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Local community salutes armed forces July 10-15



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SCHEDULED SPEAKER— Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera talks with Col. Glenn Weidner, commandant of the School of Americas, during a visit to Fort Benning, Ga., last Sept. 22. Caldera is the scheduled speaker for the Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon, July 12 at noon in the Von Braun Center north hall.

Secretary of Army addresses luncheon

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

After celebrating the day our nation gained its independence, our thoughts naturally turn toward the men and women who ensure that our nation remains free. Armed Forces Week is our community's way of saying thank you to the U.S. military.

"It's not only a responsibility but a privilege for the cities in the Tennessee Valley to have this week to show them our appreciation," Larry Capps, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's military affairs committee, said.

Armed Forces Week 2000 will be celebrated July 10-15. A joint venture of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County and the Association of the U.S. Army, the week is filled with events and

entertainment for the whole family.

Capps, a retired brigadier general who is CEO of the Space and Rocket Center, explained that as the missile and space businesses grew up here, 60-70 percent of industry in Huntsville and the surrounding area grew up at the same time. Economically, the community is very dependent on military projects.

"I think the proclamation says it all," Capps said. "The community likes to honor the U.S. armed forces – the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines, the Reserves – for their defense of our freedom and not only for their physical presence here but also for their support of communi-

ty activities and the significant impact they've had on the community."

A proclamation signing at the Chamber of Commerce Atrium will kick off the celebration at 10 a.m. July 10. That same day EarlyWorks Children's Museum opens its doors to military families from 12-5 p.m. with free admission to view the Stars & Stripes Salute 2000 exhibit, a colorful collection of American flags and other memorabilia dating back to 1865.

That evening, the 100th Army Reserve Band will play at the Concert in the Park at 6:30 p.m. in Big Spring Park. Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and

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Workers rattled by slithering visitor

Building occupants remove fifth snake in past nine months

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Sitting in his cubicle early one June morning, Kelly McCauley, an aerospace engineer working in building 5678, heard a little scratching noise up in the ceiling behind him. He turned around in his chair, looked up and saw a snake hanging out of a hole in the ceiling, "just looking around."

"I looked up there and saw about a foot of him hanging out and I thought, 'I can't just sit here.' So I went down the aisle to get witnesses," McCauley said.

He found co-worker Scott Moody, who grabbed his digital camera, then recruited Doug Ehlert, who joined the hunting expedition with a flashlight and a big stick. Together with another co-worker, Charlie Williams, the group went back to

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Photo by Scott Moody

SNAKES ALIVE— This is the fifth snake removed from building 5678 since September. Doug Ehlert, aerospace engineer, used a stick to herd the snake down the hall, out the door and back into the woods from whence it came.

Higher headquarters honors three outstanding AMCOM workers

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The three AMCOM workers couldn't contain their enthusiasm.

Michael Hartwell, Sherri Howard and Alan McCandless had just learned that they were among the Army Materiel Command's "Ten Outstanding Personnel of the Year" for 1999.

"Oh my God," said McCandless, chief of the CH-47 team in Aviation Systems Directorate at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. "I'm very surprised. To get recognized at that level, it's not something that normally happens."

"You're kidding me," Howard, supervisor of acquisition systems in Corporate Information Center, said. "I think it's an honor. I just can't believe it. I'm shocked."

"Hey fantastic, that's good news,"

"To get recognized at that level, it's not something that normally happens."

— Alan McCandless

Hartwell, director of Air Defense Missile Directorate at IMMC, said. "That's great. I'm very excited about it. I think it's a reflection of the hard work of a lot of people who supported me not only this year, but particularly this year. Especially the work they've done in establishing the logistics support centers (in the U.S. and overseas)."

Each year the Army Materiel Command selects 10 employees, both military and civilian, who stand out as model employees. AMC, based in Alexandria, Va., is higher headquarters for the Aviation and

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Old Glory more than cotton threads

Holidays that honor or bring remembrance of our veterans are very special moments to most Americans. But to mother they were more than just special moments, they were times that brought back the tears for her first born.

As I look around on these special days and see the flag flying proudly from many masts, I remember what Ole Glory meant to mother. It was more than just cotton threads dyed red, white and blue. The white was the pure young boy sent away to fight in a man's war; the blue was for the sharp dress uniform of the U.S. Marine Corps he stood so tall and proudly in; the stars were the sparkles in his eyes when she cooked his favorite meal, and the red—well that's what always brought the tears streaming down her face, was the blood shed on some long forgotten South Pacific

island in a war only remembered now by a few. So you see to mother, her flag represented the ultimate sacrifice a mother could give, her son.

I was only 13 months old when Buster was killed and would not fully comprehend the great sacrifice he made until much later in my life.

A mother never stops mourning for her little hero and mother was no different. Her last words were spoken of him and for me to never forget. Mother no longer cries for her fallen Marine. You see they are both together now, never more to be separated. And I as the sole surviving son owe him my life, my family, and our nation. "Mother, we will never forget!" You see, to me Ole Glory is not just cotton threads.

Carlton R. Decker
OMMCS

Promotions should be based on merit

This is being written for two reasons. First, Personnel and Training Directorate had their organizational day last week and I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. A lot of hard work went into putting it together. Good things like that don't "just happen."

I appreciate so much the fact that God is still alive and well on Redstone. The music was impressive and I'm thankful it is still deemed important to bless the food. I'm thankful that our Redstone leaders are willing to give God the glory He deserves.

The other thing I want to mention is selection for Merit Promotion. The dictionary gives the definition of "Merit system" as (in the Civil Service) a system or practice in which persons are hired or promoted on the basis of ability rather than patronage. Patronage, in this instance, means "the control of or power to make appointments to government jobs on a basis other than merit alone." So, if I am interpreting the dictionary right, job selection through the merit system is to be done according to your capabilities and past job history, nothing more.

It appears to me if an individual has

worked in a position for a year and a half, has turned a program no one showed any interest in into one of active participation, that this individual would automatically be selected to continue in this position when an upgrade was put into place.

If positions are going to be filled according to degrees rather than competence, there will be no reason for an individual to even hope for advancement.

When a "degreed" individual desires a position only for the grade level and is selected over the individual who went into the position at a low grade level and worked hard to turn this program into true, caring assistance, there is something wrong with the system. In reading the definitions in the dictionary, it seems very apparent that the type of selection that I have just mentioned would be illegal and certainly unethical.

I hope this type of selection will be revisited. The unfairness is unacceptable. Going back to "merit"—promoted on the basis of ability!

Sarah Bryan
AMSAM-PT-MO-EC

Health center diner asks about prices

Maybe you have already been asked this question before but I don't remember seeing an answer. When the price of the lunch at the hospital was \$3, it was packed standing room only every day that I would go and I went regularly. Now that you have raised the price to \$4, the dining room is empty. I was up there today and there were only two tables in use. My question is: How can you make more money by raising the price and losing customers? How can you lose money by charging \$3 and packing the place? I don't know the business of it so that is why I am asking.

