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## Sharing good news with the work force

### Commander announces hiring plans during AMCOM town hall

By Skip Vaughn

Uncertainties remain but one thing is for certain at the Aviation and Missile Command.

The boss cares.

That was the message from the AMCOM town hall meeting April 25 at the Bob Jones Auditorium in the Sparkman Center. Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, addressed many issues and answered questions in the nearly two-hour session.

"I really thought it was informative," Walter Ogletree, a personnel management specialist at Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said. "And I really think we're going to be responsive to the questions that were raised by the employees at AMCOM."

"I felt he was very personable with us and that's why we're going to be responsive to our employees."

Personnel issues of course remain important to AMCOM workers. And Sullivan had good news in this area.

The command has received approval to fill an additional 243 reimbursable spaces. These are specialized jobs which are funded by the services provided.

So, in response to a question about reshape—which normally means reducing the work force—Sullivan initially said that won't happen in 2000 at AMCOM. Then he corrected himself.

"Yeah, there'll be a reshape: We're going to hire people," he said. "I guess that's a form of reshape."

The area of surplus or excess employees remains a concern, although the command has cut this number in half to 176. The goal is finding placement for all.

"We're going to continue to whittle away" with the surplus list until it reaches zero, Sullivan said.

In response to a question, Sullivan said the command is concerned about an asbestos issue at Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas. Through the years the Army has eliminated asbestos from 96 percent of See Town Hall on page 8



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**YOU ANSWER THAT ONE—** Sullivan jokes with Mike Hubbard, director of environment and public works, during the question-and-answer period. Asked about arsenic ponds, Hubbard said the two arsenic ponds on post are capped and monitored.

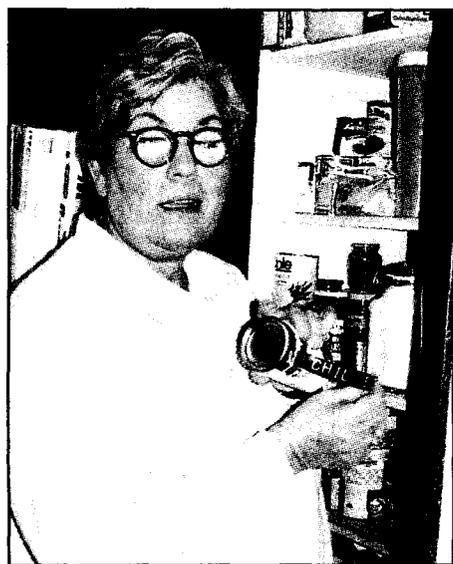


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**SURGERY RESTORES SIGHT—** Two years and 10 surgeries after the embassy bombing that took Bomer's sight, she finally has the ability to distinguish colors, shapes and even read some large print, including this black label attached to the can.

## 'Twas blind but now I see

### Nairobi Embassy bombing claimed Ellen Bomer's eyesight but couldn't crush her spirit

By Sandy Riebeling

Eight years in Saudi Arabia and Ellen Bomer was loving it. Her husband Don's transfer from Huntsville to Riyadh in 1990 probably wasn't the ideal time to start their adventure, at height of the tensions in Iraq, but things got better.

"It wasn't the best time to go. I had to get my own gas mask," she said. "But it was an interesting time in an interesting place."

Still working for the engineering firm COLSA, Don was transferred to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 1993. Bomer, a former Missile Command employee, got a job with the U.S. Department of Commerce. She was doing great things, even bucking the cultural tradition as she moved her office off of the embassy compound and into the business community. She was so

successful with the relocation that she was offered the opportunity to do similar work in Nairobi, Kenya in 1998.

"I was so excited, and honored to be asked," she said. "I've always wanted to go to Africa but Don was always against it. He said it wasn't safe, but I didn't want to pass up this opportunity. The deal was that I would go from July 6 to Aug. 6."

A few days before she was to return to Jeddah, she was asked to extend her temporary duty for a couple of weeks.

"There were all kinds of reasons I shouldn't have stayed," she said. "I really needed to get back to my job, Don had fallen and twisted his ankle a few days before—but I stayed."

The next day Bomer headed off to the embassy as she had every other morning.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Somebody's gonna pay...

Senior Drill Sgt. Allen Hayes, of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, spends his 61 minutes in the AER fund-raiser jail Thursday, thanks to his soldiers. They can expect to do plenty of pushups when he gets back.

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### National bicycle month

The cost of owning and operating a motor vehicle is skyrocketing and while our health is plummeting and air pollution takes our breath away. Bicycles can help solve all three of these problems, but most Americans' attitudes are the biggest roadblock to any form of alternative transportation. We think we have to have a car to get anywhere. We're all scared of the few obnoxious motorists who don't even want to share the road with each other let alone with bicyclists. There has truly never been a better time to take a bicycle vacation.

Public education such as the current Alabama Department of Transportation campaign helps teach the public that bicycles belong on the road. Bicycling events can teach you how to share the road safely with the motorized behemoths while slowly changing the attitude of the motorists to tolerate bicycles on roadways.

Most Americans own more bicycles than motor vehicles, but we seldom use them. We buy bikes with the best of intentions, and then leave them gathering dust in a garage or storeroom. It's time to take them out for the sake of energy conservation, global pollution problems, and for our health.

Petroleum supplies on the "Blue Planet" are dwindling. No dinosaurs died last year to make any more. Experts predict gasoline is heading for two bucks a gallon with lines at the pumps. Interest rates are climbing, and road rage is turning deadly. It's getting more expensive and less fun to motor our way to where we need to go, but this is only one-third of the problem.

Obesity has long been an American problem, and it's getting worse. "Obesity increased from 12 percent in 1991 to 17.9 percent in 1998, reports the Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 282 No. 16, Oct. 27, 1999. "A steady increase was observed in all states; in both sexes; across age groups, races, and educational levels; and occurred regardless of smoking status. The greatest magnitude of increase was

found in the . . . 18- to 29-year-olds (7.1 percent to 12.1 percent), . . . "

Declining air quality has multiplied our problems with asthma and allergies. We need more exercise, but we need cleaner air in which to get it. A motor vehicle produces its own weight in pollution every three months-- every three months! Bicycles produce no pollution except a little sweat. The 7,500 riders on the cross-state ride of Iowa will save more than 1,000 tons of pollution during the week-long ride.

Almost anyone can ride a bicycle almost anywhere in the state. Bicycle Across Magnificent Alabama (BAMA) has had riders from 2 years old to 77. We've had paraplegics that could not even walk pedal 400 miles across Alabama with their hands. BRAG had a man ride the mountains of North Georgia on a single-speed Huffy bike when he was in his 70s. Anyone who can walk up two flights of stairs without stopping for breath can-- with a little training and practice -- pedal a bicycle across the state.

There is no better way to see our magnificent state than from the seat of a bicycle. It's up close and personal. Stopping to see the sights is as easy as stopping pedaling, squeezing the brakes, and rolling to a stop. There's no need to look for an exit ramp, a place to park, or somewhere to turn around a monster RV. Just do it!

The bicycle is the one solution to health, pollution, and our global energy problems. There has never been a better time to take a bicycle vacation. We urge non-riders to get off the couch and onto a bicycle seat. We suggest you start small, and work your way up. We urge you to ride with a local club and visit a local bike shop. You'll be surprised how easy it is to get started, and how much of a difference you can make to a global problem.

**Morton Archibald**  
Directorate of Environment  
and Public Works

*Editor's note: May is National Bicycle Month.*

### Outdated job descriptions

An article in Sunday's Huntsville Times, referring to an honor bestowed on a retired former AMCOM supervisor, quotes one of his employees who says that he helped rewrite her job description, which helped her become eligible for advancement within AMCOM's ranks.

Hurrah for him for looking out for an individual in the clerical/secretarial field. Everyone knows that secretaries' job descriptions are long outdated; no longer does one type and take dictation. But she is expected to be able to handle any situation that arises. Because of the many varied duties, she possesses much knowledge gained through experiences. Many have earned college degrees on their own

time and at their own expense. However, a secretary with an old job description never can qualify for any other job.

Without effort by a supervisor, a clerical/secretarial employee finds it impossible to get out of that field. Once labeled, she becomes a second class employee, valuable, but can only stay in her field, which is fast evaporating. (Higher graded professional personnel are now doing the typing, duplicating, ext.)

