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Residents hear plans for new car wash

Community town hall meeting unveils upcoming projects

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Your office car is the dirtiest vehicle in the parking lot. Your personal vehicle is even filthier. You don't know where to go for a quick wash job.

Well, help is on the way.

A car wash will be built on Redstone Arsenal with non-appropriated funds as a major project for morale, welfare and recreation.

"It's going to happen in FY '01," Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities, said at the Community Town Hall Meeting held Oct. 3 at Bicentennial Chapel. The site will be determined.

"The car wash we estimate will cost \$385,000," Ahern said. "We got a \$250,000 grant towards that."

Other major projects planned for fiscal 2001 include

recreational lodging or cabins by the river, youth sports facilities upgrades, and new golf cart paths at Whispering Pines. Whispering Pines is one of three nine-hole courses at Redstone Golf Course.

"The youth sports (projects) are appropriated funded, and all the rest of them are non-appropriated funded or NAF," Ahern said.

The recreational lodging cabins will cost \$180,000; and a \$135,000 grant has been made toward that project. The golf cart paths will cost \$95,000. The youth sports upgrades, including an extreme-skating facility and side-walks, will cost an estimated \$150,000.

And that's not all in store for Redstone's morale, welfare and recreation. A new bowling center will be built in fiscal 2002 with non-appropriated funds.

"It's a NAF major construction project: 32 lanes, 37,000 square feet," Ahern said of the bowling center, "and estimated to cost in the range of \$4.5 million."

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

KEEPING INFORMED— SFC Rodney Glaspie, of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, listens while his daughter, Dealva, 6, reads during the community town hall meeting held Oct. 3 at Bicentennial Chapel.

Vietnam veteran comes home to final resting place



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

FALLEN COMRADE— Redstone soldiers line Patton Road last week to pay tribute to a Vietnam veteran, the late Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney, who finally made his way back home.

The late Billy Ray Laney receives hero's welcome

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

"When the Vietnam vets first started coming back a lot of people turned their backs on them. It's about time these vets get the honor and the respect they deserve. Not only my husband— but all vets," said Charline Laney, widow of Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney, an MIA Vietnam veteran.

And Thursday, 33 years after he left home to fight in a war the world didn't understand, Sgt. Maj. Laney finally received that hero's welcome. For many veterans and their families attending the ceremony, it was a wrong that was finally made right.

Honoring Laney became a vicarious experience for many in attendance.

"A lot of people had husbands, fathers and brothers that were in that war," Mary Ann Green, a civilian who attended the ceremony, said. "They remember how our soldiers were treated like criminals instead of the heroes that they were. I had a lot of friends who went overseas... some of them came back and some of them didn't. I know for me it was a closure of sorts to finally be able to put all those memories and feelings to rest."

Hundreds of civilians, veterans from every local organization and servicemembers from all the services gathered at the Huntsville airport Thursday afternoon to receive the remains of Laney and to thank his relatives for the sacrifices they made while their loved one was at war.

"I did not know Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney, but I wish I had," Governor Don Siegelman said at the ceremony. "I'm told

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Ex-Philippine Scout appreciates story

As a former Philippine Scout, I was elated to see the article by Robert F. Dorr about our former U.S. Army component in the Oct. 2 issue of the Army Times. I have read accounts in official Army histories about the role of Philippine Scout units during the early days of the fighting in the Philippines during World War II. Commanders had nothing but praise for the skill, bravery, loyalty and morale of the Philippine Scouts.

On Nov. 30, 1941 the Philippine Division, which consisted of Infantry, Field Artillery and supporting units, was composed of 7,909 Philippine Scouts and 1,807 American enlisted men. The 26th Cavalry, 43rd Infantry, 86 FA Regiment and 88th FA Regiment were also Philip-

pine Scout units and had a total of 1,977 enlisted men. Under the leadership of American officers and a few Philippine Scout officers, these troops performed in a manner equal to the greatest traditions of the U.S. Army.

With the passing of time, not many of these men are still alive to receive the accolades due to them. I thank the Army Times and Robert F. Dorr for shedding light on a "forgotten" component of the U.S. Army, the Philippine Scouts. If any readers still have copies of the Oct. 2 issue of the Army Times, I invite them to read Robert F. Dorr's column: Duty, Honor, Country, a five-minute History Lesson.

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Unit streamers at stake in test of soldier skills

Military Stakes competition slated Friday at battalion

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

It's time to find out what military unit is the best on Redstone Arsenal.

Soldiers from Companies A, B, C and D, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade and Marines from the Marine Detachment are coming together to compete in the annual Military Stakes competition Friday.

Each unit will have teams competing in six different categories: drill and ceremony, a road march, marksmanship, common task training, a soap box derby, and an obstacle course.

After the daylong competition, first through third place streamers will be awarded in each of the six events. The overall top three companies will receive the Battalion Military Stakes Competition streamers.

"It's a chance for units to come together and compete in a friendly manner," Capt. James Coe, of Headquarters and A Company 832nd, said. "Everyone will have a good time while reinforcing basic soldier skills."

It will also provide a different twist to normal training for the advanced individual training students who are competing. "It's training with a purpose," Coe said. "They'll want to win. And everyone is a little bit sharper when they are competing."

The competition kicks off shortly after 6 a.m. with the M16 shootout and concludes at 4:30 p.m. with the awards presentation. Everyone on the Arsenal is invited to cheer on his or her favorite team.

Opening remarks will start at 6 a.m. and closing remarks will be at 4:30 p.m.; and the location is the parking lot in front of building 3440. In case of inclement weather, the competition will be canceled until next year.

Workers urged to join Combined Federal Campaign team 2000



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BARBERSHOP QUARTET— The MSIC Barbershop Quartet performs during the CFC kickoff held Thursday. From left are Dan Leak, Keith Chambers, Wayne West-erhouse and Mickey Elkins.

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The Combined Federal Campaign is all about teamwork, according to University of Kentucky athletic director Larry Ivy.

Ivy, a Huntsville native, was a guest speaker at the 2000 Tennessee Valley CFC kickoff celebration Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium. The charity campaign continues through Nov. 9 with a \$1.5 million goal.

"As you kick off the Combined Federal Campaign today, I would remind you that you're part of a team," Ivy said. "You have teammates. One of these teammates has been or will be touched by one of these agencies supported by CFC contributions.

"These are your teammates. Don't let them down."

The annual campaign solicits contributions from 16,000 federal employees in 30 agencies in six counties in North Alabama plus Lincoln County, Tenn.

Some 1,400 charitable organizations, including about 250 in the Tennessee Valley, are listed in the CFC brochure. Federal workers are encouraged to designate their contributions for up to five of these organizations of their choice.

Entertainment at the kickoff was provided by the Missile and Space Intelligence Center (MSIC) Barbershop Quartet, the Arab High School Concert Choir, and the Opportunity Center Square Dancers.

"Combined Federal Campaign is probably some of the most fun that we have in our work opportunities," Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, told the audience.

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Child helps put face value on charity donations

CFC contributions assist medical care

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
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On Thursday, this year's Combined Federal Campaign kicked off with a special ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. But between campaigns like the Army Emergency Relief, and other annual fund-raising events, it can seem like people are always being asked to contribute their hard-earned money.

Often many feel like their pockets aren't deep enough to contribute to every campaign.

But they wouldn't feel that way if they could only come face to face with the people they help by donating to each fund-raiser.

This year's CFC is no exception. For example, federal employees and service-members would be touched by the angelic face of Gracie Holland, a precocious 5-year-old who has had 20 surgeries to date to correct a genetic disorder.

Just one look in her eyes, and they would know that their money goes to help people like her — if they designate their funds to do so.

"I keep her in the public eye," said Chandra Holland, Gracie's mother. "And if her story pulls on their heartstrings, and causes them to donate to the Children's Hospital, then that's great.

"The money they donate could be used to fund research, and of course all the equipment that we use each and every time Gracie has a surgery. Without Children's Hospital I don't know where we'd be."

Gracie was born with Crouzon Syndrome, a congenital defect that fuses the skull and facial bones, deforming appearance, restricting brain growth, and hampering breathing, eating, vision and hearing.

"Nobody rich and famous has been struck with it," Chandra said. As a result research about the disease is next to non-existent, and every surgery that Gracie has endured has been experimental. The condition is so rare that her doctors in Alabama must often consult doctors throughout the nation for any procedure Gracie gets done.

"I call them guinea pig surgeries," Chandra said. Gracie had her first surgery at only 2 months old. It was at this tender age that her doctors cut her ear to ear, in order to allow her brain more room, her eyes to settle back and not protrude, extend her forehead, and to invert her temple bones.

She just had more surgery this summer.

Each and every surgery is a lesson in faith and hope for Gracie and her family. But through it all, they seem to remain amazingly upbeat.

"We stay on our knees," Chandra said in explanation. "I don't feel cursed, slighted or cheated. Some days I feel good, other days I just want to close the blinds and cry... she has endured so much. But she has such deep strength. If I have a bad day, I think how can I complain? We were told that she would be blind, deaf and retarded. I just look at her, and she's already beaten the odds. She's such a cool kid."

Cool is right. With above average intelligence, Gracie talks like a grown-up.

"I want to be an astronaut," she said with a smile, when asked what she wants to be when she does grow up. "I want to be on a rocket that goes to space. Or ... maybe a ballerina."

Right now she's content with going to school, and having boyfriends.

"But I don't kiss boys," she said adamantly.

Gracie is attending private school; and her teachers know about Gracie's special needs which include caring for her tracheal tube.