Ruth J. Smith
Transportation Office, RASA

Editor's note: Melba Moody, public affairs for Fox Army Health Center, provided the following response. "In the days of 'all

you can eat' \$3 lunches, the MEDDAC dining facility was losing \$10,800 per month, on average. This forced Fox Army Health Center to disestablish its dining facility and solicit a contractor to provide a food service. With the assistance of the MWR director and the Post Restaurant Fund food service manager, the food service was contracted to Ted Burrus who provides daily the same high quality level of service and menu offerings enjoyed previously. You will find the current prices are comparable to other Redstone food outlets. Take-out service, formerly unavailable, is utilized by many. The dining facility is open to the general public for breakfast, 6:15-10 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Daily lunch menus by e-mail may be obtained by contacting the following: moodymn@se.amedd.army.mil. We appreciate and look forward to your continued support."



Joe Ramirez/ Photo Lab

Depot maintenance team...

The Depot Maintenance Army Team of the Business Management Directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center, received the Second Quarter IMMC Team award on June 14. The team aggressively pursued realignment of the depot budgeting process from the Industrial Operations Command to AMCOM and developed a highly successful partnership with both depots. Members include: front row, from left, Dania Hoover, Tony Giannelli, Sandra Swartz, Muriel Jones, Louise Carter; and back row, from left, Howard Ohi, Terry Frazier, Donna McAlister, Marilyn Phillips and Cynthia King.

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Outgoing product manager looks forward to return someday

Improved cargo helicopter to make debut in 2003

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

Lt. Col. William Crosby, who was the first product manager for the CH-47F Improved Cargo Helicopter Program at Redstone Arsenal, leaves for the Air War College July 20.

The mission of the Air War College is to educate senior officers to lead at the strategic level in the employment of aerospace forces, including joint operations, in support of national security.

The Improved Cargo Helicopter is scheduled to make its debut in 2003. It will feature a digital cockpit capability, enabling pilots to communicate digitally on the future battlefield. Additionally, airframe stiffening for reduced vibration will be integrated in key locations, to decrease wear on dynamic components and reduce operating and support cost.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Crosby graduated from the Citadel in 1979 and joined the Army that same year. He attended the Field Artillery Basic Officer's Course and received his Aviator Wings in May 1982, after completing flight school at Fort Rucker.



Dorothy Moore/ Photo Lab

FOND FAREWELL— Lt. Col. William Crosby, leaving for the Air War College, addresses attendees at his farewell luncheon.

His assignments have taken him to the 24th Infantry Division in Fort Stewart, Ga.; 205th Aviation Company in Mainz Finthen, West Germany; Test Activity at Fort Rucker; VII Corps, CH-47 Unit, Schwaebisch Hall, West Germany; Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Southwest Asia; Comanche PMO, St. Louis; and the

Pentagon, J8 Directorate of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I would like to come back to Redstone after I finish this school in Montgomery, Ala., because I love the military community here," Crosby said. "And I have learned a great deal from the CH-47F team."

Under Crosby's guidance, his team, with their skills, experience and resources, was instrumental in getting an ACH-47A "Guns a go-go" permanent static display outside of the PEO-Aviation main building. There were only four of these gunships and all deployed to Vietnam. This was the only one to come back home and become a museum piece at Redstone. He also pushed to get Technology Road, which runs north and south between Refuge and Wood Road, renamed Chinook Road.

One of his frustrations as the product manager has been the insufficient funding to adequately resource a complete training system.

"Budget constraints have hindered training in the past, but with our innovative approach, we have been able to accelerate our training vision, placing training and logistics as key elements in our overall program plan," Crosby said.

He is a big proponent for training his assigned personnel as well. Crosby has set up two CH-47 familiarization courses

at Fort Eustis, Va. for his personnel in August. This will enable those who do not have Chinook experience to gain substantial knowledge about the aircraft.

The PMO has 84 personnel who are matrix or contract support; a few are full time CH-47F, and the rest are part time. Since they are in the engineering, manufacturing and development stage right now, they have a high demand for engineers. As the program progresses, the demand will shift to a need for test engineers and logisticians. This concept allows a flexible work program, which enables Crosby to get the expertise he needs when he needs it.

Crosby's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (third oak leaf cluster), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (second oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (first oak leaf cluster), Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Citation and the Army Superior Unit Award.

"When I leave this complex for the final time, it is going to be a sad moment for me. I hate to leave such a great team that has taught me so much," Crosby said. "I'm leaving my family: wife, Janice, and our three children, Rebecca, Sara and Will here in Huntsville while I attend school. I hope to return to Redstone Arsenal."

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NEW DUTIES— Lt. Col. Bill Lake, formerly product manager for fixed wing aircraft, became the project manager for utility helicopter June 26.

Lt. Col. Lake moves into project manager position

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

It doesn't happen very often when two charters change hands in the same ceremony.

That was the case June 26 at the Bob Jones Auditorium. Lt. Col. Bill Lake, formerly product manager for fixed wing aircraft, became the project manager for utility helicopter. In the same event, Lt. Col. Steven Walters succeeded Lake as fixed wing product manager.

"This is a rather unusual ceremony," Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster, deputy for systems acquisition, said.

Armbruster presented the Legion of Merit to Lake for his service as fixed wing

product manager since June 1997. "Bill and his team did a great job," he said.

Lake, a 1978 West Point graduate, and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Christian and Jordan.

"To the fixed wing team, let me tell you: You are totally responsible for everything that I have been given credit for today," Lake said.

Walters, a 1981 West Point graduate, and his wife, Tammy, have three children: Alexandra, Sam and Danielle. He formerly served as a division chief and chief of flight tests at Fort Rucker.

"It's a distinct honor and privilege to be taking over the reins of the fixed wing PMO," Walters said.

THAAD ready to soar into next phase of development

The Space and Missile Defense Command's Contracting and Acquisition Management Office has awarded the engineering and manufacturing development contract for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, missile defense system to Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Missiles and Space Operations, in Sunnyvale, Calif.

The contract is valued at almost \$4 billion — \$3,966,948,706 — for a period of 98 months. The actual starting date for the contract to go into effect is Aug. 4.

During the EMD program, the system design will evolve to satisfy the Army's key operational requirements while developing weapon system components that are not only effective, but are affordable, ready for production, and available to soldiers for a first unit equipped in fiscal 2007.

The weapon system components consist of hit-to-kill missiles, highly accurate radars, sophisticated battle managers, and launchers. The components will be designed to survive in a battlefield environment, manufactured on initial production lines, and then verified operationally suitable and effective in comprehensive ground and flight testing.

The effort also includes designing and developing a logistics infrastructure for fielding and maintaining of the THAAD weapon system and its peculiar support equipment for the service life. Sufficient production-representative weapon system components will be built to support all testing to include initial operational test and evaluation and verify the THAAD readiness for low rate initial production and full rate production.

The management of this contract is vested in the THAAD Project Office and their reporting chain including the Program Executive Office, Air and Missile Defense, and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. SMDC administers the contract.

