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Missile school adjusts to increased student workload

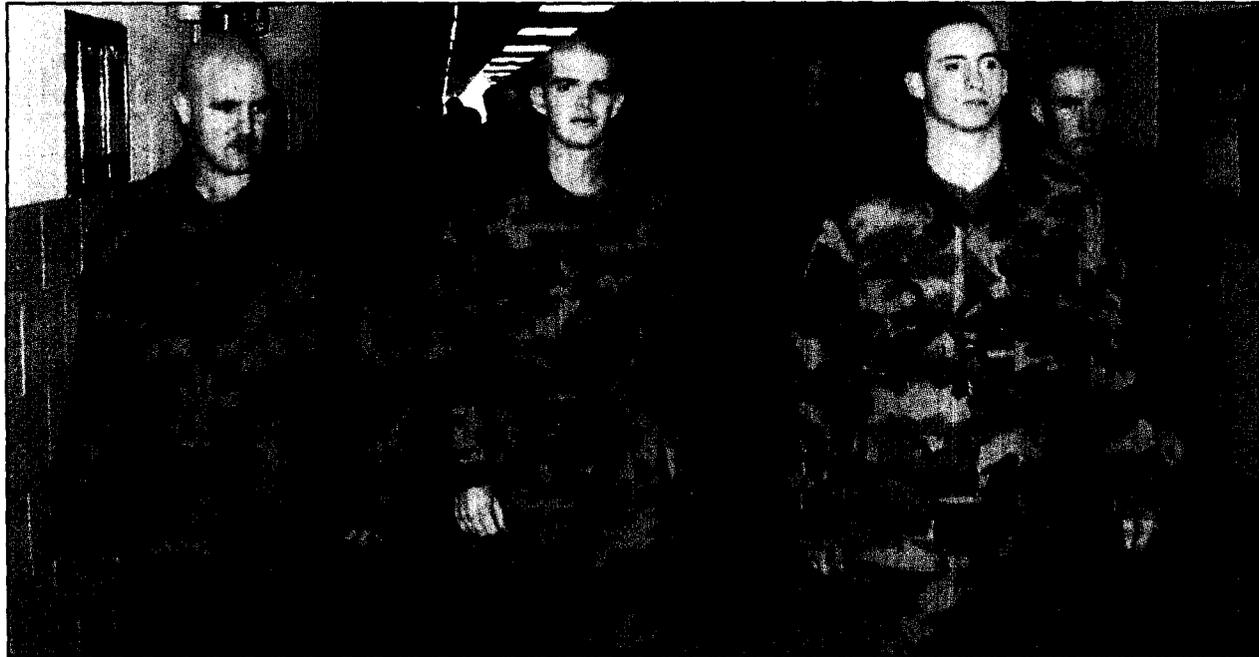


Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

CROWDED HALLS— Soldiers fill the hallway at Toftoy Hall during their break. The number of initial entry training students on the Arsenal is rising and will continue to grow into the summer.

Many more soldiers arrive for training

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

They are marching in the streets; they are at the Post Exchange; they are standing in line at the barbershop; and the hallways and classrooms at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School are packed.

The Arsenal is overflowing with Initial Entry Training soldiers.

"This time last year we had 468 students," Col. John Wright, commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "We are up significantly in the number of students this year." As of Nov. 1, the count was up to 787; and they are still coming in by the busloads.

The rise in the number of students began in early September and will continue until the early summer.

"The Army has finally met its recruiting goals," 1st Sgt. Thomas Lettis, first sergeant of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. And a lot of it has to do with the

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Drug testing program expands for civilian workers

Safety, security are focus for new DoD directive

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Drug testing. It's a fact of life for some civilian employees; and the numbers are about to increase.

A Department of Defense directive handed down last year calls for an expansion of the Army's Drug-free Federal Workplace Drug Testing Program which will affect an additional 1,400 employees locally.

"We knew it was coming," Ruby Turner, installation alcohol and drug control officer, said. "And we don't have a choice. It's not up for grabs. This is not AMCOM, it's not AMC, this is DoD. They chose the positions to be tested. It's already happening at other installations and we're getting ready for it here."

Drug testing civilians is not new. The

federal program began in 1986 with a limited number of civilian Testing Designated Positions. Currently about 125 civilians are tested. They include guards, pilots and personnel working at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Office.

The 1,400 new TDPs are drawn from a pool of federal agencies including Redstone Arsenal, the Space and Missile Defense Command and the Corps of Engineers.

"We have a lot of people with top secret clearances and people with access to compartmentalized information that will be added through this directive," Turner said. "The Army looked across the board and then chose positions that could be a hazard to safety. It isn't about trapping people, it's about helping people."

Newcomers to the program will be tested in the same manner as other civilians in the program, with the utmost care taken to ensure that specimens are properly labeled

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

SECURE RESULTS— Paula Hagy, installation biochemical test coordinator, explains the chain of custody form before drug testing.

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Automotive skills manager remembered

Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Redstone Arsenal as a whole are saddened by the terrible loss of one of MWR's best and brightest young managers, Mark Poole, who passed away on Nov. 1 while on vacation in Las Vegas. Mark was 40 years old.

Mark was the manager of the Redstone Arsenal Auto Skills Center, located on Entac Circle. His love for the military and mechanics began when he joined the Navy and worked on the U.S.S. Nimitz.

Mark started at the Auto Skills Center in 1985 as a training instructor and was promoted to manager in 1990. Mark believed strongly in giving soldiers a better quality of life. He was instrumental in many auto skills initiatives including building a new spray paint booth, installing tool boxes in every automotive bay, obtaining computerized diagnostic equipment, and his most recent undertaking, a car wash on Redstone Arsenal.

His warm personality and quick wit made him a friend to many. Mark would help anyone who had a vehicle problem, and he was more than eager to talk about cars and motorcycles especially Harleys. He always gave more than he was asked. Mark excelled in the center because he loved people and he loved his work.

In February 1998, Mark married the former Debbie Warren. Together they were designing their future home and lives.

Mark was a true professional who dearly loved his business—which was taking care of his customers. His talent in automotive skills plus his energy, enthusiasm, and cheerful personality will be sorely missed by Redstone Arsenal. He was not only a dedicated professional but a friend to us all.

Mark, we miss you.

Directorate of Community and Family Activities

IMMC volunteers sponsoring Christmas angels program

For many years the Salvation Army has sponsored the SOS Christmas Angel program. The Integrated Materiel Management Center has participated for the past 10 years.

It was the vision of Margot Sheaffer that she along with other members of the IMMC help to get the Angels adopted. Sheaffer has since retired but her legacy, of seeing that a child has a memorable Christmas, goes on.

"The IMMC happily participates, on a voluntary basis, with the SA SOS Christmas Angel program," a prepared release said. "We invite everyone to participate in our 11th year of the SOS Christmas Angel Community Service Project.

"We suggest that five individuals adopt a child together. One person should act as the team leader and contact one of the following volunteers: Barbara Calloway, phone 313-1637, building 5309; Charlotte Rutherford, 313-1396, 5309; Vanessa Adair, 876-3394, 5302; Terry Russell, 842-9369, 5309; T.J. Longoria, 876-6869, 5301; Nadine Manderson, 876-4812, 5302; Belinda Leak, 876-4381, 5302; and Judy Rodriguez, 876-1155, 5302."

Be prepared to give the number of Angels to be adopted, the team leader's name, work station, telephone and building number.

Gift turn-in is Dec. 13, from 7-10 a.m., at building 5309, first floor, room 9123.

