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Lost-time accidents rise slightly here during fiscal 2000

Redstone's still safer than most installations

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Work-related accidents do happen, even at Redstone Arsenal.

For the first time in several years, Redstone experienced a slight increase in its annual accident statistics. The numbers are still down compared to a decade ago, but they serve as a safety reminder.

Redstone had 36 lost-time accidents in fiscal 2000, compared to 31 for the previous year. The Aviation and Missile Command's portion increased from 21 to 28 last year.

"But our rates are roughly a third of what the federal average is," Bryan Lorge, chief of the installation safety division at AMCOM Safety Office, said. "We do a lot of potentially hazardous stuff here and we've done that for a

number of years without significant accidents."

An example of the hazardous operations include last year's successful process to neutralize pentaborane, a former liquid rocket propellant also known as "Green Dragon."

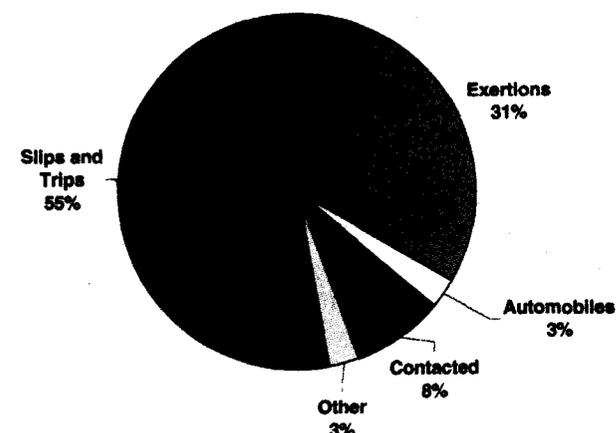
Of the 36 accidents, 20 were characterized as slips and falls; and 11 were strained backs from improper lifting or twisting. The remaining five were miscellaneous mishaps.

The reason for last year's increase? "I think it's probably (people) just getting a little bit lackadaisical on those types of things," Lorge said.

The solution is common sense remedies such as watching out for wet floors or curbs, wiping up spills and picking up discarded items, and avoiding awkward movements that can hurt your back or neck.

AMCOM's command group does its part by stressing safety at the quarterly town hall meetings and other gatherings. Safety is considered a top priority here.

Redstone Arsenal Lost-Time Accidents
FY 2000



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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

NO OBJECTIONS— As the new deputy commander for transformation at AMCOM, it's Col. Barry Ward's job to see that the chosen aviation and missile systems are transformed to support the Objective Force.

Transformation effort goes full force for future force

Col. Barry Ward gives direction

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Transforming the Army is a little like learning how to play a board game.

First, you have to identify the equipment.

In the case of the Aviation and Missile Command, five current systems have been chosen for the recapitalization program

The Department of the Army wants to be able to easily deploy an agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, sustainable force anywhere in the world in a short time.

and transformation into the new Objective Force of 2010. They are the UH-60 Blackhawk, CH-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, Patriot and the M2701A Multiple Launch Rocket System.

"All of these systems are in the process of performance upgrades," Col. Barry Ward, deputy commander, AMCOM Transformation Program, said. "Any of the components not included in the upgrades will be restored to like new condition."

That's only what we have now. The science and technology objectives will provide additional equipment used in the Future Combat System, which is considered not one system but a system of systems developed for the Objective Force. In addition, there is equipment in research and development, such as the RAH-66 Comanche, High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, the guided MLRS and the Line-of-Sight Anti-tank systems that must be procured for the Objective Force.

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Another way of measuring millennium

Please allow me to enter the fray regarding the start of the new millennium, ref: Steve Huffman's letter in Redstone Rocket, Jan. 17.

I was of the same opinion a while back until I realized that counting, or measuring time, is far different than labeling objects with a number.

Example: When we are born, we are at the zero time of our life, beginning the start of our first year. The end of our first year is identified by the number 1, at which time we begin our second year. The next higher number comes at the end of an accumulation of time, not at the beginning. Another example is by

looking at a one-foot ruler. It begins at a zero point, and not at 1, because it is measuring something. A calendar is a measurement tool as well.

If all is told, it probably really doesn't matter, for the current calendar we use was supposedly drawn up by someone appointed by the Roman Empire; and at the time the person did not have a way to express the number zero, so he started the first year with the number 1.

Either way, it all makes for interesting balderdash.

Tom Whitney
DRC/ Camber Corporation
Tech Loop Branch

Reader disagrees with World War II veteran's language in recollections

Regarding the article published in Redstone Rocket Jan. 24 titled, "Marine veteran publishes personal account of battles."

It was great that Hiram Quillin Jr. survived the actions of World War II and he is able to recall the actions of what was probably the epitome of hell. It is also good that old Hiram will be compensated through some good book deals.

But for the life of me with all the divisive problems here at this command, why in God's name would the editors allow such derogatory ethnic names be

printed in the Redstone Rocket? I believe Guadalcanal and Tokyo are in the country of Japan and the people we were fighting at the time were Japanese. Will we ever get past characterizing people? We can't stop old Hiram or anyone else from saying or feeling what they like, but with a command, Army and country so diversified, why do we have to read such ignorance?

Joe Buckley
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Logistics support symposiums combined into one event

Information exchange scheduled May 7-11 in Huntsville

By **EMERSON MCAFEE**
Symposium coordinator

This year's Logistics Support Activity symposiums have been combined into one function in order to reduce cost for both the sponsoring activity and those organizations sending personnel to Redstone Arsenal to attend.

By combining the symposiums, travel cost for participating organizations has decreased and attendees have the opportunity to participate in both functions in one event. Basically it allows for more people to participate.

The Department of Defense Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange and the Department of the Army Integrated Logistic Support symposiums will be conducted as the Joint-Government/Industry Supportability Information Exchange Symposium 2001. It will be held May 7-11 at two different venues.

The Huntsville Hilton is designated as the location of the symposium and will be the official lodging location. Please ask for the block of rooms set aside for the GISIE if you are coming to Huntsville for the symposium. The government rate of \$58 plus tax has been established for

all attendees.

Activities at the Hilton include a social to be held May 7 from 5-9 p.m. The social will be held in the Azalea Room with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Participants are encouraged to come out and meet some of the speakers and other attendees.

There will be three logistics working groups assigned to meeting rooms at the Hilton May 9 from 8-11 a.m. The final reports from these groups will be conducted in the Grand Salon at 1 p.m.

Another function at the Hilton will be the working luncheon held in the Heritage Ballroom at 11:30 a.m. May 9. Dr. William Baylis, an engineer from Northrop Grumman, is to present "Mission Rehearsal and Synthetic Training." The luncheon is part of the symposium fee and everyone is invited to attend.

The major portion of the presentations will occur at the 700-seat Bob Jones Auditorium. Presentations are scheduled for that Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Thursday, and Friday morning.

A couple of the high points this year are the Department of the Army/ILS Annual Awards Presentation and three DoD speakers addressing logistics architecture, DODD 5000, and the Acquisition Workforce. Also on the agenda are speakers from the Johnson Space Center and the Boeing Company, who will be addressing logistics

issues of the International Space Station and Boeing's logistics involvement with the government.

