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Major construction boom in full swing at Redstone

Projects under way range from homes to airfield facelift

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Name one thing that's not in short supply these days at Redstone Arsenal.

Construction sites.

Work is under way on three major renovation projects: family housing, software engineering, and the airfield. And there are other projects on the drawing board including a possible new building for the Space and Missile Defense Command, depending on fund authorization.

"It all supports the future growth of Redstone Arsenal," Joe Davis, chief of the master planning division in Directorate of Environment and Public Works, said. "And it postures us for sustaining future rounds of base closures.

"Compared to the rest of Army installations, we've been extremely successful at
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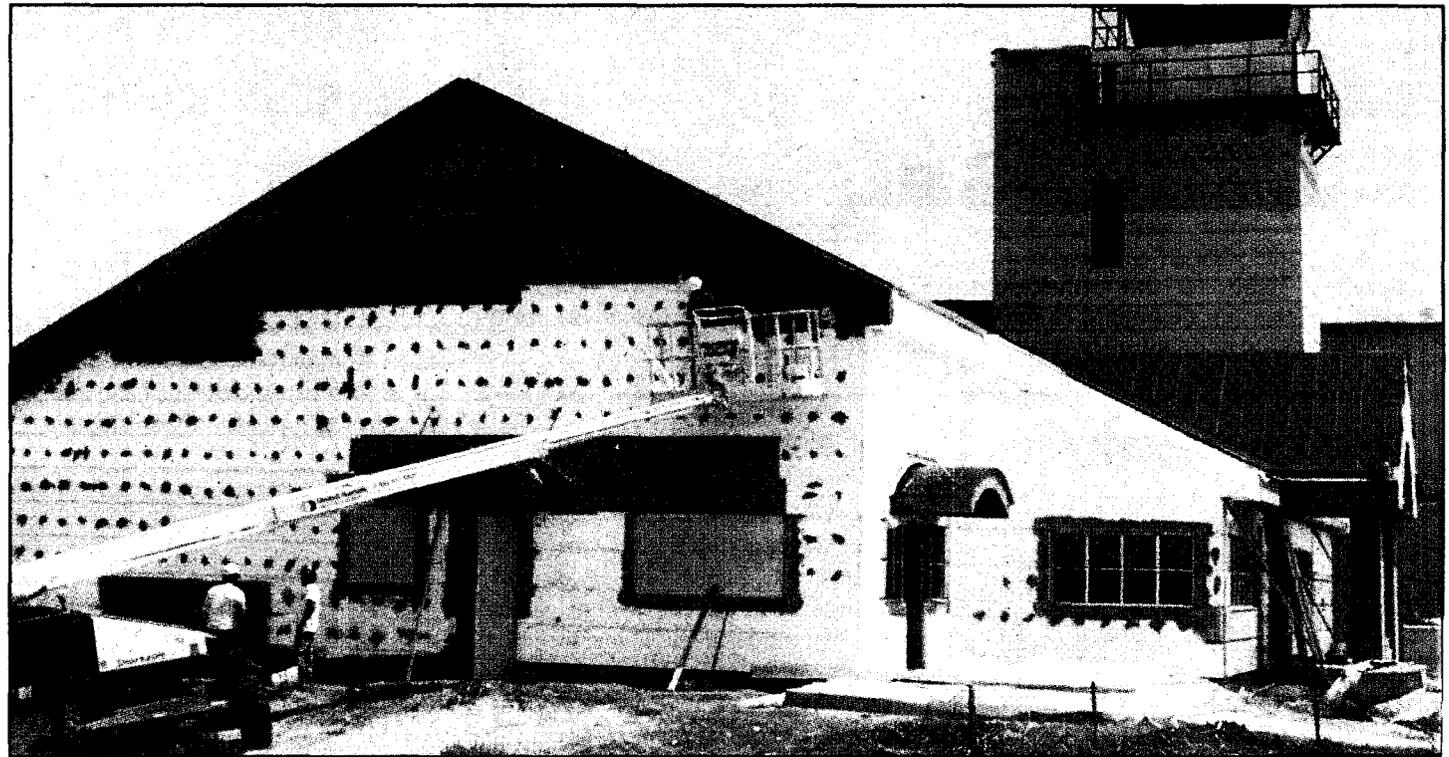


Photo by Skip Vaughn

NEW SIDING— Construction workers apply a siding called EIFS (Exterior Insulation Finishing System) to the airfield's new operations center which should be completed this fall.



DoD photo by R.D. Ward

TAKING OFFICE— Secretary of Defense William Cohen (second from left) administers the oath of office to Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera (right) as his wife Eva (center) holds daughter Sophia and a family Bible at a Pentagon ceremony on July 2, 1998. The Caldera's oldest daughter Allegra (far right) and Janet Cohen (far left) watch as Caldera is sworn in as the 17th Army secretary.

Secretary of Army makes first visit to Huntsville

Local community salutes armed forces this week

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera is scheduled speaker for the Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon at noon today in the Von Braun Center north hall.

Armed Forces Week, July 10-15, is a joint venture of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County and the Association of the U.S. Army. The annual observance is filled with events and entertainment for the whole family.

"I think it's (Caldera's) 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," Larry

Capps, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's military affairs committee, said.

The Soldier Show is having three performances in honor of Armed Forces Week. The first was last night; and the others are today at 2 p.m. and tonight at 7 in the Von Braun Center concert hall.

The week also includes the Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Call 876-1874 for tickets (\$6).

The Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden will waive its admission fee Saturday for all active and retired members of the armed forces and their dependents. Military families are invited to enjoy the

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Provost marshal leaving for D.C.

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Snake just wanted a free ride

Sandy Riebeling's interesting article about the snake (July 5 Rocket) reminds me of a similar experience I had less than two months ago. I was driving in my van when my wife realized we had picked up a strange passenger. She always has a camera in the car so



Photo by Laura Messina

UNWELCOME GUEST— A snake has attached itself to the windshield wipers of the van belonging to Italian Lt. Col. Angelo and Laura Messina.

we shot two pictures (before and after wipers activation) that you will find attached. It happened at the crossing between Drake and Whitesburg.

**Lt. Col. (Italian Army)
Angelo Messina
NAMEADSMA**



Photo by Laura Messina

WIPE OUT— The windshield wipers did their job in removing the snake from the van.

Family expresses thanks for support

My family and I would like to thank each person who thought of us during the death of our mother, Mable Phillips. She was a very lovely lady and such a vibrant part of our lives, we will miss her desperately. The

cards, notes, prayers, phone calls, and visits meant so much to us. We love each of you. Thanks for being supportive.

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Customer may always be right, but remember nobody's perfect

A co-worker of mine recently had an incident with a police officer from Redstone Arsenal. We occasionally detail the police cars from the Arsenal and the last one we did was the week of June 26-29. When the police officer from the Arsenal came to pick up one of their cars, he ran his hand under the seat, and then cussed him and told

him that he wasn't taking this car because it wasn't clean. I realize that sometimes we do miss things, we are not perfect. I just happened to overhear some of the conversation but not everything.... I don't feel that anyone should be treated like that, especially from a police officer.

Name withheld by request

Caldera addresses Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon

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garden and butterfly house and the painted "Butterflies on Parade" sponsored by area businesses and individuals.

Caldera became the 17th secretary of the Army on July 2, 1998 after nomination to that post by President Clinton and confirmation by the Senate.

As secretary of the Army, Caldera has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management. Caldera is responsible for the department's annual budget of nearly \$70 billion. The secretary leads a work force of just over one million active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers and 270,000 civilian employees, and has stewardship over 25 million acres of land.

Caldera previously served as managing director and chief operating officer for the Corporation for National Service. A federal grant-making agency headquarter-

tered in Washington, D.C., the corporation provides opportunities for Americans of all ages to engage in service and addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental and human needs.

Before coming to Washington, Caldera served for five years in the California Legislature, where he represented the nearly 400,000 residents of the 46th Assembly District, located in the downtown Los Angeles area. He served as chair of the Assembly's Banking & Finance Committee, Revenue & Taxation Committee, and Budget Committee. He also served as a member of the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee to the U.S. Trade Representative.

Caldera began his public service career as an Army officer and as a lawyer. After graduating from West Point, he served as a commissioned officer in the Army from 1978-83. He rose to the rank of captain and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. His assignments included serving as a military police platoon leader, a battalion intelligence officer, and a battalion

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Joe Ramirez/ Photo Lab

Aviation award...

Brig. Gen. Joseph Bergantz, Comanche program manager and president of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America, presents the Order of St. Michael to Dan Rubery, former deputy to the AMCOM commanding general. Rubery retired June 30 with nearly 38 years of government service.

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Bomb technicians graduate from mass destruction class

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By Sgt SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Contributing to a safer America. That is what 21 students who graduated June 30 from the Weapons of Mass Destruction Bomb Technicians Emergency Action Course will be doing as a result of this one of a kind training held at Redstone Arsenal.

Public safety bomb technicians from around the nation attended the course to hone their professional expertise and expand their specialized training.

The course is funded and administered by the FBI and operated by the Hazardous Devices School, under the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

This course is the result of the Hazardous Devices School spearheading an intensive project to prepare all bomb technicians in the U.S. for dealing with explosive devices that may contain a chemical or biological agent or radioactive materials. As a result, a five-day specialized Weapons of Mass Destruction training was created to train graduates of the four-week basic course.