CPAC/CPOC/administrative officers/supervisors: Review those antique job descriptions and reclassify secretaries according to their actual job duties! (Not just for a few but for all within the commands/PEOs.)

**Name withheld by request**

### Custody of natural father

In my humble opinion, lieutenant colonel (letter in April 26 Rocket), you are dead wrong regarding sending Elian back to Cuba. This whole issue is not about the struggle between communism and democracy. It is not about Castro vs. Clinton. It's pretty simple: The issue is whether or not the boy should be returned to the custody of his natural father. A man who, by all available accounts is a good man, has a decent job, and is raising a normal family in a normal environment. His only "fault" is that he lives in a communist country. That, in itself, doesn't make Juan an unfit father.

According to legal experts, Cuban law, U.S. law, and international law are in agreement on the central point that where only one parent survives, the custody of any minor goes automatically to the surviving parent, unless they are found to be unfit. Who do you think you are to judge that simply living in a communist country makes someone an unfit parent? If you follow that line of reasoning, should all children living in Cuba, or any other communist country be removed and brought to the U.S. to be raised in freedom?

Moreover, how dare you be so presumptuous as to speak for "every American serviceman who fought for our way of life"! I, for one, have seen communism firsthand and not in the halls of a museum or listening to others recount stories they have heard. I spent my time in Vietnam and saw

the horrors of war, atrocities committed by both their side and those we fought to support. I'm also a retired lieutenant colonel, have plenty of "fruit salad" on the chest of my uniform, and a bullet hole in my leg from "zigging when I should have zagged." Basically, that amounts to a big "So what!," just as your experiences do. The only right that gives me is to say that you, sir, have no right to speak out for "every American serviceman"— I'm one and you don't speak for me. I'll bet there are lots of others that you don't speak for either.

As far as a "personal insult to the mother who died trying to get him (Elian) to freedom," I don't buy that either. On what basis was she coming to this country? Was she truly eligible to claim entry into this country based on political persecution? Had she arrived in the U.S., would she have had the right to stay or would she (and Elian) have been just another illegal alien? The bottom line is that she didn't make it, no one has even suggested that Elian had been subjected to political persecution, and his father, by all accounts is a good man and a loving father. Therefore, the boy belongs with his father. Please sir, don't cheapen the flag we served for by trying to make its symbolism cover everything, and speak for yourself not "all American servicemen." Of course, this is just my opinion!

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# 2,000 clients make deadline through tax assistance center

By Jim Bowne

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center has closed its books on another successful season of service for active duty and retired military and their families. However, according to Capt. Chin-Zen Plotner, the post tax officer for 1999-2000, clients may still receive assistance if they need additional help.

"If a client realizes he or she has additional documents that they failed to include in their 1999 taxes, or require changes, we will be available to assist them in making amendments," Plotner said. "All they have to do is give me a call

at 876-9005 and make an appointment and we will be happy to help them."

The Tax Assistance Center officially opened for business Feb. 1 this year and saw nearly 2,000 clients during the 1999 tax season.

"We saw 1,995 clients and filed 2,483 returns," Plotner said. "The total refunds amounted to \$1,118,104. The value of the service we provided to our military members totaled \$188,773. We are very proud of these figures."

The largest refund due was close to \$8,000. The largest amount owed was over \$10,000.

Tax assisters E-filed 1,027 federal and 546 state tax returns and paper-filed 319

federal and 591 state tax returns. "We saw a lot of paper filing for states, mainly because Alabama requires non-residents to send in paper copies," Plotner explained. "In Alabama, most military spouses are considered non-residents."

Plotner gave the credit for a job well done to all those who served as tax assisters. "I would like to thank SSgt. Michael McGilton, SSgt. James Matthews, SSgt. Mark Pace, Spec. Judy Williams, and Spec. Keith Donaldson and all of our part-time and civilian volunteers for all of their hard work," she said. "They did a great job. I really appreciate all the late evenings and early mornings that they worked. They certainly made my job much easier."



Photo by Jim Bowne

**TAXING JOB—** Plotner gives SSgt. Michael McGilton a hand in closing down the Redstone Arsenal Tax Center for another year. McGilton served as tax center NCO-in-charge.

# Nurses recognized for keeping care in healthcare

By Mary Christal

National Nurses Week is celebrated May 6-12 throughout the United States. This year's theme for National Nurses Week is "Nurses: Keeping the Care in Healthcare."

National Nurses Week begins with RN Recognition Day on May 6, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing.

Nightingale, an advocate of health promotion and disease prevention, is also credited for significantly improving military health care through hygiene and sanitation.

Whether working in a hospital, a patient's home, a research institution, or on the battlefield, nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to meet the expanding health care needs of American society. The Bureau of Labor

Statistics projects nursing as one of the top 40 growth jobs over the next 10 years. By the year 2005, they expect a need for 2.6 million registered nurses. That's another 800,000 registered nurses beyond present levels.

Fox Army Health Center will honor all its military and civilian nurses- RNs, LPNs, and nursing assistants - during National Nurses Week. Some of the events planned include: a luncheon with

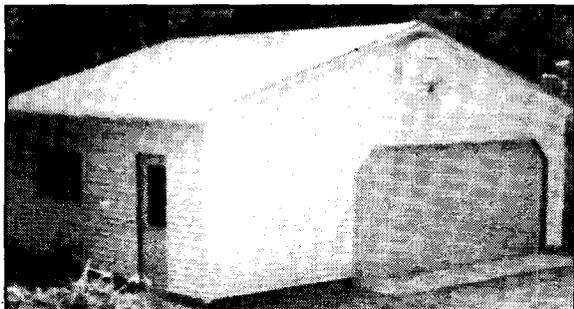
guest speaker Dr. Marsha Dowell, associate dean of the University of Alabama-Huntsville School of Nursing, a Fun Run/Walk, and "Doctors Recognize Their Nurses Day." An ice cream social will culminate the week's activities and also celebrate Florence Nightingale's birthday.

(Editor's note: Capt. Christal is community health nurse in the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center.)

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# Retired missile school official hasn't lost his touch



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**SHARING ADVICE**— Carroll, center, talks with SSgt. Jerome Doaty and Samuel Walden, instructors of the quarter for OMMCS.

By Skip Vaughn

If anybody should know about teaching, it's Ken Carroll.

Carroll retired in February 1999 as assistant commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Some 42 years ago he accepted a contractor position there to teach maintenance and repair of the Redstone missile system.

Last Wednesday he shared advice on teaching as the guest speaker for the OMMCS Instructor of the Quarter awards luncheon. About 115 people attended the event at the Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club.

"It is certainly good to be back home," Carroll said.

His advice to instructors included the following: Be knowledgeable, prepared, mindful of whether students understand the lesson, show patience, and communicate effectively with the students.

"It's a challenge and it's exciting to know that you can stand there and teach the soldier the technical aspects of his job," Carroll said.

He congratulated the honorees for practicing good teaching skills.

Winners for the second quarter of fiscal 2000 included military honoree SSgt. Jerome Doaty of the Missile Systems Training Department here; and civilian honoree Samuel Walden of the Ordnance Electronic Maintenance Training Department at Fort Gordon, Ga. SSgt. Patrick Hayes, of the Electronic Technology Training Department at Fort Bliss, Texas, was recognized as a Master Instructor.

"This is an important award ceremony," Col. Stephen Taylor, commandant of OMMCS, said.

"Your support for these instructors is very important," he said. "Your presence today shows you do in fact support one another. And I thank everybody for your presence here."

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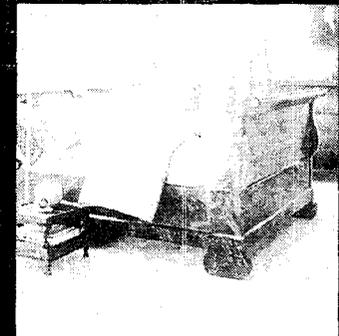
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# So this is where mom spends her weekdays

Tanks, missiles and helicopters a blast for young visitors on 'Take Our Daughters/Sons to Work Day'

By Skip Vaughn

Kids really do say the darndest things. That was proven once again during the annual "Take Our Daughters/Sons to Work Day" held Thursday. Moms and dads brought their children to their workplace at the Aviation and Missile Command to show where they spend most of their time.

Marcus Vinson, 8-year-old son of Priscilla Caraway-Vinson of IMMC Automation, was among the 100 or so people who watched videos about Redstone in a welcoming program that morning in the Bob Jones Auditorium at the Sparkman Center. Then he accompanied his mom back to her office.