Friday morning has been devoted to presentations from the Army, Navy, and Air Force Services Logistics Offices and a one-hour forum to follow. This is your chance to have your questions answered by representatives from the top-level logistics offices of the services.

Two other optional activities include LOGSA developed software training and a tour of some of the NASA ISS facilities.

Booth/display space can be reserved on a first available basis by calling Emerson McAfee 955-0808, or email: emerson.mcafee@logsa.army.mil.

Corporate sponsorship is being solicited this year to offset the cost of conducting the symposium.

Pre-registration policy has changed this year through necessity. We are accepting \$75 check and credit card payments only through April 9. Cash payments will only be accepted at the door and they will require the payment of a \$100 fee.

We now have the capability to register online by visiting the symposium web page at www.logsa.army.mil/alc/conf/index.htm. The two options available are online and facsimile. You may also copy the registration form and send it by regular mail to: USAMC LOGSA, Attn: Monique Tolbert, building 5307, Redstone Arsenal 35898-7466.

Editor's note: McAfee is a logistics management specialist at Logistics Support Activity.

**The symposium's web site is located at
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Health center changes among topics at community town hall

Renovations, consolidations aimed at improving services

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Proposed changes in how the Fox Army Health Center and the Troop Medical Clinic do business were among the topics of discussion at the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity Community Town Hall Meeting, Jan. 23.

Fox Army Health Center is undergoing renovations that should improve services, and also moving several of its clinics.

The Dental Clinic and the Troop Medical Clinic will both move to the health center soon. It is hoped that with the consolidation of services that the wait for medical/dental care for students, permanent party and their dependents will be reduced.

"We are also looking at going to an appointment system for all permanent party members," Lt. Col. Don Speers, deputy commander for clinical services, said. Currently sick call hours start at 6:30 a.m. for all soldiers and the wait is lengthy. The possibility of a refill pharmacy at the Post Exchange was also discussed. Currently Army and Air Force Exchange officials at the command level are considering the proposal. Official

changes will be announced later.

It is hoped that the relocation of services and the consolidation of others will be completed early this summer, Speers said.

Another topic of discussion included renovating and constructing new playgrounds across post.

"Some of them were not safe and up to Army standards," Dwain Elder, with Family Housing Activities, said. Construction on playgrounds will continue until 2004.

Also the new family housing continues to be constructed. However, the contractor is slightly behind his proposed completion date. "It was originally scheduled to be done August 2001, it has now been pushed back to March 2002," Elder said. Once completed there will be 118 new enlisted housing buildings.

To date, there are no waiting lists on any grade of housing, Elder said.

Other improvements include the renaming of the post housing areas.

Housing mayors from across the Arsenal got together and created new names for the housing areas. Sticking with the "space" and "rocket" theme, residents will soon be seeing new signs sporting "Columbia Center" and "Apollo Landing," to name a few.

"Before it sounded like we were living on a target range with 'Area 1' and the like," Cathy Ryan, head of quality of life

issues, said.

Other important dates for the Redstone community to remember include: Army Family Action Plan Conference Feb. 14-15, Harlem Ambassadors' Basketball game March 24, Annual Block Party with

a Provost Marshal Bike Rodeo April 21, Spring Cleanup April 26-27, Plant Ordering April 26-28 (orders must be filed ahead of time this year to cut down on costs and wait time) and Carport/Yard Sale May 5-6.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

QUESTION SESSION— Attendees at the Jan. 23 town hall participate in the question-and-answer portion of the community meeting.

Black history program scheduled for Feb. 8

The community is invited to a free program sponsored by AMCOM for Black History Month in February.

The program will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 8 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Scheduled speaker is Dr. Oscar Montgomery, pastor of Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church. For more information on the program, call Bernard Collier of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at 876-9223 or 876-3591.

Montgomery, a native of Chapman, holds a doctorate in pastoral ministry from Trinity Theological Seminary. He also has a doctorate and master's degree from Purdue University in soil genesis, mineralogy and classification/remote sensing. He received his bachelor's degree from Alabama A&M University with a major in agronomy and a minor in chemistry.

For the past 22 years, Montgomery has served as pastor of Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church. He has served as a lecturer and teacher for more than 20 years in A&M's department of plant, soil and animal sciences.

He and his wife, Alfredia, have four children: Paula, Renita, Christa and Oscar Jr.



Courtesy photo

DR. OSCAR MONTGOMERY

African-American Festival features theatrical performance

FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RELEASE

The PEO Tactical Missiles MLRS Project Office is hosting the sixth annual African-American Festival, Feb. 28. The festival planning committee is scheduling rehearsals for persons interested in acting in the theatrical performance, singing in the Multicultural Choir and playing in the Multicultural Band.

The theatrical performance will be called "Just Over the Horizon," a stage script written and directed by Sam Wright, a contractor at Corporate Information Center. This performance depicts the long journey from slavery to freedom as recalled from the memory of two old women. The women describe the contributions made by distinguished African-Americans (sports figures, musicians, artists and entertainers). The Multicultural Choir and Multicultural Band will perform selections in keeping with the philosophy of the African-American festival.

Additional volunteers are being solicited to act out the roles of the 47 characters in the play. Vocalists and musical instrumentalists, from every race and creed, are needed to make up the Redstone Multicultural Choir and

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Higher headquarters' top enlisted soldier makes first visit

CSM Tyler Walker II likes team concept

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

It didn't take long for AMC's top enlisted soldier to draw a conclusion about Redstone Arsenal.

"It's a great place to live; good community, soldier and family team concept," CSM Tyler Walker II said while visiting last week. Walker has served as Army Materiel Command's command sergeant major since May 2000.

On Jan. 23 he spoke at a soldiers' breakfast and toured research and development facilities. It was his first visit to Redstone.

His message to soldiers was "to ensure that Redstone Arsenal knows the capability of the Army Materiel Command as we support the warfighter, every soldier, every day."

Walker, a native of Pensacola, Fla., graduated from Washington High School in June 1971 and attended Central Texas College. He entered the Marine Corps in December 1972 and attended basic training and Advanced Infantry Training at Parris Island, S.C. In October 1974, he joined the Army.

Walker served in a variety of positions including installation command sergeant major, maintenance control supervisor, section sergeant, platoon sergeant, drill sergeant, correctional custody NCO-in-charge, and first sergeant.