To date over 2,000 safety bomb technicians have received this training, since its inception in early 1998.

The graduates June 30 included Robby

Bell, Citrus County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office; Colynn Bender, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Police Department; David Chandler, Berrien County (Mich.) Sheriff's Department; Charles Douthett, Porter County (Ind.) Sheriff's Department; Donald Grossmyer, Maple Heights (Ohio) Police Department; George Gurich, Cleveland Heights (Ohio) Police Department; Arnold Harris, Woodland (Calif.) Police Department; James Hieronymus, Chatham County (Ga.) Police Department; Gerald Karns, FBI (Illinois); Martin Lentz, Cleveland Heights (Ohio) Police Department; Richard Massic, Dearborn (Mich.) Police Department; Morgan McCumber, Chatham County (Ga.) Police Department; Carl Merino, Salt Lake City (Utah) Police Department; Ferdinand Peche, Chatham County (Ga.) Police Department; Michael Rodgers, Iowa Department of Public Safety; Allan Ruprecht, Dearborn (Mich.) Police Department; Steven Schlobohm, FBI (Illinois); Clifford Schrader, Shasta County (Calif.) Sheriff's Department; Gregory Stier, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Police Department; Rex Stockham, FBI (Washington D.C.); and Dennis Sylvester, Chatham County (Ga.) Police Department.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

ALL THE PROTECTION YOU NEED— Robby Bell, a graduate of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Bomb Technicians Emergency Action Course, examines one of the types of protective suits that public safety bomb technicians might have to wear when responding to a situation. Bell, of the Citrus County, Fla., Sheriff's Office, was among 21 bomb technicians from around the nation that attended this unique course at Redstone Arsenal.

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executive officer. He later served in the Army Reserve.

After leaving active duty, Caldera attended Harvard University. He earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School

in 1987. He then entered private practice in the areas of corporate transactions and municipal finance at the firms of O'Melveny & Myers and Buchalter, Nemer, Fields and Younger. He later represented Los Angeles County in state and federal court as a deputy county counsel.

Caldera was born in El Paso, Texas, and was raised in Whittier, Calif.

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Provost marshal ready to pass baton

Maj. Janice Smith leaving for Pentagon

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Maj. Janice Smith considers serving as Redstone Arsenal's provost marshal her toughest assignment in 17 years of Army service, but also the most rewarding and the most difficult for her to leave.

After two years, Smith is leaving this month for a new position as deputy director for the American Forces Information Service. AFIS works directly for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. Although she is excited about her new position, she has mixed emotions about leaving.

"People can say we do this for the money, but we do this because we believe in what we do and we really want to make a difference in the community."

-- Maj. Janice Smith
provost marshal

"There's just a bunch of great people here ... from the folks at RASA, to the ones at the Sparkman Center, to everywhere, especially here; from the adminis-

trative staff, to the guards, to the police and the MPs. They're just the best people, they're hardworking individuals who do the job," she said.

She explained that it can be frustrating being the only ones open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, even on holidays. She sees the people she works with as unsung heroes and said she'll remember them that way.

"People can say we do this for the money, but we do this because we believe in what we do and we really want to make a difference in the community," she said.

During her tenure as provost marshal, Smith worked to improve conditions for those who lived and worked on the Arsenal. She is particularly proud of the new gate houses with canopies at Gates 4 and 9 that protect the guards from the elements.

She considers acquiring new equipment-- especially the new 18-foot bass boat that will allow a quick response to an emergency on the river and the five fully-equipped patrol bikes that will allow for improved community relations and personal interaction --as one of her biggest accomplishments.

"It's going to be important in the lives of so many kids, that personal interaction. It is a stepping stone to help get their lives

on track and I do believe it will save a lot of kids," she said. "I try to implement things that are positive and long-lasting. The bikes, the boat, these are contributions that are not going to wear out. They will help to accomplish the mission we have here at Redstone."

The personal care the provost marshal's office takes with children is an important part of that mission. For example, they have a program where they bring children who have been caught shoplifting in to talk to them. They also give the parents of the children the opportunity to come in and talk to them.

"That's not the case at every installation. Other places they can get a record, but we look at them as individuals and try to put names with faces," she said.

Overall, Smith is most proud of getting her organization to improve their communication and work together better. Her

philosophy has been to treat people the way she wants to be treated. She said a smile and some kindness go a long way. She also explained that the people she works with have become family.

"Let me put it this way. When the female staff sergeant, SSgt. Campbell, died and I stood in her apartment with her 9-year-old daughter and talked with her and hugged her; when the lady who was out here for training with her boss was killed in a car accident and her husband walked in my office with his daughter and son and we gave them a small memento even though we didn't have to -- that's up close and personal. That's getting to know people, that's caring, this community going above and beyond the call of duty, that's family," she said.

Smith's tenure as provost marshal marked an important milestone for the
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Photo by Beth Skarupa

GETTING ALONG— From left, Maj. Janice Smith, Provost Marshal, discusses her plans for the future with Alma Cuffy, Police Operations secretary, and Lt. Charles Rodman, shift supervisor.

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■ Maj. Smith going to Washington after tough assignment

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Arsenal, since she was the first black female to serve in this position. Despite this distinction, she said it did not create any problems or special challenges for her.

"At first, I think some people may have had a problem if they were not used to an African American female in charge, but the onus of responsibility was on me," she said. "You have to prove you can be strong, but as long as you're fair, people have got to respect you. I feel the folks that work with me respect me."

Although her two children, Desiree and Joshua, don't want to move because they have so many friends here, Smith said she has to stay focused. Her husband,

Maj. Bobby Smith, has a new acquisitions assignment at the Pentagon. She knows that numerous moves are just something you accept when you join the Army.

"I look at it as time to pass the baton to someone else. And I feel the new PM that's coming in will do an outstanding job," she said.

Smith's co-workers describe her as a woman of courage, dependability and one with the willpower to never quit. That kind of mutual admiration explains why Smith is so passionate when she talks about the memories she'll take away with her of her time spent as provost marshal. "I'd like to say, I'm really appreciative of all of the kindness and truly generous support I received while I was here as PM. It has truly been overwhelming. Bottom line, this is a great place," she said.

Pentagon recognizes recruiters of the year

WASHINGTON— Twelve military recruiters, six family members, top Pentagon officials and guests listened as Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy de Leon praised the Recruiters of the Year for excelling in "one of our greatest military challenges."

"The men and women we honor today face the toughest of tasks every day – providing our nation with soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen to protect America's interests and ideals around the world," said de Leon. He noted that the mission of America's armed forces from Kosovo to Korea, and the peace, security and prosperity of the nation, would be impossible without the hard work of America's outstanding corps of recruiters.

De Leon said the military needs quality recruits because of the military's increasing reliance on sophisticated technologies, and because servicemembers are asked to be warriors, diplomats and engineers.

De Leon said recruiting is "one of the most challenging missions in the armed forces today." He said the mission

becomes harder with every drop in unemployment and every rise in wages in America's "red hot economy."

"But despite the enormity of the challenge of recruiting, nearly 30,000 young people every month, America's recruiters have demonstrated that they're up to this job," de Leon said. "That's why we are supporting our recruiters with increased enlistment bonuses and educational benefits and by a major rise in recruiting advertising over the last year."

De Leon said the 12 recruiters the Pentagon honored this year "are the best of the best" in their daily labor of keeping America's armed forces robust and ready. "They stand for the more than 20,000 active duty, National Guard and reserve recruiters who deliver the message of military service opportunities to the American people every day," he noted.

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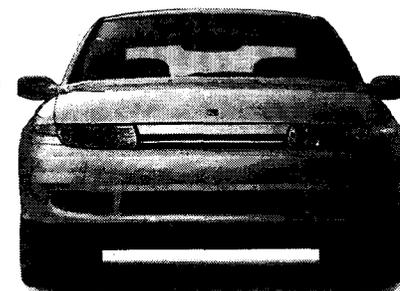
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Urias tapped for new assignment as SMDC deputy commander

Brig. Gen. John Urias won't have to travel far to get to his new assignment.

Urias, program executive officer for air and missile defense, will become deputy commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command. His report date is to be determined.

In his new position, Urias will share responsibility for SMDC's role as the Army's proponent for Space and National Missile Defense, and the Army's overall integrator for Theater Missile Defense.

"It's not every day that you're sent just across the street for a new job that's so closely connected to yours," he said. "I'm certainly looking forward to becoming

part of the SMDC family, even though it will be hard to give up my great family here at the Program Executive Office. Since distance is not a problem in this case, we'll always stay in touch."

Maj. Gen. Joseph Cosumano, assistant deputy chief of staff for operations and plans for force development in Washington, D.C., has been nominated for appointment to lieutenant general with assignment as commander of SMDC, Arlington, Va.

Urias assumed duties as the PEO-AMD in September 1999. Prior to that assignment, he served as the deputy for life cycle management, Tank-Automo-

tive and Armaments Command in Warren, Mich.

He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of California, Davis, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery in March 1975. He holds a master of science degree in electrical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a master of

arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

He is a graduate of the Air War College, Defense Systems Management College, College of Naval Command and Staff, and the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses.