So, Marcus, what do you think of Redstone Arsenal?

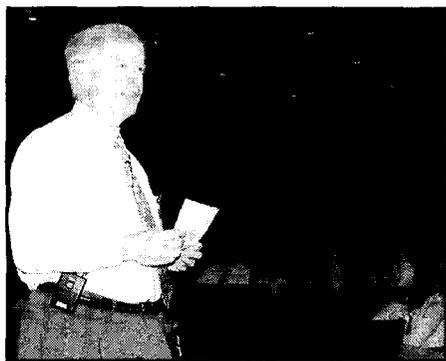


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**HELLO, KIDS—** Greg Hill, of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, gives an overview of Redstone for "Take Our Daughters/Sons to Work Day."

"Terrible," he answered. And why's that, Marcus? "Because you don't have nothing to do," he said.

Brutal honesty. But kids say how they really feel.

Nicholas Giordano, an engineer at LOGSA, brought his son, P.J., 11, and daughter, Adrienne, 9.

"It's really exciting," P.J. said. "I like to look at all the tanks and helicopters and stuff."

"The tanks. They're cool," his sister said. "And I like the missiles. The planes. I like to see them fly."



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**WHERE'S THE VIDEO GAME?—** Marcus Vinson checks out his mom's computer at IMMC Automation.

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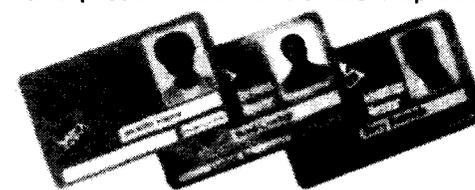
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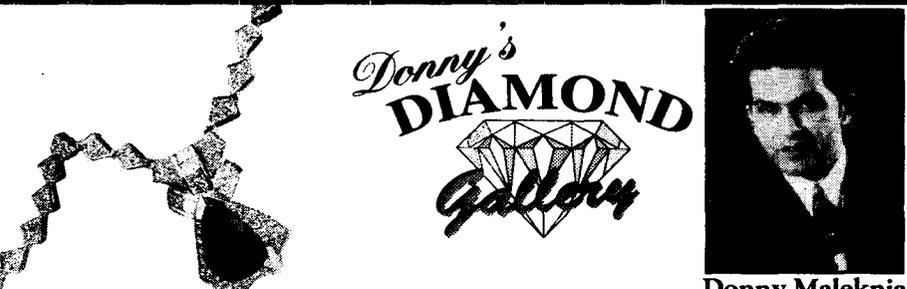
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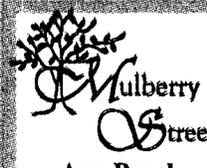


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the facilities there, and closed off the remaining 4 percent. But an arbitrator ruled that the Army should pay environmental differential pay, including back pay, to wage-grade employees for previous exposure to asbestos. The Army is deciding how to respond.

"It is our intent to resolve this," Sullivan said. "One, I have no intent to close Corpus Christi Army Depot. Two, the safety of our workers is paramount.

"My concern is for our people that work

there and our mission that has to get done."

Other questions related to Redstone's personnel policies and environmental safety.

"On behalf of our Army and our soldiers, let me say thank you," Sullivan said in closing. "You are doing a great job."

Rosie Bell, a contract specialist at the Acquisition Center, is still concerned about the safety of the drinking water and was surprised at the number of workers on the excess list. But she appreciated having the open forum with the commanding general.

"I don't think he left anything uncovered," she said. "Overall he covered all of the concerns for Redstone."

■ Bombing victim has clear view of what's important

**Bombing**

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But this wasn't just any morning. Sitting in her office around 10:30, she heard two loud pops outside the building. "I thought it was a truck backfiring."

Terrorists were attacking the compound, trying to gain entry in a delivery truck carrying 600 pounds of explosives.

"I was standing there and then all of the sudden, there was nothing," Bomer said. She didn't hear the blast that annihilated the adjacent office complex and ravaged several city blocks. She didn't hear the screams of the 213 people dying or the 4,000 that were injured.

"It was hours before I woke up," she said. "I was laying on my back, buried in furniture, walls, boards, and I remember thinking that it was a bomb. I mentally checked myself. Am I hurt? I couldn't feel any pain so I thought, 'OK. Everything's going to be OK.'"

She could feel something on her mouth. Using her free hand, she reached up and removed several pieces of concrete, throwing them aside. Her next great effort was to stay calm. She was alive but she was trapped. It was then she realized she couldn't see.

"Oh, God," she pleaded as she lay under tons of rubble, "please, don't let me be blind. You can have one eye, just don't take both."

Then she heard water dripping.

"Every movie I'd ever seen about being trapped in water, or in a tunnel, came back to me. I thought I was going to drown. I just kept saying, over and over, 'God, give me strength. God, give me strength. God, give me strength.' After that I started to feel a little calmer. Then I heard a noise and popped my arm up. 'I'm over here, please, I'm here.'"

She was freed within minutes. Someone grabbed her left arm to lift her onto a stretcher. Bomer screamed out in pain. It turned out that she had several injuries, besides her eyes.

Bomer remembers the rough ride through the Nairobi streets and arriving at a local clinic.

"When they saw my embassy badge,

they put me back in the ambulance and took me to the Nairobi Hospital.

"It was bad," she said. "I was scared and hurting. All these people were talking to me. The ambassador came. She was crying, telling me that they would take good care of me. I kept telling them the combination to my hotel room and asking them to call my husband."

Suddenly it seemed like everything went away.

"I was laying on a stretcher out in the hall. Then there was just calm and I was warm. The room got very bright and I could see people walking around. I couldn't see their faces but they felt familiar to me. Then I thought, 'If this is what it's like to die, I can do this.'"

"I looked over to my left, about 20 feet away from me and saw my son. 'John, you're here.' He was dressed in a white robe. I stretched my hand out to him. 'You're here. It's OK. I'm here.' And then just as our hands were about to meet, in that instant, I was sucked back. In that moment I felt loss and joy at the same time."

Bomer's son, John, was killed in 1987 while changing a tire on the side of a Huntsville highway.

"God was telling me, 'Your son is with me. You're not supposed to die. You lay there and get well.' I was so grateful to know my son was with God. Then I realized that I was going to be OK. I was still frightened, but I knew I wasn't going to die."

Don was in Jeddah, unaware of the bombing until a friend called him and told him about a report on CNN. Don tried to get through to the embassy but the blast had shut down communication. Late that evening he was contacted and told about his wife's injuries. The next day he was on a plane to Germany, where Bomer was soon to arrive.

Bomer suffered damage to both eyes. Shrapnel and glass were imbedded in her face and the soft tissue of the eye. Her left retina was detached. Her right retina was torn. Both corneas were damaged. The blast caused blood vessels to swell and scar tissue in both eyes. Her right eardrum was blown out and her left was perforated. Other injuries included deep

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**Stretching out...**

Some 250 soldiers from Redstone Arsenal answered the call to help out 700 athletes at the Special Olympics track day at Milton Frank Stadium, April 25. Here some soldiers demonstrate their stretching techniques to the young athletes before the competition.

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# Bombing

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cuts to her left and right feet and ankles; her left elbow was dislocated and her abdomen was cut.

"My chest and abdomen were full of glass and shrapnel," she said, running her hand along her collarbone. "A lot of it is still there. I pick pieces out all the time— anywhere from the size of a grain of sand to a piece of rice. The worst part was my head. My hair was burnt off from the blast. When I put my hand up to touch my head it felt like gravel— solid, like someone had pounded it in. At first I was afraid to touch it but then I would pick out stuff. After 10 days we finally convinced them to wash my head. They scrubbed and scrubbed to get out the glass and debris. It was like a crust about a half inch thick."

Bomer stayed in Nairobi only long enough to be stabilized for a trip to a U.S. hospital in Germany. It was there that Bomer had the first of 10 surgeries to keep and repair her eyes. Just 12 hours after arriving in Germany, the Bomers were on a plane to Washington, D.C., where she would be treated at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

An intense evaluation from eye specialists led Bomer to the operating room.

"They were afraid I wouldn't survive the anesthesia," Bomer said, adding that

it takes her at least a week to recover from the anesthesia after every operation. She underwent five more surgeries in the next four months.