His assignments include: 2nd Marine Division,

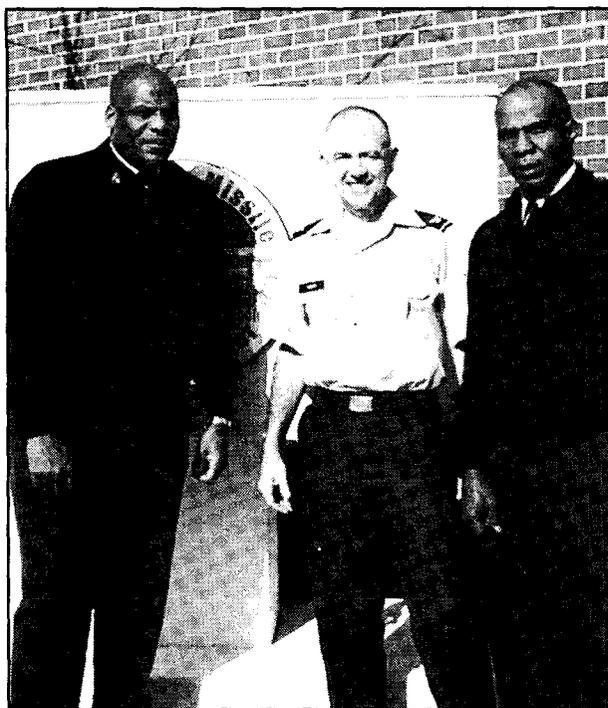


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RESEARCH TOUR— From left Army Materiel Command's CSM Tyler Walker II arrives Jan. 23 at the Research Development and Engineering Center where he is accompanied by Col. Herb Carr, the center's deputy commander, and post CSM Roscoe Johnson.

Camp Lejeune, N.C.; 110th Quartermaster Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Rucker; Bravo Company, 501st Supply and Transportation Battalion, Montheith

Barracks; 1st Armored Division, West Germany; 632nd Maintenance Company, 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.; 3rd Battalion, 4th Training Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Bravo Company, 708th Maintenance Company, 8th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.; Charlie Company, 724th Support Battalion (Main), 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart (deployment to Saudi Arabia and Iraq from August 1990 to April 1991); Charlie Company, 25th Forward Support Battalion (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 702nd Main Support Battalion (MSB) and 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea; Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, Ariz.; and Developmental Test Command, Aberdeen, Md.

Walker is a graduate of the Army First Sergeant Course and the Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 38).

His awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (three OLC); the Army Achievement Medal (two OLC); the Army Good Conduct Medal (eighth award), the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon (one star), the Southwest Asia Service Medal (two bronze stars), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4), the Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 3), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait), and the Army Service Ribbon.

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St. Louis hockey fans aren't too blue after loss in Nashville

Council sponsors bus trip to see Blues game

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

Real hockey fans were the guys and girls wearing face paint, fright wigs, capes and the like at the St. Louis Blues vs. Nashville Predators game, Jan. 21.

Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck from the Civilian Welfare Fund Council organized a one-day bus trip to Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment Center arena. Two buses left Red-

stone Arsenal at 10:30 a.m., filled with Team Redstone employees and their families. Refreshments were provided on the buses; and along with their tickets, everyone received a yellow card to fill out to win a Predators shirt and a CWFC key chain.

The buses made one stop so the group could have time

to talk and see some old friends as they enjoyed a meal at the Courtyard Café before the game. And, some of the others had a chance to walk and shop at Hickory Hollow Mall.

"When we Blues fans walked off our two buses—there were about a thousand fans outside the arena, See Hockey on page 8

NCO Academy races past AMCOM in troop basketball at Fitness Center

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The NCO Academy basketball team found a solution to its height disadvantage against perennial power AMCOM.

"We saw that we were smaller and quicker than they were," 6-foot-2 forward Virgil Swain said.

The Academy Leaders raced to a 57-47 win over AMCOM on Thursday night at the Fitness Center, site for all the troop games this season. Pagano Gym will be closed Feb. 4 through March 12 for renovation, including redoing the floors.

Reggie Curry scored 16 points and Swain had 14 for the Leaders (5-1).

"We used our quickness to fastbreak them and get points off our quickness rather than just try to outmuscle them underneath the basket, because they were bigger than us. And they didn't really have a bench," Swain said.

"They were bigger than we were but they were slow-

er," said Curry, a 6-5 center. "We were just the better team (Thursday) night."

Columbus Wheeler scored 15 points, Ralph Langford had 12 and Kenneth McQueen had 10 for AMCOM (6-1).

AMCOM, last year's runner-up, won the championship two years ago.

The Leaders took control in the second half. Their starting five included Swain, Curry, guard James Massey, guard Fatugyge Bukle and forward Richard Ingram. Bukle is female.

"Actually I think we won because of some outstanding performances of Bukle and Curry, my center," Leaders coach Victor Blade said. "Those two really raised their game up. And if it was an MVP, they would've shared it."

Here are the league standings after Thursday's games: Eastern Division— AMCOM (6-1), NCO Academy (5-1), Bravo-1 (2-2) and ROTC (1-3). Headquarters & Alpha dropped out of the league.

Western Division— Marines (4-1), Delta (4-2), Charlie (3-2), Bravo-2 (2-3) and HHC 59th (2-3).



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GO BLUES— St. Louis Blues fans from Redstone celebrate their team's goal during its 3-1 loss at Nashville on Jan. 21.

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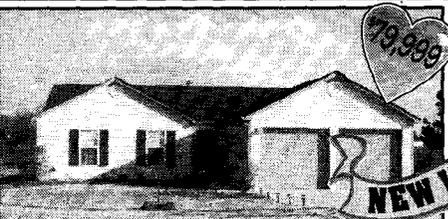


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NEW LISTINGS

More than 140 flock to chapel for biblical seminar

Counselor shares secrets to enjoying 'blessed life'

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Don't worry... be happy.

These lyrics made for a hit song but it doesn't quite work that way in reality. True enough, sometimes happiness is just there. The circumstances are pleasant and all is right with the world. Sometimes, though, happiness must be carved out of the overgrown nettles and wilderness of life.

Either way, it's something everyone seeks.

Just the title alone, "Secrets of the Blessed/Happy Life," was enough to draw more than 140 people to the Bicentennial Chapel Jan. 19 for an evening seminar by Dr. James Smith, licensed professional counselor and director of the Huntsville based Institute of Biblical Therapy for Marriage and Family.

"Most people think their issues are unique or different," Smith said. "In fact, most of life's problems are common to the experience of life. Life does not consist of a multitude of problems, but rather, it consists of a multitude of people working through similar life issues."

One of the biggest obstacles on the path to happiness is rejection. Smith defined rejection as when another person sins against God and we internalize it as against us, then we experience it as rejection. It becomes an emotional trauma of grief, shame, hurt or fear, which is externalized as grief.

"The only way to overcome it is to release that pain and hurt from inside yourself," Smith said. "As you release those feelings to God, He can pour back into you healing and restoration. But without letting go of it, there is no room for you to receive what God has for you."

"What comforts and transforms us is God revealing Himself to us."

Smith listed other trials—suffering for Christ's sake, spiritual warfare and sin—as stumbling blocks to a blessed and happy life. He offered insight into identifying the root of problems, along with scriptural teaching to help people overcome, no matter what the actual circumstance.

"I came because I felt I needed healing. I need to feel better about life," Karen Waterford, equipment specialist, Integrated Materiel Management Center, said. "Dr. Smith was a real blessing, especially helping me to understand about internalizing rejection. He helped me to separate that and understand why it is so important for me to let go of the bad feelings. As we release it to God, He replaces it with peace."