Redstone Rocket has holiday break

The Redstone Rocket staff will celebrate the holidays by taking a two-week break Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Our last issue of

the year is Dec. 20 and our first issue of the new year is Jan. 10. We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Thanks to holiday food drive participants

The soldiers of AMCOM wish to extend a warm thank you to the following AMCOM activities who participated in HHC AMCOM's second annual Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive: PEO Aviation, PEO Tactical Missile, MSIC, IMMC, LOGSA, MOB/MUN Division, Military Police

Station, and Commissary.

From your generous donations and contributions, 13 deserving soldiers and their families were able to joyously celebrate the holiday. Again, thank you all for your overwhelming generosity.

SFC Vernon Holmes

Better hurry to buy tickets for Our Holiday Party

Reservation deadline close of business today

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

The Team Redstone community is reminded that today is the last opportunity to buy tickets for the Holiday Party. "Our Party" will be held Friday evening

at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets must be purchased by the close of business today, so call now.

For ticket and reservation information, call Mike Chemsak at 876-2315 or Lucretia Townsend 955-6925. Tickets are \$20 per person. The price includes a meal, gratuity and entertainment. And according to unsubstantiated rumors, a surprise

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Photo by Jim Bowne

READY FOR PARTY— Gail Scott, left, and Brenda Reed inspect their ribbon tying skills as they help tie candy canes that will decorate the tables at "Our Party." Scott is a secretary with the Resource Management Directorate while Reed is an employee development specialist in the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center. Both are serving on this year's Holiday Party Working Committee.

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No proof of insurance, no visitor pass



Photo by Beth Skarupa

JUST CHECKING— Guard John Franks fills out a visitor's pass for a vehicle entering the Arsenal at Gate 9 last week. Starting Jan. 1, visitors will be required to provide proof of insurance before being issued a pass.

Arsenal visitors must maintain liability insurance on vehicles

By **BETH SKARUPA**
Staff writer

More than 3,000 visitors per week pass through the gates of the Arsenal, but the new year will bring a new policy that may cause the guards to turn some of those visitors away. Starting Jan. 1, drivers will have to show proof of insurance before being issued a visitor's pass.

The new policy is in accordance with the Mandatory Liability Insurance Act approved by Gov. Don Siegelman in May. Effective June 1, 2000, Alabamians have been required not only to maintain liability insurance on their vehicles, but to carry proof of their insurance within their vehicles and provide this proof to any law enforcement officer on demand.

Although Redstone Arsenal law enforcement personnel have been enforcing the requirements of the law since it came into effect, visitors have not been routinely asked for proof of insurance at the Arsenal gates.

"The commander (of the installation) does have the authority to deny the privilege of driving on post and could do so if a driver is unable to provide proof of

insurance," Capt. Andrew Sinn, a legal officer in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said.

The law states that no person shall operate, register or maintain registration of, or permit another to operate, register or maintain registration of, a motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy. The law does not apply to vehicles that are properly registered in another state and are not legally required to be registered pursuant to Alabama law.

Evidence of current liability insurance coverage must be kept within the vehicle at all times. The evidence may include, but is not limited to, the following: (a) An insurance card, or temporary card, provided by the insurer; (b) The combination of proof of purchase of the motor vehicle within the previous 60 calendar days and a current and valid insurance card issued for the motor vehicle replaced by such purchase; (c) The current declarations page of a liability insurance policy; (d) A liability insurance binder (or legible copy), certificate of liability insurance (or legible copy), or receipt for payment to an insurer or its authorized representative for a liability insurance premium (or legible copy).

The documents referred to in (d) must contain all of the following information:

(1) insurance provider's name; (2) policy number (not required on a binder or premium receipt); (3) effective date; (4) expiration date; (5) name of insured(s); (6) make, model, year and vehicle identification number of the vehicle; (7) date of premium payment (required only on premium receipt); and (8) signature of authorized insurance representative.

"If you have a rental car, you can show the rental papers," Maj. Dave Dunn, provost marshal, said. "The rental car papers should suffice."

If a person is unable to display proof of insurance at a gate checkpoint, their Alabama registration may be suspended. In addition, they may be charged with a misdemeanor and, if convicted, may be fined and/or have their driver's license suspended. Any person failing to provide proof of insurance may be issued a citation.

Drivers requesting visitor passes can expect to be asked for proof of insurance at the Arsenal gates beginning in January. If unable to provide proof, not only will they not be allowed to drive on the Arsenal, but they may be issued a citation. Visitors need to be aware of this change.

"You are assumed to have knowledge of the law," Sinn said. "Ignorance is not a defense."

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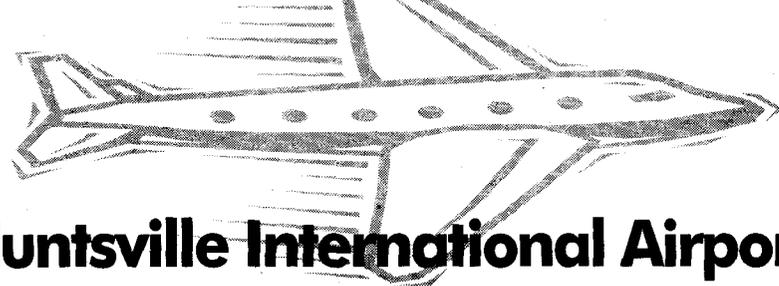
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Soldiers getting ready for annual Exodus leave

Students depart for holidays by buses, planes and cars

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

More than just Santa and his elves are busy this month. Members of the chain of command throughout the 832nd Ordnance Battalion are just as busy ensuring that 800 initial entry training students get home for the holidays.

"(During the holidays) everything shuts down," Lt. Col. John Wright, 832nd Ordnance Battalion commander, said. The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will be closed from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this down time to spend time with families and friends during the holidays.

"Our mission is to identify all personnel who are leaving and help them with the details," Wright said.

But getting 800-plus soldiers home for the holidays is no easy feat. Soldiers need to buy tickets, lockers need to be banned, and travel plans need to be finalized.

And those traveling by car who are going more than 500 miles must have a risk assessment and a sleep/rest plan approved by their company commander,

Wright said.

An Exodus Operation Center will open on Dec. 20 in the training areas to assist IET soldiers with getting to the airport and bus terminals on time.

By Dec. 15, everyone who is going home should have his or her travel arrangements made, said SFC Luis Ortiz, NCO-in-charge of training at the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. His shop is coordinating the buses that will carry the soldiers to the airport or bus terminal.

"The majority are going by plane," Wright said. "Some are taking a bus, others are going in personally owned vehicles."

By coordinating with an operation center, hopefully soldiers will make their transition to Exodus leave as smooth as possible.

"We are here to support them," Ortiz said. "If something goes wrong, there will be an NCO or drill sergeant there to help them out."

"There will be personnel located here at the Arsenal as well as at the airport," Wright said. "We will help them get checked in, their luggage checked and get them on the planes."

By noon Dec. 20, about 80 percent of the soldiers will be gone. After 1 p.m., everyone who is departing should be

gone. Only a handful will be left behind.

"For those soldiers left behind there will be activities planned for them," Wright said. Trips for shopping, movies, etc., are in the works. Also soldiers will be able to have Christmas dinner with local families.

"Lots of families want to sponsor a soldier for the holidays," Wright said.

Everyone is scheduled to return Jan. 3. "On the fourth there will be a shake-down," Wright said. "IET soldiers will

turn in their civilian clothes if they aren't authorized to have them. They will also have the opportunity to clean up their wall lockers, get haircuts, and get their uniforms and boots ready for school."

Class will resume Jan. 5.