"Before every surgery I prayed," she said. "Anytime the clergy would come to my room, Catholic priest, Protestant minister, Rabbi, they would ask me if I wanted to pray and I always said yes."

Bomer credits her faith in God for her survival and for her recovery. Those first months were hard days emotionally as well as physically. She never quite accepted her blindness. Even while she was attending the Louisiana Center for the Blind to learn living skills. "I said hundreds of prayers and people said hundreds of prayers for me and I believe that's why I'm here today."

Finding a church she felt comfortable with was one of the first things Bomer sought out after Don was transferred to back to Huntsville nearly a year ago.

"She came to mass a couple of times," Lt. Col. Michael Travaglione, post chaplain and the Catholic chaplain for Bicentennial Chapel, said. "Then she called me on the phone and we talked for a while. She said she felt good here. Since then she's shared her experiences with others. She's been a blessing to us."

Bomer points out the many blessings throughout the ordeal, from the guard

at the embassy stopping the truck before it entered the compound, an act that would have surely resulted in her death, to the doctors and nurses that saved her organs to fight for sight another day. She's grateful to the Huntsville dentist that led her to the doctors in Birmingham that began the restoration of her sight, a miracle procedure in and of itself.

Her most recent surgery was performed last month. Bomer can make out the forms of people and the colors that they are wearing but details like facial features and distinguishing shades isn't quite there yet. She is getting new glasses this week that should bring her vision close to 20/200. There is still more improvement expected as her eyes heal and then more surgeries to undergo.

The experience has given her many things; bitterness is not among them.

"I never really thought about what it was like to live as a blind person," she said. "It's hard but then I learned that the

only limits blind people have are those they place on themselves."

Bomer has become an activist in two ways. She is working on a fund-raiser to bring "Newline" to Alabama, which provides a means for the blind to read the newspapers through a computerized voice system.

Her other mission is to share her spiritual experience with others. "There's such a peace and joy that comes with surrendering yourself to a higher power. We're not alone."

Nightline has been following Bomer's story. A film crew spent nearly two weeks here in April, following her through the surgery and recovery.

Bomer is still going through many adjustments in her life, not enough vision to be independent and yet enough to keep her hopeful.

"I'm not in any hurry," she said. "I saw my husband, my son and my grandson, and that was wonderful. It has given a clear picture about what's really important. I'm grateful for that."

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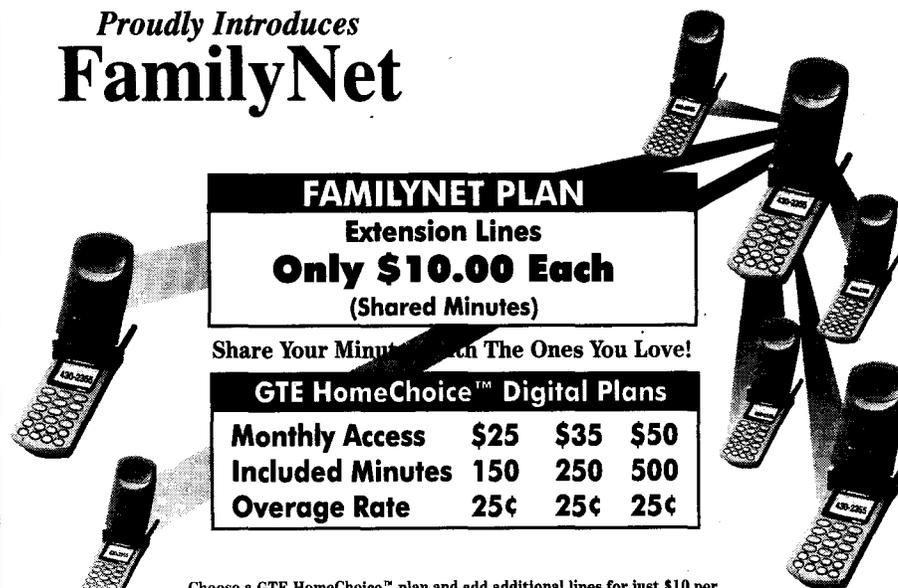
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# Service with a smile

## New manager brings personal touch to Redstone Club

By Beth Skarupa

Get ready for some exciting changes at the Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club. Bob Howell, the new general manager, is known for a personal management style and creativity that keeps club patrons coming back again and again.

"One time we had a ladies' coffee and I took a table and had a hole cut out of the center of it. We put potatoes, tomatoes and veggies around it and had a chair underneath the table with a lady sitting in it. We painted her face green and glued cabbage leaves around her head and she'd sit there and keep her face down. When someone came to get some food from the table she would say things like 'Don't squeeze me!' or 'Oh, you're hurting me!' It was a lot of fun. Things like that bring people back.

"The simple, personal touches are important," Howell said. "You have to have good food and good service, but you also have them talking about it for weeks to come asking others 'Did you happen to see that?'"

Howell is one of the most decorated club managers in the Army, having won the James A. Carroll Award for Excellence in Army Club Management three times. His most recent award in 1998 was for leading the Fort Sill (Okla.) Officers' Club from a \$60,000 loss to a substantial profit in one year while achieving high levels of customer satisfaction.

"One of the things I give credit for in the management of the clubs is my background in food," Howell said.

Originally from Kentucky, Howell is a retired warrant officer. He was a food service technician for 21 years while stationed in such places as Vietnam, Germany, Hawaii and Fort Campbell, Ky. He also was the adviser to the Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Campbell culinary arts teams and was a culinary instructor at Austin Peay State University. He has been

a certified executive chef since 1988.

Howell's vision for the future of Redstone's club includes increasing membership and customer satisfaction, continuing to "make the whole club system grow" and being involved in concerts and events such as Springfest 2000, improving on what already has been done.

"From a manager's standpoint, I don't like to just come in and start changing things," Howell said. "I believe in working close with my employees. I look at it as a family-type business, so I run it not only as if it were my livelihood but my own business. I want the employees to buy into the ownership of this place. As the manager, I know that they are the ones that make or break a club."

Howell lets his staff come up with ideas. He said he is eager to hear from everyone including the kitchen staff, the food services workers and the custodial staff.

"They have great ideas that will save you a lot of work and cleanup. If management is not open to their ideas, the club won't do well. I believe in following Army regulations, but I also believe in working smart."

"After all, it's not Bob Howell's club, it's all of ours," he said. "I don't set myself up on a pedestal, I'll work with them. I'll even wash dishes if we get behind. There's not a job in this club that I haven't done."

His ideas for the Redstone club include promoting more personal theme events, changing the arrangement of the tables in the dining room, having more menu choices and building menus around a theme. He also wants to redo the bar and have a combo playing there on Friday nights.

Howell wants to encourage more civilians and government contractors to use the club. In addition, he wants to get more of the soldiers, officers and non-commissioned officers involved.

"Right now we don't hit all of our cus-



Photo by Beth Skarupa

**READY FOR BUSINESS—** Howell, right, and cashier Karen Hammond make sure the dining room looks inviting to patrons.

tomers base. We have fine dining and all, but there's so much more we can do," Howell said.

Once he's established at the club, Howell said he plans to go out and talk to the companies and units on post rather than waiting for them to come meet him. He would like to cater more off-site events and cater those events that take place on the Arsenal such as company picnics.

"I work close with the customers too, I pretty much let them do what they want as long as it's in good taste," Howell said.

As manager of the Officers' and Civilians' Club, Howell will also be in charge of the German restaurant here. He is affectionately known in Army club management circles as the "Schnitzel King" for his success at the Fort Campbell Sportsmen's Lodge with a primarily German menu and a family style of service.

Howell and his wife, Suzanne, have four grown children. They also have Jake, a Yorkshire dog who is considered part of the family. Moving to Huntsville will

allow them to see some of their children and their new grandchild more often.

When asked about his hobbies, Howell said, "Believe it or not, I like to cook." He said he likes to work with different menus. He also has over 300 cookbooks in his collection, both old and new. He said he likes to see what appliances and ingredients were used for cooking long ago. His other hobbies include fishing and antiques.

Although Howell was surprised he was allowed to win the Carroll Award three times, he said he would like to win it one more time - while he is the manager of Redstone's club.

"I think it's an honor to be able to come here and take over such a beautiful club. It's one of the best kept secrets in the Army," Howell said. "The support from the community and the Army is great when so many other officers' clubs have been closed."