Even though Smith's presentation was the main thrust of the evening, the event offered more than just his teaching.

Attendees were treated to a catered dinner from the Olive Garden, with salad, breadsticks and lasagna; and then as the group reassembled in the sanctuary for the presentation, Heather Franklin, Christian soloist and speaker from Anniston, performed two musical selections.

The event, sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, continued Saturday morning at the chapel with a 45-minute concert from Franklin and a seminar from Smith about grief.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GOODWILL HARPING— Before Dr. James Smith, licensed professional counselor, delved into the secrets of a blessed life, he shared some personal stories and played an original song, "Wood Shed Blues," on his autoharp.

"I wanted to introduce Dr. Smith to the community here because people don't know where to look when they need a counselor," said Judy Haynes, member of the PWOC and in charge, along with Elaine Lewis, for special programs. "I've found him to be a morally upright man that God has endowed with wisdom and the ability to work with people. He has a real gift."

Smith has more than 30 years of experience in individual, marriage and family

counseling and offers services to everyone in need, no matter their ability to pay.

"We have a suggested donation amount for private counseling but if you can't afford it and need help, come anyway," he said.

Smith also offers free classes on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 at his office, 115 Longwood Drive. It's a 25-week rotating curriculum. Each lesson stands on its own so students may start anytime.

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Accidents

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"Our (accident) rate is about .4 per hundred which means about 1 in 250 employees will be injured on the job each year," John Frost, chief of the AMCOM Safety Office, said. "That is about a third of the rate for an average federal installation and about half of what it was here 10 years ago. In fact most workers are safer at work here than they are at home.

"This low accident rate is a tribute to the quality of the work force here, their

attention to detail and the involvement of top management in every element of the safety program."

AMCOM received an Award of Excellence in Safety for fiscal 1999 from the Army Materiel Command. This recognition from higher headquarters was based on low accident statistics and the safety initiatives of many AMCOM elements.

"An accident can happen at any time," Frost said. "And with the new missions and changes here, we have to double up our efforts to make sure accidents in the coming year don't take a toll on our employees."

■ Aviation and missile systems identified for future force

Transformation

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The goal of the transformation effort is simply stated. The Department of the Army wants to be able to easily deploy an agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, sustainable force anywhere in the world in a short time. For a brigade-size combat capability, 96 hours; a division, 120 hours and a corps of five divisions, 30 days.

"We will be able to achieve a combat overmatch in a lighter force by the way that force fights," Ward said. "Not to go toe-to-toe with a heavy armored adversary but to fight smart, using non line-of-sight weapons. To know where the enemy is without him finding you. To be able to fight that way will require a major transformation in how we fight, doctrine, tactics, techniques, procedures, not just what we fight with."

The number of players in this effort, just for the Aviation and Missile Command's responsibility, includes coordination and communications with the Aviation Program Executive Office, PEO Tactical Missiles, PEO Air and Missile Defense, AMCOM, Department of the Army, Army Materiel Command, other military organizations and partners in industry.

"This office exercises centralized management and planning of AMCOM's participation in the Army Transformation Objectives, provides programmatic oversight in all transformation related activities and funding allocations to achieve AMCOM transformation objectives,"

Ward said.

To get from concept to Objective Force combat ready means several steps in between, an Interim Force. Using the best current weaponry available to support the lighter, leaner, lethal concept, the Army expects to field the first two Initial Brigade Combat Teams by the end of next year.

"The Initial BCT's will use a surrogate vehicle," Ward said. "In '03, we expect to field four additional brigades. These, along with the first two, will get the Interim Armored Vehicle and then all the brigades will be Interim Brigade Combat Teams. The Army will continue to maintain a heavy armored force. It will be smaller than it is now, but it will remain a part of our force."

The AMCOM Transformation Program is a huge effort, requiring a staff of 13, including Ward.

"The Army could not achieve their transformation objectives without the AMCOM programs," Ward said. "Five of the Army's top 10 systems for recapitalization are here. I am the recapitalization czar for AMCOM. I am the command focal point and the CG's principal agent for the transformation policy, processes, management, control and oversight of AMCOM's transformation objective and programs."

Before accepting the position as deputy commander for transformation, Ward most recently served as the MLRS project manager. The office was formed in September. Ward has some of the staff on board but has yet to complete the selections.

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Space camp odyssey launched for military youngsters

Scholarship program starting countdown

Military children can experience a 2001 space odyssey this summer.

For the 17th year, youngsters will have the opportunity to compete for scholarships to Space Camp, Space Academy, and Aviation Challenge. Applications for "2001: A Space Camp Odyssey" will be available beginning March 1 at Army Community Service and local schools.

Active duty and retired military children who live within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal are eligible to partici-

pate if they have at least a C average verifiable by the school counselor or principal. In order to boldly go where some have gone before, applicants must also submit a 1-2 page handwritten essay titled, "Why I Want to Go to Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge."

"It falls under the ACS Education Committee umbrella," Sue Paddock, chief of Army Community Service, said.

Campers will report to the Space and Rocket Center the week of June 10-15. Fourth- through sixth-graders will attend Space Camp; seventh- and eighth-graders go to Space Academy; and students who completed seventh-, eighth- or ninth-

grades will attend Aviation Challenge. Previous award winners are not eligible for another scholarship in the same category.

Sponsoring organizations include the Association of the U.S. Army, the Air Defense Artillery Association, Enlisted Spouses Club, Officer and Civilian Women's Club, Sergeants Major Association, the Thrift Shop, and the United Ser-

vices Planning Association and Independent Research Agency (USPA/IRA).

Completed applications must be returned by noon March 16 to Army Community Service, building 3491. For more information call Phyllis Montgomery or Susan Carr, Space Camp Scholarship co-chairmen, at 876-2859; or Debra Jefferson, ACS Space Camp Scholarship Committee, 876-5397.

Fans travel to Nashville

Hockey

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chanting, "Let's go Blues!" Bill Young said. "I'm ready to go."

"The bus trip and hockey game was a blast even though we lost 3-1!" Blues fan Roy Longino said afterwards. "There's no better way to go and enjoy a Blues game in Nashville than with a crowd of Redstone's finest hockey fans. Nashville's arena is a great hockey facility and the

Predators fans are great, even if they did give us the 'fang' when the Blues were penalized or the Predators scored. Thanks to Mary Ann and the CWFC organization for putting this great trip together."

The council's next trip is planned for May 4-5 to Atlanta to see the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Braves baseball games. Only 50 tickets are available. The \$175 per person cost is based on double occupancy at the hotel. The cost includes roundtrip bus travel, refreshments, hotel accommodations and two baseball games.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

COMMITTEE MEETING— Clockwise from left are CSM Lawrence Rogers, representing the Sergeants Major Association; Sue Paddock, Army Community Service chief; Debra Jefferson of ACS; Phyllis Montgomery, Space Camp Scholarship co-chairman; Jim Bizer of Thrift Shop; and Susan Carr, scholarship co-chairman.