And as always during the winter holidays safety, suicide awareness and prevention are emphasized.

"Be safe, watch out for your buddy, come back alive and have a good Exodus leave," Wright said.

Reservations due for Holiday Party

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or two may be on tap for partygoers! The host for this year's holiday extravaganza is the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring the band.

Tickets may be charged against a major credit card or your Redstone Club account. Tables may be reserved in advance for groups who wish to sit together.

Last year the club was filled to near capacity; and with a live band scheduled to provide the music this year, a capacity

crowd is expected.

Our Party begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner is at 7:05. The Blue Flames Band will provide music to dance to from 8 until midnight.

Dinner includes charbroiled filet mignon and Chicken Eugene with a garnish of crabapple on a bed of kale. The menu also includes a tossed green salad, green beans almondine, rolls and butter, as well as coffee and iced tea. Assorted fruit trifles will be served for dessert.

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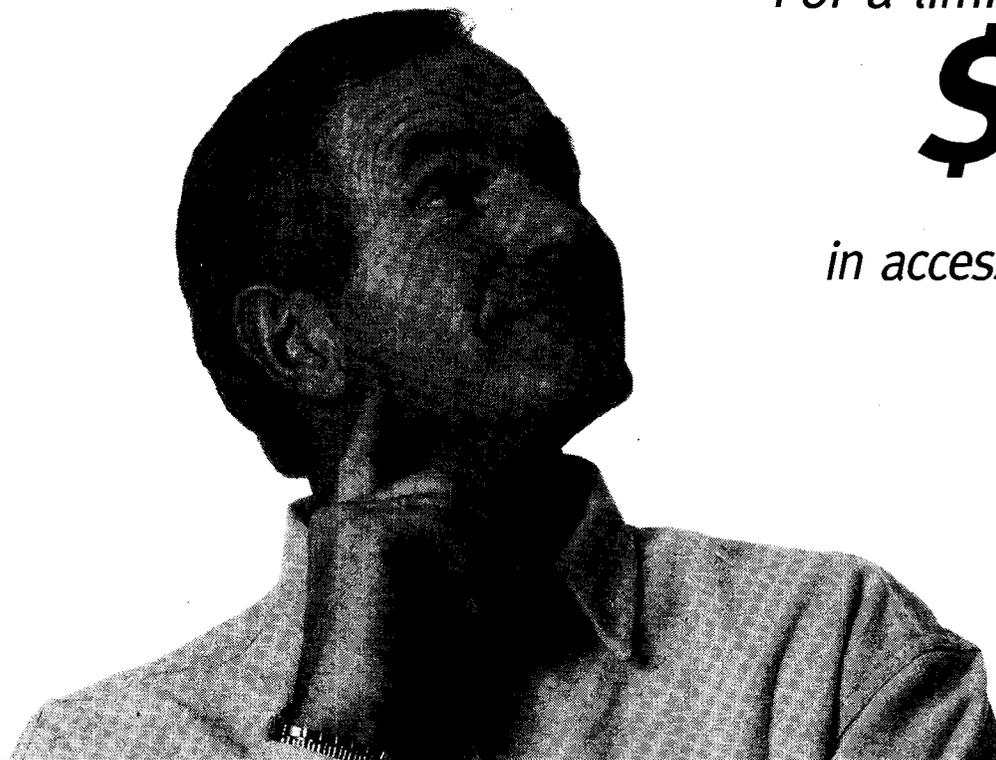
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Army creating corridor for aviation excellence

Concept addressed at local conference

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

The American Helicopter Society held an Emerging Army Aviation Corridor of Excellence Conference Nov. 8-9 at the Huntsville Hilton Hotel. The AACE is directed to enhance the Army's ability to meet the critical skills and facilities required to support the life cycle of its aviation systems.

"This was the first conference sponsored by the Redstone Chapter of the AHS, which focused on a very important emerging concept," David Weller, director of the Advanced Systems Directorate for Research Development and Engineering Center, and senior vice president of the Redstone AHS Chapter, said. "Interest was high as indicated by over 200 registrants to include around 60 from out of town. It was a clear message that we need to plan another conference to maintain the dialogue between government and our industry."

"The concept of the AACE is to organize a critical mass of Army aviation related agencies, activities and expertise in a geographic corridor running from Ten-

nessee, south through Alabama to the Florida Panhandle," Norb Patla, AHS Redstone Chapter vice president for programs, said. "The AACE is projected to create a substantial cost avoidance for the Army through cross-service interdependence and shared visions on capital investments and technical, specifically rotary wing, personnel development."

During its growth, the AACE hopes to achieve an academic view that will support both short and long-range professional vertical flight engineering development throughout the corridor's boundaries.

The conference provided a public forum for discussions of the corridor concept, and the organizational and operational approaches critical to its success. Potential capital improvement opportunities and integration of capabilities across the corridor were addressed by commanding generals and executive directors of federal agencies throughout the AACE.

Government presentations included: Aviation Virtual Proving Ground Concept by the Aviation Technical Test Center; Army Aviation Life Cycle Engineering Training Center and Propulsion Life Cycle Engineering by the Research Development and Engineering Center; Integrated Army Manned/Unmanned Aircraft Operations by the Air Maneuver Battle Lab at

Fort Rucker; UH-60 Integrated Cockpit Development and Qualification Support by Software Engineering Directorate; and capabilities presentations by each of the specific corridors participating government agencies including Arnold Engineering Center at Tullahoma and the Weapons Test Facilities at Eglin Air Force Base.

Presentations by senior members from the Developmental Test Command highlighted the capabilities at Redstone Technical Test Center, the Aviation Technical Test Center and Yuma Proving Ground.

"A panel of industry leaders from the helicopter and engine original equipment manufacturers discussed their concerns and issues with the corridor concept, and how they might expect to participate and work within its boundaries," Weller said. "Potential investments by the prime helicopter manufacturers and government agencies within the corridor, as well as the organizational and operational approach-

es to assure maximum participation by the primes and other support contracts was also discussed."

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, provided the closing remarks. Sullivan told the attendees an executive steering group headed by a Senior Executive Service member would be formed. The steering group would potentially include representatives of all participating government agencies, helicopter prime and support contractors, potential participating state governments, and academia. It would provide the guidance and direction necessary to fulfill the concept's vision.

"We expect a follow-on conference within the next six to 12 months to further measure milestone progress on finalizing the corridor concept," Patla said. "Also we hope to solicit tri-state congressional support and funding in support of identified initiatives."



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AVIATION ANSWERS— Paul Bogosian, deputy aviation program executive officer, takes questions from the audience after his presentation at the Aviation Corridor of Excellence Conference. Looking on are Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, AMCOM commander, and Maj. Gen. Tony Jones, right, of the Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker.

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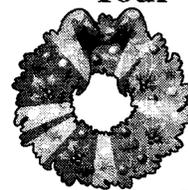
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Hazardous materials technicians hone emergency skills by drill

Marshall, Redstone Fire Department respond to chemical spill scenario

By DEBRA VALINE
Marshall Space Flight Center

Early on the morning of Nov. 16, personnel arriving for work at the Redstone Airfield off Rideout Road noticed two leaking drums on the back of a truck. They immediately notified Redstone Arsenal and Marshall officials of an environmental spill through the Center's and Redstone's 911 system.

This scenario could easily be real, but it was not. In this case, it was a simulation — designed for the two emergency response agencies to practice procedures they would use if an actual emergency occurred. The exercise also served as a final exam for hazardous materials (HazMat) technicians attending a class taught by the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department.