Urias and his wife, Heidi, have a son, Adam.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

EARLIER CEREMONY— Well-wishers offer congratulations Jan. 31 to John Urias, with his wife, Heidi, on his promotion to brigadier general.

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■ Redstone obtaining major construction funding

Construction

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obtaining major construction funding."

Let's start with Redstone Army Airfield, since that's where many visitors get their first impression of this post. That first look hasn't been very good in the past. Two wooden structures from the 1940s served as the flight operations building and the equipment maintenance shop, respectively.

Both were torn down under a project that will renovate the existing control tower to incorporate all the functions into an airfield operations center. The \$1.5 million project represents 6,510 square feet, including a conference room which will be available for arriving VIPs and other users. Turner-Universal Construction Company of Huntsville began the work last October.

"They're about 60 percent complete right now," Valerie Shippers, project engineer in master planning division, said. "And actual construction will probably be done about late September. But we're getting new control tower equipment, so we hope to be operational by late October."

Tom Cameron, director of flight operations, has worked at the airfield 11 years. He's looking forward to the new facility which should accommodate 24 people. The flight operations staff is currently using a former NASA building that was turned over to the Army a year ago.

"I think it's nice," Cameron said of the project. "It's long overdue. It's a nice upgrade."

"It'll be a lot nicer facility when we get into it," flight instructor John Burkhead said.

Meanwhile, a \$14 million project is under way to demolish and replace 118 family housing units. The homes, on both the north and south sides of Goss Road, are for noncommissioned officer families. Most are junior NCOs. A design-build contract was awarded last year to American Renovation and Construction from San Diego.

"The design is basically 100 percent complete," Davis said. "Construction is about 22 percent complete. We hope (for completion) in June of next year."

"The best thing about this project is it will give amenities to the houses that soldiers have not had here before such as garages, dual telephone lines— so you can talk on the phone while kids are on the Internet – and privacy fences around the backyards. We have gone to great effort to save as many of the existing trees as possible."

Most of the older homes that were torn down were four-plex and six-plex units. And most of the new homes are single family residences. There are 86 single family homes and 16 duplexes.

A \$27 million project is under way to construct an additional building to support the Software Engineering Directorate, part of the Research Development and Engineering Center. SED, located in building 6260, provides software engineering support for the various weapon systems. The 182,000 square foot structure being built adjacent to that building will include administrative and high-bay laboratory space. It will accommodate 660 members of SED.

Turner-Universal Construction Company began the work in November 1998. Officials hope to see the project finished in August.

A separate project to build a Prototype, Test and Integration Lab Support Facility is awaiting a contract award. The site is south of building 5400 at the intersection of Lindner and Fowler Roads. The planned 60,000 square foot laboratory facility is to manufacture unique parts for missile and aviation systems.

"We've received (contract) proposals. It's a design-build type facility," Davis said. "And we hope to make an award by end of the fiscal year for under \$10 million."

Speaking of waiting in the wings, master planning folks were expecting to hear within days on whether Congress will authorize \$39 million to build a new facility on post for the Space and Missile Defense Command. SMDC resides in leased space in Huntsville's Research Park; and its current lease expires in June 2004.

The Army initially requested \$25 million to renovate now-vacant building 4488 for SMDC. But Congress may authorize \$39 million to build a Consolidated Operations Center where SMDC would be the first tenant. It would eventually accommodate other Army activities that are in leased space in the community. The proposed site for this corporate campus complex is west of building 5250 at the northeast corner of the Martin and Mills intersection.

This would represent the second largest military construction Army project ever at Redstone Arsenal. The first of course is the \$58.4 million Sparkman Center which opened in 1994.

Shippers agrees that the influx of major construction projects bodes well for Redstone Arsenal and its future.

"I do think it indicates that the installation is here to stay," she said, "that Redstone is an enduring installation."

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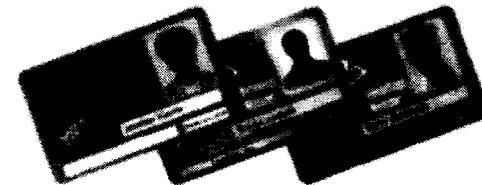
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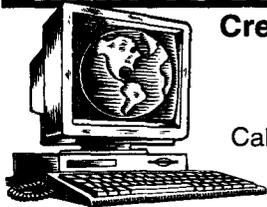
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Soldiers can find recreation at this center

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

In one corner off-duty soldiers play a spirited game of pool, while in another room noisy soldiers crowd around TV sets and play the latest Nintendo 64 games.

No, this isn't a scene from off post; this is a typical weekend at the Recreation Center.

Soldiers looking for something to do after hours and on the weekends don't have far to go and better yet they don't have to spend any money to entertain themselves.

There's Nintendo, pool tables, a movie/TV room, and music rooms for soldiers of all ranks to enjoy. And all of it's free.

The Recreation Center caters mainly to Advanced Individual Students, but soldiers of every rank can use the facility, said Diane Campbell, recreation center director. "It's open to soldiers only," she said. "Soldiers, this is your place. Civilians aren't allowed access."

But there's also an ITR ticket counter within the Recreation Center that's open to everyone on post. Civilians and military alike can come in and purchase discount tickets for attractions located in Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama.

For example, say you want to take the family to Florida for vacation this summer, and while you're there you decide to take the kids to Universal Studios. Normally a two-day adult pass is \$90.05 and one child's pass (age 3 to 9) is \$74.15. But through the ITR ticket counter those tickets can be purchased for \$77.50 and \$62.50. If you pre-plan that's a savings of over \$24.

And the ITR ticket counter is forever trying to expand its selection of discount tickets. Right now discount tickets are available for Disney World, Busch Gardens, Wet-n-Wild, Ripley's Believe It Or Not, Kennedy Space Center, Six Flags Over Georgia, Tennessee Aquarium, Dollywood, and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center just to name a few.

"We try our best to save you money," Campbell said.

The Recreation Center is open Wednesday through Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., and the ITR ticket counter closes at 8 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the ticket counter closing at 4 p.m. The center and ticket counter is closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 876-4531.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

TICKETS TO GO— Diane Campbell, recreation center director, looks through various attraction brochures at the ITR ticket office. Many discount tickets are available to the Redstone community for purchase.

Do back to school work on Parent-Principal Night

Meet school principals, register for bus service and get information

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Huntsville City school bells will be ringing Aug. 15. Are you ready?

The Army Community Service Education Committee is trying to make back to school as easy as possible with Parent-Principal Night, July 17 from 6-8 p.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel.

Principals from Butler High School, Westlawn Middle School and J.E. Williams Elementary and Technology Middle School will be on hand to introduce themselves and answer questions from parents.

"We've invited principals from other schools but haven't received confirmation yet," Ann Cooper, ACS family services coordinator, said. "We expect the first part of the meeting and introductions to be very short. Our goal is to get everyone out into the rooms where they can sign up for services and get information. The principals talk one-on-one with parents while the registration is going on."

Parents interested in the free child care available for the evening should call ACS at 876-5397 to register their children. Child care will be provided in the Child Development Center, next to the chapel. Children who are not already registered with Youth Services must bring immunization records.

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ALL ABOARD— Huntsville City schools students are back in class Aug. 15. Parent-Principal Night, July 17 at the Bicentennial Chapel will give parents a chance to meet with principals, register children for soccer and bus service and get information on before and after school child care.

■ Parent-Principal Night offers one-stop convenience

School

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"Parent-Principal Night is one-stop shopping for parents to meet school representatives, register for bus service, sign their kids up for soccer, get information for child care at school age service and ask any questions they might have about their children's education," Maj. Michael Newell, ACS Education Committee chairman, said. "We want to make this as painless as possible."

All of the services are set up in different rooms so that after a brief welcome, parents can make their way through the chapel, visiting the areas of interest to them.

Missy Richards, Youth Sports director, will handle soccer registration. The fee is \$25 for the season and children must bring a completed physical form and proof of age.

Kimberly Pugh, contracting officer representative for the school bus services program, will be on hand to answer questions about Redstone Arsenal bus service and handle registration.

"A lot of people are new to the post and don't realize that we provide bus service to the four core schools—

Williams, Butler, Westlawn and New Century Technology High School," Pugh said. "We don't provide transportation to private schools or magnet schools. That is coordinated through the City of Huntsville."

To register for bus service, parents must bring their active military ID card and completed emergency contact sheets, which were mailed to residents last week. Registration will also be held at the Challenger Club on Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then July 17-20 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wanda Lackey, SAS director, will explain the before and after school programs and provide parents with information.

"This event is a great place to meet face to face with principals and with other parents on the post and to hear about programs both in school and at the Arsenal," Newell said. "We had a great turnout last year and expect as much this year. We do this to help the parents and I think they appreciate the convenience."

The first day of school for Huntsville City is a half day on Aug. 15. Madison County schools begin Aug. 14 with a full day. Madison City schools begin Aug. 15 with a full day.

Second annual test equipment clinic proves refreshing

By the turnout at the second annual NonDestructive Testing (NDT) Refresher Clinic, held June 12-15 in Madison, it was a success.