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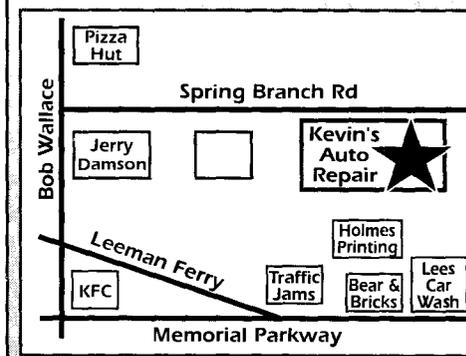
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Two drill sergeants compete for coveted title



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

STACK ARMS— Drill Sgt. Kenneth Ticknell, right, of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, leads a group of soldiers in a performance task during the 2001 Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition. The winner will be announced at a Feb. 6 luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Drill Sergeant of Year announced Feb. 6

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Their duties are already demanding, but for two drill sergeants assigned to OMMCS that wasn't a deterrent when they decided to compete for the title of 2001 Drill Sergeant of the Year.

Drill Sgt. Kenneth Ticknell, of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and Drill Sgt. Luis Billingslea of B Company competed for the coveted title Jan. 23-25.

"The competition is very demanding both physically and mentally," SSgt. Cheryl Funk, operation NCO in charge of organizing the event, said.

A typical day for any drill sergeant usually begins about 4:30 a.m.; and they usually don't leave the company area until late at night. Work days of 14 -15 hours are the norm.

So finding time to study for a board let alone a competition of this caliber can be a challenge.

Drill sergeants who compete are tested in several areas. There is a traditional military board; and they are also evaluated

on several performance tasks. The tasks cover weapons all the way up to drill and ceremony, and provide the educational base for every soldier that attends basic and advanced training. Other evaluated items include a PT test, a DA photo, and photos of them in action with their soldiers, plus a written essay.

"It's an excellent challenge," Billingslea said. "Because of the job we have and the number of soldiers we are responsible for, it's hard to prepare."

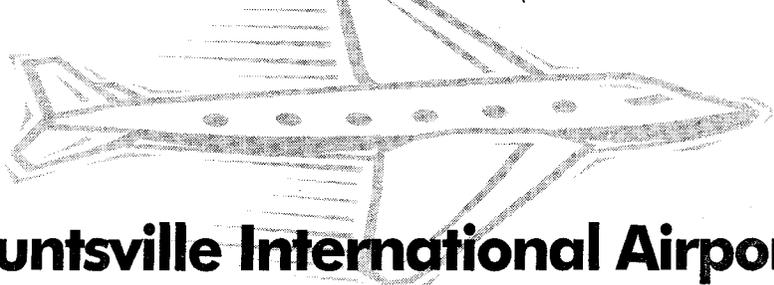
With the student population at an all-time high on the Arsenal, most drill sergeants are responsible for the daily activities of approximately 300 soldiers.

"I (found) a little time every day to study," Billingslea said. "I (studied) mostly on the weekends."

The results of the three-day competition will be announced at a luncheon scheduled Feb. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Officers and Civilians Club.

A drill sergeant typically puts in a 14-hour work day beginning at about 4:30 a.m.

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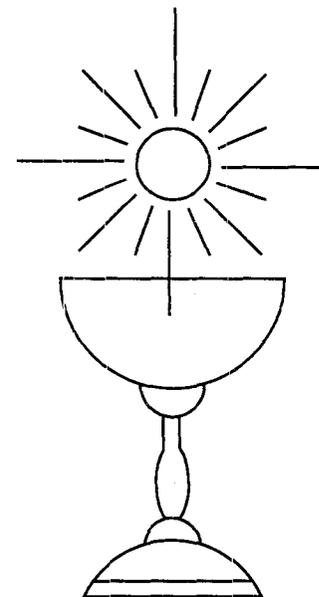
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West Point leads Army in rainy inaugural parade

By GARY SHEFTICK
Army News Service

WASHINGTON— After a hiatus of 20 years, the U.S. Military Academy Band led the Army division of the inaugural parade Jan. 20, resuming a tradition that began with President Ulysses S. Grant in 1873.

"It's good to be back," said band historian Sgt. Maj. Arthur Himmelberger, as he prepared to play bass drum in the parade down Pennsylvania Avenue through a cold, intermittent rain.

"The West Point band belongs here," Himmelberger said, explaining that the band played in 21 consecutive inaugural parades spanning a century through 1981. West Point had been replaced in recent years, however, by the U.S. Army Field Band, a unit that tours the world as the Army's "musical ambassadors."

This year, the Army Field Band performed the departure ceremony Jan. 20 for President Bill Clinton at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. And the West Point band led Army units in the inaugural parade.

The presidential escort, which precedes the parade, kept in step with tunes from The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," the Army's official ceremonial band for the nation's capital. Also marching in the escort for President George Walker Bush were elements of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, including the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, dressed in colonial uniforms.

The CINC Guard actually began the military's participation at inaugurations by escorting George Washington to the steps of Federal Hall in New York City where he took the oath of office in 1789.

Several minutes behind the presidential escort Jan. 20 was the Army division of the parade — the first of five divisions, made up of almost 100 military, high school, college and civic units from 42 states. The Marine Corps led the second division, Navy the third, Air Force headed the fourth and the Coast Guard led the last division.

With officers representing the active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve out in front, the U.S. Military Academy Band led the Army Division past thousands of screaming protestors and Bush supporters. Next came the West Point cadets, carrying their weapons high despite the light, almost-freezing rain.

"It's better than being in the snow," said cadet Pvt. Matthew Tucker, a freshman from Anchorage, Alaska. He said the cadets endured marching in worse weather at some of the West Point football games.

"This is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime chance," said sophomore Crystan Allan from Dayton, Ohio. "We're all very honored," she said as she adjusted the car-



Photo by Sgt. Jorge Restrepo

IN STEP— West Point cadets march in the inaugural parade.

tridge belt for international exchange student Klemen Mijatov from Slovenia. He too said it was a great honor to take part in the inaugural parade.

The cadets were followed by another marching unit of the 3rd U.S. Infantry and then a composite company of National Guard soldiers from the District of Columbia. The guardsmen were led by 1st Sgt. Patricia Williamson and Master Sgt. Clarence Hawkins who called cadence to keep the troops in step. Hawkins said he marched in the inaugural parade four years ago and "had something to give

back" to the soldiers by letting them know what to expect.

Williamson said while her troops were staging for the parade near the Pentagon that morning, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley stopped by with words of encouragement and challenged one of her soldiers to a one-handed pushup competition. The match ended in a draw, she said.

Tilley also told the troops that the inauguration was a good example of total force integration between the active component, National Guard and Army Reserve.

Just behind the National Guard in the parade was an Army Reserve unit, the 5115th Garrison Support Unit, from Fort Meade, Md. Headquarters company commander Capt. Robert K. Leasure led the troops. He said the first sergeant and he hand-picked 100 soldiers to march in the parade from 430 in the unit.