Redstone's Fire and Emergency Services and Marshall emergency response personnel were notified of the incident and immediately reported to the airfield where they found an unknown substance spill. These individuals are trained to identify the substance and take corrective action.

Two hazardous materials scenarios were simulated during the daylong exercise. For each incident, proper personal protective equipment and decontamination solutions and requirements were selected to contain and



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DECONTAMINATION— Wearing protective gear, a member of the emergency response team is decontaminated during the hazardous materials exercise.

clean up the spill. Once the decontamination line was set up and the entry team was dressed in proper protective gear, the containers were capped, the spill cleaned up and the entry team was decontaminated.

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Depot experience impresses teen

LETTERKENNY RELEASE

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa.— Greencastle-Antrim School District in conjunction with the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce arranges for a "shadowing" experience for students each year. Nothing unusual there, but when chamber volunteer Jocelyne Askins tried to place her student with local industries, she had a challenge.

Andrew Miller is a teen-ager with some interesting career ideas. When asked what shadowing experience he wanted, he replied either nuclear physics or explosives demolition. Askins immediately called Letterkenny, and Miller got his wish.

Letterkenny Munitions Center agreed to host Miller and he spent Oct. 25 at the demolition grounds. Under the watchful eyes of Dave Kauffman, Mike Renzella and Ken Weikel, Miller learned some things that day about propellants and explosives, and the way they are neutralized.

"Nothing could compare," said Miller, the son of Donald and Alisa Miller of Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg. "It was the best shadowing experience possible."

The munitions center's mentors never had any doubts, but perhaps Miller was a little apprehensive when he arrived. At the end of the day, he announced, "I'm still alive."

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Cobra display dedicated in memory of Vietnam veterans

Army donates helicopter to American Legion post

By JACK LUNDY
For the Rocket

SACKETS HARBOR, N.Y.— American Legion Post 1757 sports a new memorial, a retired AH-1S Cobra aircraft right beside the Post's three new flagpoles.

The dedication ceremony Nov. 11 started with the arrival of the Scout/Attack product manager, Lt. Col. William Gavora, flying an AH-1F Cobra from nearby Fort Drum, escorted by an OH-58 Kiowa. On cue, the award winning Sackets Harbor High School Marching Band struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "O Canada" as U.S. and Canadian flags were hoisted. On the third pole, the flag for our POWs/MIAs was presented as a solo virtuoso trumpet played "Shenandoah" for those who remain "over there."

The AH-1S Cobra was "sworn in" as the Post's honored new monument to Vietnam veterans. In turn, Rep. John McHugh (R-N.Y.); the Sackets Harbor mayor, whose brother flew Medevac missions in Vietnam; Gavora; the leader of a Canadian Legion delegation; and, the Post commander spoke to the crowd. Virtually



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NEW MEMORIAL— A retired AH-1S Cobra is on permanent display at Sackets Harbor as a monument to Vietnam veterans.

the whole town of Sackets Harbor was on hand for the ceremony.

After the brief but moving ceremony, a gala luncheon was held, followed by a celebration lasting until early the following morning.

The successful presentation of this Cobra was the result of coordination and volunteer work by the Fort Drum Director of Logistics, contract personnel led by Walter Price, Lear Siegler Services Inc., and the sons of the American Legionnaires.

The PM provided the aircraft through the Title 10 Donation Program, in coordination with TACOM. Because of the expense of demilitarizing and destroying

these aircraft, donating them to organizations such as American Legion Post 1757 in Sackets Harbor could result in a net savings to the government of about \$35,000 per aircraft. Since 457 Cobras are scheduled for retirement within the next two years, donating them as monuments rather than destroying them may result in a savings of up to \$16 million on behalf of U.S. taxpayers.

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Chemical spill exercise serves as final exam

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"The day of the exercise was cold and rainy," said Cathy Miller of Marshall's Emergency Operations Center, "but emergencies can happen anytime and anyplace. This was an excellent demonstration of two agencies working together effectively."

As with any emergency — either real or simulated — there are lessons to be learned. It is through these exercises that emergency management personnel hone procedures before they are actually needed.

"Marshall holds emergency response exercises twice a year," said Daniel Crock, the emergency operations coordinator with EG&G. "We use the exercises to validate our procedures and emergency

response capabilities."

The exercises take two forms: either a tabletop exercise or a full mockup, Crock said. The organizations tested vary from exercise to exercise.

"This was the final exercise for our hazardous materials class," said Troy Vest, Redstone's assistant fire chief. "This was the first class we taught ourselves. We graduated 10 hazardous materials technicians — nine Redstone firefighters and one from Birmingham.

"The Marshall and Redstone emergency response teams worked very well together," Vest said. "Even with the rain, it didn't slow anything down. We have to work in all kinds of weather."

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Civilian retirement questions? Don't phone home

Army Benefits Center at Fort Riley provides counseling to employees

By **BETH SKARUPA**
Staff writer

There may be "no place like home," but when it comes to questions about retirement benefits, Thrift Savings Plans, civilian and military deposits, life insurance or health insurance, the best place to call is the Army Benefits Center at Fort Riley, Kan.

Retirement counseling is now between the employee and Fort Riley. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center here is no longer responsible for answering those kinds of

questions. As of Sept. 11, benefits are processed through the Army Benefits Center instead of CPAC, so CPAC support will be phased out entirely by mid-December.

A memorandum was sent out to the Redstone community before the transition and CPAC provided brochures to the organizations it services. Every employee should have received one, but CPAC continues to receive calls about retirement benefits.

"We get calls every day about retirement questions," Theresa Falcetano, a personnel management specialist from CPAC, said. "People used to come in all the time. We still receive phone calls, but not as many."

Falcetano directs those calls to the ABC toll free number 1-877-276-9287 or the number for the hearing

impaired 1-877-276-9833. Although she will answer questions when people have trouble getting through to ABC, CPAC is trying to get away from that. The ABC also can be accessed on the web at www.ABC.army.mil.

"It's a good system. There's a lot of good information out there to read if people take the time to go through it and read it," Falcetano said. "The center's available 21 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can speak to a counselor from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday."

Overall, feedback about the transition has been positive, but Falcetano did offer some words of advice. "I just spoke to a counselor at the ABC center. The first thing in the morning is when they're usually swamped, so it's better to call at a different time," she said.

Ground based radar prototype passes flight test

X-BAND RADAR PROJECT OFFICE RELEASE

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Army have successfully conducted a non-interceptor flight test of the Ground Based Radar - Prototype (GBR-P) at the Kwajalein Atoll.

The Sept. 28 test, identified as Radar Credible Target - 2 (RCT-2), was specifically designed to test the ability of an X-band radar to track and identify threat-like objects in a dense multi-target environment. Test data indicates that the GBR-P radar acquired, tracked, and correctly dis-

criminated all objects in the RCT-2 target suite.

The RCT-2 test was held in conjunction with a routine Air Force operational test involving the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., into the Kwajalein Missile Test Range in the central Pacific Ocean.

The RCT-2 target suite consisted of 20 objects, one object with radar characteristics of a Reentry Vehicle (RV) and other objects that were specifically chosen to emulate specific radar aspects of a RV.

The purpose of using these objects was to significantly stress the radar's ability to correctly identify the threat object among a cluster of other objects, and to increase the overall traffic loading on the radar.

