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Environmental cleanup on track

Fixes should be in place for all targeted sites by fiscal 2014, depending on resources

By Skip Vaughn

Talk about the environment and people listen. They want to make sure that the water they drink and the air they breathe is clean.

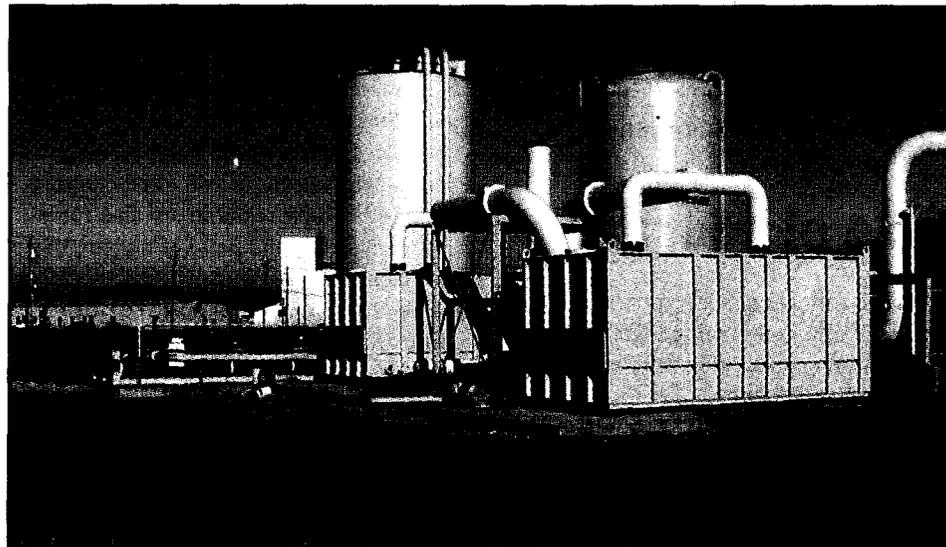
So local residents were understandably concerned about possible contamination in Huntsville Spring Branch from past industrial practices at Redstone Arsenal. They wanted to know what the Arsenal planned to do about it.

It turns out they had little to fear.

In a public meeting Feb. 10, Redstone officials relayed some field sampling data for a chemical spill that occurred in 1989. TCE, used as a solvent, spilled in the former Redstone Arsenal rocket engine facility.

"The results of that preliminary data shows there are no risks to the population," Mike Hubbard, director of the Directorate of Environment and Public Works, said.

"The contamination is decreasing significantly the further we get away from the source," Whitt Walker, acting chief of environmental management division, said. "The further it moves away from the Arsenal, the concentration goes down significantly. Most of the concentrations we've found were at or near drinking water quality."



Dan Hood/environmental engineer

EXPANDED FACILITY— This pump-and-treat facility will begin operating in March to expand cleanup efforts from a 1989 chemical spill in the former rocket engine plant.

Since 1997 Redstone has been cleaning up the groundwater in the former engine plant. A pump-and-treat facility went online that year to purify the water.

"The selected interim remedial action is a groundwater pump-and-treat system," Hubbard said. "In March we will be upgrading the plant to be able to extract and treat 400 gallons per minute. It's going to be pulling groundwater with the solvents

through a purification process and then the clean water will be discharged back into Huntsville Spring Branch."

The current facility, five pumping wells, does about 100-120 gallons per minute. Six more wells, three at each of the treatment sites, will be added in March. The current facility cost about \$2 million, and the expansion will cost an additional \$4 million.

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Early evening storms leave some damage

Redstone received its share of damage when early evening storms blew through north Alabama Feb. 13. There were no injuries reported, but two buildings were destroyed, several others were damaged, and hundreds of trees were snapped.

The most significant damage occurred to several buildings on Buxton Road near the eastern boundary of the installation. One building that is on the demolition list received extensive damage to the roof. This building had been closed but was being used for meetings. Two small storage buildings belonging to the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center were completely destroyed, according to Col. Herbert Carr, deputy director.

The other buildings that were damaged belong to the Electromagnetic Effects Branch of the Redstone Technical Test Center, a part of the Army Test and Evaluation Command. Parts of the roofs of two buildings were damaged, and some metal siding was blown off. There was minor water damage to some offices.

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Emergency relief for soldiers

Army Emergency Relief kicks off annual campaign March 6

By Sandy Riebeling

It's that time of year again for plant sales and car washes, cookouts and sports tournaments, all in an effort to support the Army Emergency Relief fund which takes care of soldiers in emergency situations. Whether it's financial assistance with travel for a death in the family, unexpected car repairs, help with rent and grocery money until the paycheck arrives, AER is there; and they are once again calling on all of Team Redstone for support.

The AER campaign kickoff ceremony will be March 6 in the Sparkman Auditorium. The goal is to raise \$45,000 by May 15. Last year Team Redstone con-

tributed more than \$63,000 to the fund and coordinators are hoping for the same generosity during the upcoming campaign.

Capt. Wendy Ward, commander of Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, is this year's AER chairman. Ward headed the campaign for the 100th Area Support Group several years ago while stationed in Germany. AER co-chairman is Sgt. Hosea Johnson, training NCO for HHC AMCOM, serving his second consecutive year as AER co-chair. Ann Owens is the AER officer from Army Community Service working with Ward and Johnson.

"The Army Emergency Relief fund provides interest free loans or grants to soldiers
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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

CAMPAIGN PLANNING— AER coordinators, from left, Ward, Owens and Johnson, work out the details for the kickoff ceremony at the Sparkman Auditorium March 1.

Commissary changes policy, hours

Four customers

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AMCOM's Corpus Christi depot

Part of family

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Manager survived polio as child

Walking tall

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Letters to the editor

Parking problem

We have an ongoing parking problem here at 5435. Whenever anyone parks near the rear equipment room, forcing our air conditioning/heating man to walk an extra 50 feet, he complains bitterly to the front office, forcing yet another purge of the offending vehicles. It goes without saying of course, that he has a legitimate complaint; if we are to continue to be cold in the winter, and warm in the summer, he needs to be able to easily access this equipment room the two or three times a year he goes in there.

I've always heard that compromise is good, so I would like to suggest one: if we scofflaws stop blocking his equipment room, perhaps he could stop parking in our crosswalk, handicapped and/or carpool spaces of the east parking lot, and spending hours a week in our east break room.

That seems fair enough.

Name withheld by request

Online security

Yesterday I needed to go into the on-line system called TIPS which is a part of the AMCOM

Personnel Website to sign up for a class. One of the pieces of information requested was my Social Security Number (SSN). Fine. My heartburn is that most sites that ask for SSNs and personal information have a certain level of security. To keep the issue simple, usually when you enter a secure site a little yellow lock shows up at the bottom of your web browser. It doesn't on the AMCOM Personnel web site. The URL is <http://micnt7.redstone.army.mil/sws/index.asp>. I would think if it was secure it would start off with <https://> but then I am not an expert in this field.

When I logged onto TIPS and it asked me for my SSN, the Personnel web page never indicated that I was in a secure environment. This makes me wonder how vulnerable is the system? How many times has a hacker obtained my SSN and other personal information and what's to prevent anyone in the future from doing so? We know that hackers are continually trying to gain access to systems at Redstone Arsenal.

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Button pusher

It is truly amazing how people have nothing better to do but complain. As if there aren't other important issues to focus our energies on. Apparently, we have too much idle time to nit pick. Besides, I don't think it's against the Constitution to push an access button! Honestly folks, have we succumbed to judging people just because they don't push the door with their hands? Are you folks really that eaten up?

Name withheld by request

Role of education

The following is a response to "We're in this thing together" which appeared in the Redstone Rocket's Feb. 9 issue.

The verbosity of SFC Glaspie's "Together" letter belies his sagacious social commentary. It should be agreed that the three schools of thought typically used in discussing Black America's problems are indeed nefarious. Later in his commentary, Glaspie does touch on the key to solving most of any society's ills—particularly the ills of America's down-trodden — education.

As recently as 1994, the dropout rate among St. Louis inner-city students that had entered high school as freshmen was reportedly 75 percent. One of that school system's official spokesmen opined that it was unfair for the inner-city high school students to earn more core-course credits than the surrounding county's high school students. He proposed that the standard of achievement be lowered; apparently the goal was too high.

The phrases "distribution of American wealth" and "share the wealth resources of our nation" are viewed by some as subtle attempts to mask the dream of utopian socialism. Imagine for a moment what America would be like if all American wealth was redistributed among those willing to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them and those who are not willing to do so. Everyone would be the same, everyone would have the same things, everyone would only be able to do the same things. Is this what is truly desired?