Seventy-four attendees arrived from around the world for a Monday evening breakout session with the AMCOM Safety Office, Army Aviation Enlisted Pronency, and the Army TMDE Activity. Col. Robert Birmingham, project manager for Aviation Systems, provided the opening remarks. The evening was capped off with a reception hosted by the Radisson Inn.

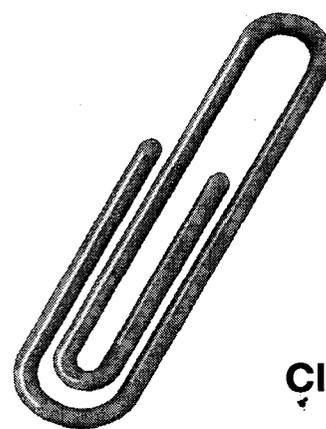
Attendees of the clinic spent the week attending refresher training classes specific to the nondestructive test equipment fielded by the Aviation and Ground Support Equipment (AGSE) Office. The refresher clinic is just one of the continuing support mechanisms utilized by the AGSE NDT Center of Excellence to provide continuing support for the soldier in the field. Classroom theory training blocks and hands-on training labs were available for attendees. Part of the training held was the mandatory radiographer eight-hour refresher training; this classroom refresher along with the hands-on exercise conducted at the Redstone Army

Airfield enables field radiographers to be in compliance with current Army regulations.

The hands-on training blocks afford attendees the opportunity to perform inspections on components from all models of aircraft in the Army inventory. Condemned components from Safety of Flight and Aviation Safety Action Message are made available for practitioners to demonstrate their skill finding true service discontinuities. NDT Center of Excellence NDT Level III personnel oversee the training to offer guidance as needed.

In addition to the NDT training being conducted, 15 Radiation Protection Officers attended classes conducted by Keith Rose from the Safety Office. Rose provided review of radiation theory, radiation safety, Army regulations and program requirements.

A mid-week reception and equipment display sponsored by the NDT Center of Excellence provided the attendees a chance to see the latest in NDT equipment and talk to the manufacturers on subjects ranging from probes to film development. Multiple vendors from industry provided displays for the event. (NDT release)



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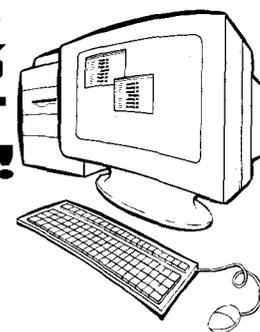
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Shoppette's new vending machine sells live bait

BY BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

It's not a joke. You really can get live bait from the vending machine at the Shoppette.



Photo by Beth Skarupa

CRICKETS ALIVE— The crickets come in plastic foam and remain dormant for 20-30 minutes after purchase due to cold temperatures inside the live bait machine.

If you're one of the many fishermen residing at or near Redstone Arsenal, that's good news. Now you can get bait at any hour of the day — even in the middle of the night.

Located just outside the entrance to the Shoppette, the live bait machine looks a lot like a drink machine but has colorful fish on its front and a variety of baits on its "flavor strips."

"We can have up to six different flavors of bait," Eddie Roberts, Vending Concepts Inc. southeastern business manager, said as he pointed out the selections on the machine with labels for premium night-crawlers, rooster liver, crickets and red worms. "I guess they are flavors for fish."

The refrigerated machine keeps the bait, packaged in plastic foam containers, alive for as long as a week. It is restocked regularly with bait from a local bait supplier. Varieties of bait are determined according to the type of fish in the area and are rotated each season. For example, the crickets will be replaced with minnows during crappie season in fall and spring.

"You can't have minnows and crickets at the same time because they're at oppo-

site ends of the temperature spectrum," Bobby Joe York, the contractor servicing the machine, said.

The live bait machine is the first one in North Alabama east of the interstate, according to Roberts. He said there are only 25 machines in Alabama right now and 50 in Tennessee. VCI has sold 3,500-4,000 across the country, but the Southeast is the last area to be developed.

"I think it's going to go over really well because we have so many fishermen out here," Ann Mims, services business man-

ager at the PX, said.

Vending machine prices for bait range from \$3 for 50-60 crickets to \$3.50 for the premium night crawlers. The machine has a bill changer that can make change for \$1 and \$5.

Bob Wilson, a Shoppette customer and occasional fisherman from Huntsville, stopped and stared at the machine as it was being restocked recently. He said, "I've never seen one before. I think it's kind of crazy, but maybe it'll work. Who knows?"



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FILL 'ER UP— Bobby Joe York, the contractor servicing the live bait vending machine at the Shoppette, unlocks the door so he can stock the machine with night crawlers, crickets, rooster liver and red worms.



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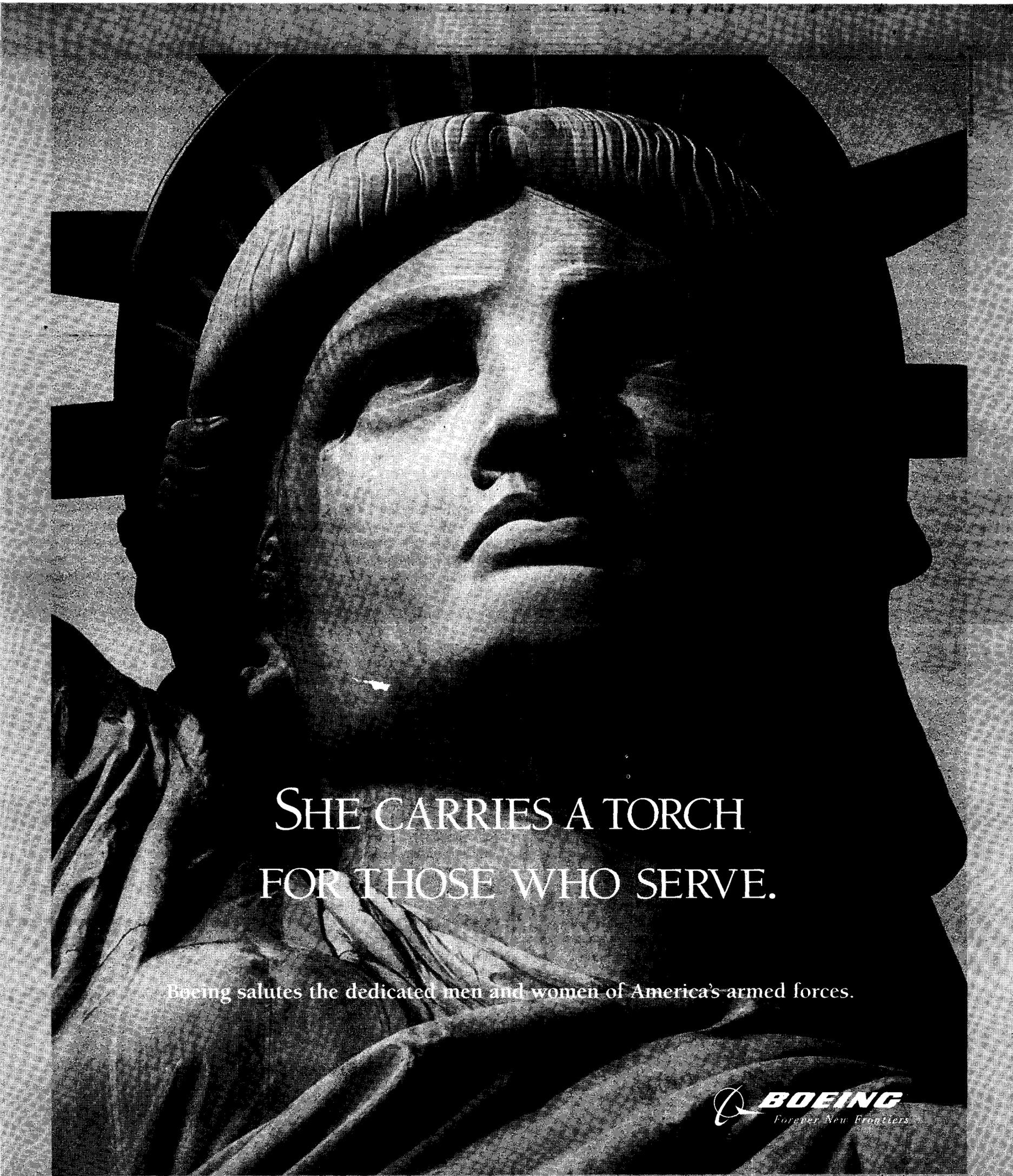
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Every move a new adventure for deputy post commander

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

On the way to Germany for his first assignment as a young Ordnance officer in 1977, Brent Swart found himself thinking, "Oh, man, what have I done? I think I really blew it this time."

But it turned out to be a good tour. He and his young bride, Chris, enjoyed the country and the culture so much they stayed an extra two years.

"It was great," said Col. Swart, Redstone's new deputy post commander, thinking back on the career that brought him to Huntsville in June. "We lived out in the community and were able to get involved in the lifestyle and culture."

Stationed across the states from Arizona to Maryland and Texas to Wisconsin, becoming part of the community and discovering the world around them is just one of the things the couple enjoys.

"We like taking the back roads, stopping by little shops and looking at antiques," Swart said. "There's so much to see but it's hard to do from the interstate."