The GBR-P radar has successfully participated in three previous NMD Integrated Flight Tests (IFT), and one previous Radar Credible Target Mission. IFT-3 was conducted Oct. 3, 1999 and was the first successful intercept of a strategic target by a hit-to-kill missile. IFT-4, which occurred Jan. 19, and IFT-5, which occurred July 7, were also intercept test

missions in which GBR-P provided critical, timely target information to the NMD Battle Manager. During the first RCT mission which occurred Aug. 20, 1999, the GBR-P was also tested with a target complex that had a stressing radar signature. During each mission the GBR-P radar performed well in tracking and identifying objects.

The GBR-P is a test bed for a NMD X-Band Radar, a large steerable phased array antenna that operates in the X-band frequency range. The GBR-P is being
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Small businesses bring in research funds

SBIR program specialist rewarded for her efforts

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Kathy Herring's hard work has paid off in more ways than one.

As program specialist for the Small Business Innovation Research program, she helped to bring in \$10.8 million last year and a projected \$10.5 million this year. On top of that, she was recognized for her unique contributions as a "Model of Excellence" for the SBIR program and presented with the prestigious Tibbetts Award.

"I'm extremely proud of Kathy. She is an important part of the team that has grown the SBIR program from less than \$1 million to well over \$15 million," Dr. Steven Smith, deputy director for the Advanced Systems Directorate and Herring's supervisor, said. "I frequently receive kudos from the engineers regarding her helpfulness, responsiveness and knowledge about the SBIR program."

The SBIR program at AMCOM enables small businesses with strong research and development capabilities to participate in solving scientific or engi-



Photo by Beth Skarupa

REWARDING EXCELLENCE— Kathy Herring was recognized for providing outstanding leadership as program specialist for the Small Business Innovation Research program at AMCOM. From left are Buddy Thomas, SBIR program coordinator; Dr. James Bradas, associate director for missile technology, Research Development and Engineering Center; Herring and Dr. Steven Smith, deputy director for the Advanced Systems Directorate.

neering problems that are defense related.

Each year Herring and Buddy Thomas, SBIR program coordinator, work together to bring in research and development money to investigate topics dealing with radar and infra-red technology, optics,

simulations and missile guidance.

First they request research topics from the engineers, then give the list of 40-50 topics they receive to Dr. James Bradas, associate director for missile technology at the Research Development and Engineering Center. He prioritizes the topics according to how they fit into AMCOM's mission now and in the future.

Each command is assigned a maximum number of topics that can be submitted to the Army Research Office in Washington, D.C. Last year, the maximum number for AMCOM was 18.

Once the topics are selected by ARO, contractors submit their proposals with solutions for meeting the research and development needs. Proposals corresponding to the topics submitted by AMCOM are given to Herring and Thomas for fur-

ther action, prioritization and evaluation. They then send those proposals that seem promising back up to ARO where they are combined with the proposals from all the other commands and prioritized. Last fiscal year, AMCOM won 17 awards.

Herring's enthusiasm for the program and her involvement in it shows when she tells what she likes best about her job. "I find it very interesting. The engineers I deal with come up with really interesting topics - very innovative ideas - to get the small businesses involved. Working in a research environment is different than working anywhere else at AMCOM," she said.

Herring has been working with the SBIR program since 1994. She is well aware of the importance of bringing in customer money when budget constraints make it difficult to obtain funding for research. She also sees small businesses benefiting because they can commercialize the technology once they develop it.

"It's very rewarding because of the technology and just for the fact that - there's something about getting money in, especially when it's so difficult to get funding now," Herring said. "We have an increasing amount of dollars we bring in every year. When you get so wrapped up working on a program like this, it's rewarding when it works out well every year and seems to get better every year."

The nomination selection process for a Tibbetts Award focuses primarily on the economic impact of technological innovations, business achievement and effective collaborations and proven, effective state and regional impact and support.

Herring and Smith attended the Tibbetts Awards ceremony at the Hotel Washington in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 3. A reception was held at the Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill.

■ Radar prototype on track in flight test

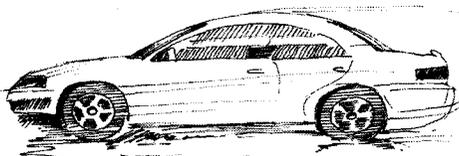
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used to develop and prove out X-band radar technology for use in the National Missile Defense architecture.

The NMD system is managed by the National Missile Defense Joint Program Office, BMDO in Washington, D.C. The X-band radar element of the

NMD system is executed by the X-Band Radar Project Office in Huntsville. Boeing North America is the prime contractor responsible for development of the National Missile Defense system and Raytheon Electronics Systems Company is the subcontractor responsible for the overall development and test of both the GBR-P and the X-band radars.



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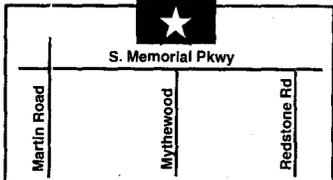
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Girl Scout cookie sales fund projects

Season busy for Girl Scouts

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you're not just indulging your craving for chocolate mint or peanut butter cookies — you're helping raise funds for the seller's Girl Scout troop to participate in activities and projects throughout the year.

"Each troop sets their own goal (for cookie sales) and bases it on what they want to participate in," Debbie Mitchell, a Girl Scout troop leader on the Arsenal, said. "For example my troop is planning a trip to Florida or Savannah for next summer, so our goal is higher this year than last year."

Mitchell and Teresa Bonilla share the title of service unit manager, meaning they are liaisons between the Girl Scouts of North Alabama council and troops on the Arsenal and in the surrounding area. They help set up new troops and advise troop leaders.

Currently, eight troops meet on the Arsenal on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Some of the troops are "flex troops," groups serving multi-age levels, such as Mitchell's troop which includes fourth- through 12th-graders and Bonil-



Photo by Beth Skarupa

WORKING TOGETHER— From left Girl Scouts Ariane Mitchell (in 11th-grade), Larissa McCaffery (sixth-grade), Gabrielle Mitchell (eighth-grade), Camille Forte (second-grade), Emmy Tedder (third-grade) and Katherine Tedder (fifth-grade) make "good deed counters" to keep track of the things they do to help others each day.

la's which includes kindergartners through ninth-graders. Other troops are single age level.

The Girl Scouts have different names for different age levels, each with their own distinct uniforms and age-appropriate activities. Girls in kindergarten are Daisies, those in first-third grade are

Brownies, fourth-sixth grade are Juniors, seventh-ninth grade are Cadets and 10th-12th grade are Seniors.

"On the Arsenal the majority of troops are flex because of sister situations. Here people come and go a lot and it's sometimes more convenient for families to have each of their children in the same troop," Mitchell said.

Although the troops on the Arsenal and surrounding areas are doing well this year, she said they are still looking for troop leaders. She has a list of names of girls who expressed an interest in Girl Scouts but were not placed in troops yet. Anyone interested in volunteering or any girls interested in joining a troop should call Mitchell at 883-9106.

Volunteers must fill out an application, go through an interview and provide three references. Training is provided to all leaders, beginning with an introduction to Girl Scouts and basic leadership training. Age-level specific training also is provided and outdoor leadership training is available for those leaders who want to take their troops camping.

"We had a couple of registration clinics at the beginning of the year and I think people thought if they didn't go to that, they couldn't be in Girl Scouts. Not so. We can take them any time," Mitchell said. "My goal is not to have any girls left on the waiting list. I want to get them all placed."

Registration is \$7 for one year and covers membership and insurance. Uniforms are not required, although partial uniforms are suggested so the girls have a place to put the badges they earn from participating in activities. The Girl Scout council does provide financial assistance to girls who qualify.

Although cookie sale orders were completed by the end of November, those who still want cookies can look for booths where Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the PX and the Commissary as well as area stores in January.

