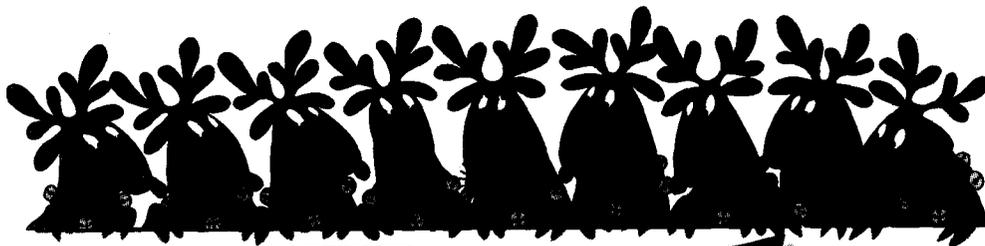


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Patriot packs punch with 6-for-6 test intercepts

PAC-3 uses kinetic energy for hit-to-kill mission

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

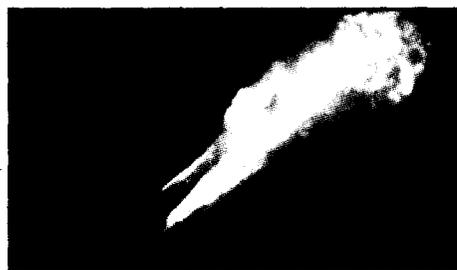
It sounds a little like the old television show, *The Six Million Dollar Man*. "We can rebuild him— make him better, stronger, faster..."

In the Army's case, the upgrades aren't referring to soldiers, but to weapon systems, namely, the Patriot. As the jewel in the Army's crown during the Gulf War, it was nicknamed the "Scudbuster." That was a decade ago. Today it's called the Patriot Advanced Capability Phase Three or PAC-3, and it's like its predecessor; it's proving to be a system that can meet the mission.

The PAC-3 has successfully completed the first six developmental tests in a series of 10. The last test was completed at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Oct. 14. The next test is scheduled in January.

"People think that PAC-3 is just a new missile for the old system but that's not everything," Sid Gaddy, deputy project manager, Lower Tier Project Office, PEO Air and Missile Defense, said. "We've made serious upgrades to the whole system. We've expanded the capabilities.

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DIRECT HIT— Even though the PAC-3 missile does not carry a warhead, impact of this hit-to-kill kinetic energy missile makes an explosive image. This picture was taken during the developmental testing at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

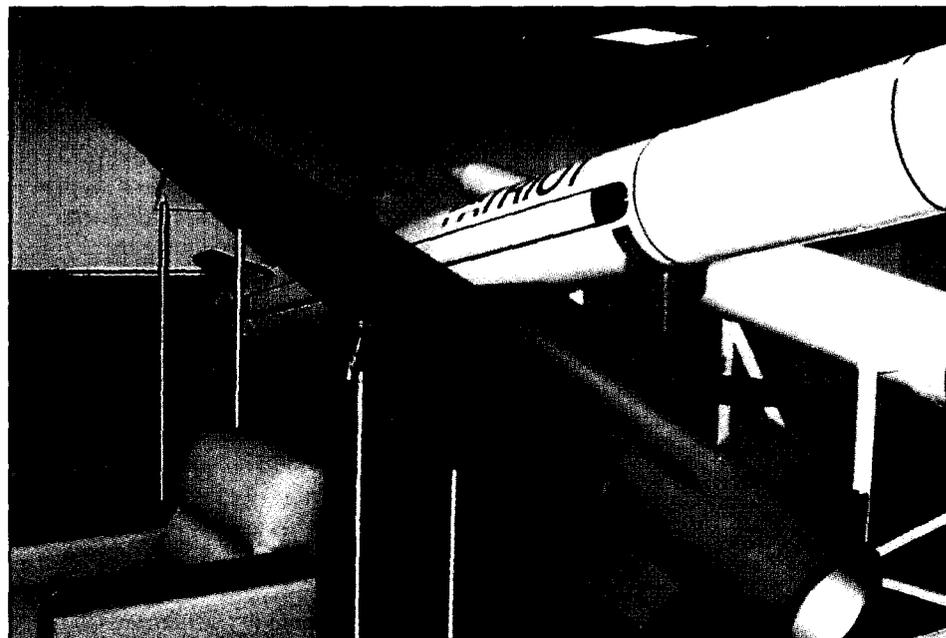


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ON DISPLAY— The latest missile for the Patriot system, the PAC-3, is mounted in the lobby of the Lower Tier Project Office in the SMDC building. A Low-Rate Initial Production contract for 40 missiles was awarded to Lockheed in November.

Redstone goes house hunting for booming soldier population

Billeting overflows from student influx

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

The no vacancy sign is nearly up at Redstone barracks. As more and more advanced individual soldiers report to the Arsenal for their advanced individual training, the 832nd Ordnance Battalion is starting to run out of places for them to sleep.

As of Dec. 13, C Company is 548 strong, with another 90 soldiers expected before Exodus. More soldiers are expected after the holidays.

"Normally at this time of the year we have 300 soldiers max," said Capt. Kevin Burke, commander of C Company,

832nd Ordnance Battalion. "We are going to have to start stacking bunks."

C Company currently has soldiers housed in three different buildings in the AIT area on post.

There are two soldiers to a room in most cases. But because of lack of space, some soldiers are soon going to find themselves with an extra roommate or two.

"We are still making adjustments," said CSM Lawrence Rogers, command sergeant major for Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. RASA is in charge of figuring out where to house the influx of AIT students.

Adjustments in the works include moving the geographical bachelors who are presently going to school on

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Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

KEEPING IT STRAIGHT — Pvt. Leslie Jackson, of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, straightens up her wall locker. With the increased number of AIT students on the Arsenal, barracks are becoming crowded and wall lockers are scarce.

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Porno browsers should be punished

I applaud CIC's implementation of Net Cache, but I want to know what's being done about the "more than 100 cases of employee access," particularly about the most egregious cases mentioned in the article (Rocket Nov. 29). "People can get fired over this type of thing," doesn't translate necessarily into you will lose your job if we catch you. And it should, especially for repeat offenders. If AMCOM has fired some of these people, tell us so. Let that serve as a deterrent. If AMCOM hasn't, merely because the cost to investigate these cases seems high, perhaps AMCOM should consider the "cost" of this kind of scandal, should it find its way to the tabloids.

Nothing short of firing is an acceptable remedy for repeated deliberate access to pornographic materials on government time, using government equipment. Suspension is a slap on the wrist, a vacation, if not a paid one. The offender's retirement has not been touched. Reprimands and counseling don't even hit the radar screen for effective remediation. Everyone knows accessing such material is off limits at work; and anyone who cannot stop himself from doing so is obsessed. At the least, these individuals represent a security risk. I know AMCOM has fired individuals for substance abuse-related problems. Seems to me this is a comparable offense.

Since the CPU is the vehicle for the offense, these people have had their computers removed from their workstations. How can they possibly be productive members of Team Redstone without the tools they need for the jobs the government pays them to do? The message here is "The pay's the same, whether I work or not." This situation shames me; it shames us all. What's being done?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Legal Office and

the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), the federal agency that hears employee appeals involving removals, reductions in pay or grade, and suspensions exceeding 14 days, requires that agencies consider specific mitigating and aggravating factors when disciplining an employee. These factors are known as the 'Douglas Factors,' named after the MSPB decision that set them out. Use of these factors require a responsible balancing of all relevant/ employment factors in the individual case before determining the appropriate disciplinary action penalty to be selected for a given act of misconduct. It should be noted that some Union Contracts allow the employee to file a grievance in accordance with the negotiated grievance procedure to redress disciplinary actions such as removals, reduction in pay or grade and suspensions, etc. The same Douglas Factor standard must be applied to these type cases as well which ultimately could be adjudicated by a neutral third party known as an Arbitrator. If an agency fails to consider these factors it risks having the disciplinary action overturned. In other words, the MSPB or Arbitrator would not uphold an agency policy that requires specific discipline for specific offenses absent a balancing of all relevant factors.