For more information about the Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club, upcoming events or catering call 830-CLUB.

## CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Calhoun Community College will conduct its 2000 graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 12, 2000, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the college's Kelley Gymnasium on the Decatur Campus.

Of the approximately 800 students at Calhoun who have completed requirements for graduation this academic year, close to 300 will participate in the May 12 graduation ceremonies.

Speaker for the graduation ceremony is Henry "Hank" Sanders, Senator for Alabama's 23rd district (Monroe, Conecuh, Clarke, Marengo, Lowndes, Wilcox, Choctaw, and Dallas Counties). Sanders was originally elected to the State Senate in 1983 and has championed issues pertaining to education, children, health, women and removing sales tax from food.

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# Courtyard marriage ceremony

IMMC co-workers exchange wedding vows at workplace in the Sparkman Center

By Skip Vaughn

The minister popped the question, the groom kissed the bride, everyone clapped. Just a normal wedding, right? Wrong.

This was the first-ever wedding in the Sparkman Center courtyard.

Norman Bullerdick, a logistics assistance representative in the Readiness Directorate, married IMMC co-worker Juli Kettell at 2 p.m. April 25. The plans were made that very morning.

"We wanted our friends to be with us," said Kettell, an administrative assistant in the Aviation Systems Directorate of the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

"We don't know that many people except here and at work," Bullerdick said.

A St. Louis native, Bullerdick was on assignment in Bosnia from mid-June 1999 until Feb. 28. He and Kettell met about three years ago in a break room at building 5309 in the Sparkman Center.

They had previously planned to marry but his duty travels kept forcing a postponement.

"I asked her two years ago, and we were supposed to get married on my birthday," Bullerdick, 45, said. "And we kept postponing it. This is our second set of licenses."

This is the third marriage for each. Kettell, 38, a Washington state native, has a son, 13, and daughter, 16. Bullerdick has



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**OFFICIAL EVENT**— From left are Bremer, the minister; Watham, the best man; Bullerdick, groom; Kettell, bride; and Leon, maid of honor.

two sons, 17 and 12, and a daughter, 22.

Bullerdick left Friday for a permanent duty assignment at Fort Sill, Okla., where Kettell will join him later.

"I'll be staying here until I get a job there," she said.

Their co-workers threw rice after the ceremony performed by George Bremer, a logistics assistance representative who has been an ordained minister for 27 years.

"First wedding I performed on this Arsenal was '76 across the street at rod-and-gun club," Bremer recalled. "Long time ago."

Ray Watham, of Readiness Directorate, was the best man; and Diane Leon, of Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, was maid of honor.

"Very nice," Kettell said during the



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SEALED WITH A KISS**— Bullerdick and Kettell celebrate after exchanging wedding vows.

reception held inside building 5309. "The punch is very good, the cake is very good. Thank you guys for everything."

# Lord, is it I?

Bicentennial Chapel's Living Last Supper searches the hearts of the men closest to Jesus on the night of His betrayal

By Sandy Riebeling

"When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.' And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to him, 'Lord, is it I?'"

The Bicentennial Chapel's production of the Living Last Supper proved to be a powerful reenactment of the last night Jesus spent with his 12 apostles. Members of the chapel, acting as those present at the Passover meal reacted passionately to Jesus' statement that one among them would betray Him.

"Is it I?" each of them questioned, sure of their love for Jesus but knowing that within each nested the ability to doubt, to question, to sin and perhaps, even betray the Son of God.

Each one rose from the table and spoke out, as much to his own heart as to the audience cloaked in darkness. The others remained engaged in the meal and quiet conversation at the table.

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### Reenactment

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Nathaniel, played thrice by retired colonel Jim Allred, was the first to rise and speak, appalled that one among them would betray their teacher, their friend. He was the first to ask, "Is it I?"

One after another questioned their own soul. Matthew, played by Gary Leopold, remembered the eloquent words Jesus spoke during His sermon on the mount. Perhaps, Matthew said, I will write a book, telling of those words.

James, also called The Lesser, played by retired colonel Bill Aldrup, described his witness of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

James, played by retired Air Force lieutenant colonel Jerry Haynes, recalled the question his mother asked of Jesus, that her sons may sit with Jesus, one at the right and one at the left, in the Kingdom, and marveled again at His answer of humility; that those desiring to be first must be servant to all. It was that evening after dinner that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a show of servanthood.

The apostles went on to share their experiences with Jesus. Andrew, retired colonel Joe Carlton, and Philip, retired command sergeant major Oscar Polk, spoke of the miracle of feeding 5,000 people with nothing more than five loaves of bread and two fish.

The betrayer, played by David Mills, retired federal employee, provided inter-

esting insight into the character of Judas.

"The others had confidence in me," he said. "After all, they selected me as the treasurer. Jesus chose me as one of His 12. But I have my reasons... I want him to do something startling to usher in his kingdom." He was trying to force Jesus to declare Himself. It was soon after his declaration that he slipped from the room in an act of betrayal.

Thaddeus, played by retired Navy lieutenant commander Charles Sellers, spoke of the authority Jesus gave the apostles as they went out among the peoples to preach the gospel and heal the sick. As he remembered all they had done for Jesus, he was still forced to examine his heart and ask, "Is it I?"

Thomas, played by Lt. Col. Bill Lake, took exception to being remembered as doubtful. There were some who were afraid to go to the tomb of Lazarus, he said, but I was the one who spoke up and said, "Come, let us go with Him. Why do you remember the fear and doubt and forget the faith?"

John, played by retired colonel Mike Howell, described the vision of Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration. Simon, played by Col. Steven Hamilton, described his transformation from a Zealot who believed in armed rebellion against Rome to a disciple who believed in the power of surrendering one's heart to God, coming to realize that the conquest of the human heart is the only true and lasting conquest.

Peter, played by retired CSM John Marion, reminisced about his time with

Jesus, from the first day, when He called Peter to be a fisher of men, to being rebuked for his arrogance. And even this night, Jesus warned Peter to be strong, declaring that Peter would deny Him three times before dawn. Peter drew his knife. "I would pierce the heart of the betrayer—but it may be my own heart." He was the last of them to ask, "Could it be I?"

Then Jesus, played by Capt. Lane Stockeland, chaplain, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, offered the bread as His body and the wine as His blood. He rose and sang the Lord's Prayer. There was no music, only his voice to fill the silence of the room.

The players stayed in character, engaged in quiet conversation at the table as the audience was invited to take communion. The choir sang as the packed house came forward to receive the sacrament.

The director, Jeannie King, called the production a "labor of love." This is King's third time as director. The chapel produces the event every two years. "I think it went really well," she said of the evenings performance. "They all did a great job. Most of them have been in it before. There were only four new actors this year."

One of those first-timers was Charles Sellers. "There was a vacancy in the cast and I opted to do it, and enjoyed it tremendously," he said. "The cast was great and the new people were assisted by those who'd done it before. I will do it again, the first chance I get."

Mills on the other hand, was making his third appearance as Judas, a part he

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**LAST SUPPER**—Members of the Bicentennial Chapel perform a reenactment of the last meal Jesus ate with his apostles, the night before He was crucified. Cast members from left are Jim Allred (Nathaniel), Bill Aldrup (James the Lesser), Joe Carlton (Andrew), David Mills (Judas), John Marion (Peter), Mike Howell (John), Lane Stockeland (Jesus), Bill Lake (Thomas), Jerry Haynes (James), Oscar Polk (Philip), Gary Leopold (Matthew), Charles Sellers (Thaddeus), and Steven Hamilton (Simon the Zealot).

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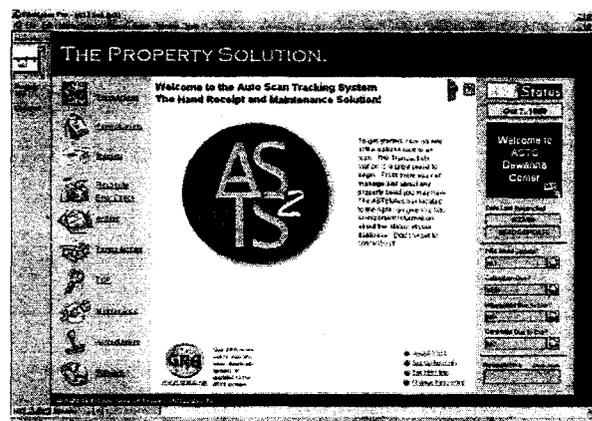


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# Help celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage

The 10th anniversary of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month will be commemorated in May in acknowledgement of Asian Americans' contributions to America.