"And of course," Chris added, "I never want to miss an opportunity to shop, especially now while I'm not working."

Chris has been a civil servant for 20 some years, working in the administrative field. The daughter of an Air Force fighter pilot, military life wasn't anything new.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GETTING TO KNOW THE WORLD— Col. Brent Swart and his wife, Chris, plan on discovering the wonders of the South during their time at Redstone. Swart succeeded Col. Steven Hamilton as deputy post commander and commander of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity June 23.

Seeing the world and making new friends is the best part— frequent moves are the worst. Until she lands a new job, she's enjoying her time off and staying more

than busy.

"We've been doing a lot of yard work," she said. "I don't really have a green thumb but I keep trying. We've moved some bushes and put out flowers— hoping they'll grow."

Swart, a native of Rocky, Okla., lived his first 16 years in the small town, population 350, before moving to Tucson, Ariz. He is a twin, to brother, Kent, and has an older brother, Bruce, both of whom live in Houston. His parents Rachel and Earl have a small farm and "raise a few cows" in Centerville, Texas. Finishing high school in Tucson gave him the opportunity to play sports, including— football, wrestling, shot put and pole vaulter. He attended the University of Arizona on an ROTC scholarship, working in hot rod shops and garages during college for extra money.

Somewhere along the way, Swart traded his football cleats for golf shoes and tries to get on the course once or twice a week. It's something else he and his wife can do together. One thing that hasn't changed is his interest in cars. He has restored a 1968 Mustang, a 1924 Model T Coupe and a 51 Allis Chalmers tractor, all stored in his dad's barn in Centerville, Texas. His restored 1966 Corvette made the trip to Alabama with him. He also picked up another little piece of Americana, a Harley

Davidson motorcycle, just a few months ago.

"I've always liked messing with old cars," he said. "I've always liked the classics. Harleys are like Corvettes, they're a piece of American history. It's the classic American experience."

And even though the Hog is here, you'll most likely see him driving around in his white Ford 350 pickup which "rides like a Cadillac" and, Chris added, "is air conditioned."

"We thought there was going to be a big change in climate when we came here," Chris said. "It's been hot but it's a lot like Texas. It was humid there, too."

It only took about a week for the couple to get settled into their post quarters and host a family visit for the change of command ceremony June 23, succeeding Col. Steven Hamilton. Now Swart is busy getting to know everyone and "learning the ropes."

"This isn't a lot different for me than previous assignments," he said. "Before it was dealing with late fuel trucks and rations that were inadequate. Even though the products and services are different, it's still about serving the customer."

"I like being in the Army— it's like family," Swart said. "The values and integrity of the people is wonderful. I'm looking forward to this assignment."



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Curtain opens for playwright in August

Redstone worker illustrates book, doing screenplay

BY SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

"What's in a name?" Shakespeare once asked. For Sam Wright, it's fate.

Wright, a computer support contractor with NCCIM, has been writing since he was 15. His day in the sun is finally dawning. He contributed to the artwork now seen on the cover of a book, "Graven Images," by local author Rick Hawthorne; he has been asked to work on converting the book into a screenplay and his first play to be produced in a local theater will open on the stage of Athens State University Aug. 12.

Writing is not something Wright does, it's a part of him.

"I don't write all the time, like sit down and say, 'I'm going to write today,'" he said. "I write when the inspiration hits me. That's why I have several projects going at once. I don't want to push to finish one thing when I've got all these other things stuck inside me."

His method has proven to be successful. He has written 15 plays, with several

more in the works, completed three children's books, and composed more than 200 poems. Now he has added a screenplay to the mix.

"Converting the story from a book to a script means bringing the characters to life," Wright said. "It's a joint effort, with the author, to make sure I'm staying true to the story while at the same time, setting the stage and discovering the best perspective on how to tell the story—through the character's eyes or someone else's. I'm taking it slow. The trick is to find the beginning and pull everything from that perspective."

There's no rush for Wright. In fact, getting to this point took more than two years. It all started several years ago when Hawthorne, who works periodically at Redstone streamlining digital technical manuals for acquisition systems, brought a graphics file to Wright and asked for help.

"I opened the file, saw some of the problems, made some corrections and changed fonts to make it look better," Wright said. "All the while he's telling me about the book and his troubles getting it published. Two years later I see him in the halls at the Sparkman Center. He'd gotten it published."

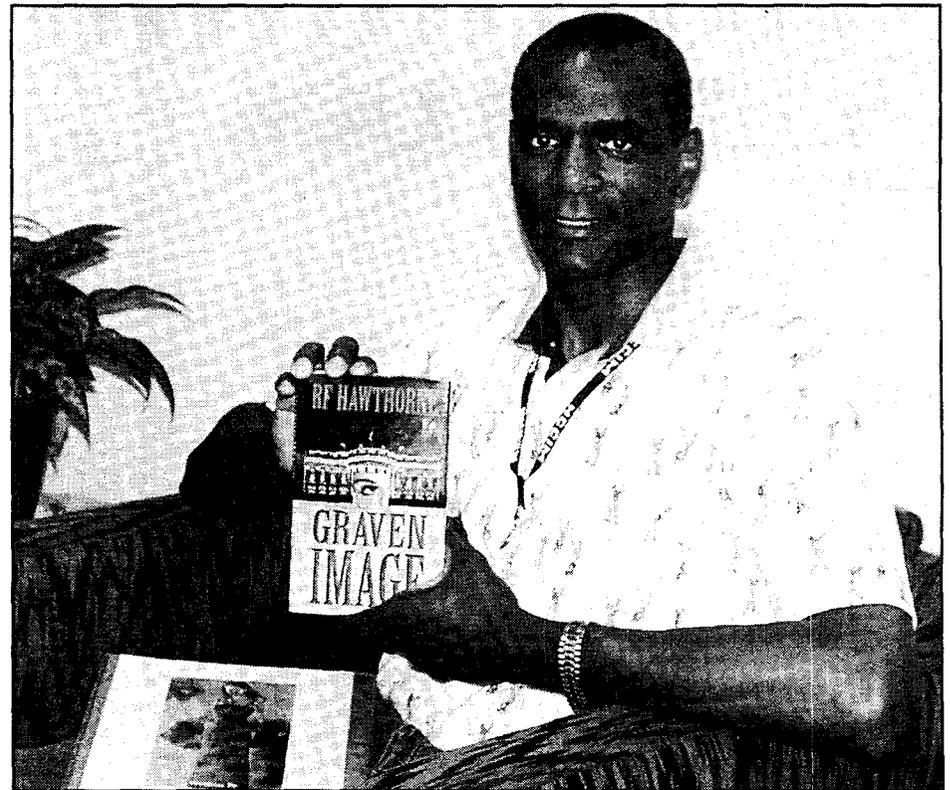


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

THE WRIGHT STUFF— Sam Wright was a contributor to the graphic design of the cover art to local author's book, *Graven Images*. Wright is working on translating the book into a screenplay. He will also open his original play, "Death and the Beautiful Lady," on the Athens State University stage in August.

Hawthorne gave Wright a copy.

"I was a little surprised," Wright said. "The top of the cover was changed but it was my design on the bottom. I was a little disappointed that there wasn't any design credit. I guess people will just have to believe me when I say that I did it."

His disappointment wasn't enough to damage the working relationship. Wright was excited about the opportunity to work on the script with Hawthorne, but he's not putting his own writing off to finish a script.

"I like to have a lot of things going at once," he said. "I write early in the morning, late at night— whenever the kids are sleeping." Wright and his wife, Monica, have three sons, Christopher, 11, Kelvin,

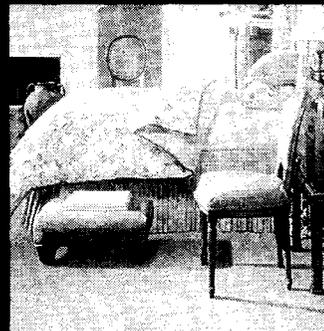
9, and Antwan, 7.

He gleans his inspiration for plot lines and characters from everyday people and everyday problems. His family provides many insights into his characters, as do his parishioners at Little Ezekiel Missionary Baptist Church, where Wright serves as an associate pastor.

"All my plays have a Christian theme," Wright said. "I like to help people with problems through the situations I create on the stage. It takes them out of their own lives and puts some distance in there so they can see it from a different angle, and maybe even come up with a workable solution."

Wright also believes in humor.

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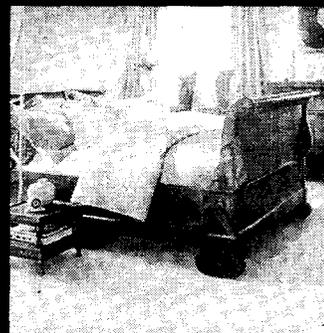
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Advance-fee loan scams: Too good to be true and illegal, too.

By 1st. Lt. ERICK OTTOSON
Legal Office

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Sound tempting? Perhaps you've seen these sorts of advertisements in the classified section of your newspaper, or on the Internet. They guarantee that you will receive a loan or some other type of credit—provided you send in the required fee with your application. Or send in your first few monthly loan payments before receiving the balance. They promise cash or debt consolidation quickly, legally, and without regard to your credit record.