"Since 1997, Team Redstone has initiated 15 disciplinary actions based on accessing pornographic Internet sites on the employee's office computer. Depending on the circumstances and application of the Douglas factors the discipline imposed has been: reprimands (three), suspensions of 3 to 14 days (nine), and removals (three). Based on the number of incidents reported in the Rocket article, additional disciplinary actions are anticipated."

Redstone Rocket has holiday break

The Redstone Rocket staff will celebrate the holidays by taking a two-week break Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 so this is our

final issue of the year. Our first issue of the new year is Jan. 10. We hope you enjoy the holiday season.

'A Soldier's Request': All's well, Santa

It seems to me that being in military service is not as honorable as it once was. In this Christmas season, let's remember those who are not with their families because of duty, those that have fought in service of our country, and especially those who either died or were irreparably harmed in war. Our country is not perfect, and military actions not always appropriate. But it seems to me that we can honor these men and women in this small way.

'Twas the night before Christmas,
He lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of
Plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney
With presents to give,
And to see just who
In this home did live.

I looked all about,
A strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents,
Not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle,
Just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A sober thought
Came through my mind.

For this house was different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier,
Once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured
A United States soldier.

Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a ponch,
The floor for a bed?

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Helping society

Patricia Slaughter, left, and Vickie Patterson load up donations from a charity drive conducted by the Industrial Operations Division, Engineering Directorate, Research Development and Engineering Center. They led the drive to support the Interfaith Mission Society which assists local homeless people. Workers contributed money, blankets, gloves, socks, and non-perishable food items. The money was used to purchase additional food; and all food items were then assembled into individual "snack bags." Some 165 snack bags, 23 blankets, and other miscellaneous items were then donated to the Interfaith Mission Society.

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Battalion answers call for holiday food in community

832nd Ordnance soldiers contribute canned goods

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

The response was overwhelming. The soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion went above and beyond the call of duty during the 832nd Ordnance Battalion Food Drive.

Over 10,000 cans and non-perishable food items were gathered by the soldiers in an effort to supply the Huntsville community's needy families with a good holiday meal this year. On Dec. 11 the 832nd came together to see who gathered the most. The B Company Bulldogs were named as the winners.

Soldiers worked throughout November to gather as many food items as possible not only to win the contest but also to answer a call for help from the local community. Soldiers were able to put Selfless Service, one of the seven Army Values, into real life action.

"It's the time of the year when people

are in need the most," said 1st Sgt. Willie Pullom, first sergeant for A Company. "We take care of own as well as the community. We support the community as a whole.

"There are also a lot of veterans out there in need. I told the soldiers that might be them one day. Some day they might be in the same predicament and need a little extra help."

And the soldiers answered that need for help. Originally each soldier was told to donate at least one can of food. They didn't stop there; the donations snowballed.

The food was donated to Christmas Charities Year Round. The food gathered at the Arsenal and from other sources will be distributed throughout December. Additionally 25 soldiers from the battalion will be on hand to assist in the assembly of food baskets for Christmas Charities Year Round.

"We as soldiers have a lot to be thankful for," Pullom said. The soldiers in the 832nd were able to spread that thanks throughout the Huntsville community this holiday season.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

LOAD IT UP— Soldiers from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion load food into the Christmas Charities Year Round truck during a recent food drive. The soldiers were able to gather over 10,000 cans and non-perishable food items that will be donated to the community outside the Arsenal gates.

Army grounds Apache fleet as precautionary measure

The Army directed the grounding of the AH-64 Apache helicopter fleet late Thursday as a precautionary measure following the discovery of a faulty tail rotor swashplate assembly.

The order also calls for a serial number inspection of all 742 AH-64A and D aircraft to determine if specific swashplate assemblies are on an aircraft. Certain serial numbers have been identified as being potentially faulty and will be replaced. An investigation will determine the status of the remaining swashplates.

Failure of a swashplate assembly could result in the loss of an aircraft and crew injuries. Army leaders took this action as

a prudent measure to ensure the safety of soldiers.

The ongoing investigation will determine the cause of the faulty swashplate and how many of the 742 aircraft are affected.

The Army will work to get its priority, first-to-fight units returned to fully mission capable status.

The Program Executive Office for Aviation and the Aviation and Missile Command, both located at Redstone Arsenal, will gather the inspection data that will identify discrepant parts. The inspection data will result in the development of a prompt replacement timeline.

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Wanted: mobile, agile and versatile tactical communications

Army seeks industry's help for new battlefield system

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Many companies are apparently interested in producing a new battlefield communications system for the Army.

The Army Airborne Command and Control System product office held an Industry Day, Dec. 13 for potential contractors to develop the system. The event drew about 150 attendees, both government and industry representatives, to the Rocket Auditorium.

"We are here to open dialogue with industry because we as a product office are going to be letting a contract so we can partner with industry to develop this system for the Army," Maj. Tony Potts, assistant product manager for the Army Airborne Command and Control System, said.

A request for proposal is expected to be released late next quarter by the Acquisition Center. "And from that we're going to work toward contract award in fourth quarter of this fiscal year (FY 2001)," Potts said.

"Industry day is a common approach that the services use to open this type of dialogue with industry," he said. "We are

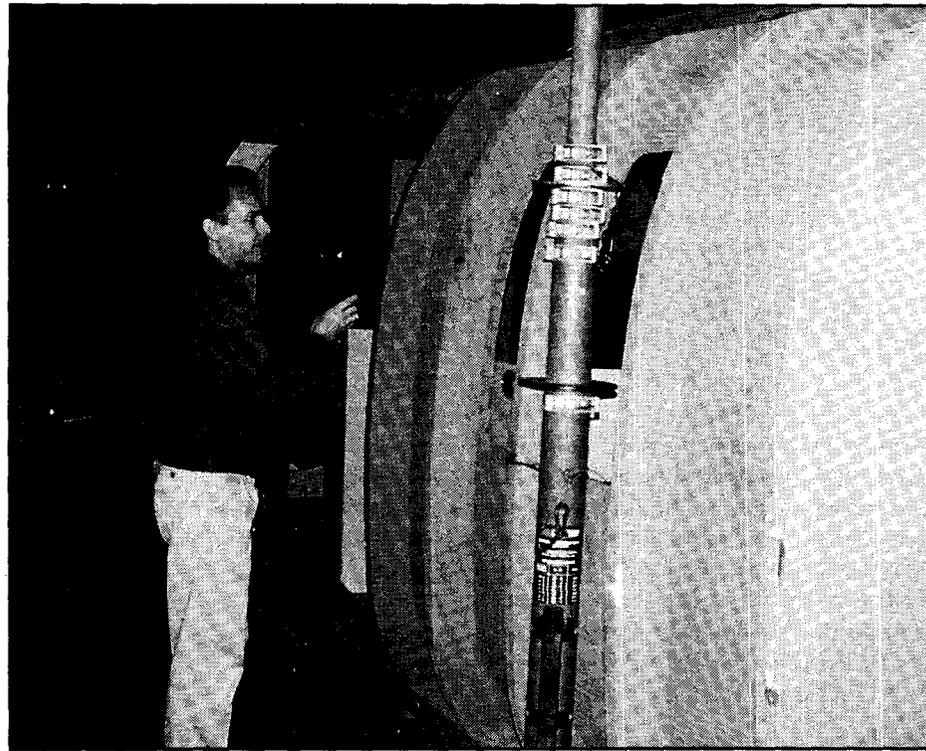


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COMMUNICATIONS MOCKUP— Michael Curtin, an industry specialist in advanced communications and data links for Northrop Grumman, looks at a mockup of an A2C2S for a Black Hawk helicopter.

extremely pleased with the turnout. What it demonstrates to us is there is tremendous interest by industry in the development of this system."

The system, also known as A2C2S, is to provide command and control on-the-move for both ground and airborne operations. "And we want to provide command-

ers and staffs continuous situational awareness, a robust communications suite, and high mobility across the battlefield," Potts said.

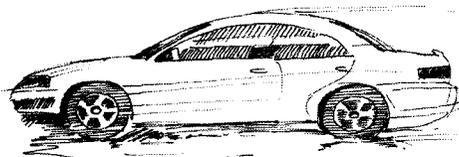
It should support chief of staff Gen. Eric Shinseki's vision for transforming the Army through deployability, lethality, force protection, full spectrum dominance, and versatility.