"Her doctors said she needs a guaranteed air way," said Chandra, "especially during her surgeries."

As a result she's never had the joy of owning a fuzzy kitten or a playful puppy, or felt sand squishing up between her toes, or the luxury of soaking in a bubble bath.

But they are hopeful. And each surgery brings her closer to enjoying some of life's more simple pleasures. Gracie will continue to have surgeries until her body stops growing.

"There's a lot of inspiration here," Chandra said. "This is a story that is to awesome to sit on. Every dollar that is donated (to Children's Hospital) goes to help kids like Gracie have better lives."

And it's not a matter of income or insurance for children who are treated at Children's Hospital. Last year alone, the center provided \$10 million in unfunded care. It's a cost that can be alleviated by donations and campaigns like CFC.

The Children's Hospital is one of many organizations listed in this year's CFC brochure that are geared to helping those who are less fortunate.

Other organizations listed this year include the American Hearing Research Foundation, the American Kidney Fund, the Cancer Research Institute, Leukemia Society of America — just to name a few. You never know when you'll come face to face with those you've helped by donating.



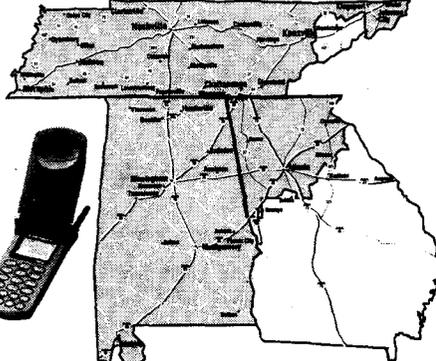
Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

ALL SMILES— Gracie, 5, and her mother, Chandra Holland, display positive attitudes despite all the surgeries that Gracie has had to face. She was born with a congenital defect that fuses the skull and facial bones, deforming appearance, restricting brain growth, and hampering breathing, eating, vision and hearing. Through programs like the Combined Federal Campaign, the Holland family has received much needed funding for her medical care.


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Army plans privatization of utilities

Minimal change seen in response, service

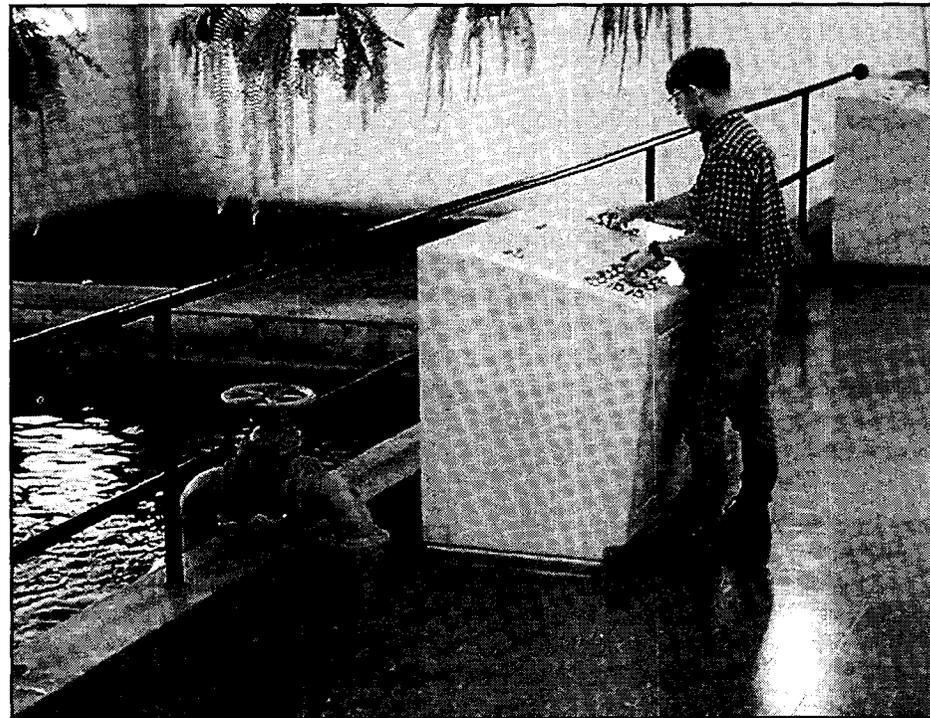
By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

The Army wants out of the utility business.

All Army installations have been directed to pursue privatization of their utilities. That means Redstone Arsenal's natural gas, water distribution, sewer collection and electrical distribution programs are being evaluated in hopes that they can be transferred to private or government utility companies.

"The Army wants to get out of the utility business so it can concentrate its efforts on its mission ... missiles, tanks, weapons, training soldiers. As one general said, on 'doing Army business,'" Dwain Elder, acting director of the Directorate of Environment and Public Works, said. "If private companies are providing (utilities) right outside the gate, why can't they do it inside the gate?"

The goal is to privatize all natural gas systems first. Water distribution, sewer collection and electrical distribution programs will follow consecutively. Steam



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FILTERED WATER— Plant supervisor Terry Fincher adjusts the controls for the first filtration of water at Redstone Arsenal's water treatment plant.

distribution is excluded because it is unique to the Army.

"Here at Redstone (privatization is) a new concept. Because we operate and

control (our utilities), we know what's going to happen. The concern is will the occupants of Redstone Arsenal continue to receive the same level of service?" Elder said.

The people who work and live on the Arsenal should not be affected by privatization from a bill-paying and operating standpoint, according to Elder. Soldiers on the Arsenal do not receive utility bills, so they would see no changes. Tenant activities would continue to receive bills for utilities, but they would pay a utility company instead of the Arsenal.

Safeguards built into the Arsenal's privatization proposals give some assurance that the level of service provided by the utility companies will be appropriate. The electrical distribution is the service that would have the most impact, since the Arsenal's unique missions call for continuous, reliable power.

"The level of response we require from them in case of an outage or inflation of prices, all this has to be done up front in the requirements for the proposal. We will treat each system independently to make sure we've covered all those concerns," Elder said.

Redstone Arsenal has been working on privatization since a directive was issued by the Army Materiel Command in 1995. Feasibility studies have been completed for natural gas, water distribution and sewer collection. The study for the electrical distribution system should be complete by December.

"We are in negotiations with the City of Huntsville on our natural gas system," Elder said. He explained that the city will be the sole source considered due to safety reasons. Since the city has owned portions of the system since its emplacement, problems could arise if two different gas companies were here.

Approval and award for natural gas is scheduled for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001. All installation's utilities require final approval at the Secretary of the Army level because of the size of the agreements and the Army's interest in them, Elder said.

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DAMAGED LINE— Workers repair a sewer main that runs parallel to Patton Road on the south end of the arsenal.

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■ Car wash is coming soon to Redstone

Meeting

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Other topics addressed during the community town hall meeting included housing projects, school bus operations, commissary news, the Army Family Action Plan Conference, mayors program, and youth programs.

"Let me thank everybody for coming and providing us some valuable feedback," Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, told the approximately 70 attendees.

Housing projects

Family housing plans for fiscal 2001 include demolishing three units in area 3, 38 units in area 6B, and 40 units in area 9. Projects include upgrading playgrounds in area 1, exterior paint in area 3, constructing curbs and gutters in area 3, door/window replacement in area 5, floor replacement in area 5, and constructing sidewalk ramps in areas 1, 5, 8 and 10.

Area 1 includes Magnolia Circle, Walnut Circle and Vincent Road. Area 3 includes Ripley Drive and Wadsworth Drive. Area 5 includes Skinner Drive and Simpson Drive. Area 8 includes Jupiter Court and Lance Court; and area 10 includes Cooke Drive.

A project is under way to move 88 excess duplexes off post in the next 16 months. Redstone entered into a contract with a local firm, Don Kennedy and Sons House Moving Company, to move the duplexes off the Arsenal for \$1,056,000. The cost of moving the buildings is equivalent to the cost of demolition. Moving the houses saves space at Redstone's construction debris landfill; and it makes the houses available for reuse, something that is good for the community and environment. One house has been moved

so far.

"It's pretty unique," Joe Davis, chief of Master Planning Division, said of the house moving project. "And so far everything is going according to plan."

Mayors program

Under the new Mayors Program, volunteers from the various housing areas will serve as representatives, called mayors, for their neighborhoods.

"A family member representative from each housing area will represent the residents of that area to the command to improve the quality of life for residents in on post housing," Cathy Ryan, quality of life program manager in Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said.

Organizers hope to have at least one volunteer from each of the nine housing areas. Some 430 families reside on post.

The mayors will attend community meetings, assess and identify needs of the residents, encourage development of community sense of pride, keep residents informed through newsletters and other means, and welcome newcomers to their areas. One of the first orders of business will be to help give each housing area a personalized name—after a missile system or historical figure, perhaps—rather than the current numbering system.

Residents interested in volunteering to serve as mayors can reach Ryan at Army Community Service 876-5397. Incentives for volunteer mayors include: their name on a sign at the entrance to their housing area, membership to any council that affects quality of life, free child care while performing official duties, invitation to some special functions held by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, volunteer parking permit, credible volunteer experience on their resume, and making a difference in their community.

■ Installations shift power to utility companies

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The decision paper on the method of accomplishment for water distribution is being staffed to AMC headquarters for approval. Privatization of that system is scheduled for award the first quarter of fiscal 2002.