"Girl Scouts offers (girls) a lot. It's very good for their self-image because it encourages them to make their own decisions. They learn how to make decisions and it teaches them leadership skills," Mitchell said.

Both her daughters are involved in Girl Scouts. Gabrielle, a Cadet, is in eighth-grade and Ariane, a Senior Girl Scout, is in 11th-grade. Ariane has been in Girl Scouts ever since she was in first-grade. As a Senior, she serves as an assistant leader to a troop as well as participating in one.

"I have lots of friends (in Girl Scouts). We go camping a lot and you get to know people when you go on camping trips with them. When you just sit together at meetings you don't get to know each other as well. Also, teaching other girls is so rewarding, you just want to do it all the time," Ariane Mitchell said. "And then there's the cookies, that's always a plus."

"The first couple of years I was in Girl Scouts because my mom was in there and it was something I had in common with her. But now it's because it's just fun. I wouldn't have met one of my best friends, Stephanie, if it wasn't for Girl Scouts. It gives back, it really does. I know it sounds corny but it's true."

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incentives the Army is offering to get prospective inductees to join.

"For example, for 55-Bs there is a \$12,000 enlistment bonus," Lettis said. Couple that with the G.I. Bill and other education money and the Army is a hard offer to refuse, he said.

Although the large number of soldiers on the Arsenal overall is a positive thing, the increase has presented some challenges to the permanent party soldiers who are charged with getting these young soldiers' careers off to the right start.

"In normal units there are platoon sergeants, section chiefs, squad leaders, all these NCOs that help junior soldiers stay on-line," Lettis said. But in training companies, that's not the case. For example in B Company there are only seven NCOs, including the drill sergeants, who are responsible for approximately 300 soldiers.

"The communication has to be good," Lettis said. "You almost have to be able to read each other's minds."

Besides the extra responsibilities placed on the cadre and personnel at the companies, the soldiers and civilians that teach IET soldiers at the schoolhouse are also feeling the overload.

"Our classrooms are filled to capacity," Elizabeth Mullins, Electronic Division chief, OMMCS, said.

"We are definitely standing on our toes," Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Sullivan, sergeant major of the Electronic Technology Training Department, OMMCS, said.

"But we are really proud of our instructors," Mullins said. "They are constantly on the platform. We ask a lot from them. They are dedicated; without them we wouldn't be able to train all these soldiers."

With additional duties like CQ and monitoring study halls, the instructors are constantly on the go.

"It's a balancing act," Sullivan said. "They also do PT, CTT, everything soldiers have to do."

It can add up to long hours and long

weeks, not only for the instructors and cadre but also for the IET soldiers themselves.

"They are up at 4:30 a.m. and are doing PT by 5 a.m., five days a week," Lettis said. There's also a Class A inspection every Tuesday night, a diagnostic PT test every Wednesday night, room inspections, locker inspections, uniform and boot inspections, just to name a few things.

"We keep them busy," Lettis said. "But I tell them to keep positive: If they're not, I tell them that their time will go slower here. I tell them no matter what they decide — to stay in the Army or not — be the best you can be. Even if they decide they want to be ditch diggers, I tell them to be the best ditch diggers they can be."

And the message is the same for the drill sergeants. Because it's those drill sergeants that are mentors, counselors, mothers and fathers all rolled into one for the IET soldiers. They are the ones that are up with the IET soldiers in the early morning hours and with them late at night. And as more soldiers come in, the drill sergeants see less and less time outside the company area.

"A lot of people still don't understand how much work a drill sergeant does in one day," Lettis said.

The increasing number of students has been a leadership challenge for all concerned.

"It's been a total team effort," Lettis said. From the garrison chain of command down to the companies, everyone has pulled together to make the transition of accommodating and teaching more students to be the soldiers and the leaders that they were meant to be.

"Without the cooperation of everyone at Team Redstone we wouldn't be handling the influx of students this well," CSM Jennie Larder, command sergeant major of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "To the amount of barracks space needed, to feeding more soldiers at the dining facility, it's been a total team effort."

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More civilians to be tested for drug use

Testing

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and secured in the presence of the donor.

"Employee identification is checked against the computer generated paperwork. It's a seven-page chain of custody form for the testing," Paula Hagy, installation biochemical test coordinator, said. "The labels we use for the specimen are taken from this form with the corresponding number printed on each label."

Labels from the form are used to identify the collection bottle and to secure the seal on the lid. The specimen is then placed in a plastic bag that has a special seal which makes it impossible to reopen without tearing the bag. The bag is then placed in a box and another numbered label is used to seal the box, all while the employee watches. Specimens are usually shipped out on the day of collection via the U.S. Post Office. Testing is done at the Great Lakes Naval Screening Lab in Illinois.

"The lab won't test any sample that looks like it may have been tampered with," Turner said. "If any of the seals are broken, they won't test it. If the numbers don't jive, they won't test it. It's almost impossible to get the specimens mixed up."

It takes two weeks to get the results. The test will detect amphetamines, barbiturates, opiates, cocaine and marijuana. Prescription drugs, such as codeine, will register positive on a drug test. If the employee has an appropriate prescription for the drugs, no further action is warranted.

If drug abuse is detected, the employee will be offered treatment and moved to a non-DTP.

The program expansion targets jobs characterized as sensitive positions or categories of positions that involve law enforcement, national security, the protection of life and property, or public health or safety. The following are listed as TDPs: positions that authorize the incumbent to carry firearms; positions that require the incumbent to operate a motor vehicle transporting one or more passengers on at least a weekly basis; operators of motor vehicles who are required to have a commercial driver's license and drive motor vehicles weighing more than 26,001 pounds or who are transporting hazardous materials; those

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Soldiers are mandated to participate in the random drug testing program. Turner reported that when the drug testing initially began for soldiers at Redstone, it wasn't unusual to have 50 soldiers a month test positive. The rate has decreased to an average of 12-15 a year now.

"As far as civilians go, I came here in 1988. Since then, there have maybe been five people test positive. That's not bad at all. If people know they may be drug tested, they are less likely to use drugs," Turner said. "They know if they use they're going to get caught."

Drug tests are conducted monthly through a random selection done by computer software. One individual could be chosen several times in a row while another may not be tested for years. The program is designed to randomly test 50 percent of the people in the TDP program each year.

The directive will be implemented in the next few months, beginning with education and information briefings to the work force about the directive, its purpose and the procedures of drug testing. Turner encourages those who have additional questions to call her office for more information.

"We see people in our business—people who are not covered under the TDP—that come in here after they've lost their savings, their family, messed up on their jobs, all because of drugs," Turner said. "This might help deter drug use. We're hoping this will help people to think twice about using."

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Cubs are back in the Redstone scouting program.

Old Pack gets new life thanks to volunteers, support from Arsenal

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Tigers, bears and wolves have once again found a home at Redstone Arsenal.

After several years in hibernation, Cub Scout Pack 234 is back in action. More than 20 boys, ages 6-11 answered the call of the wild and began forming dens of tigers, bears, wolves and Webelos.

"It was really great to see the community's excitement about restarting the Cub Scouts here at Redstone," Greg Thomas, Cubmaster for Pack 234, said. "We had a roundup meeting a couple of weeks ago and we're starting the leader training this week. It's starting out sort of small but that leaves plenty of room to grow."

Cub Scouts is youngest level in the Boy Scouts of America organization. Groups of about six to eight boys, all the same age, come together to form dens for their particular age group. Each den needs at least two adults to serve as leaders. Typically, leaders are parents but it's not mandatory.