"We are light and that is in line with deployability," Lt. Col. Don Hazelwood, the A2C2S product manager, said. "We are light and we bring a lot to the table."

Like Potts, he was pleased with the industry response. "I didn't expect this type of turnout. This exceeded our expectations from industry as far as their interest in the program," he said.

Michael Curtin, an industry specialist in advanced communications and data links for Northrop Grumman, was among the interested attendees. "It's a good match for us, an excellent skills match for us," he said.

The 25-member product office is part of the Tactical Operations Centers/ Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office which is located in Huntsville. They are under the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications out of Fort Monmouth, N.J.



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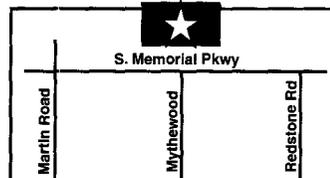
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Targets Office director has future in sight

Focus includes projects serving both training and testing, Army transformation and soldiers' needs

By **BETH SKARUPA**
Staff writer

Back when Steve Milburn was the project manager for Training Devices, he turned to the Targets Management Office for help populating mounted urban combat training sites with targets.

"Now I am it," he said with a laugh. Milburn is the new director of the Targets Management Office, working for the project manager for Instrumentation, Targets and Threat Simulators.

"If there's ever a need for a target, be it live, virtual or constructive, this team – I love the word team, I think it's terribly important to realize that nothing happens because of one person – it's the TMO team that can fulfill that need," he said. "We are the agency of preference when you want to deal with target product."

One of Milburn's goals is to ensure that while the TMO continues to support the testing and training communities, it works to bring them closer through commonality of the targets, instruments and communication architectures.

"We want to make sure the taxpayer enjoys the greatest benefit from leveraging projects serving both training and testing. That is a continuing objective for us," he said. "Our paramount objective right now is support of the



Photo by Beth Skarupa

LOOKING FORWARD— Steve Milburn, director of the Targets Management Office, looks over the day's agenda with his secretary Glenda Jenns.

Army transformation, ensuring that the Army has what it needs to meet the goals Gen. Shinseki has established for us."

The TMO is modeling targets while entertaining what Milburn calls a "360 degree view." They have to put themselves in the enemy's mindset and see themselves as a target in order to determine what vulnerabilities exist. "Everything is somebody's target," Milburn explained.

This kind of thinking allows the TMO team to create a target array that protects soldiers from enemy counter-

measures. For example, the TMO develops interactive targets that shoot lasers back at the soldier to indicate that a distant weapon was not fired.

"It's been one exciting and challenging opportunity after another. Working with soldiers and military civilians is one of the most satisfying feelings because you're seeing your effort result in benefits to soldiers and airmen and Marines," he said. "We're providing a product that directly influences these men and women to do their jobs."

Some of Milburn's enthusiasm for addressing soldiers' needs comes from his having been one. He enlisted in the Army in 1961 and was commissioned as an infantry lieutenant in 1967. He served in commissioned officer command and staff assignments with Airborne, Mechanized, Ranger and "leg infantry" units from squad through division level, in both combat and training environments. He retired from active duty in 1982.

Milburn's hobbies include handgun shooting, hunting and freshwater fishing; although his job's demanding schedule of frequent travel leaves him little time for any of these. He and his wife, Karlene, are in the process of moving their residence from Orlando, Fla., to the Huntsville area. They have four grown children and twin granddaughters.

"Take care of the people – that's my job as a leader – because the people take care of the mission," Milburn said. "We're here for one purpose. We're doing it for all these young people who are out on point for America. That's why I come to work every morning."

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to all in this season of hope and joy.

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Post telephone directory expected early next year

Revised version corrects errors

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Everybody makes mistakes. The 2000-2001 Unofficial Team Redstone Telephone Directory just happened to be a 135-page mistake, one that is in the process of being corrected.

Every year a telephone directory is printed for the Redstone Arsenal community. Benchmark Publishers sells business ads in the yellow page section to pay for the printing so it doesn't cost the Army a cent and it provides a nice service to employees.

Last year there were a few problems, a few delays and it was September before a final version of the directory was downloaded from the Arsenal's personnel data base and given to the printers. Unfortunately, the wrong database was downloaded and made it to print before anyone realized the mistake. A database from several years ago was actually published.

In a good faith effort to correct the error, Corporate Information Center has decided to foot the bill for a new directo-

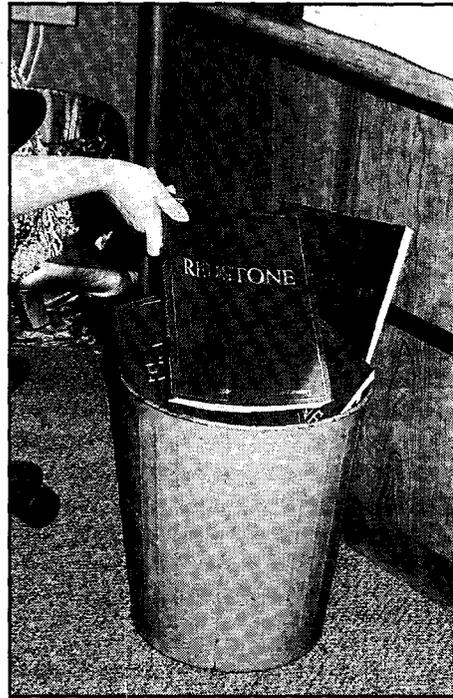


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TOSS IT— The Redstone telephone directory is being republished due to content error. Since the books weren't printed on recyclable paper, just toss them in the trash for disposal.

ry to be printed. The new telephone books are expected to be distributed early next year.

"Dec. 13 was the cutoff date for updates to be included in the new directory," Leroy Dennis, team leader, communication support, CIC, said. "We send the disk to the public affairs office by Dec. 15 and it goes to the printing office from there."

The red telephone directories will not be collected since they were printed on non-recyclable paper.

Even though the directory is printed annually, Dennis stressed the importance for individuals to update their records on the directory database as changes in phone number, e-mail address, office symbol or location occur.

Personnel listings can be accessed through Redstone Arsenal's Intranet site: <http://intranet2@redstone.army.mil>. Once there, scroll down the left column and select "phone book." In the blue area, left column, top, select "update your directory information," then enter your last name and the last four digits of your social security number. Select "find record" then make the necessary changes. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select "submit changes."

Records cannot be created or deleted by individuals; that has to be done by the telephone operators. To make this request, fax your information to 876-7151.



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Presidential rank award

Patrick T. Henry, left, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, presents the 2000 Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive to John Shipley, Aviation And Missile Command director for special programs (aviation) at Fort Eustis, Va. Shipley was recognized for his success in the development and implementation of research, development, procurement and life cycle management for all Army Special Operations Forces' aviation programs.

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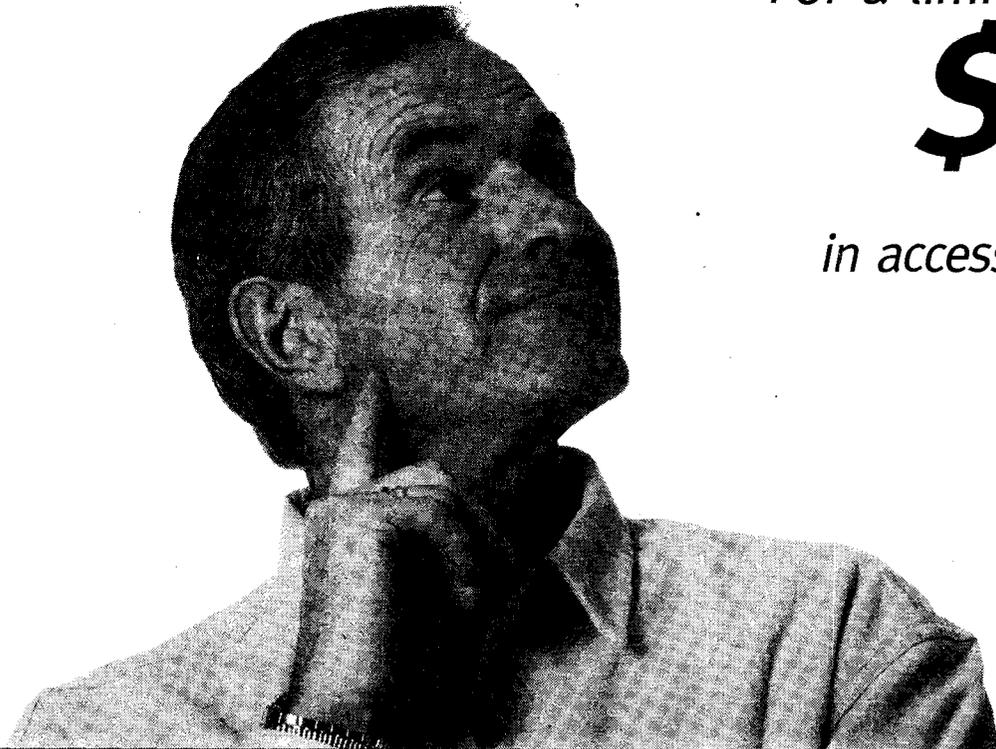
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African-American festival celebrates cultural diversity

