here last week.

The Logistics Support Activity sponsored the Army Materiel Command's annual Antiterrorism/Force Protection Conference, Feb. 7-11 at the Sparkman Center.

The 80 attendees included people from AMC's 31 priority installations, the major subordinate commands and special reporting activities and other various LOGSA and AMCOM staff elements.

"The conference helped to confirm (AMCOM commander Gen. John) Coburn's emphasis on Force Protection down to the installation level," Maj. Sylvia Harris, deputy AMC force protection officer, said. "Although he was not able to attend he provided his FP focus on a pre-recorded video."

It was "an excellent exchange of information, discussion of expectations, roles and responsibilities, and confirmation of support from the FBI, Information Assurance Community, CID, and the Corps of Engineers," Harris said. "A clearer understanding of FP supporters and impact at the installation level."

Critical Weapons of Mass Destruction Training was provided to all conference attendees by personnel from the Domestic

Preparedness Office from Edgewood, Md. This is the same office that has been providing training to the 120 major cities identified in the Nunn-Lugar initiatives.

The FBI emphasized and pledged its nationwide support to the teamwork effort and provided information-sharing initiatives and information on the availability of critically needed first responder training.



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

KEY ATTENDEES— Among the conference attendees are, from left, Phillip Preston, deputy for field support center, LOGSA; Col. Jerry Warnement, LOGSA commander; Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal; Col. Steven Hamilton, deputy post commander; and Steve Shannon, chief of force protection management division, AMC.

Second-time around for MP

Soldier of the Month for January also won in May 1999

By Skip Vaughn

It was like deja vu for the young military policeman.

Spec. Richard Charles, an MP here since July 1998, became Redstone Arsenal Soldier of the Month in January. He also won in May 1999.

"I like the opportunity and it's good practice, good experience," Charles said of winning the postwide competition for the second time.

Charles has been in the Army for three years and came to Redstone from Korea where he also served as an MP.

"I like my job a lot," he said. "There's nothing else I'd want to do in the military. And it's pretty much why I joined the Army—to be an MP."

A member of HHC AMCOM, Charles is assigned to the vehicle registration and badging office. He expects to be at Redstone for at least another year.

Charles, 21, is from Punxsutawney, Pa. He graduated from Punxsutawney Area School in June 1996 and then "pretty much took a year off" before joining the Army. Now he's a career soldier.

"I'd like to get promoted to E-5 before my 22nd birthday (July 17, 2000)," Charles said of his goals. "I'd like the opportunity before I hit my 10-year mark in the military to be a drill sergeant. And overall I'd like to make the military a career."

His father, Richard Charles Jr., and step-

mother, Paula, reside in Valier, Pa., near Punxsutawney. His father is self-employed; and his stepmother works with muscular dystrophy patients. Charles was the fourth of five children. He has two older brothers, an older sister and a younger sister. One brother, Gary, 24, is an Air Force sergeant at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Gary's wife, Connie, is a senior airman.

"I'd like to thank my chain of command for the opportunity and supporting me," Charles said of the soldier of the month competition. "And I'd especially like to thank one person, SSgt. Todd Hokanson. He was my squad leader at the time."

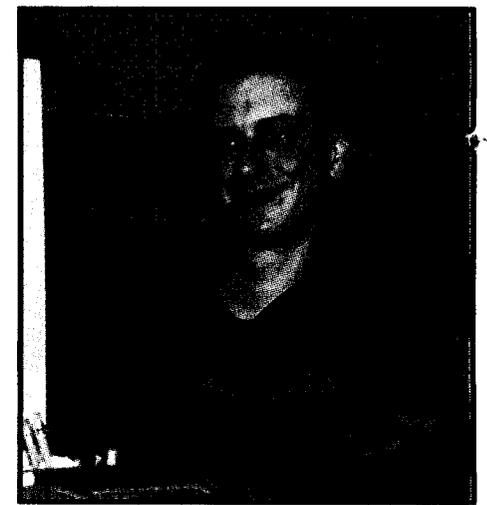


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Announcements

Sports & Recreation

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.

Aerobics classes

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

Miscellaneous

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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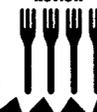
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Announcements

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 today at noon 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.