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Buttons pushed

Iam responding to the letter titled "Doorway Access Buttons Usage." To the individual who wrote this letter, have you considered those ailments that are not obvious to the casual observer, but are glaringly obvious to the individuals suffering from them? Perhaps you should offer the benefit of the doubt to those individuals who appear to you to be lazy, when in fact they may be suffering from knee injuries, back injuries, arm injuries and other maladies which make opening a large door very painful. Perhaps those people who appear to you to be carrying nothing but their rear end are also carrying many aches and pains which are made less painful by using conveniences such as the doorway access buttons. Please don't criticize until you have walked a mile with knee, back, or other pains that cause the "normal" day to day functioning to be extremely painful.

Elise N. Brasseale

Thanks from family

Maj. Dwayne and Mrs. Linda O. Morton and family would like to thank the friends on Redstone Arsenal and PAC-3 for their prayers and gifts during the loss of their mother, Virgie Duggan Oliphant.

Maj. Dwayne and Linda O. Morton

Child Development Center screening for tuberculosis

An administrative worker at the Child Development Center has an active case of tuberculosis that was revealed in test results last week. She has been placed on leave and will not return to work until she has been deemed not contagious by the Madison County Health Department.

Coordination with the Madison County Health Department, Fox Army Health Center and the installation commander resulted in a plan of action to inform all CDC users of the situation.

All Center workers will be screened for TB.

Parents of children and all children who attend the Center may be screened if they so

Base supply center

On behalf of Alabama Industries for the Blind, I want to invite the Redstone and NASA communities to be a part of the grand opening of the Redstone Base Supply Center (Country Store) at its new location on Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m. The new location is building 3775 on Maintenance Row, just off Patton Road. I also extend this invitation to our friends and supporters in the Alabama National Guard and U.S. Reserve units, federal agencies and federal contractors located off the Arsenal.

Jim Gibbons, president and chief executive officer of National Industries for the Blind from Washington, D.C., will be present. Gibbons leads NIB's 88 associated agencies that operate 123 industries in 38 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. There are currently approximately 75 BSCs across the United States.

Following a short ceremony, refreshments will be served. Please come out, help us celebrate, tour the store, meet the store staff and share in this great occasion. See the great line of first quality office supplies and cleaning products. Thanks for supporting blind employment.

Billy J. Sparkman
executive director,
Alabama Industries for the Blind,
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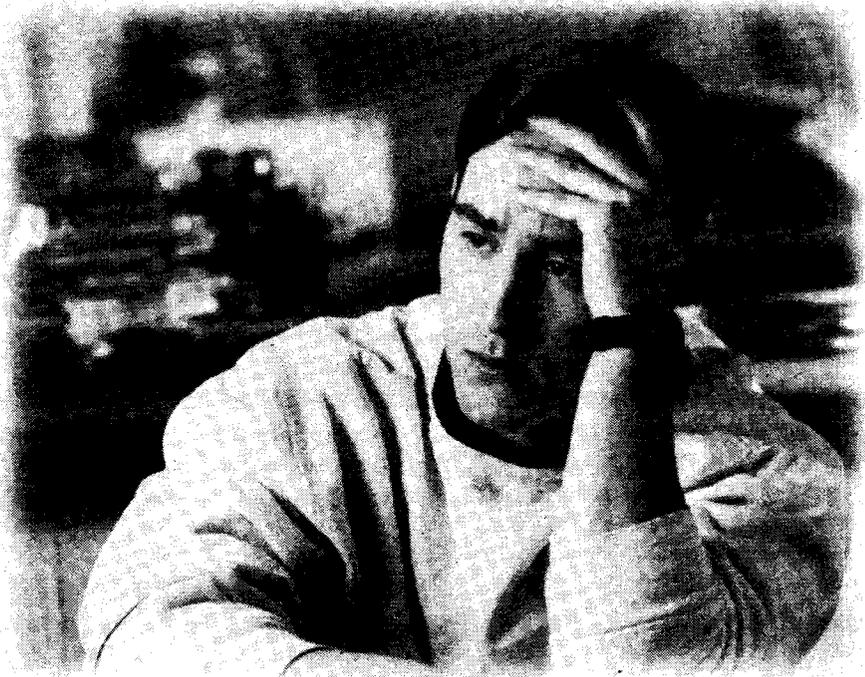
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Commissary adopts new guest policy, changes store hours

By Sandy Riebeling

In an effort to make shopping more customer friendly, the Commissary has reversed its longstanding policy and is now allowing guests to accompany authorized users into the store. Unauthorized people, however, are still not allowed to make purchases at the commissary.

"This was a DoD policy change that started back in November," Lee Wainwright, store director, said. "Initially the command wanted it to be more like the PX— limiting the number of guests and checking IDs at the front of the store. We started doing that in December but in January, the policy changed so that authorized shoppers could bring in guests and their ID is checked at the register."

Previously, no one could enter a commissary without an identification card that was checked at the front of the store. Wainwright said that the change met with some resistance at first, including one patron who said that he was bothered by the fact that someone who fled to Canada during Vietnam could set foot in the commissary.

"This has been a very emotional issue," Wainwright said. "Most of the resistance came from the retirement community. They've seen their benefits diminish over the years and saw the commissary issue as

a place to dig in their heels and make a stand. The change was never intended to be a threat to their benefits. And I think they've come to see it as a true customer benefit."

Patron concerns with the new policy were overcrowding and unauthorized purchases, both of which are unfounded, according to Wainwright.

Retirees Marion and James Coleman, shopping at the PX, didn't seem bothered by the changes.

"It doesn't really matter," Marion said. "I just think it was quicker to get your ID checked when you came in rather than at the checkout."

On the heels of the guest policy changes, the Commissary will change its hours of operation effective March 1. Hours will be: Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, closed; Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This change is a result of issues brought out at the Family Action Symposium," Wainwright said. "It's difficult for families with both parents working to come in and shop before 6 p.m. We didn't have the money to expand our hours so we tried to meet the needs of our working patrons by keeping the store open later in the evenings."

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■ Commissary makes changes for customer convenience

Commissary

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The commissary, unlike the Post Exchange, is an appropriated fund activity which means the budget is set by Congress and it is difficult to request and receive additional money to expand hours. Commissary merchandise is sold at cost, with a 5 percent surcharge added to cover operating expenses, supplies, equipment and renovation projects. The commissary received a \$4 million renovation in 1995, paid with funds collected through the surcharge.

Change is always difficult, Wainwright said, but the changes are in the best interest of military personnel.

"Why should grandma have to wait out in the car while you come in to do the shopping," he said. "If you went to a downtown grocery store, she would be able to come in with you. We lose business when we make it difficult for our patrons to use the commissary."

Military spouse and commissary shopper Sharon McIntire has mixed feelings about the changes.

"I like that they are staying open later in the evenings. Six o'clock is too early to close when all the other stores downtown stay open later. I wish they could expand the hours on Sunday, though. Lots of people need to pick up items before church," she said, adding that the policy of check identification at the checkout was "inconvenient."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

OK WITH CHANGES— Retiree shoppers Marion Coleman and husband, James, said that the new guest policy is all right but believe that checking IDs at the door rather than the cash register was quicker.

Wainwright's goal is to make shopping at the commissary as convenient as possible. He also wants to give the best deals in town.

"We are having a case lot sale March 19," he said. "That's when we go out and get special bargains and can then turn around and give the customer a great deal on things like paper goods, canned goods, pet food— all kinds of merchandise. We usually get quite a crowd but it's worthwhile to shop the sale. We try to have one about four times a year. Our last one was in November."

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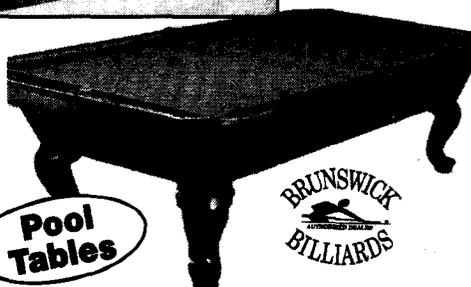
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■ AER annual fund-raising campaign opens March 6

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who need emergency financial assistance," Ward said. "Sometimes when a soldier first arrives here, his paycheck doesn't make it on time. AER can give him help with rent, utilities and food until his paycheck gets here."

Last year when fire destroyed a quadplex housing unit on post, AER was there to offer emergency assistance to the families.

"Everything needed to be replaced," Owens said. "They had lost so much. It felt good to be able to help them get back on their feet again."

Funds that make this type of assistance possible come from fund-raising efforts during the annual campaign. Ward will be working with and training approximately 50 "key" personnel who will solicit donations for the fund from active and retired military persons through either a one-time gift or allotment withdrawal. While civilians cannot be solicited, their one-time cash, check or money order contributions are welcome.

Ward will have a mandatory training session for key representatives at 9 a.m. Thursday at building 3301 to include solicitation issues and how to fill out allotment forms.