"This is a major accomplishment for the PEO-AMD, SMDC, and Lockheed Martin," Mark Lumer, SMDC's contracting executive, said. "In the final analysis, Alpha contracting played a critical role in helping us get to an agreement quickly. We've created several unique incentives and cost-sharing arrangements which will help focus the contractor on executing his contractual obligations on time, within budget, and with high quality."

Toftoy Bridge closing for construction project

If you drive across Toftoy Bridge, you'd better find another route.

A construction project to replace slab on Toftoy Bridge begins July 10 and will continue for 120 days. The affected area is Toftoy Bridge less than a mile south of Rideout Road access lane to Toftoy Thruway, according to Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

All roads that access the Toftoy

Bridge will be closed. And all roads accessing the road below Toftoy Bridge will be closed, too. Construction signs and detour signs should be posted by Friday.

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Redstone support activity continues service under new leadership



NEW LEADER— Col. Brent Swart is congratulated June 23 after becoming deputy post commander and commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

They work behind the scenes keeping this installation operating. They mow the grass, maintain the roads, keep the air conditioning going, and so on.

They have persevered through studies on whether their jobs should be converted to private industry and through diminishing resources.

They are the men and women of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

About 135 members of the RASA family appeared in a brief video during their organization's change of command ceremony June 23 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Col. Steven Hamilton, the outgoing commander, showed the video as a way of thanking the people he led since July 1998.

RASA has more than 500 appropriated employees, 300 non-appropriated fund workers, and about 1,100 contractor people.

"It's been my honor and my privilege to be their commander," Hamilton said. "I'm so pleased to have met the RASA work force."

Hamilton leaves for Germany to become director of maintenance, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army Europe. During the ceremony Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented him the Legion of Merit for his service as RASA commander.

"Col. Steven Hamilton has commanded this organization for the last two years with absolute distinction," Sullivan said. Col. Brent Swart succeeded Hamilton as deputy post commander and commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. Swart previously served as assistant chief of staff for materiel at 13th COSCOM at Fort Hood, Texas.

"It's a great day for the Swart family," Swart said. "We're happy to be here."

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Comptek Amherst Systems held an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony June 14, celebrating the opening of its new office at 7067 Old Madison Pike.

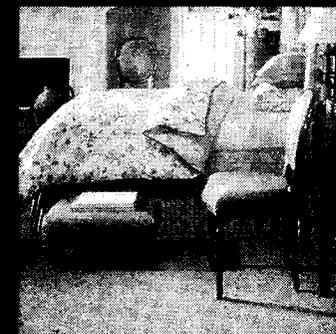
Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Howell Lee from Congressman Bud Cramer's office, several members of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, along with many key representatives from industry and government attended the ceremony. Comptek Amherst Systems Inc. has about 15 people working in Huntsville and was recently selected as an Omnibus 2000 technical team provider for Aviation and Missile Command.

Comptek Amherst Systems, a subsidiary of Comptek Research Inc., develops and manufactures simulation hardware, software, and provides technical support for use in development and testing electronic combat (EC) sensor systems and training operations. Its simulators have contributed to the development of the world's most advanced EC suites, including those used on the F-22, B-2, B-1B, F-15, F-16, F/A-18, EA-6B, Eurofighter, Tornado, Mirage, Longbow Apache and Comanche helicopters, AEGIS warship, and the Virginia-class

attack submarine.

Headquartered in Buffalo, N.Y., Comptek Amherst Systems maintains business and technical offices at five other locations, including Huntsville, and has agents in about 30 countries worldwide. The corporate headquarters comprises 120,000 square feet of engineering offices, test and integration labs, and modern manufacturing facilities.

"In all of our activities, customer satisfaction and technical excellence take top priority," a prepared release from Comptek said. "This commitment has placed us at the forefront of simulation technology and brought a large volume of follow-on contracts with the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Navy as well as with a number of foreign governments and major domestic and international prime contractors. Our superior performance on the Air Force's B-2 program earned Northrop Grumman's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Supplier Support. Our technical experience in leading edge technology resulted in our selection as a winning team member on the Morgan Research and Westar Inc. Omnibus 2000 technical teams."



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Firefighters try to ignite concern for fire safety

Part 2 of series: Safety lessons on post

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

They do a lot more than just put out fires.

The Redstone Arsenal Fire and Emergency Services is another organization on post that provides an extensive schedule of classes and training designed to enhance the safety of everyone that lives and works here.

Although putting out fires is their main responsibility, fire prevention is also one of their concerns, said fire inspector Kenneth Randles of Fire and Emergency Services.

Throughout the year, Fire and Emergency Services conducts classes and fire drills for all directorates and buildings on post. "We make sure that each emergency action plan is activated in a 'training' or 'practice drill,'" Randles said. Drills are often an annual or monthly requirement and fire prevention officials must be present when they occur.

"We are present to make sure everything runs smoothly and to provide much needed feedback," Randles explained. "For example ... this is what went wrong

... this is what went right."

Classes are also given regularly on fire extinguisher use. Units and directorates can request this training any time of the year, not just during their annual safety week.

Another big part of Fire and Emergency Service's safety and fire prevention program is making contact with school-aged children.

Schools in the local community are often paid visits by "Sparky the Fire Dog" (an officer dressed in a costume), or his half-pint companions "Little Sparky" (a handheld puppet version of Sparky) or "Pluggy" (a remote control toy that has audio capabilities).

"Sparky, Little Sparky, and Pluggy are very effective in teaching young children fire safety," Randles said. "Through these visual aides we teach them stop, drop and roll, what do you do when you find matches, how to dial 911, things like that. Often times they're more apt to listen and pay attention to Sparky than us, the fire prevention inspectors."

Fire and Emergency Services also has videos that can be loaned out for fire safety prevention classes at school, the unit or even in families' homes. "The videos are a excellent tool to get the information



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

SPARKING INTEREST- Fire inspector Kenneth Randles shows Little Sparky, among the tools that Fire and Emergency Services uses to teach young children about fire prevention safety. Fire and Emergency Services is among many organizations on post that provide health and safety classes to the Redstone community.

across," Randles said.

To schedule a class, check out a video, or to call with suggestions, people can reach the fire prevention office at 876-7005.

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles that will highlight directorates and organizations on post that offer safety and health classes to the Redstone community.



File photo

NOT FORGOTTEN— Retired Maj. Gen. John Zierdt, who died Friday, commanded the Missile Command from Sept. 23, 1963 until June 30, 1967.

Former commanding general dies in a local hospital

From AMCOM Historical Office

Retired Maj. Gen. John Zierdt, a former commander of the Missile Command, died Friday in Huntsville Hospital. He was 87.

Zierdt was born in Ashley, Pa., on Feb. 17, 1913. After attending Trinity College for one year, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After graduating from West Point in June 1937, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry. He also did postgraduate work in 1947 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Military education completed by Zierdt included the Air Corps Primary Flight School in 1938; the Aviation Ordnance Schools at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and Langley Field, Va., in 1940; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1946; and the U.S. Army War College in 1956.

From 1937-40, Zierdt not only attended the three flight schools mentioned above, he also served as the unit commander of the 25th Infantry at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and as the assistant district recruiting officer at Fort Bliss, Texas.