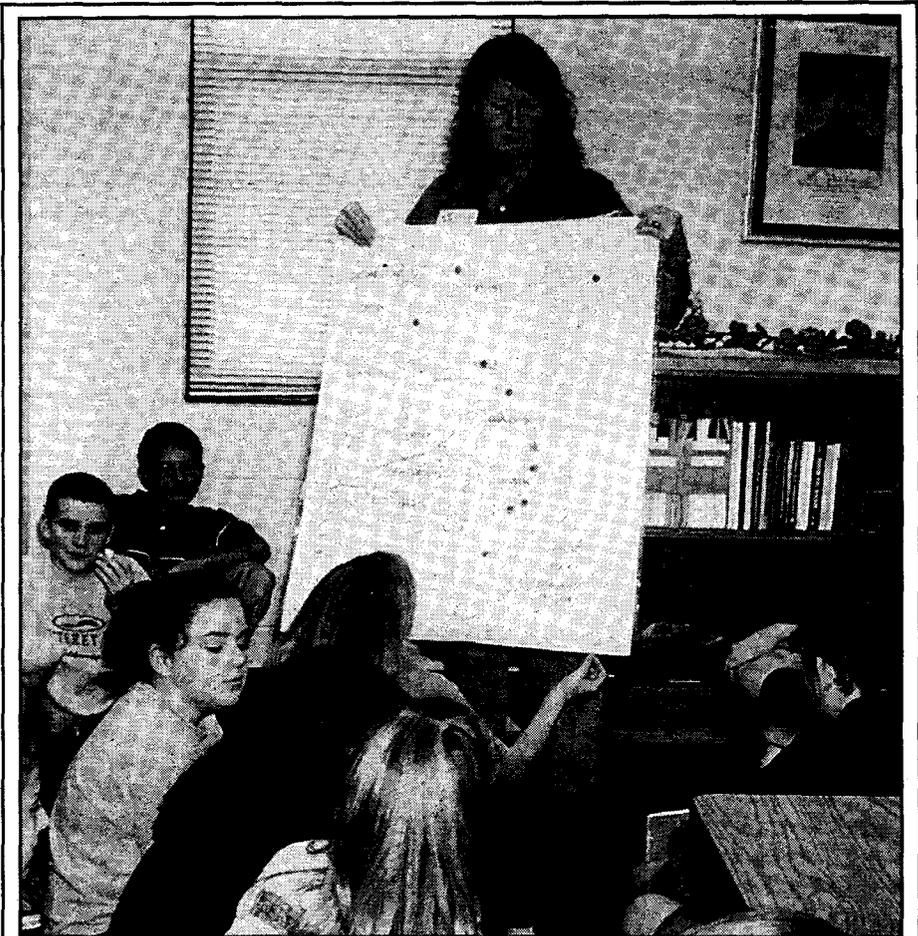
A decision has not been made yet on the method of accomplishment for sewer collection. PDR Properties operates and maintains the sewer treatment plant at Redstone Arsenal, but sewer collection still falls under the Department of the Army.

"We'll only pursue a contractor to take over that portion. This one will be more difficult because we already have one contractor doing half of it. In the industry,

collection is the less desirable portion," Elder said.

Privatization of sewer collection is scheduled for the third quarter of fiscal 2002. If the feasibility study finds in favor of privatization of electrical distribution, the method of accomplishment will be decided by the middle of next year and should be awarded the third quarter of fiscal 2003.

"There will be a lot of interest in the electrical distribution system because it's the one that has the most profit for a company out there," Elder said. "Right now we buy direct from TVA as a distributor and we distribute the electricity to the Arsenal. Huntsville City, TVA, a lot of companies because of deregulation are getting into power. That's the one that will be the hardest decision to make."



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Flow chart

Susan Weber, from the Environmental Office, presents a talk on "Watersheds" to eighth-graders at Central School. The students are putting together a scale model of the Flint River with Weber's help.

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Soldiers extended help toward degree on post



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WORKING TOGETHER— Mary Morgan, director of Columbia College's Extended Studies Division at Redstone Arsenal, discusses a degree program with academic adviser Frank Lasher.

Columbia College makes students feel right at home

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Soldiers who want to be all that they can be can become college graduates while in the Army. All it takes is a lot of hard work, determination and the right college.

"First priority, they're here for the Army – not to get a degree," Mary Morgan, director of Columbia College's Extended Studies Division, said. "So I offer all of the classes students need for their entire degree, right here on post."

Earning a degree is not easy, but the four colleges offering courses at Redstone Arsenal try to keep the soldiers' special circumstances in mind. Many soldiers have commitments to their children and spouses as well as to the Army that can make it difficult to stay motivated toward completing a degree program.

"Those people (at Columbia College) make you feel like it matters to them," Sgt. Sally Guzman of the Dental Clinic, said. "When you feel like you just can't go on anymore, they talk you into one more class and that gets you your degree."

Thanks to Columbia College's extended studies division, Guzman will be able to complete her degree even though she is leaving Redstone for another installation. The college is part of the network of Service Persons Opportunity Colleges, so college courses taken at other colleges will still count toward her degree program here.

"Sally is leaving us without finishing her degree, but she will enroll in a college in Alaska with the courses I tell her she needs. When she finally completes her courses, she will get her degree from Columbia College," Morgan explained. "Even if soldiers get out of the service, they can still complete their degree program if they've established residency."

Morgan considers SOC residency an insurance policy because all the credits

are preserved. A student has to take a certain number of hours and particular courses to establish the residency for a degree program. This ensures that the students' courses are "good forever" – they will not have to go back and complete additional courses not in their original degree program.

Since most students don't have the time or money to take incorrect courses, either Morgan or academic adviser Frank Lasher personally helps each student register for classes. They try to guide students in the right direction for each degree program. Morgan said courses are not "watered down," but teachers and staff will go the extra mile to help students get through classes.

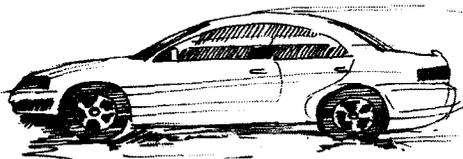
James Foster, who teaches a management course at the college, went out of his way recently when he heard one of his students was in the hospital. He visited the student to make assignments and lecture in the hospital room. Dr. Ray Moses, a science and math instructor, is available every Friday afternoon to tutor his college algebra students.

"We have a wonderful faculty. They make their students work very hard, but they'll try to help when a family situation comes up," Morgan said. "We have a very good relationship with the Army Education Center and with their help we provide quality education programs for our students."

Frank Lasher is a retired Army nurse who received his bachelor's in computer information systems from Columbia College, then began working for the college as an academic adviser and computer expert. Later he recruited his wife to work at the college as an administrative assistant.

"We're still a small enough site that we can still have a personal touch. You can pull up a chair and talk to us," Gabrielle Lasher said.

"They're wonderful people down there, they treat everybody like family. And they really are family," Guzman said. "Frank and Gabby work there and go to school there, too. And 'Mom' – Mary (Morgan) – keeps it homey."



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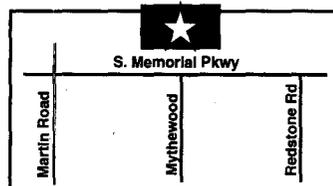
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Volunteer's community efforts ring loud and clear

Engineer from St. Louis promotes deaf awareness

BY MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

For the last three years, Tony Labath, a general engineer for Research Development and Engineering Center, has devoted portions of his vacation to volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

"It is not hard to find organizations that need volunteers; you can link up with a group almost anywhere in the world," Labath said.

When Labath and his wife, Judi, first moved to Huntsville in 1997, they joined First United Methodist Church. Every year the church sponsors building a house for Habitat for Humanity. They volunteered and found out they enjoyed it so much that they have been helping out every year since then.

Habitat is the realization of Baptist preacher and social activist Clarence Jordan. His concept was to help prospective owners living in substandard housing. One condition is to have a job to repay the no-interest loans. After Jordan's death, his disciple Milard Fuller got it up and running as a federation of community-based organizations that has spread from the South throughout the world.

Last month Labath spent 10 days with other volunteers constructing a house for Habitat. He helped frame the



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson

MALL CEREMONY— From left Tony Labath, Randy Smallwood, chairperson and June Pockrus, co-chairperson, Huntsville Area Deaf Awareness Committee, talk over the program before the opening ceremonies at Deaf Awareness Day at Madison Square Mall.

walls, put up a roof, build a ramp—because the new homeowners, a mother and her daughter, use a wheelchair—and prepare the sidewalk for concrete pouring.

One day Labath, who has been deaf since birth, would like to see a deaf

family qualify for a Habitat house. Also, it would mean raising \$35,000 for the house, and then getting volunteers, particularly deaf ones, to help construct it.

Labath came to work for the federal government as a co-op engineering stu-

dent, GS-3 in June 1982 from St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, St. Louis. He then transferred to Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Ill.

Since moving here, Labath has gone back to school at the University of Alabama-Huntsville as a non-degree student. He is taking "Introduction to Systems Engineering," and is thinking about getting a second master's degree.

Away from work, Labath is a member of the Huntsville Area Deaf Awareness Committee. The committee is an organization composed of various agencies, organizations, and individuals which work together to enhance the social, economic and cultural lives of deaf and hearing-impaired people. Every year the committee members participate in the celebration of National Deaf Awareness month.

This year, Deaf Awareness Day was held Sept. 30 at Madison Square Mall. Labath and other committee members held a children's art poster contest; 16 exhibitors displayed items to help the 200 to 300 deaf and hearing-impaired people in the area; and Kathleen Ryan Peavy, Miss Deaf Alabama, signed autographs and entertained.