Volunteers wanted for Feb. 28 event

FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RELEASE

Team Redstone and the host organization, the PEO Tactical Missiles MLRS Project Office, are gearing up for the sixth annual African-American Festival scheduled for Feb. 28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Bob Jones Auditorium.

The theme is "Just Over the Horizon... and the beat goes on." The festival, similar to last year's, will feature Music, Art, and Portrayals.

The festival will allow for a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere to enhance employee relations through appreciation of cultural diversity. The military, civilian, and contractor professionals who make up Redstone's extremely diversified community are our most important resources. The more we learn about one another, the more we grow to appreciate each culture's rich heritage. Not only does this awareness contribute to America's greatness, it allows for a stronger national defense.

The festival will allow attendees the opportunity to win awesome "door prizes" that are to be awarded "on the

spot." During the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., African-American Art & Inventions will be displayed in the lobby of the Bob Jones Auditorium.

This sixth annual festival will be dedicated in memory of Michael J. Barber, a member of the MLRS team who died suddenly of complications while being hospitalized in October.

Program schedule

This year's festival will have a prelude that includes a video slide show of past festival events. Jim Flinn, deputy to commanding general, will call the festival to order at 9:30. Chaplain (Col.) Chris Anderson is on tap to provide a spirit filled prayer. Attendees will again experience the dynamic performance of the festival anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" via video transmission by a Lee High School Choral group.

The MLRS project manager will welcome the festival attendees. Depending on their availability, opening remarks will be provided by Brig. Gen. John Holly, program executive officer for tactical missiles, and Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal. Flinn will then make remarks and introduce the mistress of ceremony/narrator, Latonya Norton, news anchor for WHNT-TV 19. The

selected celebrity for last year's event was Kimberly Essex, news anchor for WAFF-TV 48.

This year's festival will incorporate a theatrical performance of the theme, "Just over the Horizon," with stage script written and directed by Sam Wright, a contractor at Corporate Information Center. This electrifying drama will depict the long journey from slavery to freedom as recapitulated from the memory of two old women. The characters' names are Miss Mary and Miss Sara Lou, best friends who lived through hard times.

The women's dramatic performance will include them traveling through time and describing the contributions of distinguished African-Americans (sports figures, musicians, artists, entertainers). Many of these distinguished African-Americans put their lives on the line for the freedom and equality of all Americans.

Role playing

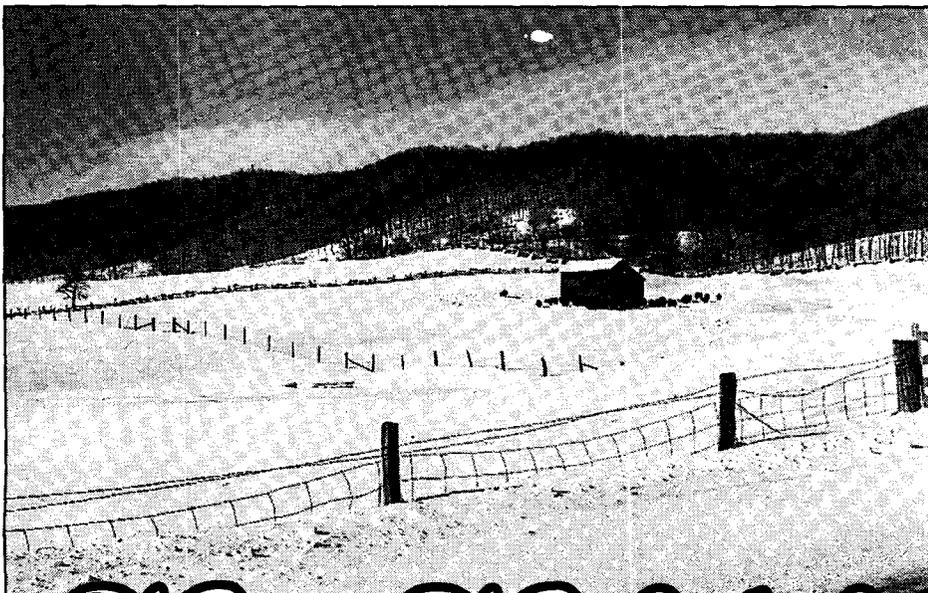
There is an immediate need for volunteers to act out the roles of the 47 characters in the play. The director (Wright) will assist all personnel with their selected parts. The entire community is asked to respond in order make this a true Team Redstone project.

The festival, in a parallel manner, will

feature both the Redstone Multicultural Choir and the Redstone Multicultural Band under the direction of Eugene Edwards. Both groups will perform hand-clapping/foot-stomping selections in keeping with the philosophy of the African-American festival.

For all of you outstanding vocalists and musical instrumentalists, from every race and creed, the sponsors want to have a sizeable Redstone Multicultural Choir and Multicultural Band, inclusive of all ethnic groups totally supporting this endeavor. There are multi-talented musical employees (both government and contractors) in many locations on Redstone Arsenal, many of which have participated in past events. All of you are awesome talents that can make this a perfect example of not only African-American unification, but joint unification of all the races for a true Team Redstone effort. Your support is greatly needed in order to make this year's festival one of the greatest. It will definitely be a pleasurable learning experience for all.

Volunteers can send an e-mail message (outlining your participation preference) to lois.ragland@thaad.army.mil or call Lois Ragland at 955-1950 or Wright at 842-6149. Please respond as soon as possible and no later than Jan. 4.



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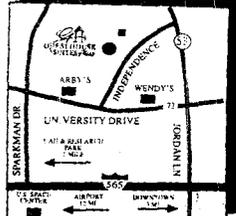
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Angel program soars with toys for needy children



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HAPPY HELPER— Terry Russell, coordinator for the SOS Angel Program at the Integrated Materiel Management Center, shows all the gifts contributed to needy children.

Logistics workers, others donate Christmas gifts

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Terry Russell is called "Santa" these days by some of her co-workers.

That's because she serves as coordinator for the SOS Angel Program at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. The program, through the Salvation Army, contributes Christmas gifts for needy children.

The center's 11th annual effort provided toys for 105 angels. Contributions included about 30 bicycles.

"These were donated by different organizations within and outside of IMMC," said Russell, a logistics management specialist. "We had some people from Acquisition Center participate and various offices. It was a number of offices that participated."

"It was a good turnout. In the time of giving, people always show their true colors when they unselfishly give to children like this. I mean we got so much stuff."

The contributions filled a room on the first floor of building 5309. "And then we've got a few more things in another office," Russell said.

The program was started 11 years ago by Margot Sheaffer, who has since retired from the center. The most angels, about 300, were adopted a few years ago.

"I'd like to thank everybody who participated," Russell said, "the volunteers who helped to organize the program, and the people who helped to transport the toys down to the Salvation Army."

This is Russell's sixth year with the program. Charlotte Rutherford and T.J. Longoria are among volunteers who have been with the program since its inception.

"I think it's excellent," said Rutherford, an item manager. "It just gives these children a nice Christmas that they might not have otherwise. And it just brings the best out of everybody, all these people that open up their hearts and buy these things."