The Asian Pacific American Employment Program Committee and community members, under the auspices of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, are planning a program/festival with Marshall Space Flight Center in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Voices for the Millennium."

Throughout the month, there will be Asian cultural exhibits in buildings 5300 and 5304 (first floor, Sparkman Center), an essay and display contest, and a scrambled word puzzle of Asian American Achievers (Who's Who).

The Asian Pacific Program/Festival will be held May 24 from 2:30-5 p.m. This program will begin at the Post Theater, building 3712, on Patton Road. The agenda consists of a keynote speaker (Dr. Y. C. L. Susan Wu, president and CEO of Engineering, Research and Consulting Inc.), Asian cultural entertainment, and an awards presentation. The program will then proceed to the Recreation Center, building 3711, Patton Road, for the food-tasting festival from 4-5 p.m. All personnel are encouraged to participate in this annual observance with approval of their supervisor. Offices with general officers, members of the Senior Executive Service, commanders, or com-

mand sergeants major, who plan to attend, are asked to notify Lucretia Townsend, Protocol Office at 955-6925 by May 18.

AMCOM/OMMCS EEO/EO will be responsible for the essay and display contest. Essays should be double spaced, 12-point font size, two pages or less, and pertain to this year's theme, "Voices for the Millennium." Displays and essays must be completed by close of business May 17. Judging will take place by May 18. Mail or fax essays to: AMCOM EEO Office, AMSAM-EO, Attn: SFC Bryant, 876-8648 or C. Clark, 876-3591 (fax 876-8947); and OMMCS, Attn: ATSK-AE, Attn: SFC Quesenberry, 876-9224 (fax 842-6853). Plaques will be awarded for the top three essays.

The observance's committee members will be judges for the Puzzle of Asian American Achievers (Who's Who). The first five entries will be recognized during the Asian program at the Post Theater. Deadline for entry is close of business May 18. Mail your entry to AMCOM EEO OFFICE, Attn: AMSAM-EO (C. Clark), or entries may be faxed to 876-8947.

On April 24, Mayor Loretta Spencer signed the proclamation proclaiming the May as National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in Huntsville. Also that day, the committee and Huntsville community members presented the proclamation to Col. Herb Carr, chief of staff, on behalf of the commander.

## Reenactment

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had no moral difficulty playing. In fact, he laughed a little and confessed, "I'm perfect for the part." One of the benefits of being a return performer for Mills was that he already knew most of his lines. "The hardest part is getting dressed and all the makeup."

Practice for the production started in mid-March, one time a week. As the date drew near, practices were added until they were up to three rehearsals the last week, with the set in place. The only difficulty, according to King, was getting all these

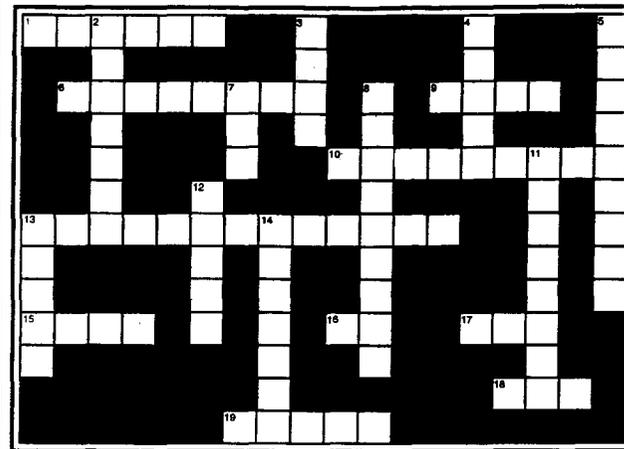
military men to dress up in tunics and wear wigs and makeup. Once that was conquered, the rest was easy.

Clair Goodridge, retired lieutenant colonel, served as narrator for the evening's performance. SSgt. Jason Hite served as the understudy. Nancy Johnson sang the solo, "The Upper Room."

The successful performance was due in great part to all those working behind the scenes—those handling hair, makeup, music, costumes, lights, sound, publicity, technical support, props and program coordination.

The offering collected at the end of the performance was designated to assist Redstone Arsenal Total Tots program.

## WHO'S WHO



### ACROSS

- This U.S. senator was a World War II hero and the first Japanese-American to serve in the U.S. Congress.
- "I Am an American," her essay about her experiences as a young Chinese-American, won a prize.
- This director portrays Chinese life in a humorous, tender way, as in the film *Eat a Bowl of Tea*.
- She started skating at age six and won the Olympic gold medal for figure skating in 1992.

- An astrophysicist who grew up in India, he won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1983 for his work on the structure and evolution of stars.
- He won an Oscar for his true-to-life performance in the movie about war-torn Cambodia, *The Killing Fields*.
- This cellist has performed the world over and made classical music more popular through his recordings and appearances.

- While a student architect, she designed the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- This architect is world famous for designing modern, elegant skyscrapers, as well as museums and libraries.
- He starred as Lt. Sulu in the *Star Trek* television and movie series.

### DOWN

- The first Asian-American in space, he died when the *Challenger* exploded in 1986.
- The discovery of the *J/psi* subatomic particle won this Taiwanese-born scientist a Nobel Prize in 1976.
- At 17, he won the French Open and became the youngest male tennis player ever to win a Grand Slam tournament.
- His book *Baseball Saved Us* is based on his parents' experience in the Japanese internment camps during World War II.
- She is the author of *The Joy Luck Club*, a book and movie based on her own family's experiences.
- She was the first woman to graduate with a Ph.D. in applied physics from the California Institute of Technology. She now heads the NIST.
- This businesswoman from the Philippines is sometimes referred to as "the Wonder Woman of Wall Street."
- This Korean-American economist works for the Federal Trade Commission and is married to a U.S. senator.
- At age 12, she won a scholarship to study the violin at the Juilliard School in New York.
- She is the singing voice of Jasmine in the Disney movie *Aladdin*.

## Government and industry symposium focuses on preparing for future

"Building Together for the 21st Century" is the theme for this year's Government Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange (GISEE) Symposium, June 20-22 at the Sparkman Center. Those involved in Logistics and Acquisition are invited to obtain information and pre-register at LOGSA's online homepage: [www.logpars.army.mil/alc/logengr.htm](http://www.logpars.army.mil/alc/logengr.htm).

This year's registration fee is still \$50 until June 1, at which time the price will rise to \$75. Your pre-registration will entitle you to attend the cookout at the Guesthouse Suites, the official symposium lodging headquarters.

Now is the time to plan on attending and get pre-registered at the aforementioned LOGSA website. Any questions should be directed to Emerson McAfee at 955-0808 or email [emerson.mcafee@logsa.army.mil](mailto:emerson.mcafee@logsa.army.mil).

On day one, representatives from the offices of the Deputy for Logistics of the Army, Navy, and Air Force will brief for one hour and be available in a one hour forum to discuss logistics issues, related problems, and concerns about acquisition reform. If you have issues/questions, submit them to McAfee in advance of the symposium.

The second day will provide a one hour brief and one hour forum with representatives from the offices of the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps Materiel Commands. They will address the materiel issues, related problems, and concerns you have submitted in advance of the symposium.

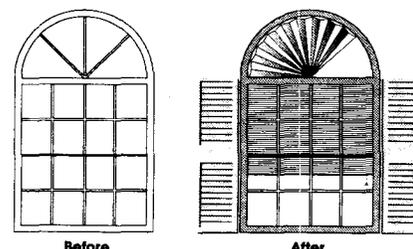
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# Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### AER run/walk

The AMCOM Command/Staff Offices AER Fun Run/Walk will be held from 1-3 p.m. May 10 at Burose Road and entrance into Sparkman Center. The event is open to everyone. Proceeds will benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund. There will be door prizes for those who register for this event or make a donation of \$3. For tickets call Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558; April Brooks 842-6944; Edna Dye 876-6464; Jean Evans 842-0107; Dorothy Hosea 876-7138; Janice Powell 876-1770; Zakiyyah Shakoor 876-8136, Jackie White 876-3591 or Randy Showers 876-3000.