Thrift shop job

The Thrift Shop has an opening for afternoon cashier, for 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and the application deadline is 4 p.m. Feb. 25. For more information, call Thrift Shop manager Sheila Torongeau 881-6992.

Black History Month

February, as authorized by the first presidential proclamation of 1976, has been established as African-American /Black History Month. This DoD ethnic observance was initially proclaimed in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History Inc. In support of this yearly event Team Redstone is holding a celebration Feb. 29 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Sparkman Auditorium. Anyone who wishes to be an active participant in the program committee or be personally involved in the Feb. 29 program may call Mr. Johnson 876-2116. Additionally, Team Redstone is spon-

soring an Essay and Static Display Contest. Essays, two pages or less, should be on this year's theme: "Though We Are Many, We Are One." Essays should be submitted by Feb. 18 to: SFC Quesenberry at OMMCS, Attn: ATSK-AE, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35897; fax 842-6853 or call him at 876-9224. Plaques will be awarded for the top two essays. For the unit/department static display contest, notify Quesenberry of the location and point of contact by Feb. 18; judging will take place Feb. 22. Trophies will be awarded for the top three displays.

African-American festival

The Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, MLRS Project Office presents the fifth annual Festival of African-American Art, Music and Portrayals at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 29 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The festival, part of Black History Month, is educational for the entire community. The sponsors want to remind everyone that the history and culture of every race is richly unique and very significant to this country. This year's theme is "Though We Are Many, We Are One." Special guest narrator for the festival is Kimberly Essex, news anchor for television station WAFF-48. Prizes will be given away throughout the festival.

Commissary hours

The issue of commissary operating hours was raised at the Redstone Arsenal Family Symposium held last November and the recommendation was to keep the commissary open later in the evening to accommodate the soldiers and other working patrons. Commissary officials have heard your requests and have approved the following hours to be implemented March 1 to better serve the needs of their customers: Sunday 11-5, Monday closed, Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday 10-7, Thursday 10-7, Friday

10-7 and Saturday 8-5. The later opening on Tuesday through Friday allows the commissary to serve you one hour longer in the evening. You'll also notice an extra hour of shopping on Sunday with an 11 a.m. opening. Officials feel this schedule will allow the commissary to better serve the Redstone community and its diverse patron base.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held March 16 at 4 p.m. between buildings 5303 and 5304 at the Sparkman Center Parade Field. Military retirees who wish to participate in the ceremony should call MSgt. Loew, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819 by March 3.

Prayer breakfast

The February non-denominational prayer breakfast, sponsored by IMMC, will be held at 7 a.m. Feb. 22 in Sparkman building 5308, conference room 8124. The Redstone Multicultural Choir is to provide song and praise, directed by Eugene Edwards. "No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own or come and feast on the spiritual food that will be served," a prepared release said. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Clifton Canady 313-1317.

PX news

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

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 Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m., Alabama Industries for the Blind will open the doors to the new Base Supply Center in building 3775, on Maintenance Row, just off Patton Road, near the old guard shack. "AIB has made a tremendous dollar investment into renovating and refurbishing building 3775 to serve the IMPAC

cardholders," said Don Olsen, Redstone Arsenal director of logistics. AIB is a non-profit organization and a division of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind.

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.

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.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. The scheduled speaker is Kaye McFarlan, director of disaster services, Madison County Chapter, American Red Cross. For more information, call retired Capt. Al Castelli 859-1340.

RSIC library

Effective Feb. 22 the Redstone Scientific Information Center (RSIC), building 4484 on Martin Road, will change its hours to the following: Mondays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. RSIC will not be open on weekends and federal holidays.

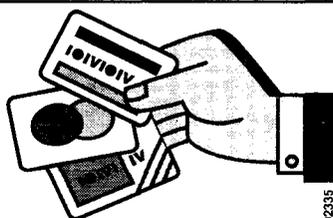
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Redstone community free of charge. All classes are held in building 5304, room 4385, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These classes are open to civilian employees and active military. Retired military and spouses may attend on a space available basis. Civilian employees are required to register using the Training Information Program (TIP) accessible through the AMCOM homepage. If you have questions about TIP Request, go to your organization's training contact or call the Training Help Desk 876-6297. Upcoming classes include the following: Feb. 16, Outlook '98; Feb. 17, Power Point '97; Feb. 22, Excel '97; Feb. 23, Internet; and Feb. 24, Word '97.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program on "bursters and other mysteries" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Toastmasters

Toastmasters, which can teach you how to speak effectively, meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Sparkman building 5304, room 4364. For more information, call Ron Legowik 876-5619.