Other volunteers included Judy Rodriguez, Nadine Manderson, Belinda Leak, Barbara Calloway and Vanessa Adair.

LESCO wins hoops league

The inaugural Civilian Welfare Fund 35-and-over basketball season came to a close Nov. 21. Six teams competed in the league, which was structured as 4-on-4, playing across the width of the court at the Redstone Fitness Center.

As the final night of play arrived, first and second place were up for grabs between the top three teams. A loss by either LESCO or Tek Write would have forced a playoff game, but both teams

held on to take first and second place respectively.

Another season is being planned to begin in early February. If interested in playing, call Mark Sweeney 876-3052. His e-mail address is as follows: mark.sweeney@msl.redstone.army.mil.

Here are the final standings: LESCO (9-1), Tek Write (8-2), Pistons (6-4), Defenders (3-6), Rockets (2-7) and Team 1 (1-9).

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Youth Hunt harvests deer, fulfills dreams

Thirteen youngsters participate in event

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

One of the biggest deer taken at Redstone Arsenal this year was shot by a 15-year-old.

A Youth Hunt Nov. 11 gave youth between the ages of 12 and 15 the chance to hunt for deer on the Arsenal a week before the opening day of the regular gun season. Thirteen youths participated and four deer were taken during the hunt.

Steven Ackerman, 15, son of Lloyd Ackerman, took an 85-pound doe; Joe Walter Norris, 13, son of Jeff Norris, took an 86-pound spike; and Michael Strange, 14, son of John Strange, took a 102-pound spike.

Joshua Sale, 15, son of Danny Sale, took a 196-pound, 10-point buck – one of the largest deer taken on the Arsenal this year.

"That was a big, beautiful deer," Gail Glass, program director of Outdoor Recreation, said. "It was his first deer ever. He's been duck hunting before and deer hunting with his dad but never shot one before."

Every hunter dreams of taking a 10-point buck. If you're only 15 years old

when that dream comes true, it can be a momentous occasion.

"It just sent a type of feeling through my body that was overwhelming," Sale said. "I didn't know I'd get anything that big."

The wildlife division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources authorized the hunt. Redstone has chosen to offer it to their youth each year to encourage getting involved in the appropriate type of hunting, Glass said.

Each youth must hunt with a sponsor who is authorized to hunt at Redstone Arsenal. Sponsors must have attended a safety orientation, have an Alabama hunting license and a permit to hunt on the Arsenal. The youth are the only ones who can carry their guns into the woods during the Youth Hunt, Glass said.

Cecil Winn, game warden of Redstone Arsenal, meets with the youth and their sponsors at 4:30 a.m. at Outdoor Recreation on the day of the hunt and briefs them on the designated areas for hunting. The Youth Hunt is open to active duty, retired military, civilian employee and contractor dependents who have passed their 12th birthday but not yet reached their 16th birthday by the day of the hunt. They are required to take a state hunter education course and to attend a safety orientation offered by Outdoor Recreation.

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Senior citizens enjoy traditional Christmas luncheon

OCWC members share fellowship

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocker editor

Santa is still special to senior citizens. There were countless smiles when he entered the room at the 24th annual Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. Some 166 people, including Huntsville seniors, attended the event Dec. 12 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"During this special occasion of joy and thanksgiving, we're glad to have you here," Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, told the visitors.

A quartet from the OCWC was among those singing Christmas carols. It included Debby Stevens, Sharon Robinson, Julia Fellows and Kathy Cray, with Dorothy Boehm on piano.

"I think it's a good thing. It's real good," Henry Joseph Oakes, 55, a resident of Johnson Towers, said of the event.

"I love it," Sammie Lee Acklin, 60, also from Johnson Towers, said. "Good people to fellowship with."



GIVING GIFTS— Santa (Bob Gustafson) visits Patricia Flippo, 56, left, and Bonnie Laughlin, 64, during the OCWC's traditional Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon.

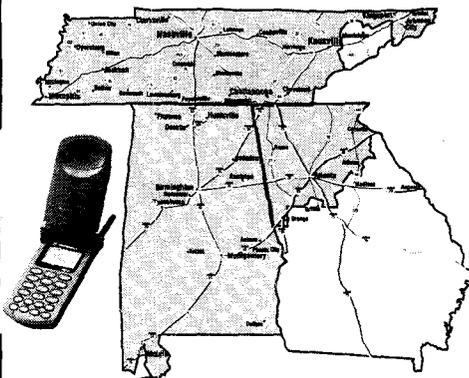
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CAROLERS— A quartet from the Officer and Civilian Women's Club includes from left Debby Stevens, Sharon Robinson, Julia Fellows and Kathy Cray.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS— With Santa from left are Susan Carr of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club; Sammie Lee Acklin and Henry Joseph Oakes, both residents of Johnson Towers.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

New facility puts flying activity on 'Cloud 9'

Heated maintenance hangar should increase productivity

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Why is Flying Activity's main maintenance worker so happy these days?

He finally has a heated hangar where he can maintain the airplanes regardless of the weather or temperature outside.

The official opening of the new maintenance hangar for Flying Activity was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 14. Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, did the honors of cutting the ribbon. See Hangar on page 17



Photo by Beth Skarupa

CUTTING UP— From left, Tim Thompson, Flying Activity operations assistant, Mildred Lancaster, Flying Activity clerk, Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, Robert Conklin, Flying Activity maintenance manager, and Tom Sharp, Flying Activity volunteer, laugh as they cut the ribbon at the official opening of the flying club's new maintenance hangar.

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Office downloads computer equipment for reutilization, school donation efforts

Program contributes hardware deemed excess by Army

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

One office's trash could be another school's computer lab.

On Dec. 6, the ATE/TPS office relinquished control of more than 100 computers and monitors from its warehouse to the Reutilization and School Donation programs managed by the Computer Information Center.

"We had the computers in our warehouse because of a technology upgrade in the office over the last two years," Bobby McDonald, chief, Automated Test Equipment Coordination Branch, IMMC, said. "This donation accomplishes three things, to clear the computers off our hand receipt, free up storage space in the warehouse and to make a donation to the school computer program."

The computers may or may not end up in the School Donation Program, according to Betty Walker, leader, building 3714, Reutilization and School Donation programs. Excess property on the Redstone

Arsenal Support Activity's property book is picked up by the reutilization office and checked at the office for condition and quality.

"Our first obligation is to the people on post and federal offices," Walker said. "When you're talking about computers, it really comes down to megahertz. We hold back the best for the Arsenal—for special projects that come up where we might need 50 computers in an office. The older, lower grade computers go into the school program."

The computers donated from Automated Test Equipment/Test Program Sets office were mostly 486's with a few early model Pentiums. It of a grade and quality lower than what most government offices use but greatly appreciated by local schools in need of computers for labs or classrooms.

Before they were released to the reutilization program, Randall Schaefers, weapons system coordination, Vehicle Automated Diagnostic System and Army National Guard, ATE/TPS, had to complete an inventory, checking serial numbers and bar codes and then check the machines to ensure all Army information

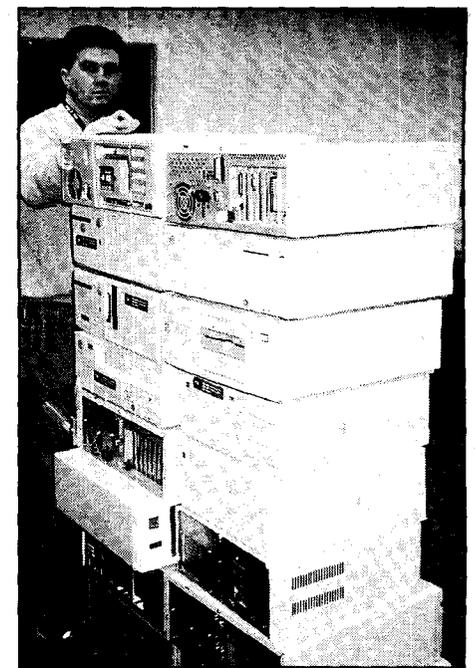
was cleared.

"It took a long time because I was doing that on top of my regular job," Schaefers said. "I called Betty in November and asked if she could use them. She said 'yes' and arranged for a pick-up."