If you think this service is for you, think again. Although the idea of a guaranteed loan might be attractive to consumers with less-than-perfect credit or high monthly payments on existing debts, paying in advance for a loan is definitely not the answer. In all likelihood, a consumer who sends money to an institution promising a guaranteed loan will receive nothing: no loan, and no refund of their up-front fee. Companies peddling loans on these terms are almost certainly running a con known as the "advance fee loan scam." This scam can take various forms, but one thing remains constant: the consumer pays a fee up front—usually

around a few hundred dollars — in return for a guaranteed loan or extension of credit which never materializes. By the time the consumer catches on, their "application fee" is lost forever.

Needless to say, this practice is completely illegal. Under the federal Telemarketing Sales Rule, if someone guarantees that they can arrange a loan or some other form of credit for you, they cannot ask for or accept payment for their service until you get your loan or credit. Unfortunately, the con artists who run these scams often operate from a distance—through the classifieds, the Internet, and "900" numbers—and as a result, it is difficult for law enforcement officials to track them down and retrieve your money. And even if they are eventually identified and prosecuted, the chances of a consumer ever receiving a refund are slim to none.

Recognizing and avoiding scams

It doesn't take an expert to recognize this con. The most important thing to keep in mind is that while not all guaranteed offers of credit are scams, legitimate creditors never require fees before the lender is identified and the application completed. If you are asked to provide payment up-front, proceed at your own risk—even if you are told that your fee will be refunded if the loan should fall through. In addition, watch out for any of the following:

- Promises of guaranteed credit or loans regardless of your credit history.
 - Companies advertising guaranteed loans through "800" or "900" numbers.
 - Companies operating from geographically distant locations—in particular across state or international borders. The likelihood of a scam increases with distance.
 - A request that you provide your credit card, social security, or checking account number over the phone.
 - A request for payment up-front to "speed up processing," with a promise to send the paperwork later.
 - A request that you send your initial payment through a private delivery service—this may be a device to avoid mail fraud charges.
- A few more things to keep in mind: First, the fact that a company advertises in a respectable publication (e.g., Army Times) does not guarantee its legitimacy. Con artists often solicit victims through well-known newspapers and magazines. Second,

your best bet when seeking a loan or credit is to stick with a well-known, respected lending institution such as a local bank or credit union. If you cannot get credit locally through a legitimate lender, it is unrealistic—and financially risky—to assume that an unknown company operating from a remote location would be willing to grant you a loan with no credit check.

If you are a victim

If you think you have been a victim of an advance-fee loan scam, contact your local consumer protection agency, state Attorney General (334-242-7335), or local Better Business Bureau (<http://www.huntsville.bbb.org/contactus.html>) to report the company. Information is also available at the Federal Trade Commission's website at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/advfee/index.html>. For assistance, call the Redstone Arsenal Legal Assistance Office at 876-9005 to set up an appointment.

■ Playwright's work will open at Athens State stage

Playwright

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"Make 'em laugh until they cry," he said. "Comedy will hold people's attention while you're trying to make a point. And I want people to have fun and enjoy what they see."

Wright has produced some of his plays in his church but many people at the Arsenal have already seen his work, even if they don't know it. Wright wrote the Black History Month program that

was performed at the Bob Jones Auditorium in February, "And the Beat Goes On." He is also working on next year's program, "Just Over the Horizon." Both were musicals, as are many of his works.

"Music is a delicious spice you add to some of your work," he said. "Sometimes it can really enhance the work."

The book, "Graven Images" is on sale at the Sparkman Center gift shop. For more information about the Aug. 12 performance, "Death and the Beautiful Lady," write to the following e-mail address: Thprchr@cs.com

'Old PT' may become new fitness standard for Army

By JIM CALDWELL
Army News Service

FORT MONROE, Va.— Army physical fitness training will undergo another examination when a testing program begins at Fort Jackson, S.C., in July.

"We are doing a broad-brush review of physical readiness training for our Army, specifically for initial entry training," said Col. Mick Bednarek, commander of the 4th Training Brigade at Fort Jackson. The brigade's basic combat training soldiers will be involved in the pilot program and follow-on testing.

"Our goal is to standardize PRT (physical readiness training) with training that is precise, systematic and progressive for the nine-week BCT. We're confident that this will be the vanguard to change, and highlight to the rest of the Army this is the best way to proceed. It

is smart, focused and exciting. It's time to make it happen."

The doctrine soldiers will test is not a product of high tech medical research. It's based on training introduced into the United States in the 1800s, and has been used before by the Army.

PRT gained renewed interest in the Army when soldiers in a demonstration program at Fort Benning, Ga., achieved impressive scores on the Army Physical Fitness Test. Beginning in July 1999, drill sergeants in 4th Platoon, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Training Brigade conducted PRT with three cycles of one-station-unit-training soldiers.

They used dumbbells, medicine balls and other equipment in a variety of exercise routines. Instead of running every day, soldiers ran no more than three times a week.

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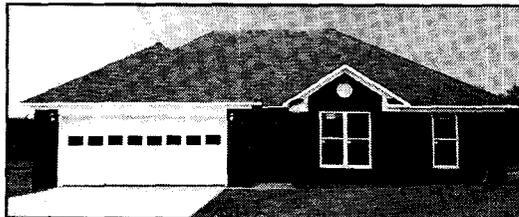
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■ Physical readiness training gains renewed interest

Training

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"The goal is to improve combat physical fitness while reducing injuries," said Dr. Ed Thomas, instructional systems specialist with the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School (USAPFS) at Fort Benning. He is the driving force behind the effort to have the Army investigate PRT.

Thomas is an infantry veteran and a Fulbright Scholar who holds a doctorate in education with emphasis in health promotion from Northern Illinois University. He earned bachelor and master degrees in physical education from the University of Iowa.

"The best of PRT doctrine stressed rational progression, variety and precision," he said.

When Thomas began working with the drill sergeants, they were skeptical about replacing current APFT with a new doctrine.

"I thought it would be a waste of time when we were told we were going to be the test platoon for a new PT program," said SSgt. Michael Tucker, 4th Platoon drill sergeant. "I'm a believer now."

Tucker became a believer with the first class, as soldiers began scoring more points on weekly unofficial APFT tests. On the final graded PT test, he said a soldier scored 367 points.

The passing score on the APFT is 180, 60 points each for sit-up, push-ups and the two-mile run. But for BCT soldiers, the standard is 50 points each. Soldiers can score 100 points

in each event by meeting higher requirements. If they exceed the maximum standards in each event, they earn extra points.

Tucker was asked if one soldier scored that high, how many scored 300?

"Let's put it this way," he said. "We have a rule that any soldier who scores 300 on the APFT doesn't have to do the 12-mile road march to the FTX (field training exercise) site.

"Out of 48 soldiers, only 12 of them marched."

Soldiers in the three cycles also experienced fewer injuries than previous OSUT classes.

Greater muscle definition

SSgt. Craig Cooper, 4th Platoon senior drill sergeant, said soldiers in the demonstration developed greater muscle definition than previous platoons.

"That was because of the weight training," he said, "but they weren't pumped up and bulky."

Privates Andrew Yuhasz, Palmyra, Fla., and Adam Worther, Minneapolis, members of the third platoon to have PRT, said the exercises were paying off.

"Oh, yeah. I can tell a difference when I take my shirt off," Yuhasz said. "I can feel it, too."

By the second unofficial APFT, Yuhasz scored 267 points and Worther 257. They also lowered their times from the two-mile run by about six minutes and five minutes, respectively, beating the 100-point time of 13 minutes.

"I thought it (Army PT) would be a lot of running, all push-ups and sit-ups," Worther said. "I didn't know we'd be doing a lot of different kinds of stuff like this."

Old-school approaches

How could nearly forgotten approaches to physical fitness produce better results than modern training methods?

European immigrants, primarily Germans and Swedes, brought highly evolved systems of warrior-based PRT to the United States in the mid-1800s. Thomas said restorative and military training was at the core of both systems, along with a spirit of self-discipline and duty to country.

"The Army adopted the German system in 1885 when Herman J. Koehler was appointed Master of the Sword at the United States Military Academy," Thomas said. "Koehler's remarkable vision for PRT began to fade after his retirement in 1923 as physical training was sacrificed to sports and games."

Army basic training PT used PRT principles until after the Korean War, Thomas said. But recently PRT methods have again emerged in several parts of the country.

"There is no reason for us not to shape 21st century PRT upon it," he said.

The effort at Fort Benning was just a demonstration of PRT benefits. The Fort Jackson program will use scientific research methods, according to Bednarek. Another difference is that at Fort Benning only men did the training. At Fort Jackson men and women in gender integrated BCT companies will participate.

"There will be a pilot group where we

will work with the drill sergeant trainers to perfect the training methods. Then we will run a full program initiative where a test battalion using the new training methods will be compared to a control group using current training methods," Bednarek said.

Measures of fitness

Scientists from the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., will monitor changes in fitness using the APFT and other measures of fitness. Researchers will track injuries by screening medical records and look at discharged and recycled soldiers, plus BCT graduation success.

Soldiers' attitudes toward the new training will also be measured with specially designed questionnaires.