"One of the things we want to work on

this year is leadership involvement," Johnson said. "If the leader isn't willing to get involved, his staff won't view it as important. Of course, there's a fine line there. We don't want anyone to feel pressured to support AER activities."

"Regardless if someone contributes or not," Ward said, "we are hoping that the campaign will educate soldiers and civilians about AER— why we have it and where soldiers can go to get help in times of emergency. It's especially important to get the word out to the young soldiers just coming on post, who may not know what's available."

Besides direct contributions to AER, Redstone organizations traditionally hold fund-raisers to support the effort. Some of the most popular have been the plant sale, celebrity car wash, bass and golf tournaments, cookouts and bowling. Other activities include popcorn and bake sales, bowling tournaments, rummage sales and barbecues. About 75 percent of the organizations have some type of fund-raiser for AER. It's strictly up to each organization whether or

not to sponsor an activity.

"We would like organizations who are willing to have an activity to let us know in advance," Owens said. "It helps us to coordinate efforts and if we know about it, we can do more to support it."

None of the events have been scheduled yet.

"We want to publicize a calendar of events to let everyone know what's going on— probably through e-mails and publication in the Rocket," Johnson said. "Whether an organization has an activity or an individual buys a plant, every little bit helps. We are grateful for the support we've received in the past."

AER supports all the military service branches with a variety of assistance. In 1999 AER assisted 55,000 Army people with almost \$36 million. Ninety-five cents out of every dollar goes to help the soldier, with the remaining five cents going to administrative expenses.

For more information about donations or sponsoring an activity, call Ward or Johnson at 842-8378 or Owens at 876-9579.

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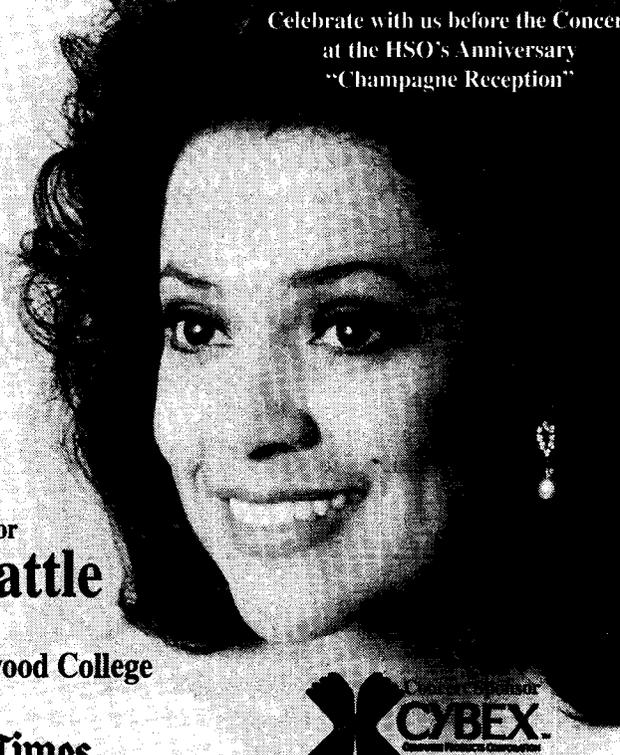
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■ Redstone cleaning up past environmental practices

Environment

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The money comes out of the Army's environmental restoration account.

This work is done in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The expanded treatment facility will be operated by IT Group out of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Ultimately, EPA will decide whether this interim cleanup method is the permanent solution or something else must be done.

The spill site on the southeast part of the Arsenal is just one of many targeted environmental areas on post. Redstone continues to address the remnants of its past operations, dating back to the World War II era, when the environment wasn't a major concern.

"There's approximately 85 sites in the active program which will require further investigation to determine whether any remediation is required," Hubbard said. "It runs from very simple to fairly complex—landfills, old industrial areas, military dis-

posal sites. And the cleanup processes are difficult and the decisions are difficult because of the nature of the geology and soils of Redstone."

Higher headquarters, Army Materiel Command, has instructed Redstone to have a remedy in place for all high-risk sites by fiscal 2009 and then for all sites— including low and medium risk ones by fiscal 2014.

"The Redstone program is on track to meet or exceed the Army's goals, depending on availability of resources," Hubbard said.

On June 30, 1994 Redstone was placed on the EPA's national priority list. The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) mandates the procedures for cleanup and restoration of federal properties.

That's the regulatory reason for the ongoing cleanup efforts. But there are other reasons as well.

"We're continuing to clean up the Army's properties at Redstone to put ourselves in position for future growth," Hubbard said, "and to demonstrate Redstone as being an enduring installation."

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Corpus Christi Depot taking care of business for military helicopter fleet as part of AMCOM family

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Texas is also home for part of AMCOM's family, the Corpus Christi Army Depot. The Aviation and Missile Command assumed command and control of Corpus Christi and Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., in October 1999 from the Industrial Operations Command. The actual transition began in October 1998 and took a year.

In the interest of keeping our readers informed about the AMCOM family, Beth Skarupa of the Rocket staff provided the following questions to the Corpus Christi public affairs office. Here are its answers:

Question: Are there any special challenges that Corpus Christi faces as an Army depot? If so, what are they? What is the biggest challenge?

Answer: The Corpus Christi Army Depot is a business. There are nearly 2,600 civilian workers and it is commanded by Col. Mitch Dockens. The goal every year is earn revenue. The revenue is earned by programs where the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force allocate money to the depot to work on various parts of their helicopters. The biggest challenge is getting the work done on time, at or below cost, and be a quality product.

Question: Are there any special accomplishments or awards Corpus Christi received in the past year that you would like me to mention?

Answer: Right now Corpus Christi has been working on transmissions from the Chinook (CH47) and Apache that were found to be flawed and Safety of Flight Messages were issued grounding both fleets. Right now of the 485 Apaches that

had to be inspected, nearly 200 transmissions have been repaired and sent back to the field enabling that number of aircraft to fly again. The Chinooks have two transmissions and right now another problem has surfaced grounding 13 percent of the fleet. Corpus Christi may be involved in that work, too.

And, Corpus Christi received two Golden Hammer Awards from Vice President Gore. They were given to the Material Management Improvement Team and the UH-60 Transmission/Gearbox Improvement Team.

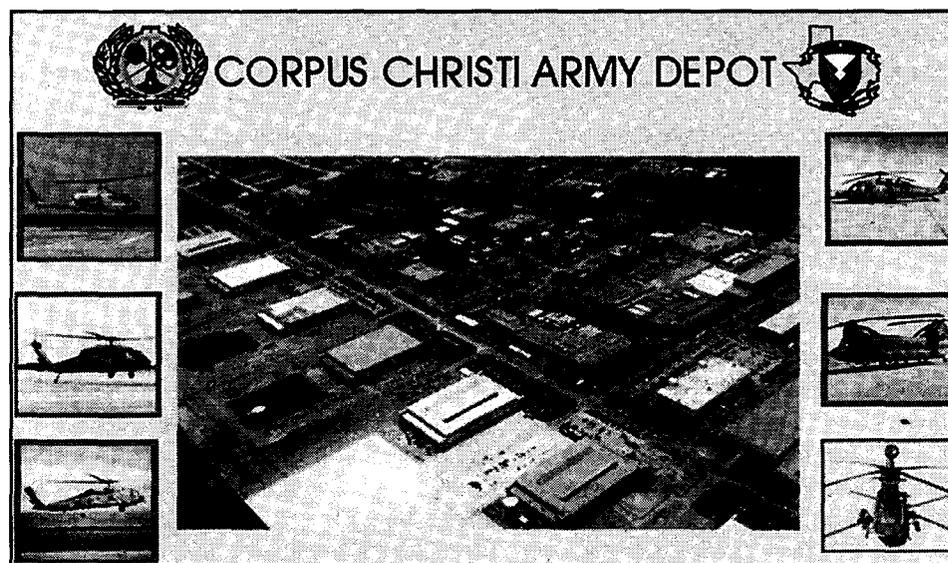
Question: What goals or focus does CCAD have for the new year/new millennium?

Answer: The Army Workload Performance System (AWPS) has become an important tool in tracking work and recording time to do that work. This is a simplified explanation to a more complicated program; however, with the data in the AWPS everyone will know, at all times, how we are doing at working on the programs for the different aircraft. Our focus is to complete those programs and find new work to occupy the work force. An example of this is: We have a Advance Metal Refinishing Facility and only 30 percent of the capacity is being utilized and so a marketing team has been formed to visit another installation to see if they want to send their parts to our Advanced Metal Finishing Facility for work and they would pay us for that.

Question: The depot became part of AMCOM Oct. 1. Has the transition gone well? Why or why not?