"These will likely go to the school computer program," Walker said. "We always have letters of request to be filled. There is a process and it takes about 45 days from the time the request is approved but we try to do as much as we can to promote the educational program needs in the community."

In FY 2000 the Redstone School Donation Program received 222 educational requests. Those requests were forwarded to the Defense Information Technology Management System in Washington, D.C. for approval. The total value of equipment donated was more than \$9.8 million, including 3,218 computers, 2,189 monitors, 672 printers, 352 miscellaneous pieces of equipment to 132 schools in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

"We're real proud of our program," Walker said. "It's great that we can reach out to the community and offer educational resources. And we're always getting



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OUT WITH THE OLD— Kris Keel, NCCIM supply specialist, works in support of CIC's reutilization and school donation programs, transporting equipment from donor offices to warehouses. These CPUs are just a portion of the Dec. 6 donation from the Integrated Materiel Management Center's ATE/TPS office.

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While it's not the only new feature to the system, the PAC-3 missile is much different than the PAC-2. The PAC-3 is a kinetic energy hit-to-kill missile. Simply put, it doesn't have a warhead. It destroys the target on impact. Earlier vintages of Patriot missiles used a warhead that exploded just before impact, blasting fragments into the target.

"Even though there's no warhead, it makes a heck of an explosion on impact," Col. Tom Newberry, project manager, Lower Tier Project Office, said. "It does have lethality enhancers, which are, for lack of a better term, rods attached along the body of the missile that are blown off the sides and move with the missile. Imagine the missile as a pencil. You wouldn't just have one coming at the tar-

get. There would be lots of them."

Target sets for the PAC-3 include tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and any kind of aircraft. Earlier Patriot versions didn't include the TBM capability.

"It's like a bullet hitting a bullet," Gaddy said. "We've had incredible success with PAC-3. When you're in the testing phase, you don't expect to hit the target every time but we've hit every shot intended and even hit one we didn't intend."

Between DT-2 and DT-3, the crew ran a seeker characterization flight to determine the performance of the seeker in a TBM scenario. The purpose was to collect data on the seeker's ability to detect, track and engage the target in a flight environment. The test resulted in a body-to-body intercept.

"The test wasn't about hitting the target," Newberry said. "The flight would have been completely successful had that not happened. But it did, and that was great."

Common sense would predict the next test after the success of DT-3 would be DT-4 but there was a little shuffle in the mix and DT-5 was done first back in Feb-

ruary of this year.

"Each missile is numbered with an expected mission," Gaddy said. "Four and five were coming along real close to each other but the software in number five was more mature. Every missile has its own personality, you know. We decided to go ahead with five. It was completely successful."

And since the stressors of the mission of number four were included in that test, the office decided there was no reason to go back and test number four and they moved ahead to... DT-7.

With each test, the mission became a little more complicated. By DT-5, the objective was to demonstrate ground system and missile capability to detect, track and engage a helical-maneuvering full-body TBM target in a remote launch Fire Unit configuration.

PAC-3 proved capable of a remote launch at eight kilometers. This was key to expanding the defended area, to enlarging the footprint of protection.

DT-7 raised the bar by including the ability to engage and destroy a low-altitude threat cruise missile target and the performance of a cold-conditioned launcher, canister and missile in a cruise missile engagement.

"We have to be sure the system will work in the temperatures where it will be used," Newberry said. "This one was cold conditioned to negative 25 degrees. We also have to test in the heat extremes."

The latest test, DT-6, proved that the system could simultaneously engage a

maneuvering TBM with a PAC-3 missile and sub-scale ABT with a PAC-2 missile. It had to shoot two missiles at the same time, at two different targets. Mission accomplished, again.

The PAC-3 system was designed to launch not only the new missile, but to launch several versions of earlier Patriot missiles, including nearly 2,000 PAC-2 in the inventory.

"We had to build in the backward compatibility to missiles already in the field," Gaddy said. "Some of the PAC-2 launchers will be upgraded, some will be refurbished. Patriot has a great legacy. It will grow us into the new objective force."

"This has been a tremendous team effort," Newberry said. "Lt. Col. Ed Mullion is the product manager for the PAC-3 missile segment. We've had great support from the government and contracting teams and from Team Redstone and others in the community. They've made a remarkable contribution to our success."

In November, the Patriot office awarded its third Low Rate Initial Production contract with Lockheed Martin to produce an additional 40 PAC-3 missiles. The basic contract in December 1997 began with 20 missiles. Then the second LRIP came in two phases that included 32 missiles. At full rate production, the missiles are estimated to cost about \$2 million each, with an expected inventory of about 800.

Lockheed Martin Vought Systems and Raytheon are the prime contractors for the PAC-3.

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■ Flying activity gets maintenance hangar

Hangar

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ribbon and Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities, made a few remarks.

"I can finally say 'I told you so.' I said we were gonna get it. We got it done and here it is so this guy can do his maintenance work safely," Ahern said. "Since 1977 we knew we needed it and we finally got it."

Swart laughed and said, "That's as long as I've been in the Army."

Although it was a long time coming, Flying Activity director Jack Ferguson made it clear that he is happy with everything Morale, Welfare and Recreation has done to complete the facility.

"Where we performed maintenance before was really just a hole in the wall. It was a ragged, tin shed that was not heated; there was no air conditioning. Our maintenance man was out there working in 20 degrees below zero sometimes. Now we have a decent place to do maintenance," he said. "Now everything is just perfect and we're absolutely happy about that."

Robert Conklin, who does most of the maintenance on Flying Activity airplanes, explained that his productivity would increase now that he has a facility where he

can store the airplanes and work on them.

"Productivity will go up. It's really quite uncommon to find a maintenance facility this well equipped - most are not heated. It's a wonderful facility. I'm very proud," he said. "When it comes to general aircraft - small aircraft - maintenance, I'm at the top of the heap. These are really friendly guys here and they'll help out whenever I ask them. Some will help out whether I ask them to or not."

He invited anyone who's interested in seeing the new facility to come visit him in the hangar. He said he works out there one day a week and is available for questions about the flying club as well.

The Flying Activity has about 300 members and is looking for more. Military, retired military, all DoD civilians and all contractors who work for AMCOM or NASA are eligible to join. The club teaches flying and also rents aircraft to those qualified to fly.

"We also do introductory flights. For \$20 you can go up with a flight instructor and even fly the plane yourself to help decide if you're interested in learning to fly or not," Ferguson said. "Gift certificates are available, too."

If you're interested in learning to fly or need information on the flying club, the new facility or aircraft that is available, call Tim Thompson at 880-9495 or Mildred Lancaster at 881-3980.



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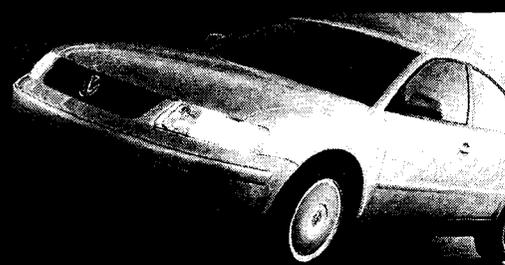
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Delta Devastating Dragons dart to flag football title

Unit uses experience to overcome youth

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Proving that experience wins out over youth and beauty, the Devastating Dragons of Company D, 832nd Ordnance Battalion won the flag football championship recently.

Often facing younger soldiers, but the Dragons held tough and remained undefeated throughout the regular season.

"We had a lot to overcome," Billy Brewer, player/coach for the Dragons, said. The team suffered from things like broken fingers and pulled hamstrings throughout the short season. The season started in November and ended with a championship game at the end of the month, but the championship game was canceled because the opposing team forfeited from lack of players. At the end of the season, the Dragons were 10-0.

"We were beaten in the first round of the preseason, so the remaining teams had pretty much written the Devastating Dragons off," said 1st Sgt. Renee Kelly, first sergeant of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion. "But we went through the regular season and the post tournament unde-

feated. The NCOs were put in some pretty tight situations, but through teamwork they were able to pull through."

"We started off in the preseason on a bad foot and we were kind of shaky in the first two games, but then the defense as well as the offense jelled together as one cohesive unit on a mission en route to an undefeated season and the post championship," Derrick Ellis, D Company defensive lineman, said.