Fashion show

The Designers Against Breast Cancer (DABC) will hold a Fashion Show Extravaganza at 7 p.m. March 4 at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. For ticket information call 837-5678, 539-0001 or 536-1855.

Government/industry symposium

The upcoming Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange (GISEE) 2000 is accepting proposals for presentations. The symposium will be held June 20-22 at the Sparkman Center. This year's event is co-sponsored by the Logistics Support Activity and the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics (SOLE). The symposium will provide participants with an insight into new and changing, high-level Department of Defense (DoD)/service policies. The symposium

will again be an open forum, affording both industry and government personnel the opportunity to share ideas relating to best practices, lessons learned, process improvements, and new techniques for logistics acquisition. You can submit your proposals to any of the following addresses: mailing address Commander, Logistics Support Activity, Attn.: XMMLS-AL (Emerson McAfee), Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898-7466; access the e-mail address: emerson.mcafee@logsa.army.mil or robert.salinas@logsa.army.mil; or via fax 955-9865. For more information, call Emerson McAfee 955-0808.

Reengineering certification

The Strategic Planning Office, teaming with the Quality Institute, is sponsoring the DoD Business Process Reengineering certification program at Redstone. Mountain Home Training & Consulting Inc., the former Army Management Engineering College BPR Group, will conduct the training. The series of classes in this program includes the original seven-course training curriculum developed by AMEC and required for completion of the DoD BPR Certification Program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. Classes begin March 21 and run through Aug. 11. For more information on the certification program, call Danita Clarke of the Strategic Planning Office 842-9456 or e-mail her at the following address: danita.clarke@redstone.army.mil.

Government accountants

North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its annual "Spouse Night" meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Heritage Club on Washington Street. Christine Hinson is to speak on Estate Planning. Cost is \$15 per person. For reservations call Sandy Seymour 544-0099.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Rosary is recited daily at 11:30 a.m.; and mass or a communion service will be Monday through Friday at noon. A Latin mass will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 26.

Job sharing opportunity

Job sharing allows workers to work part time while retaining government benefits. Work hours can be flexible (16 to 32 hours per week). Currently a DB-03 (GS-12 or GS-13) general engineer is seeking a partner for job sharing. For more information, call Patrice Marotta 842-9396.

Christian women

The Huntsville Christian Women's Club will have a fashion show and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Cost is \$10. Free child care will be provided if requested in advance. For reservations call Judy 883-5468 or Des 650-2111.

Civil rights bus tour

Blacks in Government will sponsor a "Civil Rights Bus Tour" to Birmingham on Feb. 26 which will take you to the Civil Rights Museum, the 16th Street Church, the Jazz Museum and include a buffet soul food lunch. For more information, call 842-9569 or 876-0296.

Community donations

March 17 is the deadline for contribution requests from the Thrift Shop. Anyone who qualifies under the 501c category of non-profit organizations is eligible to make requests. Requests for funds for the needs of a specific individual are ineligible.

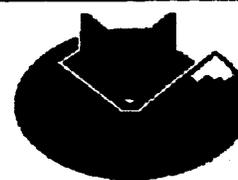
Requests must be specific about what the money is needed for and must include: name and address of the requesting party; to whom the check must be made out to; and a telephone number in case more information is needed. Also, include in the request if funds have been requested from other organizations. Gift certificates may also be requested; and these certificates are for merchandise from the Thrift Shop and must be used within a certain length of time, to be determined by the board of governors. The Thrift Shop makes welfare contributions twice a year. Requests can be addressed to the Thrift Shop, welfare chairperson Fran Rubery, building 3209, Redstone Arsenal 35898 or faxed to the Thrift Shop 881-9807.