### Scuba diving class

The Recreation Center is offering Beginning Scuba Diving classes starting Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Pool work days will take place at Madison Aquatic Park or the Space & Rocket Center. Classes will be taught by "Rock Divers." Instructors will provide students with the use of all major equipment. Students need only provide mask, fins, snorkel and booties. Cost for the class is \$190. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Center 876-4531 from 1:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday or from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

### Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America Tennessee Valley Chapter's semiannual bass tournament will be held Saturday at the Redstone Arsenal recreational area 1 for all AAAA members and guests. Starting time is 6:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$25 per boat, which includes chili and refreshments. There will be a limit of five fish to a boat and weigh in begins at 2 p.m. Cash prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners. To register, call either Tom Geoffroy at 313-0747 or Bob Vlasic at 837-0005. A special get acquainted affair is planned the night before.



## Miscellaneous

### 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.

### Safety week presentation

The IMMC extends an invitation to the Redstone Community to join it at a presentation by the American Red Cross May 11 from 9-10 a.m. in the Bob Jones Auditorium at Sparkman Center. The presentation will cover such topics as First Aid, Rescue Breathing Techniques, Choking Procedures and a CPR Overview; along with videos and

demonstrations. This presentation has been arranged in conjunction with other command activities in observance of National Safety Week. For more information, call Deanna King 842-6736 or Jane Greer 876-2362.

### Flying activity

Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will have its annual open house Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. RAFA instructors will be on hand to take you for a ride which costs \$20 per child, \$25 for an adult. Get to the open house early to sign up for a flight time, enjoy the food, and inquire about membership. The first month's dues of \$23 will be

waived for new members signing up Saturday. For more information, call the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity 880-9495.

### Bus trip to Lynchburg

Tennessee Valley Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America is planning a bus trip for AAAA members and guests to the Jack Daniel's Distillery, May 20, (bus leaves at 12:30 p.m., returns to Madison about 8 p.m.). Meet at Meadow Green Centre parking lot (AEPCO Office, 9238 Madison Boulevard, building 2, suite 110. Cost is \$25 per person (includes See Announcements on page 17



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## Winning team...

The Transportation Branch Team of the Logistics Support Directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center, received the first IMMC quarterly team award April 12. From left are Judy Allen-Rodriguez, Lorrene Dixson, Lula Rochelle, Don Taylor, Janice Hopkins, Brenda Winfrey, Wayne Ryan, Willie Readus and Debra Finley.

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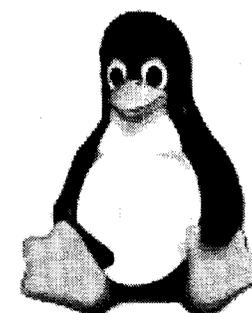
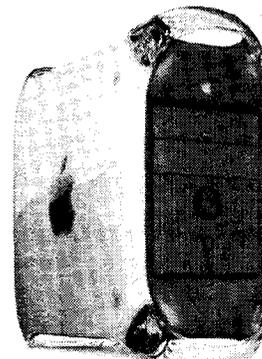
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bus transportation, tour, barbecue and open bar). Due to the "open bar" during the barbecue, this event will be for adults (over the age of 21) only. For reservations and information, call Phyllis Heberer 461-9191.

## Acquisition work force

Col. Roger Carter, acting deputy director, Acquisition Career Management, will present the annual update to the Redstone/Huntsville Army acquisition work force at 1 p.m. May 9 in the Bob Jones Auditorium at the Sparkman Center. Carter will address many topics of interest concerning the acquisition work force including certification, board selections, new policies on certification, and continuous learning points. Military and civilian workers who occupy an acquisition-designated position are invited to attend. At the conclusion of the general work force briefing, Carter will present an information briefing specifically for supervisors. All AAW members and supervisors are encouraged to attend these sessions. Other activities conducted by the Acquisition Career Management Office are planned for May 10-12 and include briefings on Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and Best Qualified Board (Project Manager, Product Manager and Competitive Development Group) briefing for military and civilians. A complete schedule of events will be posted to the Southern Region web page at: <http://southernregion.redstone.army.mil/southernregion>.

## Plant sale

Aviation Systems Directorate will hold its fourth annual plant sale for Army Emergency Relief from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 11 in the northeast end of the parking lot at building 5309.

## Shirt sale

The Missile Guidance Directorate (of AMRDEC) is sponsoring a shirt sale for the AER fund. Three different type shirts are available: a Gilden brand T-shirt offered in a few appropriate colors with the new AMRDEC logo on the front in full size, sizes S-XXL, price \$12 (\$14 for XXL); a men's 100 percent cotton Outer Banks brand pique knit sports shirt with a striped collar and cuff that will have "Redstone Arsenal 2000" embroidery in small letters on the upper left breast of the shirt, sizes S-XXL, price \$28 (\$30 for XXL); and a ladies 100 percent cotton Outer Banks brand pique knit sports shirt with the same logo, sizes S-XXL, price \$26 (\$28 for XXL). Cash or check and of course all profit goes to Army Emergency Relief. The delivery should be by May 31. Anyone who would like to order can e-mail Doug Carper with their phone number and their e-mail address at [carper-dj@redstone.army.mil](mailto:carper-dj@redstone.army.mil), subject: AER shirt order; or Peggy Derryberry at [derryberry-pw@redstone.army.mil](mailto:derryberry-pw@redstone.army.mil), subject: AER shirt order.

## Officer/civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a luncheon May 9 at 10 a.m. at

the Officers' and Civilians' Club. The program includes installation of the new club officers and presentation of merit awards. The menu will be your choice of tossed salad, turkey with dressing, green beans, roll & butter, and sherbet for \$8.25 or chef's salad for \$4.75. For reservations, call 772-0977 (A-L) or 464-0583 (M-Z).

## Car wash/cookout

The AER car wash and cookout will be held May 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. behind building 5250 (just follow the signs). "Benefit AER and enjoy great hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, soda pop, and homemade desserts (for a nominal charge) while we wash your car," a prepared release said. For more information, call Steve Mitchell 876-4429 or Cindy Sanders 876-1141.

## Nutrition program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program will screen military families and issue vouchers May 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New Parent Support Program Playhouse. The Playhouse is located at 1220-B Lacrosse Drive. Appointments may be made by calling Army Community Service 876-5397. The assessment usually takes half a hour to 45 minutes. For more information, call Mary Breeden or Virginia Dempsey 876-5397. Eligibility for WIC is based on nutritional needs and limited income. Families who already qualify for Medicaid, food stamps, or Temporary Assistance to Needy

Families (TANF) probably qualify for WIC. Income qualifications for military families are determined by base pay and do not include housing and other allowances.

## Aviation group scholarships

Attention members of the Tennessee Valley Chapter, Army Aviation Association of America: The AAAA National Scholarship Foundation will award 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 our 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 this chapter, you also must have been affiliated with the chapter by the same date. All applications must be postmarked to national by June 1. To obtain an application kit or more information, call AAAA national 800-722-2769, or e-mail: [aaaa@quad-a-org](mailto:aaaa@quad-a-org). For routine scholarship questions, call Jack Bertelkamp, chapter vice president for

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scholarship, 964-8460, ext. 103, or e-mail: jackbert@aol.com. He doesn't have the kits.

## Blood program schedule

Here's the Red Cross Blood schedule for May: Friday, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400. May 11, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at building 5302, aerobics room, Betty Mountain 313-1779, Jean Hicks 876-2944, or Shakoor Zakiyyah 876-8136. May 19, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at building 4752, NASA, Nancy Jane Spears 544-7561. May 25, from 7-noon, building 7613, conference room 106, Cathy Brown 313-6885; and from 6-11 a.m. at building 3412, Marine Corps Detachment, 1st Sgt. Ricks 842-2214. May 26, from 7-noon, Corps of Engineers, Donna Smiley 895-1760; from 7-noon, building 5681, Susan Zimmerly 313-4165; from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., SMDC, Al Longhi 955-5901; and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 4545 (formerly 4505), Linda Keel 955-0900.