Answer: Yes the transition, that was a year in the making, has gone well. We have hosted AMCOM staff members from various parts of the headquarters as well as

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Courtesy photo

AERIAL VIEW— Corpus Christi Depot joined the Aviation and Missile Command family last October.

Government/industry symposium set for June

By Emerson McAfee

The Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange (GISEE) 2000 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.

The symposium will provide participants with an insight into new and changing, high-level Department of Defense/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.

Organizers are still soliciting presentations for this year's symposium and the cutoff for submission has been extended to April 3. If you think you are involved with a sys-

tem which has benefited by the introduction of new or innovative logistics processes, contact Emerson McAfee. Come share your invaluable experiences with the rest of the logistics acquisition community.

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(Editor's note: McAfee is a logistics management specialist at Logistics Support Activity.)

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These are legitimate concerns and I'd like to hear from both the security office and Personnel office assurance that our information is protected. I do not believe at this time it is but hopefully I am wrong.

David Bennett
DSA

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "Yes, a website using Secure

Sockets Layer (SSL) does display a 'little yellow lock' at the bottom of a web browser. Currently, other security implementations are built into TIPS. These include user authentication, transmittal of a user's name isolated from the associated Social Security Number and various database security enhancements which are transparent to the end user. In the near future, TIPS plans to comply with the DoD PKI Roadmap by implementing 128 bit encryption SSL by June 30. This will provide the additional visible layer of security that is familiar to web users."

Education

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By stating simply "we're in this thing together," the perverted corollary that "we can't do anything on our own" is invoked. If we cannot achieve and succeed on our own, and if we can't take advantage of opportunities or "gifts" when they are

delivered (un)to us, then we do not deserve to share success and achievement. As long as America loves a competitor and a winner, and as long as competition drives us to take advantage of those opportunities and gifts, then we all can survive whatever obstacles may be thrown in our paths.

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Leisure travel office grounded

Carlson Wagonlit requires transaction fee, but Redstone Arsenal says no thanks

By Sandy Riebeling

Making leisure travel plans may be a little more complicated for Redstone soldiers since the leisure travel office, operated by Carlson Wagonlit Travel, closed Jan 10, due to a dispute over charging soldiers a fee for booking travel services.

"Carlson Wagonlit elected to discontinue doing leisure service travel because the Army wouldn't let them charge a transaction fee," Dan Ahern, director, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said. "We understand their position. For the last five years the airlines have cut into their commissions. It used to be that travel agencies received a 10 percent commission off the price of an airline ticket. Then the airline capped the fee, then they reduced the percentage and so on. In January, when Carlson said they would have to start charging a transaction fee, we said no."

Carlson has provided leisure travel service to the DoD for many years at no cost to the traveler. Because of the drastic cuts in commission, they say they can no longer provide the travel service without charging a fee.

"We don't make enough to stay in business without charging a transaction fee," Truman Jeter, branch manager at Carlson Wagonlit Travel, said. "We had discussed

some options to continue service for a nominal fee but the answer was no. We still provide leisure service in conjunction with official travel, but we charge a fee."

Carlson also has the contract to provide official travel service to the Army. In January, they began charging the government a \$4.32 revenue recovery fee per ticket for official travel.

The issue of whether or not an installation has a leisure travel office is left up to each installation. Fort Knox, Ky., entered an agreement with Carlson to provide leisure travel service with a \$10 service charge to the soldiers. The fee is split so that Carlson receives \$6 and Morale, Welfare and Recreation gets \$4.

In the past Carlson paid a percentage of its commission to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation but that stopped in November 1999. Redstone's MWR received an average of \$30,000 annually from the leisure travel office, located in the mall area of the Post Exchange. According to Carlson figures, more than 2,500 airline tickets were booked through their leisure travel office last year.

"We intend to solicit for a new leisure travel agent, on a competitive basis, to come back on post," Ahern said. "By what I understand, most agencies downtown do charge a transaction fee of some kind or

another so it may be difficult to find someone that wants the contract. I don't know."

Ahern hopes to have results in less than a month but until then, Mike Chemsak, chief, recreation and family support division, offered some helpful hints for making personal travel plans.

"Probably the best place to start is the Military Travel Guide website," he said. "When making airline reservations, be sure and check refund and exchange policies. Since you have to use a credit card to pay for online reservations, soldiers who don't have a credit card may want to use a travel agent downtown."

The Military Travel Guide website address is <http://militarytravelguide.com>.

Travel agencies interested in making a bid to offer leisure travel service at Redstone should call Chemsak at 876-2315.

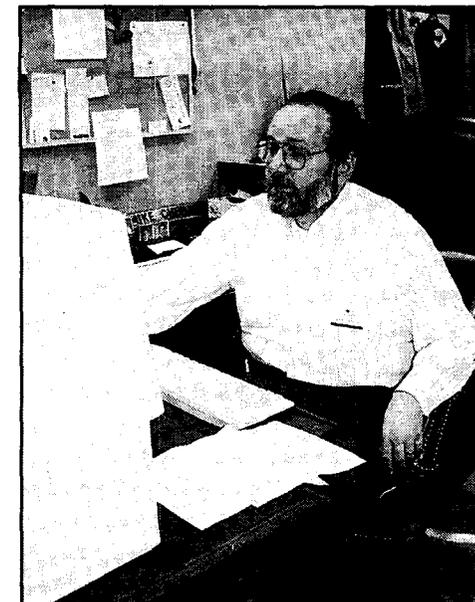


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

RESERVATIONS VIA THE NET— Without a leisure travel office on post, it's up to the soldiers to surf the web for airline reservations. Chemsak suggested the Military Travel Guide website as the best place to start.

Marines overtake HHC 59th in overtime win

The Marines seem to be peaking at the right time in troop basketball.

In their final game of the regular season, the Marines upset HHC 59th in overtime 60-52 on Feb. 14 at Pagano Gym. The score was tied 48-all at the end of regulation; and the Marines outscored the 59th 12-4 in OT.

Armelius Haynes and Kittrea Pearson led the Marines (7-4) in overtime, just as they had for the entire game. They scored six points apiece in the extra period. Haynes finished with 29 points while Pearson had 13.

The halftime score was Marines 28, 59th 23. The Marines had a chance to win in regulation but Pearson missed the front end of a one-and-one with one second left in the

game. He came up big in overtime.

"I don't think it was a major upset," Marines forward Bobby McCowan said. "We're finally starting to click. And watch out for us in the playoffs."

The 59th (9-2) was led by Michael Liggins with 36 points. William Kelly, the 59th's leading scorer, didn't play because he hurt his back in a loss to HHC AMCOM Feb. 10.

The regular season ends Thursday and the postseason tournament begins Monday. Here are the standings as of last Friday:

Eastern Division— AMCOM (10-1), 59th (9-2), Marines (7-4), Bravo Company (3-8).

Western Division— Charlie Company (7-3), Delta Company (5-4), ROTC (2-8), MED-DAC (2-7) and Headquarters & Alpha (1-9).

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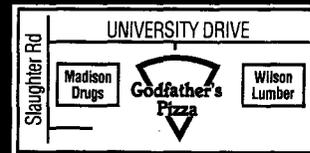
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Helping to overcome barriers

Worker volunteers for association of retarded citizens, Special Olympics athletes

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Patsy Gilliam, a native of Tennessee and an Army Materiel Command intern in AMCOM's Acquisition Center, has helped the Lincoln County chapter of the Association for Retarded Citizens in Fayetteville for more than 20 years.

"In ARC, we provide opportunities for people with all kinds of disabilities, such as mental retardation, to network with the community," Gilliam said. "We plan social events like Bingo and Valentine parties, and offer arts and crafts lessons for all ages. I especially like to work with individuals 22 to 65 years of age. I have one girl who is paralyzed from the neck down, and has learned to paint watercolors with her teeth."

Gilliam uses a fellowship hall at a church or a residential facility to hold classes, whatever she can borrow for free because funding is limited. One of her bedrooms at home is used as a storage area for supplies. Gilliam also bought a used van six years ago so that she can pick up some of the students and take them to the classes.

"I have a few parents as volunteers to assist me, but they are getting older and in poor health," Gilliam said. "I would like to see younger parents become involved so that this work can be carried on because I am not going to live forever."

One of Gilliam's greatest efforts is the Special Olympics, an event very similar to the real Olympics, with local, regional, state and international competitions. However, Special Olympics, is a year-round sports program for people with

development disabilities, which has 19 different sports ranging from track and field events to downhill skiing.

The first international event was held in Chicago in 1968 with 1,000 athletes. Today, anywhere from 6,000 to 7,000 athletes from 149 countries participate in the event.