Members of each den decide the time and place for their weekly meetings. Most

of the dens meet at the School Age Services building on Gray Road. Thomas hosts meetings for the Webelos at his home. His wife, Jani, is the assistant Cubmaster and also serves as the Webelos den leader.

"Scouting has really been a family project," Thomas, change manager for the Interactive Authoring and Display System, said. "I've been involved in Scouts for 14 years, including my time as a youth. We spent seven years in Panama and I served as everything from regional administrator down to Tiger Cub coordinator, my family working with me every step of the way."

Thomas has three sons in Scouts; Ammon is a Tenderfoot in Boy Scout troop 308 at Redstone. His two younger sons, Abram and Aaron are in Cub Scouts. His daughter, AnaMaria, works as a den leader assistant.

"We need a tremendous amount of involvement from the parents," Thomas said. "We've had great support from the Arsenal. Myra Garriott at Youth Services, Chaplain (Col. Chris) Anderson, Tim Stickley who stepped up to be the Pack committee chairman, and Steve Bruens, the treasurer, have really made this thing go. They held onto the reins of the program despite its inactivity. Without them and their involvement it could not have

been resurrected. Now we have to staff the other side with willing parents to take on leadership roles."

Cub Scout committee chairman Tim Stickley is one of those parents that believes in the Scouts and in service to the organization. Stickley also serves as an assistant Scoutmaster for troop 308. He has two sons: Tyler, 12, a Boy Scout in troop 308 and Aaron, 6, a Tiger cub.

"It's good, clean fun for the kids," he said. "Scouts provides structure and it teaches boys to be leaders, even in the Cub Scouts. They are becoming civic-minded. They're doing things that build character, even though they're too busy having fun to notice."

Developing a strong Cub Scout program also provides continuity for the Scouting program at Redstone. Boy Scout Troop 308 has been a solid troop for many years, thriving under the leadership of C.W. Halupka, former Scoutmaster, who died earlier this year, only moments after completing a Fun Run with his Scouts at the Cotton Row Run in Huntsville.

"It was a terrible loss," Stickley said. "The troop provided the color guard for his funeral."

SSgt. Gerry Tate accepted the role as Scoutmaster in June. There are 24 active Scouts in the troop, whose main thrust is
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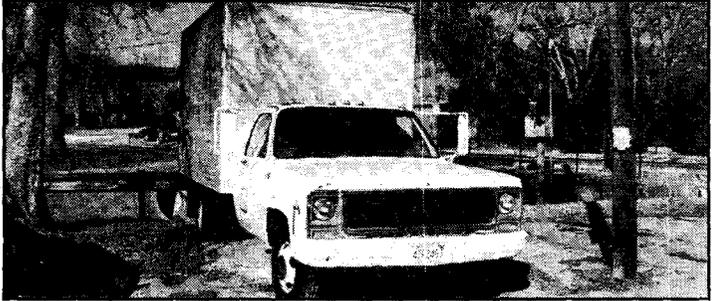
NEW SKILLS—Will Baker, a Boy Scout in Redstone's troop 308, learns to use electronic survey equipment during his time at summer camp last June.

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■ Cub Scout pack returns from hibernation

Scouts

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outdoor activities. The troop averages one campout a month.

As Scouts the boys are responsible for choosing and planning their activities. The troop meets Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Scout building 3466 on post. The national organization offers themes for each month, like camping, cooking, cycling, pioneering and wilderness survival, but it is up to the troop on whether or not to build their meetings around the theme.

"We're working on plans for a white water adventure this summer," Tate said. "This summer, in July, some of the boys are going to the National Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Va. The Jamboree only happens every three or four years and there are age restrictions so most Scouts only have the opportunity to attend once."

Tate is also encouraged to have a whole new group of tenderfoot Scouts coming into the troop this year; his son, Geoffrey, is one of them. They call themselves the Baracouda patrol.

The Boy Scout troop meets as a group but during the meeting time, the Scouts split into patrols, according to their age and progression, and then are able to work together to achieve certain goals.



Courtesy photo

ROCK CLIMB— Patrick Knox spends part of his week at Boy Scout camp developing outdoor skills. He is a member of Redstone troop 308.

"We have an excellent program," Tate said. "We welcome any boys between 11 and 18 to the program. Anyone interested can stop by on a Monday night and check it out."

For more information about the Scouting program at Redstone, call Thomas at 772-1968 or Tate at 955-0649.

THAAD officer, standout runner promoted to major

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Morris Bodrick is usually among the leaders in local running events. The same can be said of his military status.

Bodrick, assistant product manager for the THAAD launcher, was promoted to major in a ceremony Friday. He has been

assigned to the Theater High Altitude Area Defense Project Office since January 1999.

"It's been a good 10 years," he said of his military career. "I've had the opportunity to work with a lot of good soldiers."

Bodrick, 34, a native of Orangeburg, S.C., is a 1989 graduate of Johnson C. See Promotion on page 19



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MAJOR STEP— Morris Bodrick, center, is promoted to major with the assistance of Brig. Gen. John Urias, left, and Bodrick's wife, Robin.

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Turkey shoots

Outdoor Recreation will hold lunchtime turkey shoots, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the following days: Thursday and Dec. 14. Cost is \$4 per shot. Can't make it to the lunchtime Turkey Shoot? No problem, then come on out to Outdoor Recreation on Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon for the Weekend Turkey Shoot. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

Miscellaneous

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.

IMMC Christmas party

The 2000 IMMC Christmas Party is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club ballroom. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call Jan Pickard 842-7832 or Vanessa Adair 876-3394.

College apprentice program

Applications are available for the year 2001, for the Department of Defense and Engineering Apprentice and College Apprentice Program. Possible career placement includes the Aviation and Missile Command. The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering. Eligible students must be a U.S. citizen and must be at least 15 years old by beginning date, June 11, 2001. The College Program is designed for undergraduates who have completed the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program and are enrolled in a scientific or technical major. Deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 21.

For an application see your high school senior counselor, or college placement service. For more information call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Customer Support C, Betty Duke 313-4790.

Our holiday party

Tickets are on sale for the Team Redstone Holiday Party. "Our Party" will be held Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Reserve a table, or tables, for you and your friends, have a great dinner, and dance to a live band. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets and reservations, call Mike Chemsak 876-2315 or Lucretia Townsend 955-6925.

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Officer and Civilian Women's Club dependents (high school seniors or college students), spouses, and members may compete for merit awards to pay for tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. To be eligible to apply for merit awards the club member must be an OCWC member in good standing as of Oct. 1. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 6, 2001. Call Chris Swart 722-3087 to obtain an application or for more information.

Severe weather closings

The winter weather season is approaching. If inclement weather causes Redstone

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Training conference

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will conduct its seventh annual Training Conference, Dec. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Beville Conference Center and Hotel, 550 Sparkman Drive. The theme of this year's conference is "Taking Charge of Your Career." The intent of the conference is to get attendees to focus on the big picture of career planning. For more information, call 551-7230.

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Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Dec. 21 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Bob Furia 842-9770.

Christmas music

A performance of Christmas music will be presented by the Huntsville Heritage Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Bicentennial Chapel. The public is invited.

Multicultural choir

The Redstone Multicultural choir will meet today at 11:30 a.m. in building 5308, room 8124. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Carol Howard 876-9490 or Eugene Edwards 842-7154.