D Company players, generally instructor/writers for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, often found themselves facing the students they teach.

"The students liked to brag in school during the day," Brewer said. "But after we played them at night, the next day in class they didn't have much to say. Basically, we did our talking on the field."

The Dragons benefited from depth of talent and their ability to adapt and overcome, according to Brewer.

"We would practice certain plays," he said, "but if that didn't work on the field because of the other team's offense or defense we were able to adjust to that."

Lead offensive player was Jerry McIntyre, the quarterback. Lead defensive player was Bruce Hollis.

"McIntyre was the nucleus of the team," Kelly said. "But all the NCOs played hard."



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

UNBEATEN CHAMPION— The Devastating Dragons of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion took home the post championship recently in flag football. In the back row, from left, are William Owens, Lathain Morton, Jerry McIntyre, Bruce Hollis, Derrick Ellis, Billy Brewer, Thomas Brooks, James Blake and Christopher Baylor. In the front row, from left, are Michael Wilson, Cedric Tims, Richard James and Todd French. Not pictured are Henry Mims, Glenn Lundy, Serafin Cardeli, Charles McCrimmon, Andrew Williams, Ramon Ortiz, Orlanda Moore and Ronald Smith.

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■ Barracks running out of room for trainees

Housing

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the Arsenal from the barracks in the training area to housing. A few buildings in housing were previously scheduled to be demolished but now have been temporarily taken off the list. It's a shifting of personnel and resources that has been going on since the first influx of soldiers began in early September.

"Once we push over 600 soldiers (in C Company) it's going to be interesting," Burke said.

Right now resources and personnel are being stressed to the limit. The TRADOC regulation states that the ratio for drill sergeants to students should be 1 to 50. At Charlie the ratio is more like 1 to 105.

But the drill sergeants are still motivated even though their jobs have gotten tougher.

"What motivates us is seeing our privates take pride in what they do," Drill Sgt. Warnie Jordan, of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "Their boots are shined, their uniforms are sharp, they sound off—that's our motivation.

"And the privates always keep us laughing," she said. "We're overworked, under staffed but we love what we do. We're dedicated and that's the key to everything."

Currently there is enough barracks space and beds, but that situation might change as more soldiers show up for training. However, right now wall lockers and three-drawer chests are limited. Many soldiers have to share or do without all together.

"We are doing whatever it takes to get items that the soldiers need," Rogers said. "By no means are we just sitting around twiddling our thumbs hoping that something will just fall out of the sky.

"It's not an issue of not wanting to spend money—we will spend it if we

have it," he said. "Our primary concern right now is taking care of these soldiers and making sure that they have all the creature comforts that they are entitled to at this point in their military careers."

Right now there are no plans to construct extra barracks on post, Rogers said. And if the process is deemed necessary, it would still take a few years to get through all the paperwork and contracting that goes with constructing new facilities on a military post.

"We cannot make it all happen here locally," Rogers said. The request must go through the right channels to include being approved by the Department of the Army.

"But I can assure you that we will not put soldiers in tents or on cots," Rogers said.

Meanwhile, extra barracks space is not the only concern. Space is also scarce within the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School classrooms.

Several hundred soldiers are in a hold status awaiting their chance to get in the classroom to start school. Morale is a definite concern as the chain of command tries to keep these soldiers motivated until there are enough seats open at the school.

"My chapters (administrative discharges from the Army) have doubled," Burke said. Soldiers who get into trouble with the Uniform Code of Military Justice have also increased. Pregnancies and suicide attempts are also on the rise, Burke said.

It's a stressful situation that has everyone pulling together to work as a team.

"It's a collective effort and everyone is doing their fair share to make this growth as painless as possible," Rogers said. "We are not the only installation that is in this situation.

"It's an Armywide problem," he said. "Due to the super job the recruiters did last year and the year before, that's why our numbers are growing. All the training installations are busting at the seams."

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Hockey tickets

Civilian Welfare Fund Council still has some seats left on the bus for the St. Louis Blues vs. Nashville Predators hockey game Jan. 21 in Nashville. For \$30 and \$50 tickets, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-5924.



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.

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 at least be 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.

Merit awards

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

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Severe weather closings

The winter weather season is approaching. If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: Radio—WAHR, 99.1FM; WDRM, 102FM; WEKR, 1240AM; WEUP, 1600 AM; WGSV, 1270AM; WJAB, 90.9FM; WLRH, 89.3FM; WRAB, 1380AM; WRSA, 97FM; WTKI, 1450AM; WVNN, 770AM; WWIC, 1050AM; WZYP, 104.3FM.; Television—WAAY (Ch 31), WAFF (Ch 48) or WHNT (Ch 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures. A recorded announcement can be heard by calling 955-8445 or one can log on to the Team Redstone Internet Site (www.redstone.army.mil) and click the Weather Alert button for weather information.

Sergeants major

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

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.

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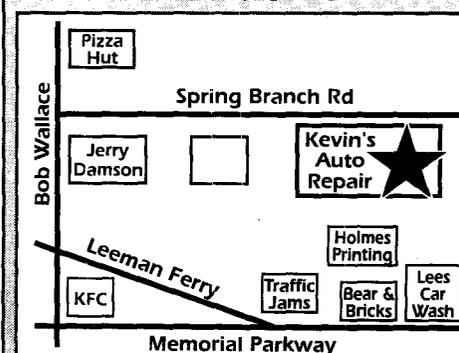
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Thrift shop

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.

Single soldiers party

Team Redstone and the BOSS (Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers) Committee will hold a New Year's Party, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Challenger

Club. There will be free party hats, finger foods and champagne. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Participants must be 21 or older. For tickets call CSM Rogers 876-5331, CSM Taylor 842-2896 or Spec. Bullard 876-7320.

Lifetime weight control

Fox Army Health Center/ Public Health and Education Center (PHEC) will offer a 12-week series of classes titled "A Lifetime of Weight Control and Fitness." This is not your average weight loss program; this program is intended for those individuals striving to achieve a fit and healthy body. Its purpose is to initiate you into a lifetime of changes that impact your health and weight. This class is presented by a registered nurse, with assistance from a dietician, physical therapist and a session on Stress Management. "We do not weigh you. It is not a quick weight loss program, but a program to help you reach your personal goals and maintain them for a lifetime," a prepared release said. If interested call PHEC, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196, to register for this class which starts Jan. 16 from noon-1 p.m. in the lobby of

PHEC. These classes are free and limited to military eligible beneficiaries.

Firehouse pub

Spend New Year's Eve at the Firehouse Pub as a new holiday tradition begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 31. There will be finger foods (6-8 p.m.), the DJ playing your favorite hits and champagne at midnight. Ring in the new year with your friends. Tickets are available at the Firehouse for \$10 per person. For more information, call 830-2582.

Kinetic energy office

PEO Tactical Missiles will hold a change of charter ceremony for the Kinetic Energy Missiles Project Office at 1 p.m. Thursday in the A-115 auditorium in building 5250. Brig. Gen. John Holly, program executive officer for tactical missiles, will present the project manager charter to the incoming project manager, Col. Jed Sheehan. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Black history festival

The African American Festival Committee is planning its annual event for Black History Month, Feb. 28 at Bob Jones Auditorium. "Your support and participation are requested as we prepare for this event," a prepared release said. "We are looking for musicians and role players for our scripted program. We are also looking for a diversified group of individuals who would like to sing and/or play instruments to make up the Redstone Arsenal Multi-Cultural Choir and Band." If interested in

participating, volunteering your time and talents, call one of the following as soon as possible but not later than Dec. 29: Sam Wright 842-6319 or Pat Dailey 876-9075.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics (SOLE) is once again offering a 16 week Certified Professional Logistician preparation course for the next CPL exam, scheduled for the first Saturday in May. The course is a comprehensive review of the logistics disciplines from program concept, design, fabrication, production, distribution and sustainment, through product retirement. It provides an overview of the systems engineering approach to logistics in addition to helping prepare students for the CPL exam. The first weekly class session will meet Jan. 15 from 5-7:30 pm. Instructors are local CPL volunteers. Membership in SOLE is not a requirement, but CPL applicants must meet minimum qualification requirements, and obtain required textbooks. Visit the SOLE web site at www.sole.org to check out the qualification requirements and examination fees required. The course will also welcome logisticians/engineers who do not wish to sit for the CPL exam, but simply wish to broaden their logistics knowledge. For more information, or to register for the course, call Mike Osborne 313-4256at work or (931) 433-6271 at home.