"Athletes are very protected when they attend these games," Gilliam said. "They are photographed, fingerprinted and guarded around the clock. Plus, they get a chance to meet all kinds of celebrities. It's a thrill for me too that I can be a part of this event and get them close to the stars."

The ceremony concludes with fireworks and the lighting of the Flame of Hope, which is ignited by a Special Olympian.

Working for the government has allowed Gilliam to participate in the alternate work schedule enabling her to have every other Friday off. This permits her to have more time to coach the athletes. In addition, her evenings, weekends and vacation time is spent helping them get ready for the Special Olympics.

She has coached over a hundred athletes through the years. In 1991, Carol Davidson represented Tennessee in bowling at the World Games in Minneapolis. In 1995, Teresa Scott and Dale Cowley won medals in bowling and bocce ball in Hartford, Conn.

"It's an emotional, rewarding experience to see these athletes succeed, given the barriers they have had to overcome," Gilliam said. "It makes you feel good inside."

For four years the athletes work and practice and enter local, regional and state

meets before being considered for the world games. One's behavior and health also has to be taken into consideration because these athletes are gone for 11 days.

Gilliam began her government career as a clerk-typist with OMMCS for the Hawk Division. After short stints as a supply technician and an accounting technician, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting and general education in 1996 from Athens State College, and became an AMC intern. She will graduate as a Level II contract specialist in August.



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson
DAY JOB— Gilliam, an intern in the Acquisition Center, spends much of her spare time as a volunteer in Lincoln County, Tenn.

Radar project office members honored

The X-Band Radar Project Office presented the following awards Feb. 14:

- Performance Awards— Pamela Blackwell, William Burrows, Joyce Campbell, Susan Campbell, Billy Carter, Bobby Cooley, John Dempsey, Jenny Glazner, Dr. Virginia Kobler, Daniel Pollard and Ronald Strickland.
- On-the-Spot Awards— Hazel Bearden

and Genevieve Glazner.

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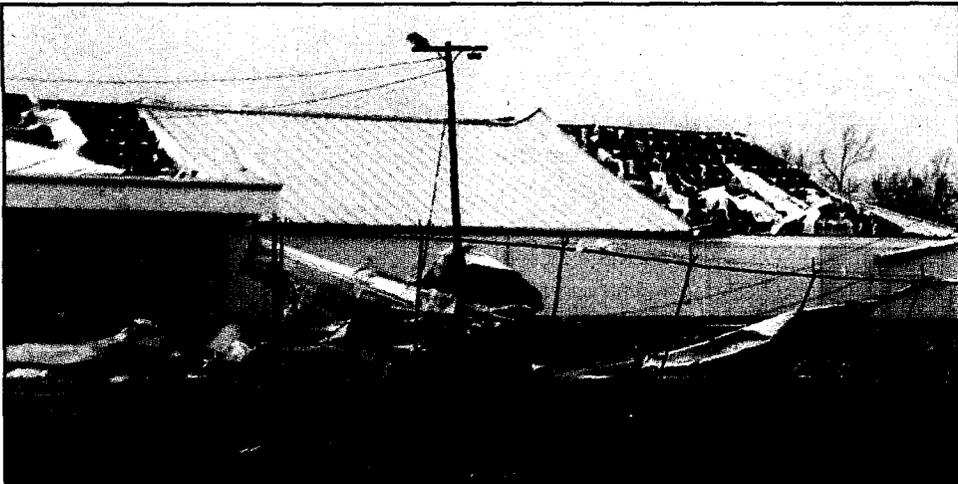


Photo by Pam Rogers

STORM DAMAGE— Strong winds Feb. 13 damaged six buildings, five on the southern part of the Arsenal and one in the northern area. There was also damage to about 400 pine trees. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

Storm

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Additional damage included trailers and a Cobra helicopter overturned, and damage to several antennas, according to Phil Carmack of RTTC. Hundreds of pine trees in the vicinity were broken in half and

fiberglass insulation and other debris littered the area.

James Zimmerman, electromagnetic effects branch chief, said the entire work force, consisting of 10 government and 15 contractor employees, was on the job Monday. No one was in the area at the time of the storm.

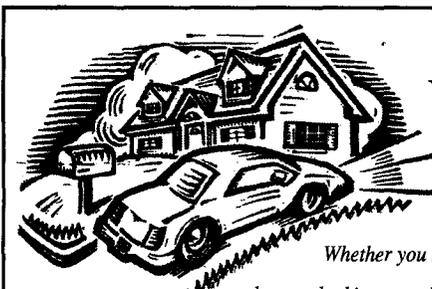
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Certification is icing on cake

Installation food advisers honored by international association

By Sandy Riebeling

Years of military service, food service experience and course work about the kitchen, have paid off for two of Redstone's food service technicians.

CWO 2 Reginald Hughes, outgoing installation food adviser, and CWO 2 John Cage, incoming food installation adviser, were awarded the Certified Food Executive designation by the International Food Service Executives Association in recognition of their outstanding professional accomplishments and educational pursuits.

"It's a prestigious award in the food service industry," Hughes said. "But really it's more of a benefit once you separate from the military. It's this type of award that earns you more money and opportunities in the civilian sector."

With 17 years in the Army, Hughes expects to be out working in the civilian world not too long from now. He came to Redstone in 1996 from Korea and is returning to Korea in March.

"Redstone is a lot different than other installations," Hughes said. "This place is mostly civilian and it's taught me a lot about working with contractors. It's always nice to have that added experience."

Don Olsen, director, Directorate of Logistics, praised Hughes for his efforts over the past years.

"Chief Hughes has done an outstanding job for us," he said. "Under his leadership, the Redstone Arsenal dining facility rated the best in AMC for the past two or three years. He's successfully developed new menus and specials for the soldiers. He's done a great job."

"I have just as much confidence in chief Cage, that he will continue in the tradition of chief Hughes. I'm sure we will remain one of the top dining facilities in AMC."

Cage has been to at least five schools to earn the 1,250 points necessary for the certification. But it's back to school for him again in June, this time to Fort Lee, Va., to take a contracting officers representative

course.

"Things are a lot different here than at my last post," he said. "Fort Campbell (Ky.) has four facilities. We served about 3,000 per meal altogether."

Since he took charge as the adviser in December, Cage has a pretty good idea of the challenges this facility poses.

"Probably the biggest problem is the building," he said. "It's old—the equipment is old and that makes it costly to repair and maintain. And it's small. It seats about 275. We serve about 500 soldiers at each meal. I heard that we've been approved to build a new facility. We just have to wait for the funding."

At the same time, Cage welcomes the opportunity to work as a COR and said that he and his wife, Inez, have enjoyed their stay at Redstone thus far. Cage has three children, Mario, 18, Demetrius, 10, and Rashad, 4.

Hughes and Cage were awarded plaques and certificates in December from the IFSEA.

The dining facility is under the supervision of the Directorate of Logistics, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

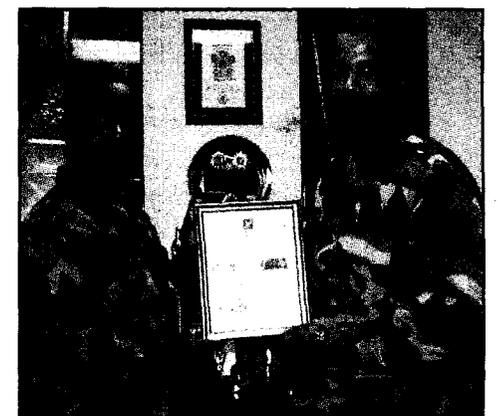


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KITCHEN PROFESSIONALS— Both food installation advisers, the incoming, Cage, left, and the outgoing, Hughes, have been honored by the International Food Service Executives Association with the designation of certified food executives.

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Thrift Shop ready for grand tour

By Sandy Riebeling

The Thrift Shop was buzzing with activity in those final moments before the store reopened Feb. 16 at its Hercules Road location. As customers gathered at the door, waiting for the official "go ahead," volunteers and staff took one last look around the place, smiles beaming from all who had worked so hard to make it a success.

"We're ready," Mary McCarthy, thrift shop volunteer representative, said. "We're well-stocked and ready to go, thanks to a lot of people who worked very hard. Chief (Lee) Samuelson was unbelievable. We have some volunteers that just went all out - Judy Morgida, Carolyn Denno, Jim Bizer — they were all great.

Now that the store is open, McCarthy is looking forward to the official grand opening March 1.

"We'll have a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11," she said. "The store will not be open for shopping until after the ceremony but we will be giving tours starting at 10 a.m. We will have some refreshments afterwards."