"The idea of pitching in one's labor and time is another expression of our individualism and is very rewarding," Labath said. "People with and without disabilities can join in and help someone who needs a little support."

Defense contract management agency arrives locally

The Defense Contract Management Agency has established an office in Huntsville.

This action Oct. 2 was taken to ensure dedicated efficient and effective delivery of contract management services in support of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps warfighters, space exploration missions and other federal cus-

tomers needs for all programs in the Huntsville area.

This new office is commanded by Lt. Col. Daniel Cottrell and will report to the Defense Contract Management Office in Birmingham. The office will consist of personnel currently working for the Defense Contract Management Agency located in the Huntsville area and the

Mississippi Stennis Space Center team.

The Defense Contract Management Agency's two offices in Alabama will cover an area consisting of four states—Alabama, Florida Panhandle, Mississippi, and Tennessee—and encompasses more than 170,000 square miles of territory, ensuring sustained contract administration support to a host of major defense and public federal acquisition programs to include the following: Army's Avenger, Bradley, Longbow Apache, Hellfire, Multiple Launch Rocket System, M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank, and M113 Armored Personnel Carrier upgrade; Air Force's Joint STARS Program, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehi-

cle, and C-17 Globemaster aircraft; Navy's MK-48 Torpedo; Multiservice V-22 Osprey Aircraft; Department of Defense's Global Position System and Ballistic Missile Defense System; and NASA's International Space Station Program, just to name a few.

During the last three years, Defense Contract Management Agency's Birmingham Office has been solely responsible for administering more than 8,700 contracts valued in excess of \$8.5 billion. Additionally, this office supports over 110 Department of Defense and federal agency buying activities. The creation of the Huntsville office will ensure the best support possible to customers in the area.

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Firehouse lounge ceiling gets personal touch from artist

Helicopter watercolor adorns one of the tiles

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

The Cargo Helicopter workers noticed the personalized ceiling tiles at the Firehouse Lounge. They saw the names and class numbers written in magic markers, and decided they needed to be represented, too.

Two new tiles do the trick.

All the Cargo Helicopter employees signed one tile. The other, a painting by Tim Prost, a Cargo Helicopter logistics management specialist, is a watercolor depicting a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

Ray Sellers approached Prost with the idea a few weeks ago. His procurement team had an informal team-building meeting at the Firehouse one evening and noticed the ceiling tiles.

"They asked me to do some designs for them," Prost said. "I then used my drawings to paint one tile, which took me six hours."

Prost began his painting career while attending night school for a degree in management. He was told he needed six hours of humanities. So he decided to take an Introduction to French class. The other

classes he took were some pen and ink and watercolor drawing classes at an adult education center.

Prost concentrated on working with watercolors. He started taking art classes from a retired artist who taught in the evenings. For 18 months, every other week, Prost painted landscapes.

"Not everything I painted was a keeper," Prost said. "However, I still ended up with a 100 of them stacked up in our house."

When Prost and his family moved to Huntsville in 1997, they found a house with an enclosed porch. Prost put in some lights, air conditioning and heat and made it into an art studio for himself and a place for his houseplants.

Prost began taking art lessons through the Huntsville Art League. The classes last five to six weeks each time. One evening Prost happened to pick up an art magazine highlighting painting vacations in France. He checked into it, and last month took his plastic pallet, paints, paper and brushes and went to France for two weeks. He had the chance to paint every day. There were 10 students, one tour guide, and two instructors that gave lectures, demonstrations and critiques.

"For history, diversions and architectural beauty, France can hold its own with

any place in the world," Prost said. "It is more slow-paced than some, but its pastel-colored, aged buildings and local nods

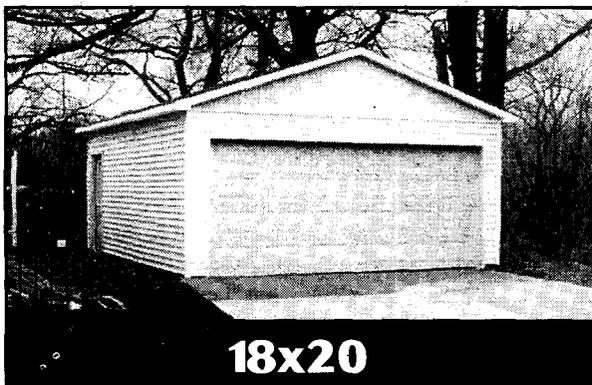
to tradition made for a charming scene. Bringing home the paintings was the final touch on a great trip."



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

ORIGINAL ARTWORK—Tim Prost, a Cargo Helicopter logistics management specialist, shows his ceiling-tile painting of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

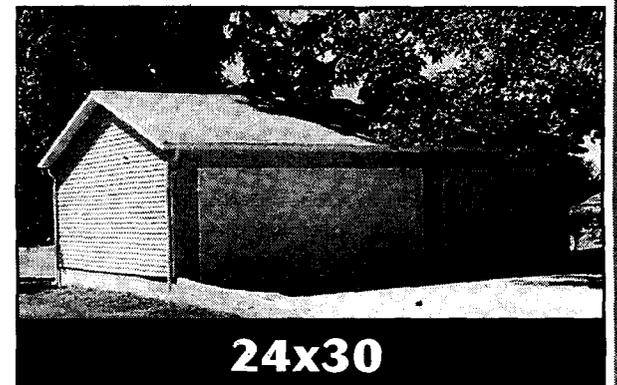
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Flu shots delayed due to vaccine supply problems

Dosages expected to arrive next month

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

It's starting. A co-worker coughs here; a family member sneezes there. People are rolling up their sleeves for a shot of protection against the nasty flu bug expected this season but there is no vaccine to give.

The Department of Defense announced a delay in the annual influenza vaccine campaign due to a vaccine manufacturing shortage.

"It's not just the government," Capt. Mary Christal, chief, Public Health and Education, Fox Army Health Center, said. "This is happening across the nation and at our local county health departments as well."

Two factors have caused the delay in production of the vaccine.

It was reported that one of the three influenza virus components used to make this year's vaccine has not grown as well

as the corresponding strain used last year. This caused the initial delay. The second problem came when the Food and Drug Administration took regulatory action against two of the four pharmaceutical companies licensed to produce influenza vaccine in the U.S. The implementation of corrective measures has required additional time for completion.

"We are hoping to start our campaign in mid-November, but everything depends on when we receive our dosages," Christal said. "We'll try to get it out as soon as possible."

In trying to plan the unpredictable, Christal has booked several locations for different weeks that could serve as a vaccination point on post. Unfortunately, she's running into competition for some facilities due to Christmas parties.

"You can't book a place for a month at a time and we don't know exactly when the vaccine will arrive," she said. "Last year we gave more than 2,000 shots in the first day. We have to have a place big enough to hold that kind of crowd."

Historically the military services have used about 2.8 million doses of the vaccine to cover all active duty and eligible vaccine seeking beneficiaries. There are 230,680 doses at the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia now. Some 340 of those are being shipped to Redstone to take care of the high risk population.

Last year, during the five-day campaign, more than 7,000 shots were given; approximately 1,500 to active duty soldiers and Marines, 3,000 plus to retirees and military family members, and 2,673 went to DoD civilians. Additional shots were given in clinics after the campaign.

"We had plenty last year and expect to get what we ordered this year," Christal said. "We simply don't know when. As soon as we receive our supply, we'll advertise in the Rocket, when and where we will do the vaccinations."

The best time to get the shot is October to mid-November, according to the Center for Disease Control, before flu season hits. Protection develops two weeks after the shot and may last up to a year.

Since influenza epidemics typically occur in winter to early spring, there should be adequate time, despite the delay, to protect all beneficiaries, Army officials said.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GOOD SHOT—The DoD announced a delay in this year's influenza vaccine campaign, which normally starts this month, due to problems in manufacturing of the vaccine. Capt. Mary Christal is chief, Public Health and Education at Fox Army Health Center; and Cherie Miller is an environmental health manager.



Joe Ramirez/ Photo Lab

Purple Heart appreciation

Col. Micheal Coleman, center, director of personnel and training, receives a certificate of appreciation from the Military Order of Purple Heart for serving as guest speaker at the annual Purple Heart memorial service Aug. 7. Making the presentation Sept. 19 are Al Rose, left, past commander of George Rauh Unit 2201, and Don Powers, state commander.

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Former soldier finds freedom in the sky

Local pilot appointed aviation safety counselor for Alabama district

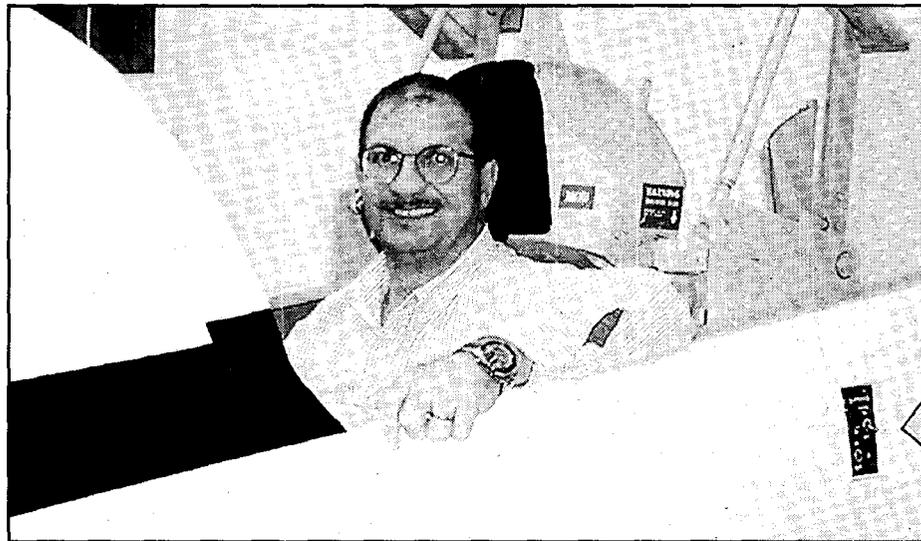
By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Flying is more than a hobby in the heart of pilot Rob Lindstrom. "It's the only place you're really free," he said.