"We based it on appearance, motivation, marching ability and how they practiced," Leasure said of the selection process. Many of the troops said they didn't mind the cold, drizzling rain.

"It's been fun," said Sgt. Rory Crumity, finance NCO with the 5115th. "I don't mind it at all."

"It's nice and cool out. It's good weather to be marching," said Spec. Anthony Bell, a unit supply clerk. Then he admitted "It's my first parade ever."

Three Army equestrian units were also in the parade, the Old Guard Caisson Platoon, the 1st Cavalry Division horses from Fort Hood, Texas, and the Commanding General's Color Guard from Fort Riley, Kan.

Hundreds of soldiers also participated in the military cordon that lined Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol Building to the White House.

Every few feet along the parade route, a servicemember stood at rigid attention. They stood for hours and hardly flinched, despite the cold drizzle, shouts from protesters and groups of police moving along a security line between the parade and throngs of spectators.



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Employees of year

South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center recognized its Employees of the Year for 2000. From left are Elisa Stucker, Staffing Clerk of the Year; Marion McRae, MSO Employee of the Year; Cheryl Patterson, Staffing Specialist of the Year; Brenda Reed, HRD Employee of the Year; Lee Williams, director of SC CPOC; Mike Mohlere, deputy director, SC CPOC; Mike Mayes, ISD Employee of the Year; Debra Volk, Classification Assistant of the Year; Louise Olszewski, SC CPOC Employee of the Year; Irma Gardner, Staffing Assistant of the Year; and Pat Andrews, Classification Specialist of the Year. Not pictured are Bryan Weekley, Director's Staff Employee of the Year, and Debbie Aldazmeade, Classification Clerk of the Year.

Thrift savings plan becomes option for servicemembers

Retirement funds a matter of choice

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Servicemembers are getting a new way to save toward retirement.

Beginning this year, servicemembers will be able to participate in their own Thrift Savings Plan. Scheduled to be implemented by October, the plan will make it convenient for servicemembers and their families to plan and save for retirement.

The plan is similar to 401(k) plans that many civilian companies offer their employees. Those interested will be able to save a portion of their pay and place it in a special retirement account. The money invested there will come from pre-tax dollars and will reduce their current taxable income; investments and earnings are not taxed until they are withdrawn.

Why do servicemembers need this plan if they are already eligible for retirement

benefits? The plan is different from the Military Retirement System in that a soldier must sign up; it is not automatic.

"You contribute to the plan from your own pay on a pre-tax basis, and the amount you contribute and the earnings attributable to your contributions belong to you," Juanita Adams, financial readiness specialist, Army Community Service, said. "The money is yours to keep even if you do not serve the 20 years necessary to receive military retired pay."

Uniformed members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the Reserves and National Guard in any pay status can participate in the new plan.

Here are some of the highlights on how it works.

Servicemembers can contribute up to 7 percent of their base pay. Bonuses, including reenlistment can also be invested. The payroll office/finance will deduct your contributions from your pay each month based on your election. You cannot send in a personal check, and once you receive

your pay you cannot contribute any of it to the plan. It must be deducted beforehand.

"I highly recommend it even if the servicemember does not think that they can afford it," Adams said. "The money is pre-taxed and tax-deferred. It's the best way in the world to save."

The Department of Defense is identifying critical military specialties for matching contributions. Members serving in these specialties who agree to serve for six years will be eligible for matching contributions. The matching contributions apply only to amounts you contribute from your basic pay. A list of critical specialties will be announced later in the year.

Once you begin to allocate money to the plan, you then can invest any portion of your account in five investment funds: Government Securities Investment (G) Fund, Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund, Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund, Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment Fund (S) Fund, and

International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

"Depending on what your risk personality is," explained Adams, "that's what investment opportunity you chose." The "G" fund is conservative while some of the others are not.

The plan also gives you withdrawal options in the event you separate from the Army. Options are: receive a single payment (all or a portion of your account can be transferred to an Individual Retirement Account), request a series of monthly payments, request a plan annuity, or leave your money in the plan (where it will continue to accrue interest, but you will no longer be able to make contributions).

"It all comes down to paying yourself first," Adams said. "I wish I would have started when I was younger."

For more information on the Thrift Savings Plan, servicemembers can log onto <http://tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html>. They can also call for a financial planning appointment at Army Community Service 876-5397.

Tax assistance center opens Thursday for military community

Building 3489 location for this year's program

Redstone Arsenal's tax assistance program, which operates this year out of building 3489, will be open Thursday to assist active and retired military and dependents with the preparation of income tax returns.

Retirees and dependents are asked to call 313-5727 for an appointment (active duty military, see below). Appointments may also be requested by e-mailing taxapt@redstone.army.mil.

The center is open for appointments daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with walk-in hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. (first come, first served).

Documents and records

All persons utilizing the tax assistance center are asked to bring the following to their appointments: your spouse, if applicable; forms W-2, 1099, 1098, and all

other tax-related forms received for the 2000 tax year; Social Security cards for all family members; a voided personal check; copies of last year's tax return, if available; dependent care provider's name, address, phone number, social security number, and EIN number; and any records relating to planned deductions, e.g., proof of charitable contributions, prior years' depreciation records for rental properties.

Active duty customers

Appointments for active duty personnel will be coordinated by designated unit tax assisters. UTAs have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service on the basics of tax return preparation, and can assist soldiers directly with their returns. UTAs can also answer tax-related questions, and provide many state and federal tax forms. Personnel who wish to file their returns electronically, or those with more complex returns, will be referred to the Tax Assistance Center. Active duty personnel without a designated

unit tax assister should call the Center directly at 313-5727.

The 2001 unit tax assisters include the following:

Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion— Spec. LaToya Battle 842-9143, Sgt. Sarina Gray 955-7011 and Sgt. Allen Williams 876-8137.

B Company, 832nd— 1st Lt. Rasheed Muwwakkil 876-0609 and Sgt. Demmonique Walker 842-0611.

C Company, 832nd— SSgt. Devonna Hollis 876-6252 and Sgt. Johnie Walker 876-6922.

D Company, 832nd— Spec. Curtis Cambre 876-1167, SSgt. Michael Harrington 955-7972 and Sgt. Sonja Watson 876-6655.

MEDDAC— Cpl. Kim Corbo 313-3919 and SSgt. Peter Perkins 876-7449.

NCO Academy— SSgt. Robert Turner 842-2902. Marine Detachment— Cpl. Jerome Whiting 876-4086.

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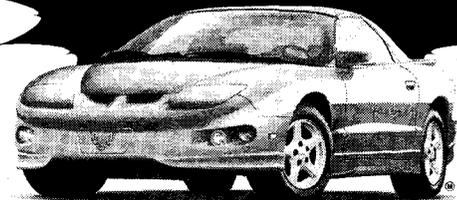
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Bush, Rumsfeld pledge support to America's military

New administration assumes command

By LINDA KOZARYN AND JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— As the armed forces welcomed Donald Rumsfeld here Jan. 26, the nation's 21st defense secretary, in turn, saluted those he was about to lead.