Choreography competition

The Arts Council Inc. is seeking applications for Panoply's 19th annual Choreography Competition, sponsored by Winn-Dixie. The final competition will be held April 28-29 in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Advance tickets may be purchased at the VBC Concert Hall ticket office. Completed entry forms and a \$30 fee are due by March 17. For more information, call Gaby Clark 519-ARTS.

Intelligence jobs

Position vacancies with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Missile and
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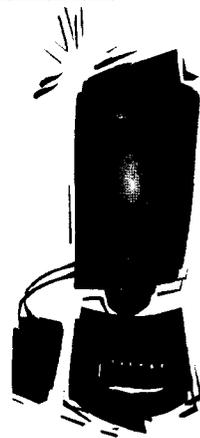
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Space Intelligence Center (MSIC) are posted on the DIA website. Application for employment in MSIC are accepted based on open job announcements. The web site address is: <http://www.dia.mil>. Select "Getting Employed by DIA." Scroll to the bottom of the page to select and review "Current Vacancies," "Application Instructions," "Submission Information" and other information (to include forms). Position vacancies with MSIC will reflect "MS" in the announcement number and the location as Redstone Arsenal (Huntsville), Ala., (with some exceptions). Applicants must ensure that all instructions and procedures are followed. For more information, you may also call the DIA recorded vacancy announcement line 1-800-526-4629.

Camp challenge

University of Alabama-Birmingham's Army ROTC Department is now accepting applications for Camp Challenge 2000. Held each summer, Camp Challenge is

designed to give college students who have not taken ROTC on campus an opportunity to see firsthand what the Army is all about and to qualify for the ROTC advanced program on campus. The students are under no obligation to continue in the ROTC program upon graduation from Camp Challenge. For more information on this summer adventure, visit the UAB Army ROTC website at www.uab.edu/armyrotc/ or call Capt. Green (205) 934-7215.

Dance party

The Redstone Arsenal "New Millennium Fashion Show Extravaganza and Dance Party" will be held 6 p.m. Sunday at the Challenger community activity center. Tickets are \$10 for the fashion show and dance party, or \$5 for the dance party only. Tickets may be purchased from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3458. Call CSM Taylor 842-2240, SFC Kelly 876-5303 or Capt. Brooks 876-6708. The community is asked to support this activity.

Military engineers

Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. The Post is seeking nominees for SAME local and national awards. For reservations call Calette Chamness 890-3053. The 17th annual Engineer Run will be held Feb. 26 on Redstone Arsenal; for registration information, call Joe Serena 895-1655.

Synergy forum

The first meeting of the Synergy Forum is

9-11 a.m. March 7 at building 5304, third floor, room 4253. The Synergy Forum is a meeting to exchange ideas and experience in subjects like change management, the Capability Maturity Model, and Business Process Reengineering. There will be guest speakers, videos and group chat sessions about subjects that improve how we work. The first scheduled speaker is John Johns, principal assistant deputy for systems acquisition. Everyone is welcome. For information call Jim McGraw 313-0851 or Cheryl Wise 313-0638.

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. 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

PVA NUMBER	POSITION TITLE	CLOSES	LOCATION	PP-SERIES	GRADE	POT
HA00A3016	Mech-Elect-Indus Engr	17-Feb-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0830,0850 0896	13	13
00D0570BL	Program Assistant	18-Feb-00	AMCOM DSA	GS-0344	6	6
00C0571JH	Logistics Mgmt Spec	18-Feb-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0346	12	12
00C0561FM	Information Specialist	18-Feb-00	LOGSA	GS-0301	12	12
00C0560FM	Personnel Mgmt Spec	18-Feb-00	AMCOM CPAC	GS-0201	12	12
00C0559FM	Personnel Mgmt Spec	18-Feb-00	AMCOM CPAC	GS-0201	9	9
00C0594RH	Equal Opportunity Assist	21-Feb-00	SMDC	GS-0361	6	6
00C0577IG	General Supply Spec	22-Feb-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-2001	9	9
00C0558IG	Secretary (OA)	22-Feb-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0318	7	7
00C0520IG	Munitions Destroyer	22-Feb-00	RASA	WG-6505	8	8
00C0517BR	Patent Attorney	22-Feb-00	SMDC	GS-1222	13	13
00D0572BL	Protocol Specialist	23-Feb-00	AMCOM SGS	GS-0301	7	9
00D0589BL	Secretary (OA)	24-Feb-00	AMCOM LO	GS-0318	6	6
00D0588BL	Program Analyst	24-Feb-00	AMCOM DSA	GS-0343	11	11
00D0583DB	Secretary (OA)	24-Feb-00	USAOMMCS	GS-0318	6	6
00D0512BL	Deputy Product Manager	24-Feb-00	AMCOM DSA	GS-0340	14	14
00B0602SS	General Engineer	24-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
00B0601SS	General Engineer	24-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
00B0600SS	General Engineer	24-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
00B0585SS	General Engineer	24-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
HA00A3059	Environmental Engineer	25-Feb-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0819	9	12
00D0352WT	Computer Specialist	25-Feb-00	AMCOM CIC	GS-0334	12	12
00B0603ST	Secretary (Steno/OA)	25-Feb-00	USAAESA	GS-0318	9	9
00D0524BL	Command Ombudsman	26-Feb-00	AMCOM CG	GS-0301	15	15
00C0576IG	General Supply Spec	27-Feb-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-2001	11	11
00D0591BL	Supervisory Executive Ast	28-Feb-00	AMCOM SGS	GS-0301	13	13
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