Lindstrom was the first pilot in Alabama to earn the rank of Master Certified Flight Instructor by the National Association of Flight Instructors. Two years later he is the first to renew that certification. And in September, he was named an aviation safety counselor for the Alabama and Northwest Florida Flight Standards District Office.

"What that really means is that I assist the FAA safety program manager in keeping pilots informed with the latest changes in rules, operations and safety interests," Lindstrom said. "I'll learn more about the job at the annual training for aviation safety counselors in Birmingham in November."

But he won't be waiting until Novem-



Courtesy photo

TEACHING THE TEACHER— Rob Lindstrom works in a T-38 flight simulator at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., as part of his Flight Physiological Training earlier this year. Lindstrom, master flight instructor at Redstone's Flying Activity, was recently named aviation safety counselor for the Alabama and Northwest Florida Flight Standards District Office.

ber to get started. On Oct. 18, Lindstrom, along with Max Gurgew, Alabama aviation safety counselor of the year for 1998, will present an aviation safety program "Aviation Weather" at the Lockheed Mar-

tin facility in Huntsville. Guest speaker for the event is StormTeam meteorologist Dan Schmidt, from WAFF Channel 48.

"Dan is a student of mine, working on his commercial pilot certification," he said.

Schmidt isn't Lindstrom's only student. In fact, Lindstrom spends a great deal of his after hours time providing private instruction and teaching ground schools at Rocket Aviation— Madison County Executive Airport, Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity, and classes in conjunction with the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Believe it or not, flying isn't and never was Lindstrom's full-time job. Lindstrom earned his private pilot's license at 17. Since then he's had a career with the Army as a field artillery officer, 14 years on active duty which included a tour in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, and six years Army reserves. He retired from the Defense Intelligence Agency, Missile and Space Intelligence Center in 1998 and has since been working for SPARTA, a defense contractor support company.

Even his latest appointment as an aviation safety counselor is a responsibility he accepted as a volunteer.

"My family has been great in the way they support me," Lindstrom said. "Teaching takes a lot of time after work and on the weekends. Time spent away
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Army awards contract for Apache Longbow

The Army and the Boeing Company, Mesa, Ariz., have signed a contract for the remanufacture of 269 AH-64A Apaches to the AH-64D Apache Longbow configuration.

To date, the Army has 150 Apache Longbows, with two combat-ready Apache Longbow units in service. All told, and upon the completion of this contract, the Army will have 501 Apache Longbows.

In addition to remanufacturing 269

aircraft, this contract includes maintenance and operator training devices, spare parts, logistics and support services, and a variety of items designed to further improve maintainability and supportability.

Apache Longbows produced under this contract will incorporate enhanced capabilities in communications, navigation, data management and safety equipment to meet digitized battlefield requirements.

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from them. My wife, Jodie, has been especially great."

Lindstrom has four children, Bethany, a freshman at Grissom High School, Ellie, a sixth-grader at Challenger Middle

School, Eric, a second-grader and Mac, a kindergartner, both at Challenger Elementary School.

"Bethany's flown all over the country with me but she doesn't really have an interest in getting her pilot's license," he said. "Ellie and Eric are the ones interested in becoming pilots."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

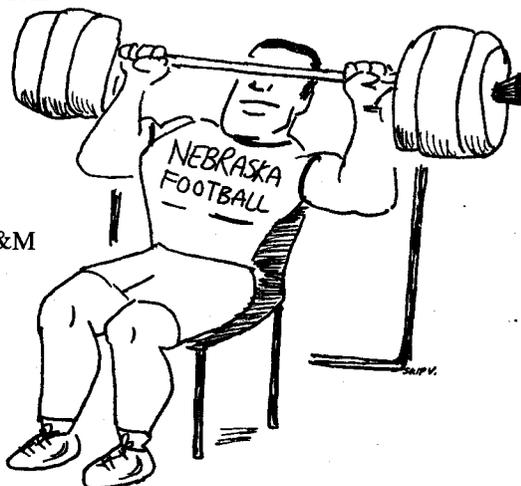
AT HOME IN THE SKY— Rob Lindstrom, master flight instructor, has been flying the friendly skies since earning his pilot's license at 17. His motto is simply, "I'd rather be flying."

Cornhuskers too strong for host Texas Tech

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

◀ Skip's Picks went 10-4 for the fifth week of the college football season and are 48-23 overall. Here are my predictions for selected games this week:

- Ole Miss at Alabama— Bama
- Auburn at Florida— Florida
- Nebraska at Texas Tech— Neb.
- Arkansas at S. Carolina— SC
- Vanderbilt at Georgia— Ga.
- Kentucky at LSU— LSU
- Ala. A&M at Morris Brown— A&M
- Notre Dame at Navy— ND
- Indiana at Michigan— Mich.
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Hunting season opens this month for most wild game on post

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

What's up, Doc?

Time for the rabbits to go underground if they expect to see spring. Hunting season gets into full swing this month at Redstone Arsenal.

"Dove season is already open," Bill Moreland, director of Outdoor Recreation, said. "Squirrel, raccoon and opossum started (Oct. 2), but deer season is what everyone is really waiting for."

There are nearly 9,000 hunting efforts each year at the Arsenal. Deer season, opening Oct. 14 for bow and Nov. 18 for gun, is the only season civilians are allowed to hunt at the Arsenal. The first week of bow and gun deer season is reserved for military only, then team Redstone civilians can join the hunt. All other small game seasons are restricted to military hunters and their guests.

"We simply don't have the small game to accommodate more hunters," Moreland said. "It wasn't in our plan from years ago but we are working on some changes."

The quota for deer harvesting has been raised this year to 250, including 50 bucks and 200 does, an increase from last year's quota of 150 deer.

"Outdoor Rec is sort of like one-stop shopping for deer hunters," Moreland said. "We have a walk-in cooler for hunters to hang their deer for a few days and then they can bring it into the shed and cut it up. We have a sink and stainless steel table. We even provide meat paper so they can take it home all wrapped like it would come from a store."

If a hunter has questions, there's always a volunteer around to offer assistance, Moreland said. "We have a great



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

PARTY BARGE— Hunting ranges aren't the only thing Outdoor Recreation has to offer the nature lover. Bill Moreland, director of Outdoor Recreation, shows off this brand new 21-foot Sun Tracker pontoon boat available for rent through Outdoor Rec.

staff of volunteers that keep this place running."

Other game seasons opening this fall include rabbit, Oct. 14; quail, Nov. 18; woodcock - Dec. 18; and turkey March 30. Waterfowl seasons include duck, Dec. 9-11 and Dec. 15-31; and goose: Canadian, Dec. 28 to Jan. 31; other geese Sept. 30 to Oct. 15, Dec. 9-11, and Dec. 15 to Jan. 31.

No matter whether you're civilian or military and no matter what you hunt, there are rules and safety guidelines all hunters must follow. Every person hunting on Redstone Arsenal must complete a RSA Hunting Safety Orientation annually, either by attending pre-scheduled classes or going to the learning resource centers and completing the course on

computer.

"The learning centers are really great because it's easier for people to fit it into their schedule," Moreland said. "Once you complete the course there, you're given a certificate that you bring to Outdoor Rec. Before we can sell you a permit to hunt though, you have to have proof that you've attended a state approved hunter course unless you've been grandfathered in."

Hunters born before Aug. 1, 1977 do not have to attend the state approved course but must have proof of age. They still must attend the Redstone safety course, though. Once these conditions are met, Redstone hunters must have a state hunting permit and an Arsenal permit, both available for purchase at Outdoor Rec.

As a service to the Redstone community, Bill Kerlin, recreation assistant for Outdoor Rec, teaches the state approved course several times a year. He just finished one in August.

"The best time to find the class is in the summer," Kerlin said. "Course instructors are volunteers and they like to hunt so it's hard to find one after the season opens."

Arsenal hunters sign in at the Outdoor Rec building, are assigned a specific area in which to hunt, and then sign out at the end of the day. There are more than 60 areas for gun and bow hunters, with multiple people assigned to each area. The assignments are on a first come, first served basis.

"This all may sound rigid," Moreland said, "but it's in the best interest of the hunter. It's the only way we can be absolutely fair and safe. We have an excellent safety record here and because of that, it's a good place for parents to bring their children and teach them." Minimum age to hunt on the Arsenal is 12.

Deer hunting is not allowed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the season to give the deer a chance to rest.

Outdoor Rec accepts donations of wild game which are stored and used for the annual "Wild Game Cookout" in February.

"We like to have a wide variety of game," Moreland said. "It's a great chance for people to try things like raccoon or opossum. Of course, we also have more traditional meats like ham and turkey."

Everyone needs to be aware that hunting season is approaching, Moreland said. "The deer are moving more, usually in the early morning when people are coming into work and then in the late evening. Drivers need to keep an eye out for deer especially at these times."