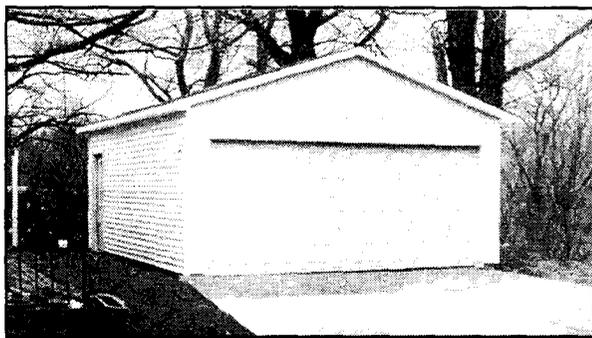
Another infantry battalion at Fort Jackson will be the control group. Its soldiers will continue training on current PT doctrine, while the 1-34th soldiers use dumbbells, medicine balls and other exercise equipment.

CHPPM is funding the PRT test with about \$118,000 from its Health Initiatives Proposals Program. The money will pay for exercise equipment, as well as travel for exercise and research physiologists studying the program.

If the Army adopts physical readiness training methods, a new APFT test probably will also be designed by the USAPFS, according to Bednarek.

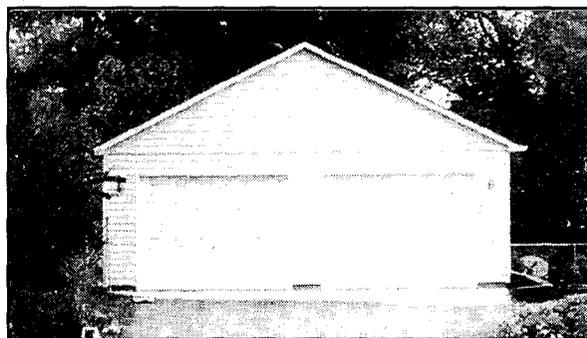
"It's critically important to our Army that our standards are maintained and remain battle focused, not only by individuals, but by all units," he said.

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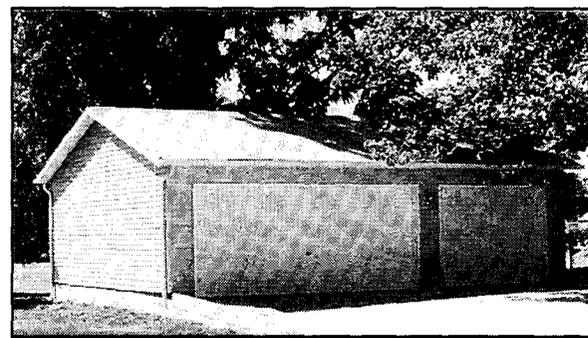
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Titans cheerleader...

Patrice Hubbard has been selected to the Tennessee Titans cheerleading squad for the 2000-01 season. A graduate of Johnson High School, Patrice is a senior math major at Tennessee State University in Nashville. She is the daughter of Carolyn Hubbard Vaughn, a systems analyst in the Logistics Support Directorate of IMMC, and Lemuel Vaughn, an engineering technician for NASA.

ily 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.

Softball league

Civilian Welfare Fund Council would like to start a softball league this fall. If interested call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-3395.

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.

Golf tournament

Tennessee Valley Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America will hold its golf tournament Aug. 18 at Redstone Golf Course; 36 four-player teams. For reservations call Phyllis Heberer 464-9191.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Man premiere

The 10th annual "Mr. Man Premiere," a presentation of S.B. Productions, will be held Aug. 12 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. "Selected men will compete in gentlemanly style, finesse, personality and performance for the honorable title of Mr. Man," a prepared release said. "Due to the overwhelming response to the concept and buildup of this Premiere, tickets are currently on sale until sellout." Seating is limited and there will be no standing room. Ticket locations are Regions Bank

(Redstone), Burch & Hatfield Formal Shop, Sew 2 Fit, and T&L Records. For more information, call Samuel Brown (256) 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.

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. Thursday at the Officers' and Civil-

ians' 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 876-1874.

HHC AMCOM commander

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

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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Controllers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday 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 Thursday at 2 p.m. at building 3491. For more information, call 876-5397.

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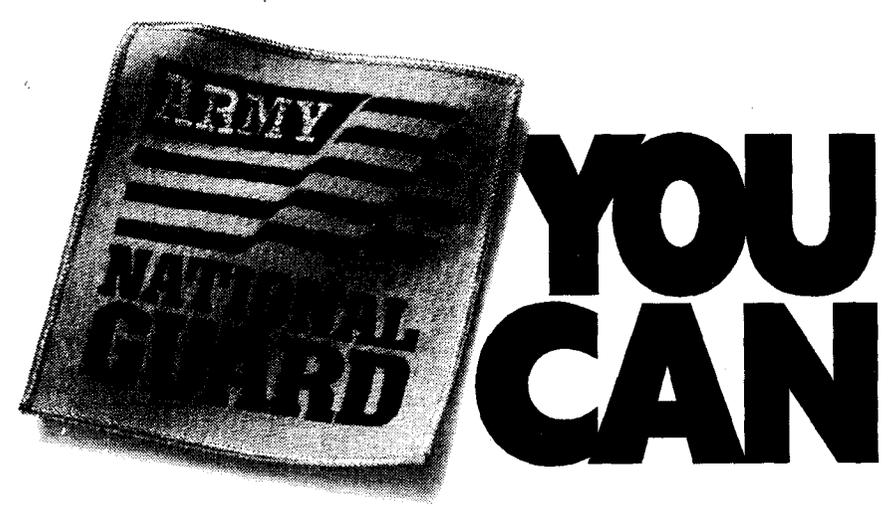
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Announcements

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.

Farewell luncheon

A farewell luncheon for Maj. Janice Smith, provost marshal, will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. All are invited. For more information or to RSVP call Marie Adams 876-0762, MSgt. Edmiston or SSgt. Watkins 842-2440.

Travel club muster

The Special Military Active-Retired Travel Club (SMART) Alabama Chapter is holding a muster July 11-13 at the Roaring Pines Airstream Park in Union Hill, 10 miles south of Huntsville. A \$15 fee will be charged to those who wish to participate in the muster. For more information, or for an application to join SMART, call Bob Heyob (256) 498-3180.

Florida Tech jobs

The Florida Institute of Technology has part-time, evening instructor positions open for people with doctorates in computer science or related fields. For more information, call Dr. Richard Moss 881-7878.

Christian women

The Huntsville Christian Women's Club will have a luncheon July 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. The theme of the luncheon is "Time for a Change." All schoolteachers, former schoolteachers and students are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$10 per person. Reservations can be made

by calling Judy 883-5468 or Sammie 461-8734.

Alcoholics Anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Sparkman Center, building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholic Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

Financial assistance training

Army Community Service will hold financial assistance training July 25 from 9-11 a.m. at building 3491. Classes will be held on planning and budgeting, and banking and checking accounts. Those who are interested must register no later than 4:30 p.m. July 14 by calling 876-5397. Free child care will be provided at the Child Development Center; bring child's shot record.

Master's degree program

Nova Southeastern University is offering a master of business administration program which begins in October. An information meeting is scheduled for July 20 at 6 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room and front entrance, 102 Wynn Drive. For more information, call 1-800-672-7223, ext. 5039.

Acquisition training

Acquisition Education, Training and Experience (AETE) opportunities: Information on available training opportunities and the process by which to apply can be found at the following website: <http://dacm.sarda.army.mil/careerdevelopment>. Information on the Naval Postgraduate School Masters of Science in Program Management and Contract Management are also available at this website. The suspense date for submission of applications has been extended from June 16 to July 14. The AETE board will be held Aug. 15.

Columbia academy

Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tenn., will hold its "Turn of the Century" Grand Reunion in Columbia on Aug. 3-6. All graduating classes will be participating and the goal is to get 1,000 alumni to the reunion of 2000. If you or anyone you know is a graduate of CMA and would like additional information about the reunion, call Greg Thompson at home 882-2570. For more information about the school and its history, go to the following website: <http://www.cmaaa.com>.

Learning resource center

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PFC Richard Charles, of HHC AMCOM, dons a gas mask early Monday during the common task training portion of the NCO/Soldier of the Year competition. The winners will be announced during the NCO/Soldier of the Year awards luncheon Thursday at the Officers' and Civilians' Club.