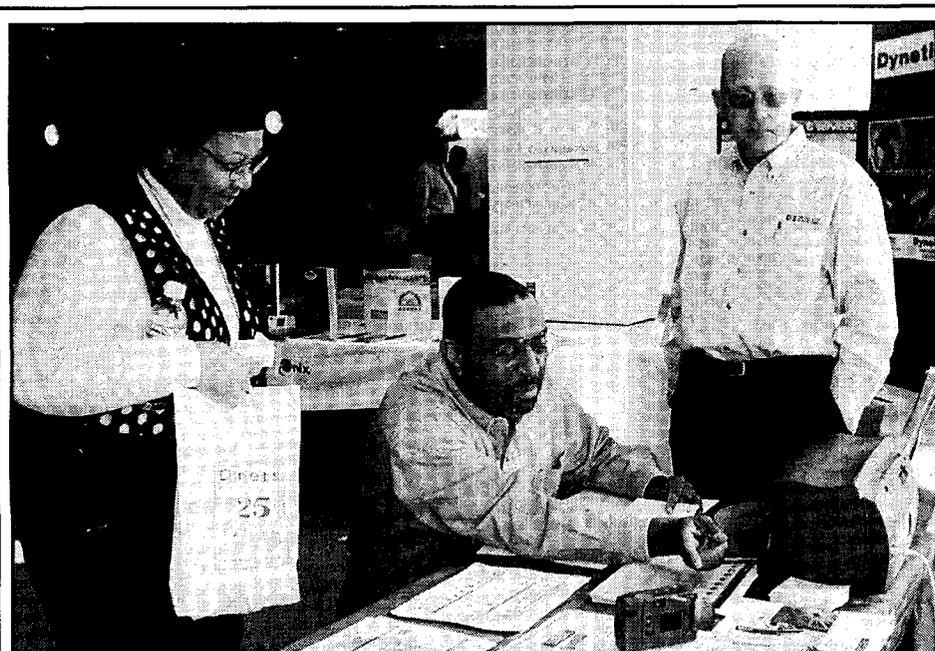


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Security expo...

An Information Assurance Conference and Exposition was held in the Sparkman Auditorium Feb. 9-10, which focused on the current information technology threats to the military community and the solutions that are available in the marketplace. Cornellia Orr, from LOGSA, checks out digital photography demonstrated by representatives of Hewlett Packard, Bill McElrath, center, and Lee Gravatte.