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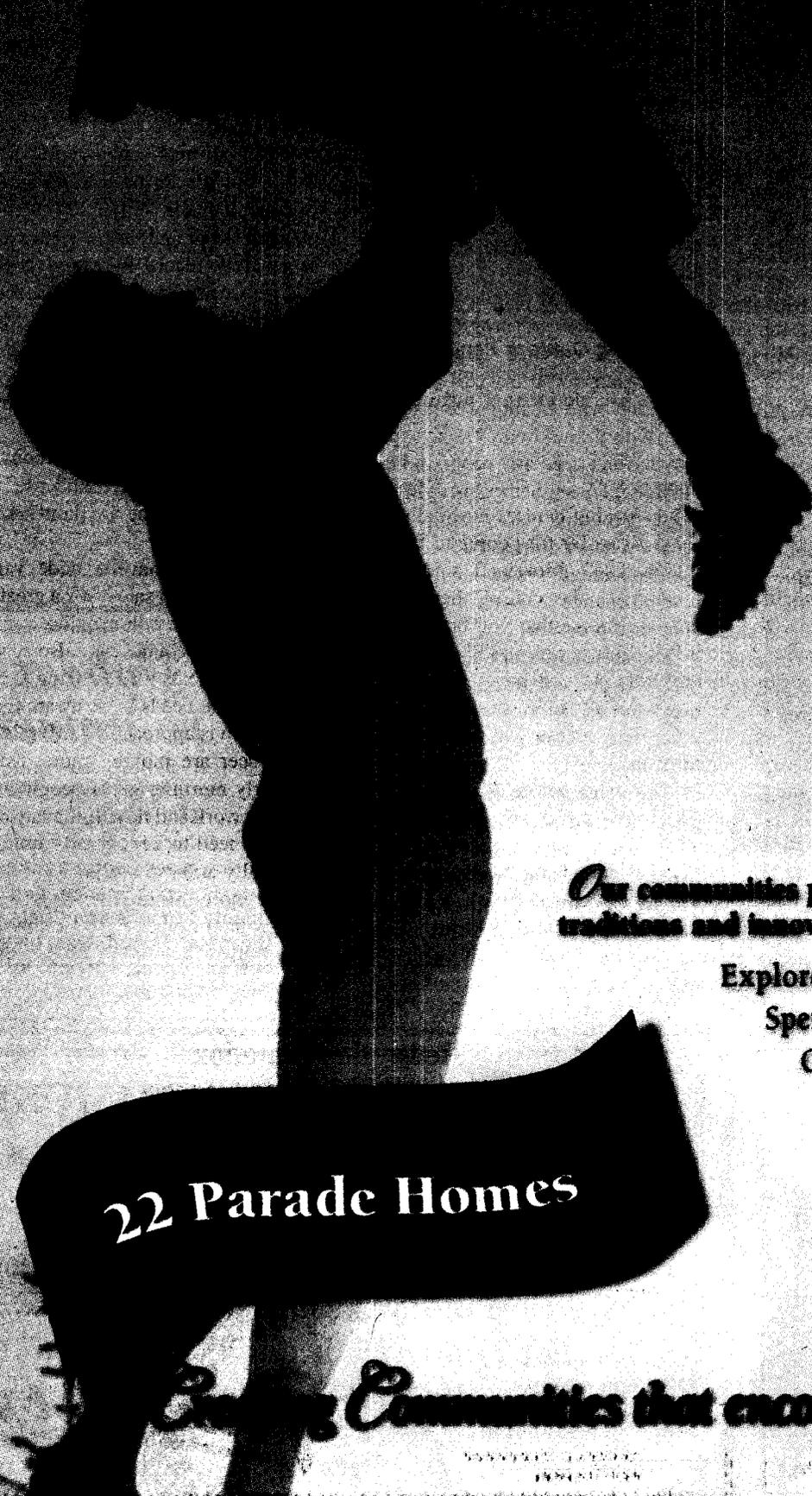
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By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— Military retirees asked for a more comprehensive dental plan, and now they have one.

As a result of retiree feedback, the enhanced Tricare Retiree Dental Program went into effect Oct. 1 and adds more than 100 new procedures and extends eligibility criteria, said Navy Capt. Lawrence McKinley, Tricare senior consultant for dentistry.

The new program supersedes one started in February 1998 that augmented "space-available" retiree dental care at military hospitals and clinics.

"The basic TRDP didn't cover all the dental needs of the retired community," McKinley said. After listening to retirees and cataloging their needs and requests over the past 18 months, he said, Delta Dental Plan of California, the insurance administrator; the Tricare Management Activity; and the dental service chiefs worked together to determine the best program possible while keeping the premium costs affordable.

Eligible beneficiaries include:

- Military retirees, including those over age 65;
- Reserve members entitled to retired pay, but under age 60;
- Spouses of retirees;
- Children under age 21, or full-time students under age 23;
- A nonremarried surviving spouse or eligible child of a deceased member or member who died while on active duty for more than 30 days and who aren't eli-

gible for the TRICARE Dental Program.

The enhanced dental program also offers expanded eligibility, McKinley said. Now, members can enroll a spouse or child without enrolling themselves provided they have documented proof that they are:

- Eligible to receive dental care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Enrolled in an employers' dental plan that isn't available to family members.
- Unable to obtain benefits from the Tricare Retiree Dental Plan due to a current and enduring medical or dental condition.

Mckinley, a Navy Dental Corps officer since 1971, said the 114 new procedures make the enhanced Tricare plan "a very comprehensive dental program now." New services include crowns and bridges, full and partial dentures, orthodontics, and allowance for composite-resin—"white"—fillings in the back teeth, a second annual cleaning, and dental accident coverage for traumatic injury.

About the only things not covered in the new program are certain extremely expensive procedures such as dental implants, he added.

The new services come at a price. Beneficiaries will pay about double for the enhanced coverage under the new dental plan, McKinley said. Monthly premiums, dependent upon geographic region, range from \$21 to \$34 for one person; \$40 to \$65 for two; and \$62 to \$105 for a family of three or more.

The rates are good until Jan. 31, 2003,

when new contract bids are scheduled. However, additional DoD-directed enhancements could increase those premiums.

"We asked beneficiaries through surveys whether they would be willing to pay more for an enhanced program, and 62 percent said yes," McKinley said. "In fact, over 20 percent said they would be willing to pay more than double the old premium for an enhanced program.

"The benefit package doubles the number of procedures found in the basic plan. That is a very good value and is very comparable to the best of the civilian programs," he added.

Enrollment in the new program began Sept. 1, and should top the 500,000-plus beneficiaries that participated in its predecessor, McKinley said. Expanded eligibility rules should reach an estimated 4.2 million retirees and family members, he added.

So far, 45,000 people have signed up for the enhanced program, McKinley said. Those enrolled agree to stay with the program for at least 24 months. New enrollees who change their minds can quit within the first 30 days provided they haven't used any program benefits.

McKinley said enrollment in the basic dental program ceased Aug. 31. Basic program beneficiaries, he said, may continue coverage under the old program with no change in terms or upgrade to the enhanced program.

The retired military beneficiaries who will use the enhanced dental program range in age "from 38 to 108 ... and are a very significant part of our business," McKinley said.

"We value the retiree community and are concerned about their overall dental health," he added. "I think they have confidence that Uncle Sam, that DoD, that Tricare are looking out for their best interest" to establish the best retiree dental program possible. And we have worked very hard to do that."

To determine eligibility for the

enhanced Tricare Retiree Dental Program, or monthly premium rates per region, call Enrollment Services toll-free at 1 (888) 838-8737. Visit the TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan Web site at www.ddpdelta.org for more information



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Upbeat volunteer

Sharron Schuff, secretary in the Apache Attack Helicopter Project Office of the Aviation Program Executive Office, received recognition at the Volunteer Center from Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Madison County Commission Chairman Mike Gillespie. Schuff was honored for her volunteer service for Upbeat from 1999-2000.

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Luncheon speaker

Priscilla Caraway-Vinson, left, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center and recording secretary for the Society of Logistics Engineers, thanks Jacqueline Moore of Lead AMC Integration Support Office for her luncheon presentation. Moore presented a talk on "The Single Stock Fund" at the Madison Square Holiday Inn. She is the lead spokesperson for Army Materiel Command in developing, monitoring and reporting logistic changes resulting from the SSF business rules developed jointly by major Army commands.