During World War II, he served as an Ordnance staff officer both in Panama and in the European Theater. In 1945, he became the executive officer of Headquarters, U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey. He later commanded Milan Arsenal, in Milan, Tenn., 1947; served as executive officer of the Field Directorate of Ammunition Plants and the Ordnance Ammunition Center at Joliet, Ill., 1950-53; and was chief of the ammunition branch, industrial division, Office, Chief of Ordnance, 1953-55.

From March 1956 until June 1962, See Zierdt on page 8



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Army helped turn ex-gang member's life around

NCO Academy commandant retiring in ceremony Friday

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

"I was told join the Army or go to jail. I was definitely a troubled youth when I came into the Army."

Before joining the Army, CSM Antho-

Zierdt

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Zierdt had an unbroken tour of six years in assignments of increasing responsibility at Redstone Arsenal. His first assignment was as chief of the Control Office, Army Ballistic Missile Agency. In March 1958, he became chief of staff when the Army Ordnance Missile Command was activated. In January 1960, he was named deputy commander of the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency (ARGMA). Zierdt became commander of that agency in June of that year. When ARGMA was abolished in a reorganization of AOMC late in 1961, he was appointed deputy commanding general (guided missiles) of AOMC, the predecessor organization of the Missile Command.

Zierdt became commanding general of MICOM on Sept. 23, 1963 and served in that capacity until June 30, 1967.

Zierdt was awarded a number of decorations and medals. His awards included the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal (Germany), and both the American and National Defense Service Medals. In 1981, Zierdt was inducted into the U.S. Army Ordnance Hall of Fame.

ny Summerville was a member of the Crips gang. As a result he often found himself in trouble with the law. But that was 23 years ago. Now Summerville is retiring as a distinguished command sergeant major in the Ordnance Corps.

He has been the commandant of the NCO Academy since 1999. He served as deputy commandant from 1996-97.

Although Summerville's start in the Army was less than perfect, throughout the span of his career he has positively influenced literally thousands of soldiers. And everywhere he's been stationed Summerville has made it a point to help those in need in the community.

Community service is something Summerville believes fervently in, so much in fact that each and every class at the NCO Academy must complete a community service project before graduation.

As a result, Advanced NCO and Basic NCO students have been involved in programs like Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, the Madison County Courthouse's Phoenix Project, the Salvation Army, Junior ROTC, Williams Elementary and Technology Middle School, the Tut Fann Veterans Home and other organizations.

"I am so proud of the Academy and their involvement in programs like these," Summerville said. It's a legacy of commitment to community service that Summerville hopes will continue long after his retirement.

"Performing community service gives me a great sense of pride in the uniform," Summerville said. "We not only serve to protect our country, but as soldiers we are also ambassadors to the community."

This really became apparent to him when he was deployed to Florida in 1992 after Hurricane Andrew destroyed many people's homes and lives.

"The area was devastated," Sum-

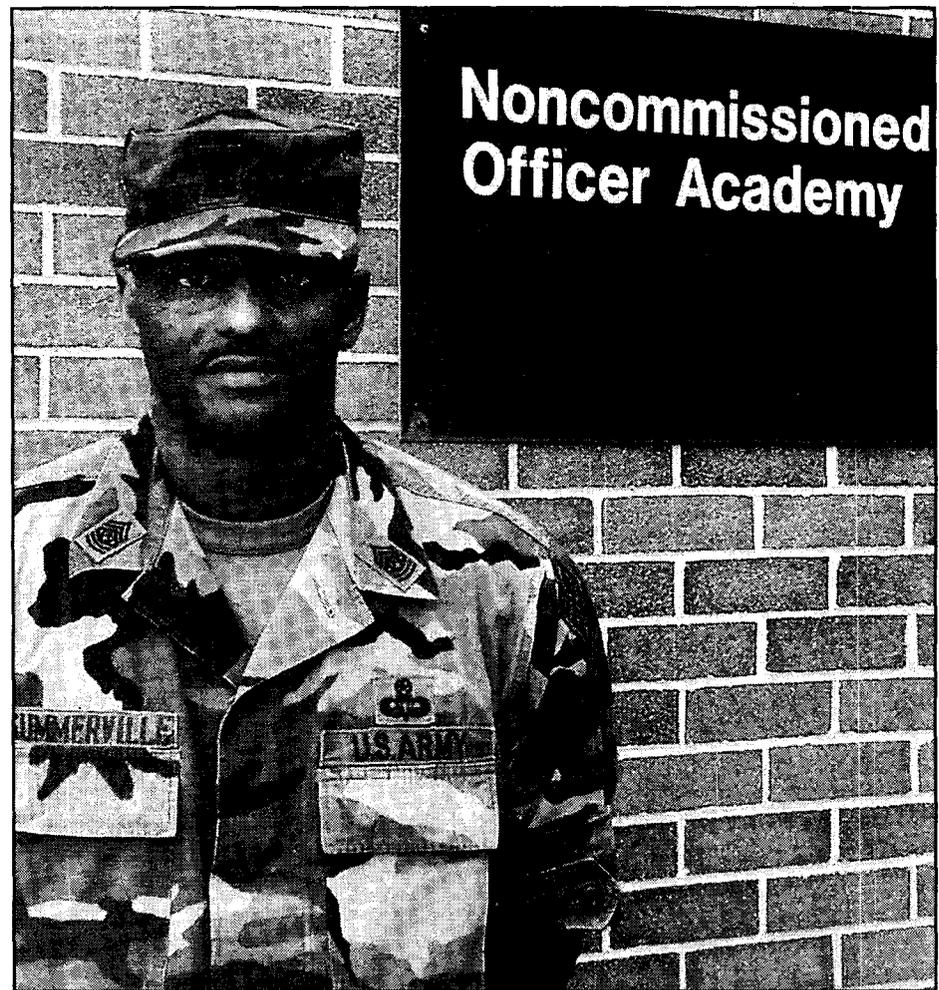


Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

COMPLETING CAREER— CSM Anthony Summerville has served as commandant of the NCO Academy since last year.

merville said. "People saw us in our uniforms and they just flocked to us by the hundreds. It was even more clear to me then that this uniform represents more than just defending our country."

It's an idea that Summerville has worked to instill in every soldier he has had the chance to mentor and work with.

Although Summerville is retiring and will no longer wear the uniform, his commitment to helping the community will continue. Summerville especially holds a great concern for youth who are considered "at risk."

"I was a 'at risk' youth when I was 18," Summerville said. "Out of five friends who were in the Crips with me: two are dead, two are permanently incarcerated

and one is a repeat offender who is in and out of jail. That could have been me. I was the only one who made it. I took another route."

After retirement Summerville plans on moving to Florida with his family where he will work with the Florida Juvenile Justice Department. There he will work with troubled youth and hopefully get them to "take another route."

Summerville officially hands over the reins of the NCO Academy to CSM Larry Taylor in a ceremony Friday at 7:30 a.m. behind building 3329. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at Pagano Gym. A reception will follow in the graduation hall, building 3329.