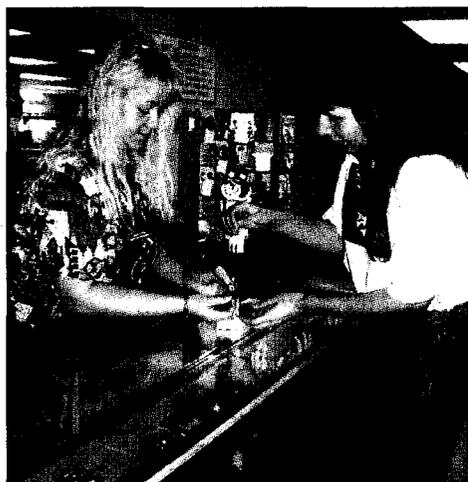


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TWO NEW JEWELRY COUNTERS— Just as the store opens, volunteers Carolyn Denno and Marion Young take a last minute look at their merchandise.

McCarthy listed the new business hours as follows: store hours Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; consignment by appointment is Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and consignment walk-ins Fridays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GREAT BUYS— The Thrift Shop is all dressed up and ready for sales. Mary McCarthy, left, does a little shopping with Gail Askew, Thrift Shop board chairman, on their first day back in business.

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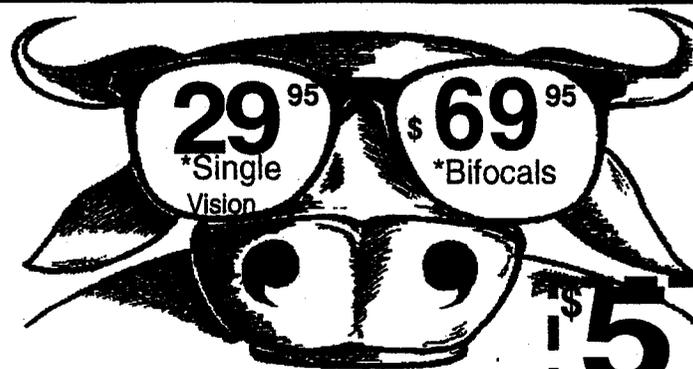
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00D0583DB	Secretary (OA)	24-Feb-00	USAOMMCS	GS-0318	6	6
00D0512BL	Deputy Product Manager	24-Feb-00	AMCOM DSA	GS-0340	14	14
00B0602SS	General Engineer	24-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
00B0601SS	General Engineer	24-Feb-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
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
HA00A3060	Electrical Engineer	28-Feb-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0850	12	12
00D0591BL	Supervisory Executive Ast	28-Feb-00	AMCOM SGS	GS-0301	13	13
00C0621FM	OA Assistant	28-Feb-00	LOGSA	GS-0326	6	6
00C0610FM	System Administrator	28-Feb-00	AMCOM P&T Dir.	GS-0303	7	7
00A0525PA	Supervisory Architect	28-Feb-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0808	14	14
00C0551BR	General Engineer	29-Feb-00	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14
00B0575AC	Aerospace Engineer	29-Feb-00	AMCOM PEO AVN	GS-0861	13	13
00D0624DW	Intern. Prog. Mgmt. Spec.	1-Mar-00	AMCOM SAMD	GS-0301	14	14
00D0623BL	Admin. Officer	1-Mar-00	AMCOM SGS	GS-0341	9	9
00D0613BL	Ops. Research Analyst	1-Mar-00	AMCOM SAOS	GS-1515	12	12
00B0617SS	Engineering Technician	1-Mar-00	AMCOM RDEC	DE-0802	II	II
00B0615SS	General Engineer	1-Mar-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
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00D0582DB	Training Instructor (HD)	14-Aug-00	USAOMMCS	GS-1712	11	11
HA00A3082	Civil Engineering Tech.	31-Dec-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0802	12	12
HA00A3080	Elect.Mech,Civil Engineer	31-Dec-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0850,0830		
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Walking tall after childhood illness

Polio survivor manages resources for AMCOM Research, Development and Engineering Center

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

At one time, polio killed or crippled 500,000 people a year, most of them children. Sara Mills knows this only too well because she was 2 when struck with polio.

She learned how to walk again and by the time she was in junior high, Mills was able to walk without any visible effects of the disease. Polio, short for poliomyelitis, is a viral infection that may lead to paralysis and death.

Mills knew in the marrow of her bones, from her own struggle with polio, that restoring optimism was the beginning of progress. No matter what the challenge, she believed that the facts were only one part of reality; the other part was how one reacts to them and changes them for the better.

Today, Mills is a DE-5, equivalent to a GS-15. She is chief of the management of operations and business office in the AMCOM Research, Development and Engineering Center.

"My job is to oversee management of the RDEC resources," Mills said. "This includes planning and execution, around \$700M a year, of approximately 1,900 civilians and 17 military personnel, and management of all the RDEC Redstone Arsenal facilities all over the Arsenal totaling \$180M. To help me in this endeavor, I



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

MANAGER— Mills is chief of the management of operations and business office in the Research, Development and Engineering Center.

am very lucky to have 53 wonderful people working for me."

After graduating from Auburn University in 1962 with a double degree in foreign languages, Spanish and French, and accounting, Mills began her government career as a GS-7 accountant. She worked for AMCOM, the Space and Missile Defense Command, and the Program Executive Office, Tactical Missiles. In October 1988, she was chosen as a GS-13 division chief in the RDEC.

"My parents and three sisters gave me the

ambition and strength to learn how to overcome many obstacles in my life," Mills said. "My upbringing was anything but typical. My dad was in the military so our family had to move around a lot. I think this made all of us a lot stronger. We did not have the chance to have many close friends, so we had to learn how to rely on each other."

While attending Auburn University, her dad's alma mater, Mills met and married Charles Vessels. They had two children: a son, Chuck, who is now a mechanical engineer for the RDEC, and a reserve deputy and tactical-defense instructor for the Limestone County Sheriff's Department; and a daughter, Vicki Johnston, a marketing writer for Adtran. But, in November 1989, Charles died, her husband of 29 years. To keep herself busy away from work, Mills spent time reading, writing poetry, and doing all kinds of needlework, cross-stitching, and crocheting.

Later on, Mills' mother became ill. She had to make frequent trips to Pine Mountain, Ga., 280 miles each way, to care

for her. During this time, her boss asked Mills to have the conference room remodeled. She called the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity to have an architect come over and redesign the room. The architect was John Mills, a former Marine lieutenant colonel. It didn't take long for him to win her heart. On May 12, 1995, they married. Because of his military expertise, John is now special assistant for Concept Development with RDEC's Advanced Systems Directorate.

"My husband, John, has done more for me than anyone else to help me uncover strength and courage that I never knew I had," Mills said. "Looking back on my career, I give the credit for my success to John and to my employees, because I certainly could not have made it this far without them."

Mills, who liked collecting antiques, got John interested in them and he in turn, got her fascinated with art. Their future goals when they retire are to travel and spend more time with their grandchildren.

Redstone council serves up new volleyball league

By Jim Bowne

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a Coed Volleyball League. According to Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, who chairs the CWFC's Sports Committee, the league will begin playing March 15.

"We've had so many people express an interest in volleyball, we feel this is a great time to start a league," Meyer-Schuck said. "Based on the number of people who sign up, we'll probably have two separate leagues, a 'Recreation League' and a 'Power League.' Those who are really competitive and serious about playing volleyball will be in the power league. Those who want to play but may be less experienced will participate in the recreation league."

All games will be played at the Arsenal's newest gym, the Redstone Fitness Center located near the intersection of Patton and

Aerobee Roads.

"We'll play a three-game format, 15 points each," Meyer-Schuck said. "All games will be played on Wednesday evenings at 5, 6 and 7 o'clock. Each win will be one point, and the team having the highest number of points at the end of the season will be the winner. The season will last 8 to 10 weeks. Since this is a coed league, only three men will be allowed on the court at any time."

The Volleyball League is open to all Team Redstone employees, including government, contractors working on the Arsenal, and the military.

"Now is the time to start forming teams," Meyer-Schuck said. "The deadline for signing up is March 6."

An organizational meeting will be held March 8 at the Redstone Fitness Center, followed by a practice session. For more information, call Meyer-Schuck at 313-3395.

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Medic receives long-delayed Medal of Honor

By Rudi Williams

WASHINGTON-- "This award is not really mine; it's for those who were with me that day," a humble, soft-spoken Alfred Rascon said after President Clinton presented him the Medal of Honor during White House ceremonies Feb. 8.

But Congress, the president and his platoon buddies who attended the ceremony said he earned the nation's highest military award. "None of us would be here today if not for Al," said Ray Compton, who was on the reconnaissance patrol's point during Rascon's heroic action on March 26, 1966, in Vietnam. "We owe a lot to Al Rascon. We wouldn't be alive or have a family if it hadn't been for Al."

Born in Mexico on Sept. 10, 1945, Rascon was not even an American citizen

when he performed his heroic deeds. "I was always an American in my heart," he said during the ceremony.