## Toastmasters

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

## Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society invites you to "Astronomy Day and Night," Saturday from 2-5 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m. at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. "Bring the entire family for a free fun time," a prepared release said. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

## Red Cross youth volunteers

The Red Cross Youth Program at the Fox Army Health Center is about to get under way and will provide valuable experience to teens. The youth volunteers will be staffed throughout the Health Center and assist in clinics, the records room, and in other areas. This is an opportunity to find out just how rewarding volunteer work can be, as well as find out how the various clinics operate. Teen-agers 14 or older with valid military ID cards are eligible to participate in the program. Those interested in volunteering can come to one of two organizational meetings and find out what it is all about. All rules will be explained

and the forms for them to fill out will be available. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting with their teen-ager. The meetings will be held at the Red Cross Chapter House at 1101 Washington St. at 5:30 p.m. May 9 and at 9 a.m. May 31. Placement in the program will take place within one week of each meeting.

## Celebrity car wash

Celebrity Car Wash, for Army Emergency Relief, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Tire Center on Goss Road. Redstone brass will wash vehicles for AER donations.

## Savings bond rally

A kickoff rally for this year's savings bond campaign will be held at 9:30 a.m. May 9 at Bob Jones Auditorium in the Sparkman Center. The Calhoun Community College Chorale will perform. All employees are invited. The campaign will be held in June.

## Family team building

"Stop, in the name of love!" is an Army Family Team Building concept class that will be offered May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491. Topics will include relationship building, stress management, communication, conflict management, and listening skills. AFTB is an educational, self-development program for military family members that provides the knowledge and skills necessary for personal and family readiness. To register for the May 11 class, call 842-8375. Childcare is provided.

## Health fair

The Wellness Center will present Health Fair 2000 on May 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Bob Jones Auditorium in the Sparkman Center. Information booths will cover nutrition, safety, physical health, and mental health. There will also be free screenings of cholesterol, bone density, blood pressure, body fat analysis, sickle cell, body alignment; and a massage therapist. Door prizes and free refreshments will be available. For more information, call the Wellness Center 955-6844.

## System reliability paper

Mike Danesh, an engineer with Patriot Project Office, has written a paper titled "System Reliability For Precision Missilery." With technical challenges that we are facing for the new generation of our

missiles, system reliability is becoming more and more critical, Danesh says. He has developed this paper based upon a decade of experience with Patriot system. This paper has been accepted by Military Operations Research Society which will be held this summer at Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. His other work includes a theory that links Linear Signal Processing to Reliability Engineering. For more information, call him at 955-3656 or send him an e-mail at the following address: mike.danesh@patriot.redstone.army.mil.

## Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual picnic at 11 a.m. May 11 at the NASA Picnic Area. Menu includes chicken, baked beans, potato salad, bread, and soft drink. There will be games and door prizes. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and get ready to relax and have fun. Cost is \$2 for mem-

bers and \$5 for non-members. Get your ticket by close of business today. For reservations, call Janet Siersma 955-3890.

## Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. May 8 at building 3202 (Union Office). All employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

## Public service week

This is Public Service Recognition Week. Events include a luncheon today at 11 at the Research Park Holiday Inn (at Madison Square Mall), and local exhibits at that mall Thursday. Federal workers are invited to go into the Huntsville/Madison County schools during the week to talk to students about their careers in government. To join the Speaker's Bureau, call Margaret Banish-Donaldson in the Public Affairs Office 842-0558.

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

These announcements provided by the AMCOM CPAC can be found on the web at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil).

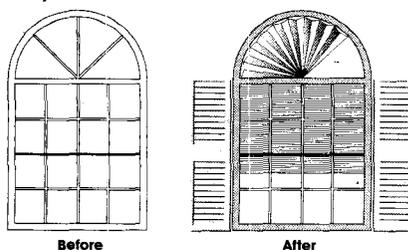
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Other announcements that are open to all U.S. citizens can be found at [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov)

PVA NUMBER	POSITION TITLE	CLOSES	LOCATION	PP-SERIES	GRADE	POT
00D0928DW	Program Support Assist	4-May-00	AMCOM CG	GS-0303	7	7
00D0945BJ	Contract Specialist	4-May-00	USAAESA	GS-1102	5	9
00B0948DT	Secretary (OA)	4-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0318	II	II
00B0947DT	Configuration Mgmt Ast	4-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0303	III	III
00B0946DT	Configuration Mgmt Ast	4-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0303	III	III
00D0937DB	Training Instructor	8-May-00	USAOMMCS	GS-1712	11	11
00B0834OD	Aerospace Engr. (Demo)	8-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	III	III
00B0837OD	Aerospace Engr. (Demo)	8-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	III	III
00B0839OD	Aerospace Engr. (Demo)	8-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	III	III
00B0844FM	Electronics Engr (Demo)	8-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	III	III
00B0836OD	Aerospace Engr. (Demo)	8-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	III	III
HA00A3379	Mechanical Engineer	8-May-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0830	12	12
00B0898DT	Program Support Assist	9-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0303	III	III
00B0967OD	Mechanical Engineer	9-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0830	III	III
00B0925OD	Mechanical Engineer	9-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0830	III	III
00B0924OD	Mechanical Engineer	9-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0830	III	III
00C0989IG	Secretary (OA)	10-May-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0318	6	6
00C0988JH	Logistics Mgmt. Spec.	10-May-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0346	12	12
00D0969BL	Computer Engineer	10-May-00	AMCOM TMDE	GS-0854	13	13
00B0923OD	General Engineer (Demo)	11-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	III	III
00C0939LW	Air Traffic Control Spec.	11-May-00	RASA	GS-2152	10	10
00C0994JH	Logistics Mgmt. Spec.	11-May-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0346	12	12
00D0999BJ	Procurement Tech. (OA)	11-May-00	Acquisition Center	GS-1106	7	7
00B0912FM	General Engineer	15-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV
00B0913FM	General Engineer	15-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV
00D0875DB	Security Specialist	16-May-00	AMCOM ISD	GS-0080	11	11
HA00A3378	Administrative Officer	16-May-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0341	7	9
00B09190D	Configuration Mgmt Spec	18-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DE-0301	IV	IV
AC-00-1283	Personnel Mgmt Spec	19-May-00	ACTEDS	GS-0201	7	11
00B0953MW	Supv. General Engineer	26-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV
00B0955MW	Supv. General Engineer	26-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV
00B0957MW	Supv. General Engineer	26-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV
00B0954MW	Supv. Electronics Engineer	26-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	IV	IV
00B0956MW	Supv. General Engineer	29-May-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV
BKM06500	Medical Officer	30-Jun-00	USAMDAAC	GS-0602	14	14
00D0581DB	Training Instructor	9-Aug-00	USAOMMCS	GS-1712	11	11
00D0582DB	Training Instructor (HD)	14-Aug-00	USAOMMCS	GS-1712	11	11
HA00A3080	Elec, Mech, Civil Engineer	31-Dec-00	CofE Huntsville Ctr	GS-0850-0830		
				0810	13	13
00B0479SS	Aerospace Engineer	18-Jan-01	AMCOM AVRDEC	DB-0861	III	III
00B0843FM	Materials Engineer	3-Apr-01	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0806	III	III
00B0838OD	Aerospace Engr. (Demo)	6-Apr-01	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	III	III

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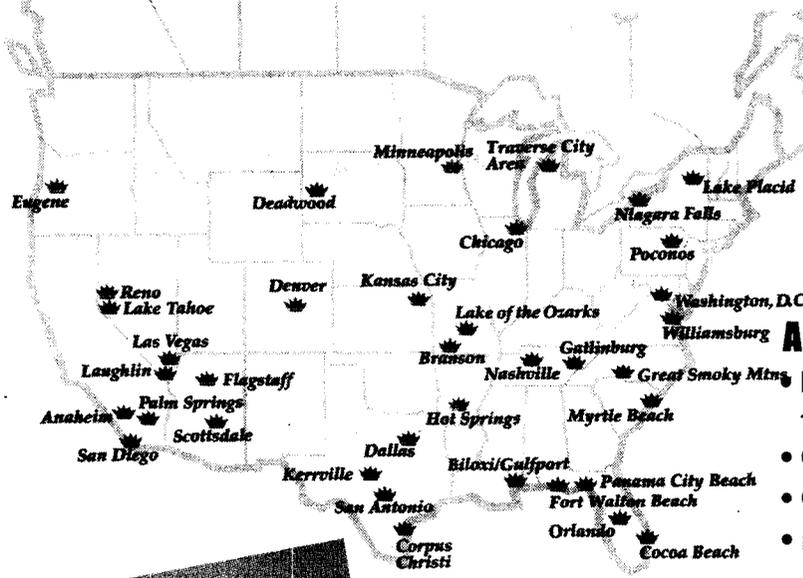


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