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Juvenile review board gives youngsters a second chance

Youth crimes at Redstone handled administratively

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

Juvenile offenders continue to be a problem to law enforcement and the courts, but Redstone Arsenal has a solution to this ever-growing problem. In 1995, the Redstone Arsenal Juvenile Review Board was established to handle juvenile offenders.

Maj. Janice Smith, provost marshal, is chairman of the board. The board consists of representatives from the Staff Judge Advocate, Family Advocacy, Chaplain and Redstone Arsenal Support Activity Sergeant Major Offices. Sgt. Melynda Dugdale, provost marshal investigations, serves as the probationary officer to the board.

The program's success is best described in statistics. In 1996 there were 52 juvenile offenses committed on Redstone Arsenal. Out of those offenses, 22 of the juveniles resided on the installation. By 1999 there were 43 juvenile offenses committed on Redstone Arsenal; and out of those offenses only eight of the juveniles resided on the installation.

Dugdale credits the program's success to education, and to the proactive crime prevention program for the juveniles as

the reason for the drop in youth crime.

"I am very concerned about the juveniles who live on the installation committing crimes," Dugdale said. "We can never educate everyone entering the installation, but we can certainly educate the Redstone community."

The board handles minor crimes and infractions that involve juveniles age 9 to 19. The board provides a full range of programs and services to prevent and reduce youth crime and delinquency at Redstone.

A juvenile offender who is presented to the board will not have a permanent criminal record because the board handles the offense administratively. Juvenile offenders learn to be accountable and take responsibility for their actions. The structure of the program is designed to afford youths the chance to develop into responsible citizens.

"One of the risk factors for many young people is the lack of attachment to their family, school or community," Dugdale said. "I act as an advocate or teacher to the juveniles on probation. I offer them choices. And I give them rules of probation to sign, which they can keep."

Dugdale monitors the juvenile offender during a period of time the board assigns them to the probation program. The probation period can last anywhere from six months to one year.



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson
REVIEWING CASES— Maj. Janice Smith, left, provost marshal, looks over paperwork with Sgt. Melynda Dugdale of investigations.

Depending on the offense, the offenders are sentenced to perform community service work, write a 10-15 page essay and serve curfews. On rare occasions, Smith sees a need to get tough with the children who are a menace to the installation, and has to bar a juvenile and/or his family from the installation.

Juvenile crimes at Redstone mostly include stealing items from the Post Exchange such as Pokemon cards, make-up, CDs, and video games.

Smith believes one way to deter juvenile crime is by having more recreational

programs at the Arsenal. One idea that has surfaced is to create an outdoor skateboard recreational area.

"If children are not encouraged, loved and recognized, you will find those children at risk for getting involved in juvenile crime," Smith said. "Of these cases presented to the board, every opportunity is made to assist the family and their children."

All military installations do not have a Juvenile Review Board. In fact few have a program like Redstone's. Smith and Dugdale would like to see this board developed worldwide. It doesn't take a lot of money, only time.

Smith said if other installations form a board, they will need to ensure people with true heart and dedication like Dugdale are working with these children. Dugdale devotes a lot of time before and after her normal hours of work. She believes no child at risk should have to wait for someone to reach out to him or her.

"We give kids here a second chance at life without the reality of a permanent criminal record," Smith said. "The real solution is to prevent an adult criminal population ever from coming into existence. The Army is committed to preventing future criminal behavior, and one possible answer is rehabilitation through a juvenile review board."

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Rubery retires with nearly 38 years of government service

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Dan Rubery had attended events like this for years. But this was different.

This was his retirement ceremony, marking the end of almost 38 years of government service. Rubery is returning to St. Louis after serving as deputy to the commanding general of the Aviation and Missile Command.

"You know emotions didn't take over until I walked out onto the stage," Rubery said during Friday's ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium.

This was actually his second retirement. He spent 26 years on active duty in the Army before retiring as a colonel. Rubery was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 1989.

"I was blessed to be on a winning team, both uniform and in civilian attire," he said.

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, thanked Rubery and Rubery's wife, Fran, for their many years of service. Rubery will work with Catholic Charities and other charita-

ble organizations in St. Louis.

"His legacy is counted in the many, many soldiers and civilians spread throughout our Army today, throughout AMC and AMCOM who have skills they would not have if not for him," Sullivan said.

Sullivan presented Rubery the Department of Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, the Outstanding Service Award, a letter of congratulations from President Clinton, a certificate of appreciation from Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman, a Department of Army certificate of appreciation, and a certificate of retirement. He presented Rubery's wife the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal.

"So, this is a family who hand-in-hand has made a difference," Sullivan said.

Jim Flinn, formerly director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is Rubery's successor as deputy to the commanding general.

Rubery had served in that position since August 1998. Previously, he served as deputy to the commander for business management and strategic planning.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BEST WISHES— Dan Rubery and his wife, Fran, greet well-wishers after his retirement ceremony Friday. Rubery completed his career as deputy to the commanding general of the Aviation and Missile Command.

Workers stay wrapped up with visiting snakes

Snake

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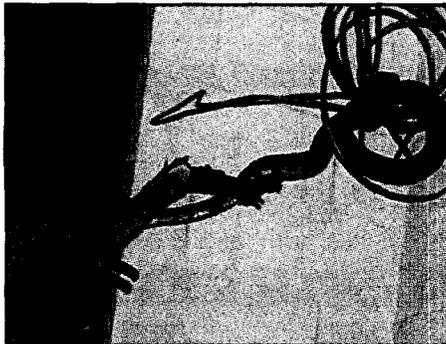


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ALL TIED UP— Once the 5-foot snake was discovered in the ceiling of building 5678, the trick was getting it untangled from the computer wires and out of the building. "Snake Man" Doug Ehlert coaxed it onto a tree branch as the first step in removal.

McCauley's cubicle for a little snake removal party.

"The snake went back up into the ceiling," McCauley said. "We listened for a little while but we didn't hear anything. We thought it might be gone but then, it's something you can't quite leave alone."

The team jostled the ceiling tiles around in the area until they heard the slithering noise again. When they figured out exactly where the snake was, Ehlert dislodged the tile and out came a bundle of computer wires with a 5-foot Rat snake twisted among them.

"I was kind of glad he didn't fall to the floor because we might have lost him in the commotion," Ehlert said. "This way we knew where he was all the time."

While Ehlert was working to get the snake onto the 4-foot branch they keep in the office for snake handling, others

including McCauley were checking the Internet to find out what type of snake it was.

"None of us really knew all that much about snakes," McCauley said, "so we looked up pictures until we saw a picture of a Rat snake that looked just like it. They aren't supposed to be poisonous. That was a relief."

Poisonous or not, Ehlert didn't want to get bit. "The snake was coiling up and lunging, and biting at the stick," he said. "I had to be careful— who knows what kind of disease it could be carrying."

Once Ehlert got the snake disentangled from the wires he headed toward the door. On the way, the snake fell off the stick so Ehlert directed it down the hall, out the door and back into the woods. It never occurred to the crew to kill it.

"Someone offered to run over it with their car," McCauley joked. "We really didn't want to kill it, but we did want it

out of the office."