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Penny earned

Courtesy photo

Col. Robert English, commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., presents Amy Hall with a Letterkenny Army Depot "Kenny Penny" for her support to the depot's cost reduction efforts. Hall assisted Letterkenny in submitting seven value engineering proposals totaling \$5.4 million in savings. Hall is an engineer in the AMCOM Value Engineering Office.

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Announcements

Catering services

Having a party or event? Catering services are now available through the Sparkman cafeteria. "We've got something for everyone—from deli trays, boxed lunches, buffet dinners, continental breakfast, pizzas, subs, hors d'oeuvres and more," a prepared release said. "Let us help you with your company picnic, office party, wedding reception or any special event." For more information, call 876-8741 or 876-8894.

Army life class

Introduction to Army Life is a free class sponsored by the Army Family Team Building organization. Classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 16-18 at building 3491. Topics covered include: Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies; Chain of Command and Chain of Concern; Military and Civilian Resources; Benefits, Entitlements and Privileges; Family and Military Expectations; Impact of Unit Mission on Family Life; and Beginning Problem Solving Techniques. To register call 876-5397 by Jan. 11. Child care will be provided.

Dental clinic holidays

The Dental Clinic will be closed different days than Fox Army Health Center during the holidays. The clinic will observe its training holidays Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. It will be open Dec. 22 and Dec. 29. If you have an emergency, call the Fox Army Health Center for the Advice Nurse 955-

■ 'A Soldier's Request' to Santa Poem

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I realized the families
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world,
The children would play,
And grownups would celebrate
A bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom
Each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers,
Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help but wonder
How many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve
In a land far from home.

The very thought
Brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees
And started to cry.

The soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry,
This life is my choice;

I fight for freedom,
I don't ask for more,
My life is my God,
My country, my corps."

8888. The clinic will resume normal duty hours at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

Paramedic certificate

Calhoun Community College will begin offering courses for a Paramedic Certificate in Emergency Medical Services. Classes will begin next semester, which starts Jan. 8. Classes will be offered at both the Huntsville and Decatur campuses. Students will also have the option of continuing their education in the field by pursuing an associate degree in Emergency Medical Services. For more information call Brenda Beasley (256) 306-2861, Jarrod Taylor 306-2781 or Ann Wagnon 306-2786.

Ebony fashion fair

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will sponsor the 43rd annual Ebony Fashion Fair, Fashion Sensation, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Ticket prices are: reserved \$26, general \$21, and students (K-12) \$15. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit scholarships and other community projects. For tickets call 830-9630.

Technology expo

The Huntsville Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers will hold the annual IEEE HunTEC 2001, Aug. 17-18 at the Von Braun Center. The theme is Millennium Technology. For more information, call 880-1947.

The soldier rolled over
And drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it,
I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still
And we both shivered
From the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave
On that cold, dark, night,
This guardian of honor
So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "carry on Santa,
It's Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend,
and to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. The following is his request: Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us.

Linda A. Hussey
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AMCOM, Marshall Center explore partnership programs.

The technology sharing outlined in the cooperative agreement signed in November between AMCOM and the Marshall Space Flight Center is already under way in the form of a series of scientific and technical meetings that also began last month.

Two held in November were a workshop on advances in navigation guidance and control technology. The objective of the first was to review research and development progress in navigation, guidance and control within the context of the missions of NASA, SMDC and AMCOM. The meeting focused on common problems and challenges, and explored the potential for partnership agreements and joint programs. A second objective was to identify research and development gaps

that must be filled to achieve the missions of the three agencies hosting the meeting.

The second workshop, held Nov. 7-9, was on Multi/Hyperspectral Sensors, Measurements, Modeling and Simulation. The objective of this workshop was to review research progress in multi/hyperspectral sensor measurements, modeling and simulation including spectral background scenes, calibration and validation processes, algorithm development, and performance metrics for potential technology insertion in current tactical and strategic weapon systems as well as other defense related systems. A second objective was to identify research and technology gaps in the technology that must be filled to achieve DoD program and NASA Earth Science Enter-

prise objectives.

Three other conferences are coming up next year. The first, on optics manufacturing for dual use, will be held Feb. 14-15. The objective of this conference is to explore the areas of optics and optics manufacturing that are common to the mission of the civil space program conducted by NASA and the defense programs conducted by the Aviation and Missile Command, the Space and Missile Defense Command, and other defense agencies. The conference will provide a forum to explore the potential for joint programs, and identify ideas from industry and academia that will enable the sponsoring federal agencies to fulfill their missions more effectively.

Two other workshops will be sched-

uled at a later date. The topics will be microsystems technology and multispectral/hyperspectral image compression. The objective of the workshop on microsystems technology is to explore opportunities for using microsystems in the areas of photonics, microelectronics and micro-electromechanical systems for military and space applications. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss the potential for joint programs, and to learn new ideas from industry and academia that will enable the sponsoring federal agencies to fulfill their missions more effectively. Information on the last conference will be presented at a later date. For more information on these conferences, call Bill Pittman at 876-1778.

Inaugural committee ready to serve President-elect Bush

Servicemembers line up for Jan. 20 ceremonies

By LINDA KOZARYN
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— The Armed Forces Inaugural Committee is standing by, ready to serve President-elect George W. Bush.

Nearly 5,000 servicemembers will take part in the nation's 54th presidential inauguration on Jan. 20. A core group of military planners, logisticians and operations officers has been working for months to make mil-

itary support happen.

The AFIC paves the way for two groups responsible for the inauguration. The Joint Inaugural Committee runs the inaugural ceremony on the Capitol grounds. The Presidential Inaugural Committee, a nongovernmental organization from the president-elect's party, conducts the inaugural events.

The PIC decides whether or not to have a parade, schedules inaugural balls and decides who will attend the inauguration. Once the invitation list is set, the military facilitates the movement of those people.

The AFIC has been up and running since January. Working in temporary offices at L'Enfant Plaza in a Gen-

eral Services Administration building, committee members have been readying the stage and coordinating DoD support for the 10-day inaugural period, Jan. 15 to 24.

DoD guidelines outline what support the military can provide. The AFIC has a \$4.1 million operating budget allocated over two fiscal years. The military identified post-inaugural homes for its big-ticket purchases such as computers and cameras.

Tradition is the basis of the military support honoring the new commander in chief, according to Army Brig. Gen. Nick Perkins, committee deputy director. The military has taken part in the inauguration since George Washington took office as the nation's first president.

Military participation reaffirms civilian control of the military, lends a sense of patriotism to the inaugural events and showcases the armed forces, Perkins said.

The AFIC pulls together transportation, communications and other logistical aspects, he said. Active duty and reserve members from all five services will have a chance to work on the high-visibility, joint operation.

The logistics team provides everything from more than 100 drivers for VIPs to command post electrical generators. While the AFIC's focus is on the ceremonial aspects of the inauguration, the team also makes contingency plans that take into account bad weather, civil disturbances, terrorist acts and more.

AFIC officials also coordinate the color guards, military bands, ceremonial units and others that will participate in the parade and inaugural ceremony. In addition to the parade units, about 1,800 servicemembers will form an honor cordon from the White House to the Capitol.

Servicemembers will also support galas and balls that occur after the inauguration ceremony. This generally consists of a joint-service color guard, as well as musicians. Generally, the Army's Herald Trumpets play ruffles and flourishes and "Hail to the Chief" at functions the president attends.

AFIC's Joint Operations Center will be the hub for coordinating and controlling all the military activities. The operations section is also preparing for a gamut of contingencies, everything from a horse going lame to an assassination attempt.



Photo by Sgt. Ramona E. Joyce, USA

PRESIDENT'S OWN— The U.S. Marine Corps Band (The President's Own) marches past the reviewing stand during the 1997 presidential inaugural parade.