Rascon, then an Army medic, is credited with saving Compton, a former Army sergeant, and former Pfc. Neil Haffey's lives by shielding them from hand grenade blasts with his own body during "10 minutes of pure hell." Haffey attended the ceremony along with several other members of the 1st Battalion 503rd Airborne, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

In addition to Rascon's family and several members of his former unit, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, cabinet and military officials and congressional representatives witnessed the presentation.

Clinton said Rascon's platoon was sent

to Vietnam in May 1965, and on March 16, 1966, they were in Long Khanh Province, helping another platoon that was pinned down by the enemy.

"In his words, it was '10 minutes of pure hell,'" Clinton said. "In the middle of an intense firefight, Alfred was everywhere."

The president said while attending to a fatally wounded machine gunner, Pvt. William Thompson, Rascon was hit with shrapnel and shot in the hip. The bullet went parallel to his spine, and came out by his shoulder.

"Ignoring his own wounds, he then brought desperately needed ammo to another machine gunner, Pvt. Larry Gibson (who was wounded)," Clinton noted. "Several grenades then landed nearby. One of them ripped his mouth open. When he saw another land near Pvt. Neil Haffey, he covered him with his body, absorbing the brunt of the blast. Yet another grenade landed near Sgt. Ray Compton, and Alfred covered him, also."

Barely able to walk and bleeding from his ears and nose, Rascon spotted and ran to recover a machine gun that the enemy was about to capture, Clinton said.

"The extra firepower kept the enemy from advancing, and Alfred Rascon saved his platoon," Clinton emphasized.

The attendees erupted in laughter when the president said Rascon never gave a single thought to himself - "except, he admits,



Photo by Jerome Howard

HIGHEST AWARD FOR VALOR— President Clinton places the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor, around Rascon's neck, more than 34 years after the former Army medic saved the lives of his platoon mates in Vietnam on March 26, 1966.

for the instant when the grenade exploded near his face and he thought, oh, God, my good looks are gone."

"This man gave everything he had, utterly and selflessly, to protect his platoon mates and the nation, and yet he was not yet an American citizen," Clinton said.

Clinton quoted Rascon as saying later: "I did it because I had to do it and that's all there is to it. I don't consider myself a hero
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Courtesy photo

Safety award winners...

The LOGSA Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., has received the safety area of the year award for 1999. The center is part of the Logistics Support Activity, based at Redstone Arsenal. Col. Kurt Weidenthal, depot commander, presented the award to the center's safety and health working group. From left are Brenda Diaz, office of the chief; Timothy Reimann, logistics, testing and applications division (testing facility); Weidenthal; Robert Lawless, facilitator, packaging and transportation division; and Collette Gneuchs, logistics, training and applications division (administrative). Not pictured is Ann Podrasky, packaging and transportation division.

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Walkathon

The fourth annual Great Strides 10K walk/run, to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, will be held April 9 at Big Spring Park. Registration starts at 1 p.m., and the walk at 2. All walkers are asked to collect donations which should be turned in on event day. T-shirts and other prizes can be won based on the amount of money collected. Music and refreshments will be provided after the walk. For more information call Kendra Wood, director of special events, 1-800-523-2357.

Baseball weekend trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is planning a baseball weekend trip to Atlanta, Aug. 25-27. Two games, Friday and Saturday nights, Atlanta Braves vs. St. Louis Cardinals. Tentative plans are as follows: Bus to leave Redstone Arsenal, Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. Bus, games, hotel -- based on double occupancy will cost

approximately \$175 per person. More details to follow. If interested, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-3395.

Volleyball league

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Youth baseball/softball

Baseball/softball registration for ages 5-12 began Feb 22 and continues through March 18. A copy of each child's birth certificate and a current physical will be required at registration. The cost is \$25 per child. Take advantage of the "Family Sports Plan" which is \$100 per family for one year. Active duty, retired military, DoD, DA, NASA and contractor family members are invited to sign their children up at the Youth Center, building 3148, Monday through Saturday, 1-7 p.m. For more information, call 876-2255. Babe Ruth baseball is available through Brahan Springs Recreation Center at 883-3710 for youths 13-15.

Ladies golf association

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold its annual "Welcome Coffee" at 9 a.m. March 1 at the Redstone Golf Course. All ladies age 17 or older who are eligible to play on the Redstone course are invited to join. There will be a short social to explain the goals and activities the association has planned for this year. Membership dues are \$20 and can be paid that day. The first play day is March 8. For reservations call Fran Sullivan 883-8804 or Jane Robinson 883-8853.

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 must submit a photo-copy of a valid military identification card with the completed application. Their primary residence must be with parents or parent residing in the Huntsville area. Students on a fully paid scholarship or who have previously received this award are not eligible to apply. Merit award applications

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

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.

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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 his 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

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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.

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. Friday. For more information, call Thrift Shop manager Sheila Torongeau 881-6992.

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.

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'oeu-

vres 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. Saturday 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.

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

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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.

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. Saturday.

Civil rights bus tour

Blacks in Government will sponsor a "Civil Rights Bus Tour" to Birmingham on Saturday 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

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be used within a certain length of time, to be determined by the board of governors. The Thrift Shop makes welfare contributes 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.

Intelligence jobs

Position vacancies with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Missile and 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.

Military engineers

Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday 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 Saturday 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 experiences 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.

West Point birthday dinner

The West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley will hold a Founders Day Dinner honoring the 198th Birthday of the U.S. Military Academy, at 6:30 p.m. March 3 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Cost for dinner is \$26 per person. For reservations and/or more information, call Dave Roesler 726-2929.

Space/missile defense conference

"Missile Defense Capabilities Beyond 2010," the third annual Space & Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition, will be held Aug. 21-24 in Huntsville. The conference will address programs, technologies and joint initiatives across the military services.

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A master's degree in an appropriate area of specialization and 3 years of related professional experience; or a bachelor's degree in an appropriate area of specialization and 5 years of related professional experience is required. Qualifying experience in power plant or automated manufacturing plant operation and training in military or industrial schools may substitute for the degree requirement. Ability to work independently, knowledge of safety practices and good oral communication skills are desired.

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Leg #64107

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Minimum requirements are a high school diploma and four years of appropriate experience. Appropriate vocational/technical/manufacturer training may substitute for two years of the required experience. Also, an aptitude for mechanical work, some electrical knowledge, some knowledge of computer based control systems, flexibility in job assignment, ability to work independently, knowledge of safety practices, and good communication skills. Night and weekend work will be required as the Magnet Systems operate two shifts per day. Desired skills include the abilities to work from schematics, follow written and oral instructions, and understand refrigeration systems and vacuum equipment. Three years experience operating and/or maintaining helium cryogenic systems are preferred.

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GS-12 job openings

The DISA SSO has four GS-12 positions to fill at Gunter AFB, Ala. Information on these jobs is available at the following web site: <http://www.disa.mil/D1/joas/di-okc-0200.html>. This is also open to anyone that has three years active military service. First cutoff date is Feb. 25.

Computer competition

A contest to give students a chance to use their computer skills to win scholarships and awards is being promoted by the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG). The organization is using the information superhighway to encourage a greater interest in acquiring computer skills among African American youngsters. The contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Jean Matlock, president of the BIG chapter, said students would be competing in a nationwide contest to develop the best website on the Internet. The theme of the contest is: "Mastering the Information Superhighway." For more information, call Janice Isbell at 859-9758.

Oratorical contest

The Huntsville-Madison Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG) will hold its second

annual Oratorical Competition, March 18. All individuals in grades 9-12 are invited to participate and compete for awards and scholarships. The topic for the competition is "21st Century New Challenges: What Must Youth Do to Overcome and Succeed?" Deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 25. The winner will compete against other contest winners from chapters throughout the region in April. The contestant winning at the regional level will compete at the BIG National Training Conference, Aug. 21-25 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Janice Isbell 859-9758.

New parents

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

AAAA scholarships

The Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) National Scholarship Foundation will be awarding approximately \$200,000 in scholarships, grants, and interest free loans, for the academic year 2000. AAAA members, their spouses, unmarried siblings, and

unmarried children of current or deceased members are eligible. Chapter members can apply for all of the National awards. Starting in 2000, six \$2,000 awards and one of \$4,000 are dedicated solely for award to the Tennessee Valley Chapter's qualified entering freshmen. If there aren't enough qualified chapter freshman applicants, the awards will go to qualified chapter upperclassmen applicants. To qualify for National awards in 2000 you must have been a member of AAAA by May 1, 1999. For awards dedicated to the Tennessee Valley Chapter, you also must have been affiliated with the chapter by the same date. All applications must be postmarked to National on or before June 1, 2000. For an application kit or more information, call AAAA National at (203) 222-9863, or e-mail: aaaa@quad-a-org. For routine scholarship questions call Jack Bertelkamp, chapter vice president for scholarship, 964-8460 extension 103, or e-mail: jackbert@aol.com.