Rat snakes are nonpoisonous snakes that typically feed on baby birds, rats, mice and small creatures. Cecil Winn, Redstone's game warden, said that the position of the building, nestled against a wooded area might be some cause for the frequent sightings.

"They usually go after bird's nests," Winn said. "I don't really think they were looking for water, because there's been enough rain for them to access natural sources."

This was the fifth snake that has visited and ultimately been ejected from the building. Late last year when that section of the building was populated, two small bright green snakes were spotted in the hallway and ushered out. A larger one, more similar in size and color to this latest Rat snake, was spotted at the entrance and shooed back into the woods.

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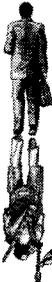
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There were 86 nominees for the awards and AMCOM had three of the 10 winners.

The other honorees include Dr. Andrzej Miziolek of Army Research Laboratory; Raymond Muskeyvalley, Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Jan-

ice Nordin, Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Kenneth B. Rice, Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Gary Thibault, Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Michael Younce, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command; and Kok Chung, Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command.

"They have already been sent care of each commanding general a four-star note from Gen. Coburn, and we ordered AMC plaques but they're still at the engravers," Jackie Dabbs, of the awards section in the AMC adjutant general division, said. Each major subordinate command will in turn present the awards to its honorees.

The runners-up receive AMC certificates of recognition signed by Gen. John Coburn, commander of Army Materiel Command.

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"Not too long ago Marty Moulton found a little green snake on his desk," Ehlert said. "He hadn't been here all that long and thought it was some sort of initiation prank. When he went to pick it up, it scurried away."

Snakes are not the only creepy crawling things that visit the building. The staff keeps a sign up on the bulletin board tracking the number of days since a lizard or snake has been seen in the building. Unfor-

tunately, the numbers don't get very high.

"Some people say they think we have rats or mice because they've had food in their desks nibbled on or only crumbs left," Ehlert said. "I guess I'd rather have snakes than rats. But I'd prefer not to have either one. I would like to get one of those long metal rods with a noose on the end though and maybe some anti-venom. I think that might help."

Until the requisition is filled, a rather large stick remains poised and ready near the door to the south entrance of the building—just in case.

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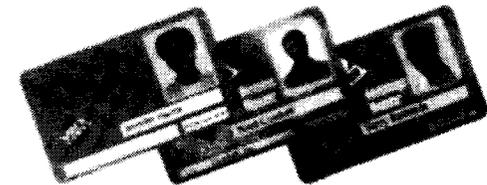
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Health care options explained for military families

Briefing team formed at Fox health center

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

Access to health care for the military, while keeping costs under control, is one of the top priority issues at Redstone Arsenal. Some programs offer more choices in coverage than others. To find out what's best for the military community, MSgt. Rolando Moore Jr., his team of 10 NCOs and one civilian received extensive instructor training from the Tricare Management Support Office to pass on to others here.

Tricare is a regionally managed health care program for active duty and retired members of the uniformed services, their families, and survivors. Tricare brings together the health care resources of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, Marines and supplements them with networks of civilian health care professionals to give better access and high quality service while maintaining the capability to support military operations.

Moore is the NCO-in-charge patient administrator at Fox Army Health Center. He put together a team to instruct active duty soldiers, their families, and military retirees at Redstone Arsenal on their health care. The team members are pre-



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson

TEAMMATES— Members of the Tricare Health Benefits briefing team include: back row, from left, MSgt. Scott Hardiman, SSgt. Jerome Gubash, MSgt. Rolando Moore Jr., SSgt. Geneda Graddick and SFC Kenneth Bernhardt; front row from left, Jackie Jones, SSgt. Warrentina Berry, Sgt. Veronica Newton, SFC Barbara Williford and SSgt. David Martin. Not pictured is SFC Tony Denkins.

pared to answer Tricare questions, and help the soldiers understand their options. Currently they represent the only team in the Department of Defense who work their normal jobs as lab technicians, operating room nurses, logisticians, or patient administrators, and work side-by-side with managed care personnel and retirees.

"A lot of soldiers have come from bigger installations where there are medical centers on post," Moore said. "The soldiers are used to seeing military doctors, and not non-military doctors like our civilian counterparts, so they have to be made aware of the services available to

them here."

The team's main challenge was to develop an educational tool that could be used for active duty military, their families and retired military. To do that, they put in a lot of extra time aside from their normal duty hours.

The team ensures the most current information is offered to the soldiers at all times. The briefings usually last 40 minutes with 20 minutes set aside for questions.

First, Moore and his team explain the mandatory enrollment in Tricare Prime that is available for every active duty soldier. When the team started the briefings in April, only 30 percent were enrolled. As of today, the team has briefed over 500 active duty soldiers, and enrollment is close to 100 percent.

Second, they attempt to explain to every active duty soldier the three options of Tricare; who is eligible, and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Under Tricare Prime, military treatment facilities are the principal source of health care. Family members and survivors of active duty personnel, retirees, and their family members and survivors under age 65 are eligible. For active duty families, there is no enrollment fee, but they must complete an enrollment form. Retired military pay \$230 a year if they are single, and \$460 a year for families. However, the provider choices are limited. The soldier

must stay within a network of providers. Specialty care is by referral only; and if the soldier goes outside the network of providers, it becomes very expensive. "Care is usually provided in a military treatment facility, but civilian clinics may be used in some cases," Moore said. "Our Tricare Prime patients are always seen with priority care here at Fox. And Fox Army Health Center is partially funded by the number of Tricare Prime enrollees."

Tricare Standard is a fee-for-service option (the old Champus program). There is freedom to choose, but it is at a cost. It has the broadest choice of providers. Also, it is more expensive because there is cost sharing. If the soldier meets the deductible, then the soldier pays just the cost share.

Tricare Extra is a preferred provider option that saves money. It is very similar to Standard, but has special benefits. If the soldier uses the network provider, he or she gets a discount. The co-payment is 5 percent less than Tricare Standard. Provider choice is limited though. The soldier pays a deductible and the cost share.

And third, the team assists those soldiers who need help with their claims, and explains the choices they have for providers.

"We know that the current system is not without faults," Moore said. "If a soldier is having a problem with the providers or claims, the team assists them on the spot. To further help the soldiers, one non-commissioned officer is assigned to each unit on post."

The next item on the team's agenda is to set up a family night where soldiers can bring in their spouses and children. Moore would like the team to plan this event once a quarter. In addition to the normal briefing, time would be allocated to discuss programs available at Fox Army Health Center.

Finally, the team will present briefings to the military retirees on the actual benefits of being a retiree.

"It's too difficult to do all of them at one time," Moore said. "If anyone wants more information or wants us to brief their unit, I can be reached at 955-6495."



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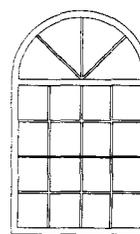
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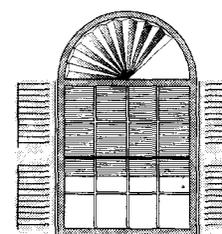
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"People are encouraged to bring their picnic supper," Dot Miree of the Chamber of Commerce said. "They'll have static displays across from the park at the civic center and a helicopter near the museum."