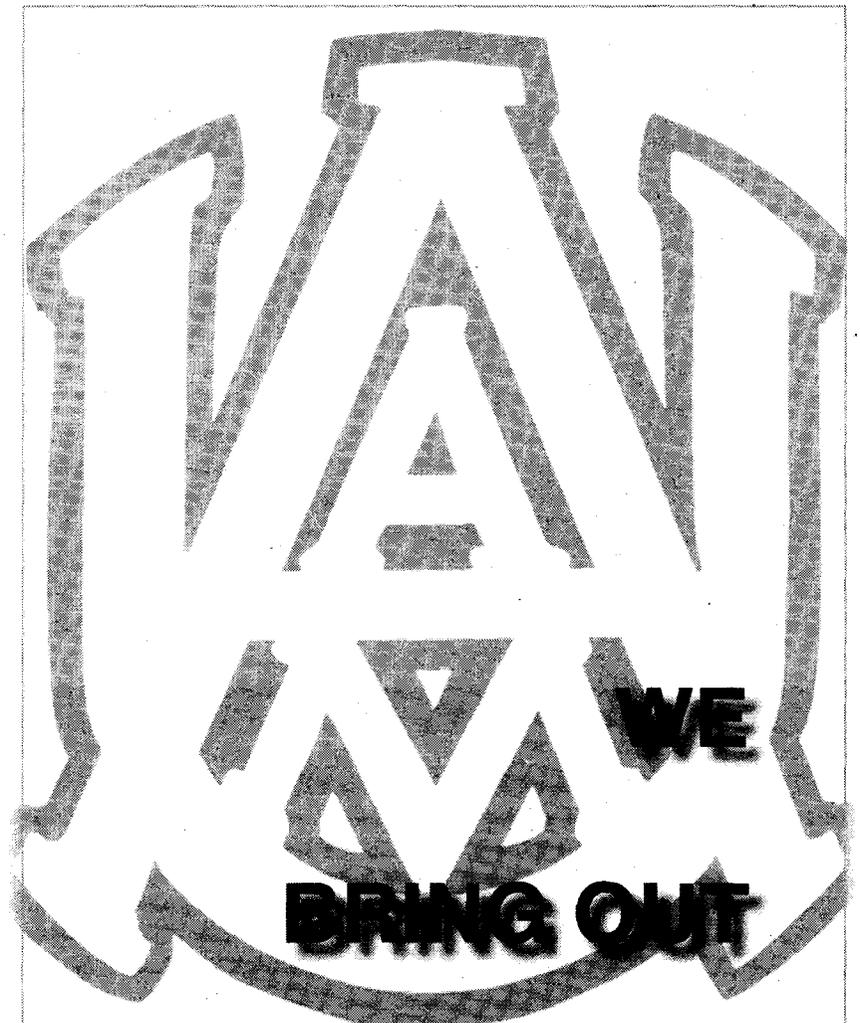


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■ Fallen soldier gets hero's welcome

Hero

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he was a man who was filled with love — love for his family, love for God, and finally love for his comrades.”

And it was that love that led him to make the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life so his soldiers could live. While what happened that day in the jungles of Laos is not clear, this much is documented: While wounded and under intense fire, Laney provided cover fire while his soldiers were picked up by a second rescue helicopter after the first was shot down. He then signaled the helicopter to take off without him in order to save the men inside.

He was never seen alive again.

“His young children hardly had the chance to know him,” Siegelman said. “Today we join with his family for a spiritual closure of 33 years of wondering and grieving.”

Laney’s remains were positively identified through DNA technology after Laos officials came across a mass grave earlier in the summer.

“As Alabamians we will never for-

get this husband, this father, this proud member of the U.S. armed forces and other MIAs who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country,” Siegelman said.

After a 21 gun salute, the traditional playing of Taps, and the presentation of a MIA-POW flag to Mrs. Laney and her family, Laney’s remains were carried in a special motorcade onto Redstone Arsenal and through an “honor corridor” made up of servicemembers, veterans and civilians.

Hundreds lined the roads of the Arsenal, many civilians and veterans waving U.S. flags, and servicemembers standing at attention and saluting as Laney’s remains passed by.

“The Welcome Home to Rest” ceremony continued Saturday with a 2 p.m. burial service at New Home Baptist Church in Houston, Ala. Members of the 5th Special Forces, Fort Campbell, Ky., were on hand to render honors.

“He’s finally at rest, not far from where his life began in 1939,” Siegelman said.

And for many others in attendance, they too finally laid their loved one to rest with Laney.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

FINALLY HOME-- The remains of Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney are lifted out of a hearse by several representatives of local veteran organizations. Veterans, servicemembers from all the armed forces, family, friends, and people from the community attended to receive his remains and to give Laney a final hero's welcome.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

IN REMEMBRANCE-- Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney was reported missing in action during the Vietnam War. Some 33 years later, his remains were positively identified and brought home to rest in a special ceremony attended by his family, friends and members of the community.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

RENDERING HONORS-- SFC Allen Hayes, a drill sergeant with B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, renders a salute to Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney, during Laney's "Welcome Home to Rest" ceremony held at the airport.

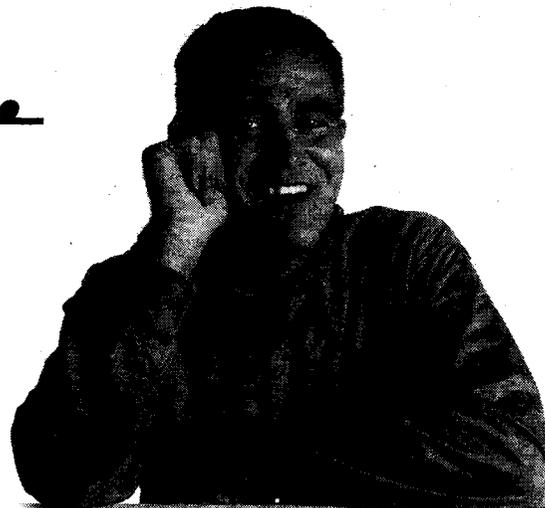
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Sports & Recreation

Golf benefit

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers (ASMC) will sponsor a benefit Golf Tournament, Friday at 11 a.m. at the Redstone Golf Course. The tournament will be a modified shotgun start with four player team scramble. Entry fee is \$5. Prizes will be given for first and second place winners, plus closest to the pin and longest drive. Proceeds will go to the American Heart Association and the Diabetes Foundation in memory of Pepper Takayama. Sign up by calling Jackie Shaw 876-8932, April Brooks 842-6944 or Kay Patton 876-3480.

Bass tournament

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America will have its fall bass tournament Oct. 28 at Covenant Cove Lodge and Marina in Guntersville. Registration cutoff is Oct. 23. Entry fee is \$25 per boat and \$5 per boat for big bass pot. For more information, call Bob Vlasics 837-0005 or Tom Geoffroy 313-0747.

Hunter safety orientation

Interested in hunting on Redstone Arsenal? Then call today for information on the mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation. This orientation must be completed annually by all persons hunting on Redstone Arsenal, including guests. Hunter Safety Orientation will be held at the Recreation Center, building 3711 from 4:30-6 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. The orientation is also available at all Learning Resource Centers; call ahead to ensure availability of computer terminals. First-time hunters or those who have not participated in the RSA hunting program within the past two years should attend one of the aforementioned Hunter Safety Orientation dates. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868 or 876-6854, open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Golf tournament

Computer Sciences Corporation will sponsor an open-invitation, four-person team golf scramble Oct. 20 at Redstone Golf Course to benefit the Madison County Association of Retarded Citizens. The tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun-start. Everyone is invited to contribute or participate in the tournament. You can bring your own team, or you can be placed on a team in accordance with your handicap or average score. Team prizes will be awarded for first to fifth place teams, with a special prize for the one team that "didn't bring their 'A'-game that day." To register or learn more about the ARC Golf Benefit, call Andy Drummond 544-8184, Bob Rieger 544-0247 or Lana Cowan 544-8195. Registration forms are available at all Huntsville area golf shops and the Redstone Golf Course.

Hockey trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is going to have a bus trip to Nashville Jan. 21 to see the Nashville Predators versus St. Louis Blues 4 p.m. hockey game. If interested call Roy Longino 313-4533 or Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-3395. Cost for bus and tickets are as follows: upper bowl locations, \$30 and lower bowl locations, \$50. There will be two pickup locations, one at Redstone Arsenal and the other one further north.

Tornado hockey

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling tickets for the Huntsville Tornado versus Indianapolis hockey game scheduled Oct. 27 at 7:35 p.m. at the Von Braun Center arena. Box seat ticket cost is \$11 for the group rate (regularly \$14). Make checks payable to Huntsville Tornado. Call Chuck Petit 876-3117 by Oct. 19.



Miscellaneous

LOGSA workshop

The Logistics Support Activity will sponsor its Major Item Training Workshop, Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 in the Bob Jones Auditorium. Registration is \$40 by check or

money order payable to DFAS-St. Louis. No cash please. To register, visit the LOGSA homepage located at: www.logsarmy.mil. For more information, call Cynthia McCollum 313-2487 or Karen Workman 313-2486.

Financial assistance training

Financial assistance training will be held 9-11 a.m. Oct. 24 at Army Community Service, building 3491. This will include classes on planning and budgeting, and banking and checking accounts. Register by 4:30 p.m. Oct. 19 by calling 876-5397. Free child care is provided at the Child Development Center; bring child's shot record.

Logistics achievement award

The 2000 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon/ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Oct 18 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. The following individuals have been nominated for this award: Lisha Adams, Land Combat Directorate, IMMC (PEO Tactical Missiles); Amy Barnett, Land Combat Directorate (CCAWS); George Collier, Land Combat Directorate, IMMC (Javelin); Wilfred Eberhart, Aviation Systems Directorate, IMMC; Eugenia Gaught, Land Combat Directorate, IMMC (ATACMS/Bat); Tom Geoffroy, Readiness Directorate, IMMC (PEO Aviation); Michael Hartwell, Air Defense Missile Directorate, IMMC; Carlos Kingston, Land Combat Directorate, IMMC (MLRS); John Kleyer, Business Management Directorate, IMMC; Alan McCandless, Aviation Systems Directorate, IMMC; Lowell Morgan, Readiness Directorate, IMMC; Carlos Rivera, Readiness Directorate, IMMC; and Joyce Scharf, Logistics Support Directorate, IMMC. The nominees will be recognized during the ceremony and Ernest A. Young, retired deputy to the commanding general, will announce the winner of the 2000 award. Tickets for the event are \$9.50 each and are available from the following: Anne Hughes, IMMC, 876-1757; Sandra Dargin, IMMC, 313-1066; Joan Holt, IMMC, 313-1081; Diane White, IMMC, 876-3393; Jan Pickard, IMMC,

842-7849; Carol Howard, IMMC, 876-9490; Patricia Blackman, IMMC, 842-8101; Pam Coyner, IMMC, 313-1641; Romona Rice, IMMC, 313-1641; Tracy Christopher, ATACMS, 876-8389; Susan Bagby, CCAWS, 876-4500; Jenny Koerner, PEO TM, 842-2395; Velma Evans, MLRS, 876-3779; and Charlotte Clemons, Javelin, 876-1932. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Anne Hughes 876-1757.