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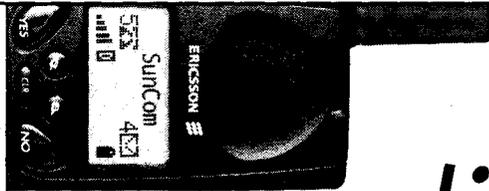
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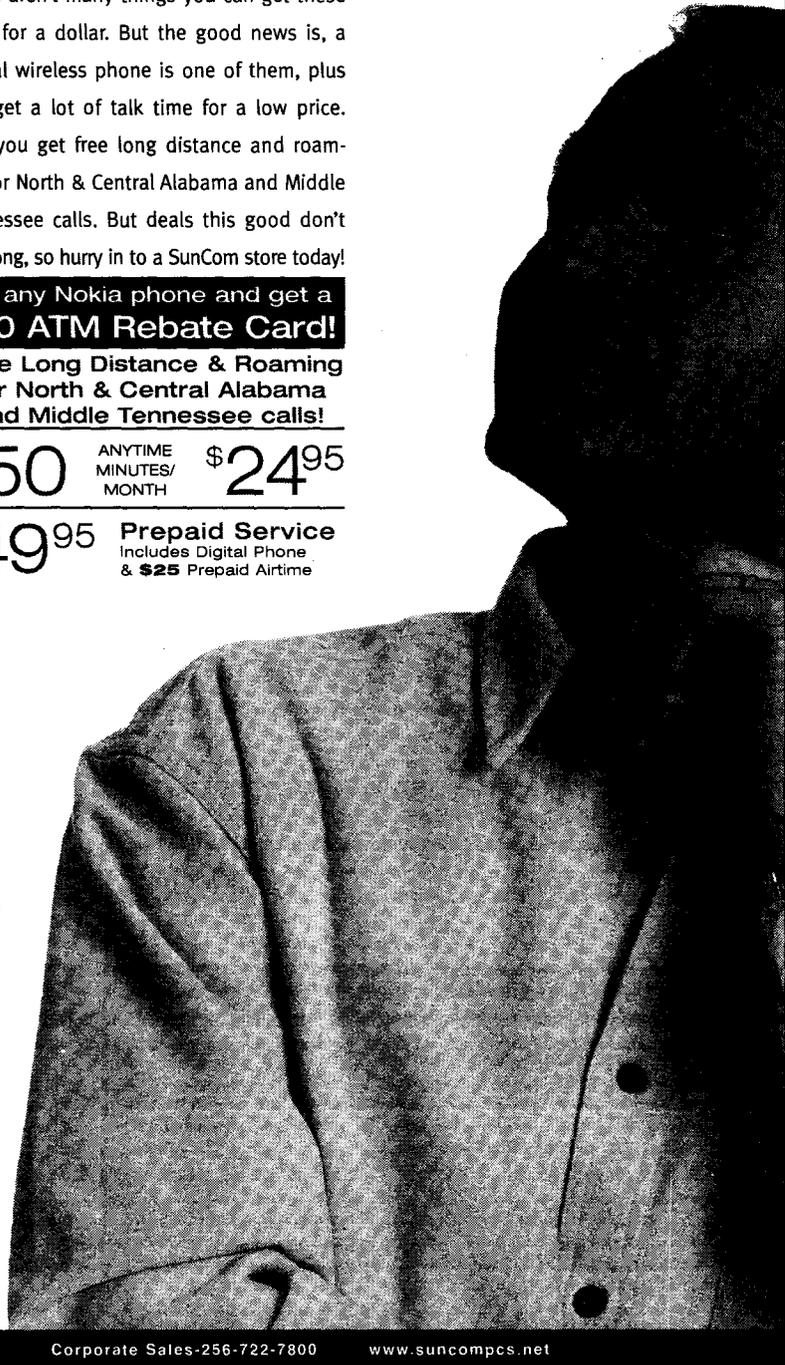
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ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY?															
								A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U				
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
00C1306LW	Inventory Mgmt Sp	14-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	42,007 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00D1356BL	Logistics Mgmt Sp	14-Jul-00	AMCOM SAMD	GS-0346	11	11	42,007 - 54,609	X															
00C1166RC	Logistics Mgmt Sp	14-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	GS-0346	11	11	42,007 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00C1362JH	Operation Control Sp	14-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0301	11	11	42,007 - 54,609	X															
00C1361JH	Logistics Mgmt Sp	14-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	50,345 - 65,447	X															
00C1363JH	Logistics Mgmt Sp	14-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	50,345 - 65,447	X															
00C01154LW	General Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0801	12	12	50,345 - 65,447	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00D1135DB	Supply Technician	17-Jul-00	USAOMMCS	GS-2005	5	5	22,913 - 29,784	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X						
00B1399MW	Electronics Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	3	3	50,345 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00C1173LW	General Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0801	12	12	50,345 - 65,447	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00B1345MW	Electronics Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	3	3	50,345 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00B1389MW	Electronics Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	3	3	50,345 - 77,827	X															
00B1344MW	Electronics Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	3	3	50,345 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00C1375RAH	General Engineer	17-Jul-00	SMDC	GS-0801	11	12	42,007 - 65,447																
00B1242MW	General Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00B1194DT	Management Asst (OA)	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0344	II	II	22,913 - 33,202	X															
00B1336DT	Secretary (OA)	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DK-0318	II	II	22,913 - 33,202	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00B1243MW	General Engineer	17-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00B1305ST	Program Data Asst	18-Jul-00	PEO AVIATION	GS-0303	7	7	28,381 - 36,892	X															
00BKCE044033APA	Civil, Mech, Elec Engr	18-Jul-00	CoFe HUNTSVILLE	GS-810, 830, 850	13	13	59,868 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00B1265OD	General Engineer	19-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00C1392JH	General Engineer	19-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0801	13	13	59,868 - 77,827	X															
00C1379IG	Secretary (OA)	19-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-0308	7	7	28,831 - 36,892	X															
00B1332DT	Engineering Tech	21-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DE-0802	II	II	22,913 - 45,130	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00C1393RC	Supply Sys Anly	21-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	50,345 - 65,447	X															
00C1372ABR	Lead Ops Res Anly	21-Jul-00	SMDC	GS-1515	14	14	70,747 - 91,967	X	X	X	X												
00C1374BR	General Engineer	21-Jul-00	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	59,868 - 77,827	X	X	X													
00D1315DB	Program Mgmt Officer	25-Jul-00	STRICOM TMO	GS-0340	15	15	83,218 - 108,182	X	X														
00B1352FM	General Engineer	27-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X						
00D1360PO	Product Manager	27-Jul-00	AMCOM DSA	GS-0340	14	14	70,747 - 91,967	X	X														
00C1324RC	Traffic Manager	31-Jul-00	AMCOM IMMC	GS-2130	13	13	59,868 - 77,827	X	X														
00D1217WT	Telecom Equip Oper	13-Oct-00	AMCOM CIC	GS-0390	7	7	34,718 - 45,130	X	X	X			X		X	X	X						
00B1382OH	Computer Engineer	4-Aug-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0854	IV	IV	70,747 - 108,182	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00D0581DB	Training Instr (HD)	9-Aug-00	OMMCS	GS-1712	11	11	42,007 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00D0582DB	Training Instr (HD)	14-Aug-00	OMMCS	GS-1712	11	11	42,007 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS	General Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS7	Computer Scientist	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-1550	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS6	Ops Research Anly	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-1515	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS5	Aerospace Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS4	Computer Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0854	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS1	Mechanical Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0830	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS3	Electrical Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0850	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS2	Electronic Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00D1314DB	Electronics Engineer	29-Dec-00	STRICOM	GS-0855	12	12	51,650 - 65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00B0479SS	Aerospace Engineer	18-Jan-01	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	III	III	50,345 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						
00B0843FM	Materials Engineer	3-Apr-01	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0806	III	III	50,345 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X						
00B0838OD	Aerospace Engineer	6-Apr-01	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	III	III	50,345 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X						
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X-SP-00-1527	General Engineer	14-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	4	4	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-NH-00-1583-DB	Engineering Tech	14-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DE-0802	2	2	22,913 - 45,130	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1523	General Engineer	14-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	4	4	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1522	Supv General Engr	14-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	4	4	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1518	Mechanical Engr	14-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	II	III	22,193 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1571	Documentation Spec	21-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DE-0301	3	3	35,658 - 61,040	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1559	General Engineer	21-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	4	4	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1558	General Engineer	21-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	4	4	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-00-1596	Public Affairs Spec	21-Jul-00	SMDC	GS-1035	13	13	59,868 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1576	General Engineer	28-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	4	4	70,747-108,182	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1569	Electronics Engineer	31-Jul-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	3	3	46,955 - 72,586	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-NH-00-1132-DB	Telecom Equip Oper	18-Sep-00	Office of Sec of Army	GS-0390	7	7	28,831 - 36,892	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-00-1542	General Engineer	21-Sep-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	2/3	3	22,913 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-NH-00-1561-DB	Computer Engineer	21-Sep-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0854	2/3	3	22,913 - 77,827	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-NH-00-1584-DB	Aerospace Engineer	22-Sep-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SC-DEU-00-112	Mechanical Engr	30-Sep-00	CoFe HUNTSVILLE	GS-0830	11	11	34,408 - 42,346	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-NH-00-1567-DB	Computer Scientist	30-Sep-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-1550	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SC-DEU-00-112	Electrical Engineer	30-Sep-00	CoFe HUNTSVILLE	GS-0850	11	11	34,408 - 42,346	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-NH-1590-DB	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SC-DEU-00-113	Telecom Equip Oper	13-Oct-00	AMCOM CIC	GS-0390	7	7	28,381 - 36,892	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS5	Aerospace Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0861	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS4	Computer Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0854	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS7	Computer Scientist	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-1550	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS6	Operations Res Anly	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-1515	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS3	Electrical Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0850	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS2	Electronic Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0855	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS1	Mechanical Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0830	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
00-B-1359-DS	General Engineer	30-Nov-00	AMCOM RDEC	DB-0801	2	3	22,913 - 54,609	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. Citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions.)

A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
F - Permanent Federal competitive service employees and certain excepted service (SF-50 documenting service required).
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
U - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