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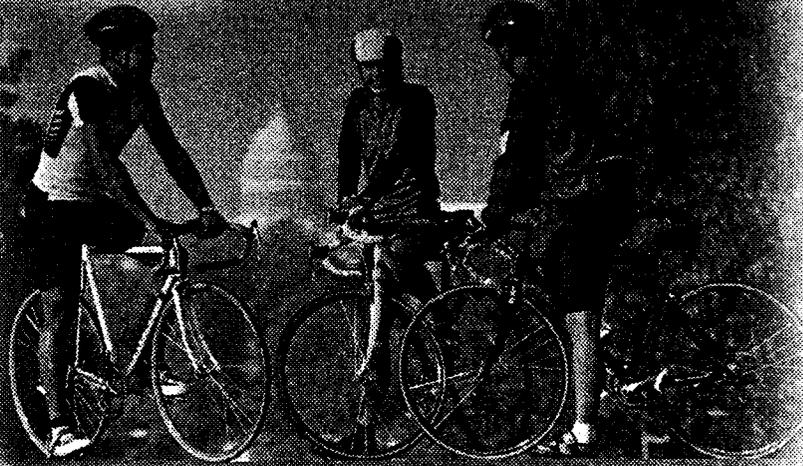
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Quiz

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3. Bishop S.G. Spottswood repeatedly opened this organization's convention with the words: "I bring you greetings from the oldest, largest, most effective, most consulted, most militant, most feared and to us the most loved of all civil rights organizations in the world." Name it. Answer: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
4. Whose autobiography was titled, "A Colored Woman in a White World"? Answer: Mary Eliza Church Terrell.
5. Who was the first black American to be honored by Time magazine as "Man of the Year"? Answer: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for 1963 (January 1964 issue).

Arts and Education

1. Who was the first black to earn a doctorate in the United States? Answer: Edward Bouchet, 1876, Yale.
2. Who was the first black to receive the Pulitzer Prize? Answer: Gwendolyn Brooks, 1950, poet/novelist.
3. Who was the first black American to receive a Rhodes scholarship? Answer: Alain L. Locke, 1910.
4. Who was the first black to graduate from the University of Alabama? Answer: Vivian Malone, 1965. (Note: Autherine Lucy, a graduate student, was the first black student at the University of Alabama, 1956.)
5. What was the name of the "Great Society" program which sought to motivate non-college bound high school students from low-income families to further their education in accredited academic institutions? Answer: Upward Bound, created in 1966, Office of Economic Opportunity.

Military

1. Who was the first black Army general? Answer: Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr., 1940.
2. Who was the first black Air Force general? Answer: Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., 1954.
3. Who was the first black admiral (general) in the U.S. Navy? Answer: Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely Jr., 1971.
4. Who was the first black Marine general? Answer: Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen Jr., 1979.
5. Who was the first black woman promoted to the rank of general? Answer: Brig. Gen. Hazel W. Johnson, 1980.

6. Who was the first American (a black) decorated by France in World War I with the Croix de Guerre? Answer: Private Henry Johnson, 1918. He rescued a wounded American comrade, Private Needham Roberts, from certain capture by the Germans and both ultimately received the decoration, with Johnson being first.
7. Who was the first black Secretary of the Army? Answer: Clifford Alexander Jr., 1977.
8. Which all-black unit won the first U.S. victory in Korea? Answer: 24th Infantry Regiment, 1950.
9. Who was the only black general with a Congressional Medal of Honor? Answer: Maj. Gen. Charles C. Rogers, who received it while a lieutenant colonel, 1968.

Religion

1. Although he "passed himself off for white," who was the first black Roman Catholic bishop in the United States? Answer: James Augustine Healy, 1875, Maine.
2. Who was the founder of the first black Episcopal congregation in America? Answer: Two answers possible—Richard Allen and Absalom Jones, 1787.
3. Who was the first black Mormon to be ordained to the priesthood? Answer: Joseph Freeman Jr., 1978.
4. Who was elected as the first woman bishop of the Episcopal Church? Answer: Rev. Barbara Harris, 1989.
5. Who was born in Sandersville, Ga., in 1897 and went on to become perhaps the "most significant and controversial religious leader of the 20th century"? Answer: Elijah (Poole) Muhammad.

Miscellaneous

1. Who was the first black to be honored on a postage stamp? Answer: Booker T. Washington, 1940.
2. Who was the first black woman lawyer to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court? Answer: Violette M. Anderson, 1926.
3. Who was the first black contestant selected as Miss America? Answer: Vanessa Williams, 1983.
4. Who was the first man, a black, to settle in Chicago? Answer: Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, 1779.
5. On what date is "Juneteenth" celebrated? Answer: June 19, Emancipation Day. Observed by blacks in Texas as a holiday in celebration of the anniversary of the emancipation of slaves in that state.

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