AMCOM town hall

The AMCOM Quarterly Town Hall Meeting, with Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander, will be held 9 a.m. Oct. 24 in the Bob Jones Auditorium. The meeting will be broadcast on Team Redstone television Channel 42. The meeting will also be videotaped and rebroadcast on Channel 42. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in section 7 of the auditorium.

Children's services

The Redstone Arsenal Child and Youth Services announces its participation in the USDA Child Care Food Program. Balanced and nutritious meals will be available at no separate charge to all enrolled persons at the Child Development Center and School Age Services and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. If you believe you or anyone has been discriminated against write immediately to Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, 30101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Va., 22302. For more information, call Gena Wade 313-3701.

Master's degree program

Nova Southeastern University will hold a registration meeting for its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. Oct. 19 at Calhoun Community College, conference room/ front entrance, 102 Wynn Drive. For more information, call 800-672-7223, ext. 5039.

Vietnam wall

The traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in downtown Huntsville in Big Spring. See Announcements on page 21

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Sunday brunch

Sunday Champagne Brunch will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Enjoy a variety of breakfast items, plus Steamship Round, peel and eat shrimp, beef and chicken entrees and more. All guests over 21 will receive a complimentary glass of champagne! Tickets are \$14.95 per person. Cost for ages 7-12 is \$7.95; it's free for children 6 and under. For more information, call 830-CLUB.

Alcoholics anonymous

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

Holiday charity sale

The United Way Youth Leaders Council and McRae's (Madison Square and Parkway City Malls) will hold its sixth annual Holiday Charity Sale, Nov. 18 from 6-10 a.m. This fund-raising event is an opportunity for area non-profits, athletic associations, band/choral programs, clubs, churches, PTSA programs, schools or other organizations to raise the money needed for special projects and activities. Tickets are \$5 each and your organization earns 80 percent profit (\$4 per ticket you sell). For more information, call Linda or Amanda at United Way 536-0745, ext. 118.

Family team building

Upcoming classes for Army Family Team Building include the following: "Turning Holiday Hell to Holiday Heaven," learn fun and creative ways to beat holiday stress and conflict, Oct. 24 from 6-9 p.m. or Nov. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; "Introduction to Army Life," learn all about military terms, acronyms, customs and courtesies, introduction to the chain of command, chain of concern, military and civilian resources, benefits and entitlements, family and military expectations, impact of unit mission and family life, and beginning problem solving, Nov. 7-9 from 6-9 p.m. Classes are held at Army Community Service, building 3491. These classes are fun and informative, so bring a friend. Child care is provided, so call today 876-5397 to register.

Food vouchers program

Assessment for military families' eligibil-

ity in the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program will be held Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 at the New Parent Support Program Playhouse, 1220-B Lacrosse. Appointments may be made by calling Army Community Service 876-5397. Appointments are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Appointments will be available from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. WIC offers food vouchers to families that meet financial and situational requirements. Eligibility includes pregnant women, breastfeeding women, women with newborns and families with an infant or child under 5 years old.

Artillery association

The Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association (ADAA) is sponsoring its annual St. Barbara Dinner Dance saluting the Air Defense Artillery branch Oct. 28 at the Huntsville Hilton. Scheduled speaker and guest of honor is Brig. Gen. Stan Green, commander of the Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Texas. For more information call the chapter secretary 922-1680, ext. 2855.

Public speaking workshop

A workshop on public speaking, sponsored by Mason-Dixon Toastmasters, will be held 6-7:45 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Eleanor Murphy Public Library, 7910 Charlotte Drive. The \$30 cost includes Toastmaster International membership. To sign up call Nancy 883-7563.

Marine birthday ball

Members of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines invite you to the Marine Corps 225th Birthday Ball at 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Huntsville Marriott. For tickets (\$25), call SSgt. Gregory Hearn at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center on South Memorial Parkway 876-8963/8964. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 20.

Breakfast meeting

The Madison County Republican Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting at 8 a.m. Oct. 21 in the auditorium of the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Scheduled speakers include local Republican candidates and Lt. Gov. Steve Windom. The local candidates include Bud Nash, Richard McAdams, Harold Green Sr., Marilyn Kavanaugh, Diane Huffman and Michael Seibert. Dress is casual. The cost is \$5 which includes breakfast. For more information, call Melba Peters 859-3186.

Bird fair

The Rocket City Cage Bird Club's annual "Eggzotic Bird Fair" will be held Oct. 28-29 at the Jaycee Building on Airport Road. Times are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 28, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 29. For more information, call June Hendrix 776-2992 or Kathy Lamson 881-7227. There will be birds, cages, toys and more. Proceeds will help Avian research, species preservation and education charities.

Communicators

Universal Communicators will meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at building 5301, room 1148. Learn to speak before two or 2,000. For more information, call Eddi Boone 876-9688.

Resource managers

American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Wayne Patty, CFC coordinator. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Lisa White 955-6806.

Retired officers

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

Logistics engineers

The International Society of Logistics (SOLE) will feature a presentation of the Joint Total Asset Visibility (JATV) Program at its October luncheon. Col. Steven J. Frazier, director of the JATV Office within the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, Logistics, will describe the global fielding of JATV within the Unified Command, and its National Level Ammunition Capability. Frazier will also provide a sneak preview of the DLA Integrated Data Environment. Join the SOLE members for lunch and learn about more about how applied information technology is changing the future of logistics. The luncheon is Oct. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Madison Square Holiday Inn. The cost is \$10.50. Make reservations by noon Friday by calling Priscilla Caraway-Vinson, recording secretary, 313-2121, Emma Louise Cooper, vice chairman-administration, 955-9715, or Jim Schaaf, vice president-publicity, 830-3827.

IMMC Christmas party

The 2000 IMMC Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 7 at the Officers and Civilians Club ballroom, starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (\$12 after Nov. 30). For more information, call Jan Pickard 842-7832 or Vanesa Adair 876-3394.

Community jobs

Interested in joining the Redstone Arsenal MWR Team? Come by the Non-appropriated Fund Personnel Office, in building 3197, just outside gate 8 on the corner of Goss and Patton Roads. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Non-appropriated Fund Personnel Office accepts applications for the following positions on a continuing basis: food service worker, waiter/waitress, cashier checker, custodial worker, and bartender. Applications are accepted for other positions as they are announced. These positions are located at various activities such as the Redstone Golf Course, Offi-

cers' and Civilians' Club, Child Development Center, Youth Center, Flying Activity and other Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities on Redstone Arsenal. For more information or to inquire about job vacancies, call 876-7772 or 876-2496.

F&A/DFAS reunion

The annual F&A/DFAS reunion will be held Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. until, at the Rustic Lodge. Lunch will be catered at the cost of \$10 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Jeanetta White 830-5340, Debbie O'Neal 842-7973, Doris Hill 883-0648 or Dot Jenkins 881-8934. The deadline for reservations and payment is Oct. 20.

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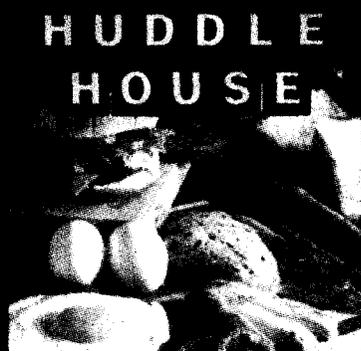
Members of the Redstone Thrift Shop are enjoying their new home in building 3209 on Hercules Road and are constantly looking at ways to improve. Effective Oct. 5, the shop is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursdays on a trial basis for your shopping convenience. Other shop hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. Shopping is open to the general public, too. Oct. 27 is the last day for accepting Halloween items; and Nov. 17 is the last day for accepting Thanksgiving items. The shop will begin accepting Christmas items Nov. 1. The shop will be closed the week of Thanksgiving and for the Christmas holidays from Dec. 15-29. The shop is always seeking donations of clothing, household items, toys, books, tools, furniture and most anything around your house. Proceeds from your donations are tax deductible and go to help the Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville communities. The shop also features a consignment service Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you have considered consigning, but are unsure about how, call 881-6992 and ask management for the procedures. Don't forget that volunteering at the Thrift Shop can be enjoyable and rewarding, too.

Women accountants

The American Society of Women Accountants will hold "Public Relations Night," Monday at the Tom Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Dr. Mary Spann, of Alabama Technology Network at UAH, is scheduled speaker. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. Cost is \$17. For reservations call 830-0377 by noon Thursday.

Genealogical society

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Main Library. Debbie Smith, a consultant for Creative Memories, is to present a program on preserving family photos and other historical memorabilia. For more information, call Jim Harrison 882-8655.



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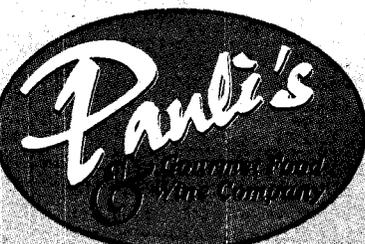
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