"The president and I believe that the men and women who freely elect to wear the country's uniform deserve not only our respect, but our support, and yes, our appreciation," Rumsfeld said. Those who serve "in times of conflict deserve not only our thanks for their sacrifice, but our commitment to value every veteran."

Pulling a folded page from his pocket, he then read a message from President Bush pledging his support to America's servicemembers and the men and women who support them and their families.

"Your service in the cause of freedom is both noble and extraordinary," the president wrote. "Because of you, America is strong and the flame of freedom burns brighter than at any time in history.

"Your country can never repay you for the sacrifices and hardships you endure, but we are grateful for the liberties we enjoy every day because of your service," Bush said.

Recalling a story from the Reagan Administration, Rumsfeld made a pledge of his own.

"A young GI on the front line in Germany asked our ambassador there if he ever got to see the president. Our ambassador replied that sometimes he did.

"Well," the GI said, 'you tell the president we're proud to be here and we ain't afraid of anybody.'

"A few weeks later, the ambassador saw the president and he passed along the GI's message. Not long after that back in Germany the GI was listening to the president's weekly radio address on Armed Forces Radio.

"When he heard Ronald Reagan tell the story of a message sent by a GI in Germany through our ambassador, the soldier ran out of the quarters down through the company area shouting, 'The system works. The system works.'

"On behalf of President Bush and Vice President Cheney and the civilian and military leadership here in the Defense Department, I make this pledge today, to every man and woman wearing a uniform. We will work to make the system work.

"Work so that you can serve with pride and know that service to our nation is a sacred calling," he said. "Work so that America and her friends and allies are strong and secure. Work so that the cause of freedom will better bind the community of nations, seeking, not conflict, but common purpose."

Rumsfeld also said he would work with the diplomatic and the intelligence communities to "arm the president with the options the information and capabilities needed to defend American interests and to pursue every avenue to keep the peace."

Rumsfeld was confirmed by the Senate and sworn in after the Inauguration Jan. 20. He was ceremonially sworn in at the White House Jan. 26 and the Joint Chiefs of Staff hosted the welcome ceremony for him later in the afternoon.

Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Rumsfeld is the perfect pick for the Pentagon. "He proved by his actions that he understands the importance of maintaining a robust military capability as the best way to deter aggression ensure stability and prevent war," the chairman said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, the retired Army four-star who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of



Photo by Linda Kozaryn

HONORS CEREMONY— Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, left, greets Jack Tilley, sergeant major of the Army, at a reception at the Pentagon Jan. 26, following a Full Honors Ceremony welcoming Rumsfeld to office as the nation's 21st defense secretary.

Staff during the Persian Gulf War, sat in the front row of the VIP section on the River Parade Field. Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, sat nearby as did former defense secretaries Caspar Weinberger and Frank Carlucci.

In his remarks, Rumsfeld contrasted the world situation when he was secretary from 1975-1977 to today. "Twenty-five years ago, Warsaw was the name of a military pact opposed to the ways of the West," he said. "Today Warsaw is the capital of a new member of NATO.

"Twenty-five years ago, American freedom was menaced by the Soviet Empire and a wall cut not just Europe, but a world in two. Today that empire is no more, the wall is down and the Cold War is over.

Rumsfeld listed President Bush's three goals for the military: to strengthen the bond of trust with the American military, to protect the American people both from attack and from threats of terror and to build a military that takes advantage of remarkable new technologies to confront the threats of this new century.

"Reaching those goals is a matter of mission and of mindset," he said. "Among the things we must combat is the sense that we have all the time in the world to get to the task that's at hand."

Some people sense that the United States "can't or needn't act because the world is changing," Rumsfeld said. "That we're in a transition period between the Cold War and the next era — whatever it may be. That we can wait until things shake out and settle down a bit."

But Rumsfeld posited constant change might be the new status quo for the world.

"We may not be in the process of a transition to something that will follow the Cold War," he said. "Rather we may be in a period of continuing change, and, if so, the sooner we wrap our heads around that fact, the sooner we can get about the business of making this nation and its citizens as safe and secure as they must be in our new national security environment."

The country is safer now from nuclear war, Rumsfeld

said, but "more vulnerable now to suitcase bombs, to cyberterrorists, to raw and random violence of the outlaw regime."

Keeping America safe in a dangerous world is within the country's reach "provided we work now and we work together to shape budgets, programs, strategies and force structure to meet threats we face and those that are emerging," he said.

"The changes we make in our defense posture, the innovations we introduce, take time to be made part of a great military force," Rumsfeld continued. "We need to get about the business of making these changes now in order to remain strong not just in this decade, but in decades to come."

■ Sixth annual event slated

Festival

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Multicultural Band. The entire community is asked to respond in order to make this a true Team Redstone project and to make this year's festival one of the greatest. It will be a pleasurable learning experience.

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.

The festival will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 28, at Bob Jones Auditorium. This year's festival will be in memory of Michael J. Barber, a member of the MLRS team who died suddenly of complications while being hospitalized in October 2000. For more details on festival's events and program participants, visit the AMCOM web site at <http://intranet.redstone.army.mil>. After entering the web site click on "EF," "EEO," "Events," and then "Black History Month."

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Sports & Recreation

Bowling center

Rocket Lanes is open for lunch every Thursday and Friday. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with bowling and beverage service available all afternoon. Cost is \$1.25 a line to bowl. Stop by Rocket Lanes for the Betty Burger Value Meal—two regular burgers, regular fries and a medium soft drink for \$3.50. For more information, call Rocket Lanes 876-6634.

Gym renovation

Pagano Gym will be closed Feb. 4 through March 12 for renovation.



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.

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. Call Chris Swart 722-3087 to obtain an application or for more information.

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.

Young Marines

The Young Marines of North Alabama will hold Recruit Training beginning Feb. 15. Young Marines, founded in 1958, has been operational in Huntsville since 1995. Recruit training will be held one night a week for 13 weeks. Recruits will complete an intensive course of training in cit-

izenship, drug abuse prevention, close order drill and physical fitness, before becoming Young Marines in graduation ceremonies scheduled for May 27. Young Marines stress academic achievement, service to others, devotion to God, country, community and family. Young Marines is open to boys and girls ages 8-17. Parent's Orientation will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 and 8 at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3506 South Memorial Parkway. Prospective Young Marines and their parents are welcome to attend. For more information, call Amy Wisdom 536-2054.

Valentines for vets

This year, the Department of Veterans Affairs National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans will be observed the week of Feb. 11-18. As part of the "Valentines for Vets" program, you can mail your valentines to the nearest VA medical center. The addresses of its facilities can be obtained by looking in the telephone directory, or by calling the VA's toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, or by accessing the VA's web site at www.va.gov and clicking on "Health Benefits and Services."