The Soldier Show will have three performances in honor of Armed Forces Week this year. The first will be July 11 at 7 p.m., with the others at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 12 in the Von Braun Center concert hall. Free tickets for the shows are available at the Public Affairs Office and the Chamber of Commerce.

"It's just a wonderful event, almost like a Broadway production. They've had various themes throughout the years," Kevin Dhisenant, an intern at the Chamber of Commerce, said. "It's something that's real appealing for families to go to, and for just about anybody of any age

because they do everything from gospel to top 40 to country to classical."

The Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon will be July 12 at noon in the VBC north hall. Individual tickets are \$25. For information about tickets, call Miree at 535-2031. Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera is the scheduled speaker for this event.

"I think it's his first visit to Huntsville and I understand he's expanding his agenda to do a lot of things while he's here, so we're proud we were able to get him here for the luncheon," Capps said.

The week also includes the Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year luncheon July 13 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Call 876-1874 for reservations.

The Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden will waive its admission fee July 15 for all active and retired members of the armed forces and their dependents. Military families are invited to enjoy the garden and butterfly house and the painted "Butterflies on Parade" sponsored by area businesses and individuals.



Photo by Bob Hunt

Hey, thanks...

RASA wildlife biologist David Nixon readies a bale of hay for donation to the Alabama Department of Agriculture. Redstone Arsenal donated 400 bales of hay to the state for eventual distribution to farmers in southern Alabama. Governor Don Siegelman recently declared most Alabama counties as disaster areas because of severe drought.

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Cream rises to top in soldier/NCO of year competition

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The post command sergeant major kept telling the soldiers in the room that they are all winners.

After all, CSM Roscoe Johnson was addressing the candidates for Post Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year. He presented a 225th Army Birthday coin to each candidate and his or her sponsor.

"I want you to keep this with you for good luck," Johnson said.

A little luck couldn't hurt the three soldiers and five NCOs vying for the top prize. They are all winners of soldier of the month or NCO of the quarter competitions during the past year.

Now they are competing in this annual showdown which includes a pre-board exam, Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation, common task training and formal board.

"The only thing I ask you to do is to compete at the best of your ability," Johnson said. "You're already winners. The only thing you need to remember is be competitive."

The pre-board exam, held June 27, consisted of 50 military questions with a one-hour time limit. Each question was worth two points, for a maximum of 100.

The physical fitness test, held 5 a.m. June 28 at Pagano Gym, included the usual pushups, situps and two-mile run. With the extended point scale, candidates could earn more than 300 points.

Land navigation was set for 5 a.m. today at the NCO Academy. Candidates had to find five locations, worth 20 points each, within the three-hour limit.

Common task training, with five tasks from the CTT manual, is scheduled 5 a.m. July 10 at Vincent Park. Wearing gas masks, the candidates try to earn up to 100 points.

"Candidates must complete all events prior to appearing before the 11 July formal board," Johnson said.

The formal board is 7:30 a.m. July 11 in the Regimental Room at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Johnson and three or four other sergeants major will serve on the board. The NCO competitors must prepare a 5-7 minute class from the CTT



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BOARD IN SESSION— CSM Roscoe Johnson takes notes during last year's formal board for NCO/ Soldier of the Year.

manual. Soldiers can earn up to 100 points while the NCOs can get up to 200.

So, adding all the events, the soldiers can earn more than 700 points while the NCOs can get over 800.

"The key thing is if we say be some

place, be there ahead of schedule," Johnson told the candidates. "If you're late, it's a minus 20 points for that event regardless of what you scored."

Winners will be announced at the NCO/Soldier of the Year 2000 awards luncheon at 11 a.m. July 13 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. The public is welcome. Tickets are \$6. For tickets or information, call 876-1876 or 876-3972.

"You're already winners," Johnson said. "But however since you all are winners, now it's time to find who of you is the cream of the crop."

Soldier of the Year candidates include PFC Richard Charles, of HHC AMCOM; Spec. Arvin Dewberry, MEDDAC; and Spec. Grayson Dameron, HHC AMCOM. Candidates for NCO of the Year include SSgt. Elizabeth Fisher, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; SFC Harry Bartel, D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; SSgt. Kimberley Jennings, B Company, 832nd; Sgt. Veronica Newton, MEDDAC; and Spec. (promotable) Johnie Walker, HHC 59th.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

BACK IN SCHOOL— Spec. Daniel Nichols of Bravo Company is Dr. Nichols in the civilian world. Nichols enlisted in August 1999, the same month he graduated from the University of Florida with a doctorate in chemistry.

There's a doctor in the barracks

Soldier with chemistry Ph.D. wants enlisted experience before becoming an officer

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

So the big question is, why would a young man with a Ph.D. in chemistry enter the Army as an enlisted soldier working in equipment calibration?

"Duty, honor and country," Spec. Daniel Nichols said with sincerity, as if there were no other answer to the question. "When I was at the University of Florida for graduate school, I worked with a multinational group—people from the former Soviet Union, China, Germany, France, Japan, Australia, Nigeria...

When you hear their stories and how they live, it makes you appreciate the United States. I knew then that I wanted to serve, defend and protect my country."

Nichols, 27, grew up in Gastonia, N.C., and graduated from Ashbrook High School in 1991. He entered Belmont Abbey College that next fall and spent four years majoring in biology and chemistry. After graduation, Nichols moved from North Carolina to Florida to earn his doctorate in chemistry.

He entered basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., immediately after graduation. Joining the Army as an enlisted soldier made him eligible to participate in the college loan repayment program, which helped him eliminate some of the debt he'd collected with the last eight years of

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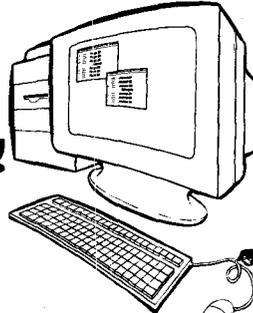
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Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

Tryouts for Redstone Arsenal's team in the annual Army-Ten Miler will be held 7 a.m. July 29 and Aug. 12 beginning and ending at Sparkman Fitness Center. The team is to consist of eight members including up to five military plus coach Skip Vaughn and assistant coach Alexander Steel. Eligible persons include military, Army civilian workers, military family members, and Army civilian family members. They should be stationed here through December. The Army Ten-Miler is Oct. 15 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Vaughn 876-1500 or Steel 876-3867.

High school football officials

Become a high school football official. Call William Hogue 828-4488 or attend the first membership meeting of the North Alabama Football Officials Association, at 8 p.m. July 9 at the American Red Cross, 1101 Washington St.

Youth tennis clinics

Tennis clinics are available through the Redstone Youth Sports Program. Summer classes are held Monday, Wednesday and

Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. These are for ages 6 and up, beginner and intermediate classes. Classes will run through Sept. 30. The cost is \$70 for eight lessons, or \$60 per child for two or more children in a family. Stop by the Youth Center to register, or call Missy Richards 876-5437 for more information.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Man premiere

The 10th annual "Mr. Man Premiere," a presentation of S.B. Productions, will be held in August at Redstone Arsenal. Selected men will compete in style, finesse, performance and personality for the title of Mr. Man. All contestants will be escorted and assisted by female models. For more information, call Samuel Brown 233-4702 or pager 650-7736.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held Aug. 17 at 9 a.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 Aug. 5.