Litter campaign

April is Keep America Beautiful Month, and Huntsville will kick off its first "No Butts About It" litter campaign. Based on tobacco tax records, 12 trillion cigarette butts are dropped each month. With a life span of 15 years, cigarette butts are a major litter problem. This begins a public awareness and education campaign, and an opportunity to help out in the community. The project can include your public service group, your office, or you individually. Volunteers from throughout the area and city leaders are invited to the campaign kickoff April 1 (rain date April 8) from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Joe Davis Stadium parking lot. To volunteer call Joy McKee, coordinator for Operation Green Team, at 53CLEAN.

National prayer breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast will be held 6:30-8 a.m. March 2 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Scheduled speaker is retired chaplain Billy Fowler. For information or tickets, call Bicentennial Chapel 842-2173. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

Leadership video series

Part of the ongoing Leadership videotape series, "The New Pioneers: The Men and Women Who are Transforming the Workplace and Marketplace" will run continuously today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the side section of the Sparkman Cafeteria. The Army Learning Center resources, located in building 5304, third floor, are available

for all Team Redstone personnel. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday from 7:30-4. For more information, call 876-1061.

Redstone Toastmasters

Redstone Toastmasters No. 1932 meets Tuesday evenings at 6 at Piccadilly Cafeteria (Madison Square Mall). For more information call Sylvia Battle, president, 890-0547.

Youth dance classes

Youth Services is offering Ballet, Tap and Jazz Classes beginning in March. The cost is \$28 a month for one weekly class, \$45 a month for two weekly classes, or \$55 a month for three weekly classes. For more information, call 876-5437.

Sealed bid sale

A sealed bid sale of DoD surplus property will be held at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, building 7408 on Warehouse Road. Property inspection and bid submission are scheduled March 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bids may be faxed (876-9634), hand-carried, mailed or sent electronically to the following address: www.drms.dla.mil. Verbal bids will not be accepted. The bid receipt deadline is 8 a.m. March 6. To view material for the sale and to submit bids, report to building 7414 on Redstone Road. For more information, call Donna Davis 842-2570 or Elizabeth Couch 842-9474.

Union meeting

NFFE Local 405 will meet at noon March 1 at the union office at building 3467 on Vincent Drive. For more information, call 313-2252.

Young business leaders

Adolph Coors IV, great-grandson of Adolph Herman Joseph Coors, founder of the Adolph Coors Company in Golden, Colo., is scheduled speaker at a breakfast meeting at 6:30 a.m. March 3 at the Huntsville Hilton. This is the winter breakfast meeting for Young Business Leaders. RSVP required by calling 539-8696 by Feb. 28.

Birthday night

Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club members who celebrate a December, January or February birthday are invited to the ROCC Members Birthday Night at 6 p.m. Thursday. The Birthday Buffet is free for the members celebrating their birthday (December, January and February). Additional tickets are \$11.95 per person. For more information, call 830-2582.

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• Area Sales Manager - International (Sales)

The ideal candidate should have extensive knowledge in the electronics hardware and software areas and possess knowledge of the data acquisition and embedded computer markets. This candidate is required to have a BSEE or equivalent with 3-5 years of demonstrated electronics sales experience and be available to travel internationally. International sales experience is considered a plus. This candidate must be a motivated self-starter with good written, verbal, and presentation skills. This position involves motivating international sales personnel and visiting customers.

• Key Accounts Sales Manager (Sales)

This position requires a strong technical background in electronic hardware and software. Sales efforts will be focused on communications, single-board computers, I/O products, and I/O systems. Good communications skills are essential. BSEE or equivalent, 2-5 years sales experience, and the ability to travel is required.

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Sustaining and Test Support. Engineering support to help design, redesign, sustain, and support product, specifically within the area of test. Requires BSEE and a minimum of four years experience in design or support roles for digital, analog, or CPU designs.

• Senior Test Engineer (Manufacturing)

Development of software diagnostic code required for functional debug. Requires BSEE, or equivalent in Electronic Engineering Technology, or have four years direct experience developing programs in C++ Assembler software. Working knowledge of Windows NT and Linux is a plus. Candidate will develop diagnostic programs required for functional product debug by the test technician team within the production test operation. Code will exercise the functional circuitry and provide verbose diagnostic messages and failure reports.

• Test Technician/Test Operator (Manufacturing and Customer Service)

Requires an AA degree or equivalent in Electronic Engineering Technology, or current enrollment in school in the electronics field. Direct experience with testing of electronics products is a plus. Must have a working knowledge of analog and digital products and general PC skills. Candidate must also have a strong knowledge of test equipment including oscilloscopes, multimeters, and voltage sources. Candidate will perform calibration and functional go/no go testing of new PC board assemblies.

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■ Corpus Christi Depot continues efforts to service aircraft

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AMCOM leadership. We certainly know the chain of command and the fact that Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, AMCOM commander, is 100 percent for the success of this depot. He, in fact, has found more work for fiscal years 01 and 02.

Question: Is it still correct to say that Corpus Christi has overhauled or repaired more than 12,800 aircraft since it began in 1961? Or would a different number be more accurate?

Answer: Since 1961 we have rebuilt or repaired 13,529 aircraft; 73,522 engines and 1,489,455 transmissions. I would round off these numbers because they change each week to nearly 13,600 aircraft, 74,000 engines and 1,600,000 transmissions.

Question: Would you like to say anything about the leadership of Col. Thomas M. Dockens? Are there other people in leadership positions I should mention?

Answer: Col. Mitch Dockens has devoted much of his time to be in the shops. He has visited the transmissions areas frequently and he works with mechanics. The commander is very interested in the employees. His family is too. Mrs. Lyn Dockens devotes her time to become acquainted with workers, especially the female ones. During the Christmas holidays the Dockens sponsored a nursing home in Corpus Christi as a part of Operation Christmas Spirit where depot employees visit 14 retirement and nursing homes and

sing carols and distribute gifts.

Question: How does Corpus Christi train active duty Army, National Guard, Reserve and foreign military personnel as a depot training base? Are there certain types of training offered? Can you describe the training?

Answer: For many years soldiers from the Guard, Army reserves and foreign countries have come to the depot for varying amounts of time to train in depot work. This year, for the first time in over 20 years, National Guard soldiers are here from each of the four AVCRADES to help with the Apache transmission work.

Question: How many people are employed by Corpus Christi? Have there been any major changes since Corpus Christi became part of AMCOM? Has the work force decreased because of it?

Answer: At the moment nearly 2,600 civilian employees, and four active Army personnel are assigned. There is also a Naval Liaison Office with three officers and four enlisted personnel that work on the cross-service programs with the Cobra Whisky, Seahawk, and twin engine Huey. We also work on the AF Pavhawk. Our work force has reduced in size through attrition somewhat.

Question: Has the Logistics Support Facility's becoming operational here offered any special benefits/additional work for Corpus Christi? Does the depot have to worry about competition from the commercial side?

Answer: Competition is always a factor and we are aware and alert about it.

■ Vietnam War veteran finally receives Medal of Honor

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— anybody in combat would do the same thing for their buddies and friends. We were all color-blind, we were all different nationalities; the important thing is that we were Americans fighting for America." Clinton drew laughter again when he said, "At the advanced age of seven, wanting to do his part to defend America, he built a homemade parachute and jumped off the roof of his house. Unfortunately, in his own words, the chute had a 'total malfunction' and he broke his wrist."

After graduating from high school, Rascon joined the Army and became a medic for a platoon of paratroopers, Clinton said.

Rascon said, "I wanted to give back something to this country and its citizens for the opportunities it had given me and my parents. Those paratroopers who served with me in the reconnaissance platoon knew nothing of my immigrant status. It was never an issue. They simply

knew me as Doc."

"Alfred Rascon was so severely wounded that day he was actually given last rites," Clinton noted. "After a long convalescence, he pulled through -- and he continued to serve his country."

Rascon became a citizen in 1967. He served in the Army Reserves from 1966 to 1969. After graduating from Officers Candidate School in February 1970, he returned to active duty as a commissioned officer and volunteered for a second tour in Vietnam in 1972.

He's now the inspector general of the Selective Service System in Arlington, Va. "Now, here's the story of how we all came here," Clinton said. "Alfred Rascon was given a Silver Star Medal for his valor that day, in 1966. But the request for his Medal of Honor somehow got lost in a thicket of red tape. His platoon mates persisted, showing as much loyalty to him as he had shown to them.

"Thanks to them, after 34 years, I am proud to present you with our nation's highest honor," Clinton told Rascon. (American Forces Press Service)