Newcomers orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation to be held Feb. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at building 3447, Zeus Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Participants earn MWR bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for permanently-assigned military. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is provided at the Child Development Center, building 3145. Child's shot records are required. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Aviation symposium

The Army Aviation Association of America and AMCOM will co-sponsor the annual Joseph P. Cribbins Product Support Symposium, Feb. 21-23 for interested members of industry and the aviation logistics and acquisition communities. The theme of this year's symposium is "Aviation Materiel and Logistics Transformation." The symposium will focus on emerging insights into sustaining, modernizing, and retiring our aviation fleet. For more information, call Kim Daniel 464-9191.

Relic seekers

The Madison County Amateur Relic Seekers will conduct an initial organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in the small conference center room of the Huntsville Public Library. The purpose of MARS is

to provide an organizational forum for like-minded amateur "seeker" enthusiasts dedicated to the conduct of safe, legal, and environmentally correct searches for buried relics, coins, caches, and treasures of all kinds. So pull out your metal detectors, dousing rods, maps and shovels and join them for the fun. For more information, call John Adams 880-8691.

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will hold its sixth annual Seminar and Education Forum, Feb. 13 at the Huntsville Hilton. Registration is \$110; late registration after Feb. 5 is \$125. Rogena Walden is to speak on the topic, "No Buts About It! Choose and Get the Goals You Set." There are two concurrent sessions in the afternoon. Choose between Violence in the Workplace, Sgt. John Reed, Huntsville Police Department; Advanced Outlook, Jan Williamson, New Horizons; or The Writer's Life, Mary Kay Remick, author. The second session is "How to Keep Your Head Above Water (Or Good Mental Health While Working.), Dr. James Mason; Excel Formulas/Graphs/Tables, Anita Geinert, CPA; or Microsoft Office User Specialist, Jan Williamson, New Horizons. The registration fee includes keynote speaker, continental breakfast, Office Expo, luncheon workshop, afternoon workshops, and breaks. For more information or a registration form, call Ellen Mahathay 876-3322 or Carole Worsham 895-4449.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the union office, building 3202. All employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Chapter scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will award two \$500 scholarships, one to a local high school student and one to a college student majoring in business administration. The application may be picked up at your high school counselor's office or by contacting Arnita Lee, lee.arnita@redstone.army.mil or Susan Douglas 876-7806, susan.douglas@redstone.army.mil

Army opportunities

For higher faster pay, faster promotions, and greater job satisfaction, the Army's recruiting team from Headquarters, Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will provide briefings here Feb. 6 on opportunities to become recruiters or warrant officers. The schedule is as follows: Recruiter Briefing at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30

p.m. Feb. 6; and Warrant Officer Briefing at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at building 3301, second floor conference room. For more information, call CWO 4 Borden 842-9673 (warrant officer) or MSgt. Sanders 842-0870 (recruiter).

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 8 at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is John Stallworth, president of Madison Research Corporation and former pro football player. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Lisa White 955-6806.

Garden plots

Due to the ongoing construction of new family housing, the Wesson Circle (Area 2) garden plots cannot be utilized. The housing office said all personnel desiring garden plots for the 2001 planting season must utilize the Vincent Drive (Area 1) garden plots. There are only 54 garden plots available in Area 1. Consequently, there may not be enough to accommodate everyone's request. The procedures for requesting and assigning garden plots are the same as last year. Priorities have been established to better serve all interested personnel. First priority: Active duty military must request their plots during Feb. 15 through March 1. Second priority: Retired military must request their plots March 2-16. Third priority: DoD civilians must make their requests March 17-31. If there are any plots left over, assignments will be on a first come, first serve basis. Due to the limited number of plots available, only one plot will be assigned per family until March 31, according to MSgt. Scott Hardiman, housing management NCO-in-charge. For more information, call the housing office 876-1445.

Charity campaign

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit organizations for participation in the 2001 fund-raising campaign. Under federal law, an organization must have 501 (c) (3) status, proof of human health and welfare services, an annual audit/IRS 990 Form, and a board of directors. The open period for acceptance of application packages is March 1 through April 6. This fund-raising campaign encompasses federal, military, retired federal, and government contractors from Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone, Cullman and Lawrence counties as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. Funds are allocated based on employee designations. For more information or to obtain an application,

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call Melinda Seigler, CFC director, United Way of Madison County, 536-0745, ext. 108.

AMCOM town hall

The AMCOM Quarterly Town Hall Meeting, with Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, AMCOM commander, will be held at 9 a.m. Feb. 14 in the Bob Jopes Auditorium. Sullivan will discuss personnel management issues, future project and product manager transitions and reshape planning. The Town Hall Meeting will be broadcast on Team Redstone television Channel 42. The meeting will also be videotaped. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium.

Drill sergeant of year

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold the annual Team Redstone Drill Sergeant of the Year Luncheon, Feb. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call SSgt. Cheryl Funk 876-5303/6708.

Ordnance ball

Col. Stephen Taylor, commandant of OMMCS; and the Redstone Chapter of the Ordnance Corps Association announce the Ordnance Ball 2001 will be held March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For information call 1st Lt. Muwwakkil 842-0609 or 842-0612. You can register at www.redstone.army.mil/ommcs/wamtc/ordnance_ball.html.

Bible study

Bible study is held every Thursday from 12-12:45 p.m. in room 7219, acquisition logistics center, Sparkman building 5307, second floor.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 13 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.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel holds a Healing/Benediction Mass at 5 p.m. the first Friday of every month. Weekly mass is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Soldatenstube family night

Join us at the Soldatenstube for its Wednesday night family buffet. It's open Wednesdays 5-8:30 p.m. for "the best German dining in Huntsville," according to a prepared release. The all-you-can-eat price is \$11.95 per person. For information call 881-5181 or 830-CLUB.

Army family members

Introduction to Army Life is an informative and free class sponsored by the Army Family Team Building organization. Classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 5-7 at Army Community Service, building 3491. Topics covered will be: Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs, & Courtesies; Chain of Command & Chain of Concern; Military & Civilian Resources; Benefits, Entitlements & Privileges; Family & Military Expectations; Impact of Unit Mission on Family Life; and Beginning Problem Solving Techniques. To register call 876-5397 by Feb. 2. Child care will be provided.

Kiwanis club

The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Elks Lodge on Franklin Street. For more information about the club, access the following web site: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~kiwanis>.

Thrift shop

You can donate excess items to the Thrift Shop. The shop will take almost anything— books, toys, clothes, shoes, household goods and furniture. Regular store hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted anytime during normal store hours. The store, located at building 3209 on Hercules Road, is also open the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales and donations. For more information, call 881-6992.

Assistant manager

The Thrift Shop has a job opening for assistant manager. Requirements include knowledge in retail sales, data entry, computer, organizational skills and interfacing with volunteers and paid staff. Applications are available during business hours Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the store in building 3209 on Hercules Road. For more information, call Sheila 881-6992.

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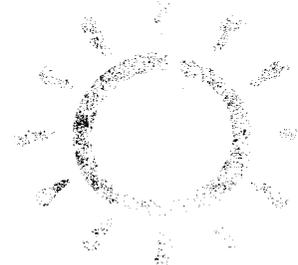
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