Arts camp canceled

The Arts Council's summer arts day camp, ART-Ventures, won't be coming to Redstone Arsenal after all. Originally scheduled for July 24-28, the camp here was canceled due to lack of interest.

Test and evaluation expo

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency is sponsoring a Test and Evaluation Exposition, July 26-27 at the Von Braun Center. This exposition is being held in conjunction with the Army T&E Days 2000 Conference titled "Assessing DoD Test and Evaluation: Accomplishments, Issues, and the Evolution Ahead." The host, AMCOM Test and Evaluation Management Office, has confirmed attendance from leaders of the Department of Army and Department of Defense. Invited attendees to the conference range throughout the test and evaluation communities, Army program executive offices, program managers, and defense industry. All industry and government organizations are invited to exhibit a booth which follows the theme of the conference. Hands on and technical demonstrations are encouraged in lieu of standard static marketing displays. The point of contact for the exhibit is Shannon Clift, AMTEC Corporation, 722-7200, sclift@amtec-corp.com. For more information regarding Army T&E Days 2000, you may access the web address: www.testevaldays.com or call the conference chairman, Michael McFalls 876-3462.

NCO/soldier of year

Team Redstone will hold the NCO/Soldier of the Year 2000 awards luncheon at 11 a.m. July 13 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. The luncheon is to recognize the outstanding NCO/soldier of the year. The public is welcome. Tickets are \$6. Military personnel should contact their first sergeant for tickets. For tickets or information, call 876-1876 or 876-3972.

HHC AMCOM commander

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, AMCOM will hold a change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. July 14 in the Recreation Center, building 3711. Capt. Aaron Bryant will relinquish command to Capt. Tijuana Collier. A reception will follow. The public is invited.

Briefing for industry

The Aviation and Missile Command's Advance Planning Briefing for Industry will be held July 10-12 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of the Army's long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities. For a registration package, send a written request along with a return mailing label to Commander, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Attn: AMSAM-RD-AS-TI (APBI coordinator), Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898-5000. For more information call Lauretta Mitchell at AMCOM 876-4270 or Tammy Williams at Optical Sciences Corp. 955-6016.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. July 10 at building 3202 (union office). All employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Johnson High reunion

The Johnson High School class of 1980 will have its 20 year reunion Aug. 4-6. For more information, call Elizabeth Horton Strong 859-1213, Dawn Reed Miller 885-0237 or Kim Wright Hearn 859-0187.

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NCO Academy commandant

The NCO Academy will hold a change of responsibility ceremony at 7:30 a.m. Friday in the field behind building 3329. CSM Anthony Summerville will relinquish command to CSM Larry Taylor, from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. The public is invited. For more information, call Sgt. Vera Ousley 842-2898.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. July 13 at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Lisa White 955-6806.

Parents and principals

The 11th annual Parent-Principal Night will be held from 6-9 p.m. July 17 at Bicentennial Chapel. This is a chance for families to meet school principals, register for school bus transportation, sign up for youth soccer, and find out more about school-age programs at Redstone. To request reservations for free child care for the evening, or for more information, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

ACS open house

Army Community Service will celebrate ACS' 35th birthday with an open house July 13 at 2 p.m. at building 3491. For more information, call 876-5397.

Prayer breakfast

The July Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the IMMC, will be held July 18 at 7 a.m. in Sparkman building 5308, room 8124 (conference room). Sharen Barrett of the Court Appointed Juvenile Advocate Office is scheduled speaker. "No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own or come and feast on the spiritual food that will be served," a prepared release said. Everyone is welcome.

Learning resource center

Got conflict on the job or at home? Come by the Learning Resource Center, building 5304, room 4319 and check out Dr. Pat Heim's video, "Conflict: The Rules of Engagement." Preview or checkout the video and learn techniques and strategies that when applied may lead to more effective conflict resolution at home or on the job. The Learning Resource Center hours of operation are Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8-4.

Nutrition program

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program will screen military families July 5, 19 and 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New Parent Support Program Playhouse, 1220-B Lacrosse Drive. Appointments may be made by calling Army Community Service 876-5397. The assessment usually takes from 45 minutes to an hour. 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 probably qualify for WIC. Income qualifications for military families are determined by base pay and do not include housing and other allowances.

Huntsville High graduates

All past graduates of Huntsville High School are invited to a get-together at noon Saturday at Big

Spring Park. Bring your lunch, drinks and chairs. For more information, call Topper Birney 883-2982.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup 881-0652.



Courtesy photo

Preseason champs...

The Marine Detachment won the preseason softball tournament June 26 by beating Bravo Company 12-6. Members of the team include: front row, from left, Dax Hammers, Troy Ricks, Tom Neis, Rich Quinn, Joshua Brock; back row from left; Red Hodges, Larry Freetage, Dennis Rice, Jason Ledbetter, Deen Alcaraz, Lance Tipton, Richard McQuiston, John Fulks, John Taraschke, Brad Hollifield and Matthew Dorn. Not pictured are Scott Lacey and Catfish Slaton.

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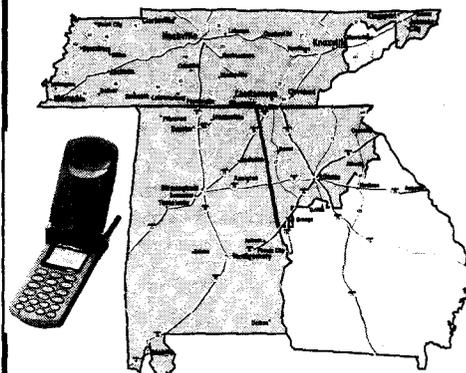
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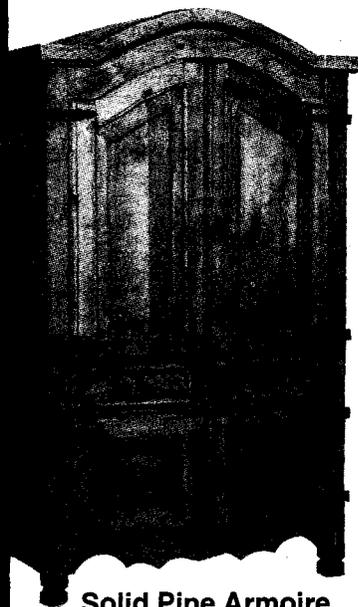
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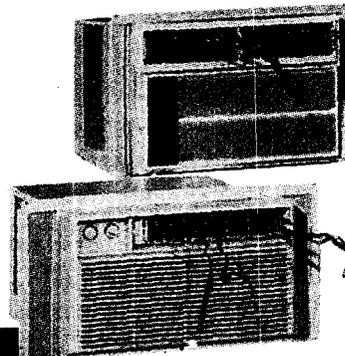
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