Acquisition workers

The Army is fully committed to the functional and leadership development of the Army Acquisition Work force (AAW). The AETE catalog outlines the opportunities that will enhance the technical and functional competency and leadership skills obtained through a specific career program. Participants in the AETE program ensure that the Army is developing an Army Acquisition Work force and Corps that is prepared to support the warfighter now and in the future. Three categories of the AETE catalog are Educational/Academic, Training and Experiential and Developmental. The catalog contains information and application procedures for specific programs such as Acquisition Tuition Assistance Program, School of Choice, Naval Postgraduate School Master's Degree in Contract Management and Program Management, Senior Service College, Leadership Training. During the August 2000 AETE board selection, only 60 AAW members applied from all of Army. AAW members from Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal submitted 33 packages and 25 received approval for School of Choice, Naval Postgraduate School and Leadership Courses. The next AETE board will meet Jan. 30, 2001 and packages must be submitted to PERSCOM by close of business Dec. 29.

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THAAD officer takes major step

Promotion

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Smith University. He was commissioned through the ROTC program at North Carolina-Charlotte. His first duty station was Fort Bragg, N.C., from 1990-94; and he deployed to Southwest Asia for Desert Shield/Storm. Bodrick was promoted to captain in 1994. He deployed to Haiti, was stationed in Korea and came to Huntsville as an instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

"We're very fortunate as an Army to have someone of the caliber of Morris," Brig. Gen. John Urias, program executive officer for air and missile defense, said.

Bodrick and his wife, Robin, have three children: A'Moris, 6, Angel, 3, and Amber, five months.

He was the top runner on Redstone's team in the Army Ten-Miler in October in Washington, D.C. where he finished in 59:07.



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Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University offers a weekend Master's of Business Administration class beginning Jan. 12-13. A registration meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Calhoun Community College, conference room/ main entrance, 102 Wynn Drive. For more information call Steve Blackwell 895-2955 or William Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Mass will be held at noon Friday, a holy day of obligation. Advent soup suppers will be held Dec. 12 and 19, with mass at 6 p.m. followed by homemade soup. Korean mass will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 16. Weekly mass is held at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program about "The Christmas Star" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 16 at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. A star party will be held after each show to view "the most beautiful lights of the season," a prepared release said. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Civil air patrol

Redstone Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will meet at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 in the CAP building on Redstone Airfield. For more information, call Bob Brandau 726-6638 (days) or 539-0736 (evenings).

Prayer breakfast

The next IMMC Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Dec. 19 in Sparkman Center building 5308, room 8124 (conference room). "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 and invited, so join us for prayer, praise and fellowship."

Holiday gala

The Officers and Civilians Club will hold a New Year's Eve dinner buffet and dance Dec. 31 for members and their guests. Tickets are \$29.95 and include prime rib, blackened salmon, continental breakfast, party favors and a champagne toast. Live entertainment by Aspen Gold will get the party started. Tickets are on sale now, so call 830-CLUB today. You are invited to take advantage of the all-inclusive on post lodging package for that evening. This package is \$95 per couple and includes lodging on Redstone Arsenal, transportation to and from the New Year's Eve Gala, dinner buffet and dance, plus a complimentary bottle of champagne in your room. For more information about the all-inclusive package, call 837-4130 or 876-5713.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual holiday social at 4:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Rustic Lodge. "Come join us for door prizes,

entertainment (music provided by The Music Machine), and a menu of barbecue pork/chicken dinner," a prepared release said. Everyone is invited and the cost is \$5. For reservations and ticket information, call Tammy Bragg 876-0351.

Officer and civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club invites you to its traditional Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Officers and Civilians Club. This year the Huntsville Community Children's Chorus and various soloists, including Redstone's Teri Holly, will perform. Spouses are invited to join in the festivities. For reservations call A-L Pat Heveroh 772-4450 or M-Z Jen Anne Mance 895-2591.

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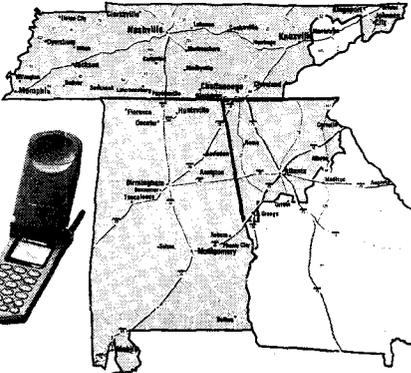
The Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center will offer Body Composition Screening at Redstone Arsenal Fitness Center, building 3705, from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 19. Please wear loose fitting, short sleeve shirts to make the measurement easier. Body Composition measurement utilizes a bioelectrical impedance machine that measures total water content and calculates the proportion of lean tissue to body fat. For more See Announcements on page 21



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Christmas trees

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map, contact personnel at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132, 876-4868.

Christmas market

The first Old Fashion Christmas Market Place will be held Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Alabama A&M ROTC Gym. All are invited to attend. A variety of gift ideas will be displayed. Santa will be there all day for the kids of all ages. For more information call Reena 797-6685, Doc Wyckoff 551-8362 or Mary 653-2834.

Union meeting

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

Nutcracker ballet

A ballet production of "The Nutcracker" returns to Huntsville for public performances Friday and Saturday at the Von Braun Center. Tickets, \$14, \$12 and \$8, are available at the VBC Box Office, all TicketMaster outlets, including Publix, or by calling 1-800-277-1700. Discounts are

available for students and seniors.

Gospel concert

The Spirit Filled Gospel Choir, under the direction of Minister Abraham Moore, will be in concert Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Potter's Hand Church, 983 Indian Creek Road. Several guest choirs will also be featured. For a ride or additional information, call 721-0807.

UAH choir

Come hear the sounds of the UAH Concert Choir and Tenor-Bass Chorale as they sing in the season with anthems from the Renaissance through the modern age on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be at St. John's Catholic Church on Hughes Road in Madison. Special music includes John Rutter's Gloria, choruses from Messiah, and Christmas carols. Nina Alspaugh accompanies the choir; senior music education major Shelli Hill will conduct the Tenor-Bass Chorale, and Dr. Bonnie Sneed will conduct the concert choir. Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted to help the choir fundraise for its April 2001 European Tour.

Dance workshop

The Beledi Club of Huntsville will have its annual belly dance Christmas mini-workshop Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kinesthetic Cue Dance Studio on

Madison Pike. The cost is \$20 and Alima, guest instructor from Atlanta, will perform that evening at a party for workshop participants. For more information, call 722-0136.

Santa's housing run

The Sergeants Major Association will signal the arrival of the Christmas holidays with its annual "Christmas Run" at 10 a.m. Dec. 16. Santa and his helpers will travel through the housing areas north and south of Goss Road on fire engines provided by the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department. Bring your children out to participate in this joyous occasion and receive candy from Santa's Elves. In the event of inclement weather, he will make his rounds Dec. 18, starting at 4 p.m.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop will have the following holiday store hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 20-22. Regular store hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of the month. Consignment hours are as follows: Wednesdays and Thursdays, walk-ins from 9-noon and appointments from 12-3 p.m.; and Fridays, walk-ins only from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 881-6992.



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Future soldiers

SSgt. Timothy Warren, of the OMMCS Directorate of Instruction, Missile Systems Training Department, Avenger training division, demonstrates the capabilities of an Avenger to Meridianville Middle School Drill Team and Color Guard students. Twenty students spent the day with soldiers from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

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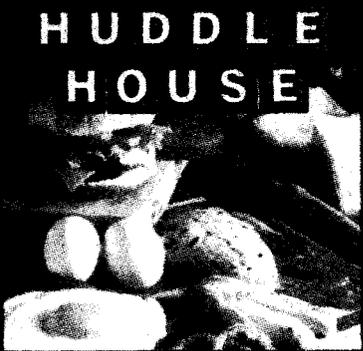
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