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AMCOM emergency and command offices join forces

Newly-merged Operations Center serves customers around world

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

It was a match made in the basement. The Emergency Operations Center makes plans. What if AMCOM was attacked or what if Redstone was struck by a natural disaster or what if we had to deploy troops? And then there is the Command Operations Center. These people make it all better by supplying whatever parts, information or support is necessary to carry out the mission. They are now one, provisionally.

On Jan 28, the EOC and COC merged to become the new Aviation and Missile Command Operations Center.

"We are a service oriented organization," Tillman Griggs, chief, Sustainment and Analysis Division, Readiness Directorate of IMMC, said. "As a combined cen-

ter we will be providing plans and operations, testing our own procedures to see that they are correct, and provide services required to support whatever situation arises in the field around the world."

The merger takes the EOC element out of Personnel and Training and combines it with the COC, a center under the Readiness Directorate in the Integrated Materiel Management Center. The merger brings few changes, at least for now. The staff, a combined total of 13 workers, will be incorporated into the new center. Both the former EOC and COC were housed in the vault area in the basement of building 5300 and though there will be some relocation, it will remain within the vault.

Under the merger the two elements remain, one mainly involved with planning and operations, formerly work done by the EOC, and the other, formerly the COC, staffed seven days a week, 24 hours a day to receive calls from the field— soldiers,

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

COMBINED EFFORT— A merger between the Emergency Operations Center and the Command Operations Center has created the new AMCOM Operations Center. From left Jan Maddox, team lead for COC, Tillman Griggs, chief, sustainment and analysis, Readiness Directorate, and Dwayne Seale, team lead, EOC, work together on upgrades to the newly formed center.

Army Community Service joins elite ranks worldwide



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IT'S OFFICIAL— Gen. John Coburn, commander of Army Materiel Command, presents the accreditation certificate to Sue Paddock, chief of Army Community Service.

Accreditation breaks ground in Army Materiel Command

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Often they work behind the scenes. Community backbones are like that.

The 10 staff members and more than 50 volunteers of Army Community Service provide a variety of family services for the active duty and retired military. They represent a team effort serving Team Redstone.

And now they're officially among the best.

Redstone's ACS has become the first in Army Materiel Command and second Armywide to receive its accreditation. It was accredited last August, only a week after Fort Knox, Ky., earned the Army's first such recognition.

Gen. John Coburn, commander of Army Materiel Command, presented the certificate to ACS on Feb. 21 in a ceremony at the Challenger club.

"The whole quality of life here in Huntsville would simply not be what it is without you," Coburn said.

A five-member inspection team included two medical people from Fort Gordon, Ga., a representative from Department of Army family support division, and two community service representatives from Army Materiel Command. The evaluators visited various facilities on post and talked with soldiers.

"It involved everybody," Sue Paddock, ACS chief, said of the inspection process. "It was a team effort."

ACS passed each of the 211 criteria points and exceeded the goals in key areas.

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Family action conference a success

Last week (Feb. 14-15) I had the pleasure of working with the Redstone Arsenal Army Family Action Plan Conference as a facilitator. I would like to commend all who had a part in making this a success. The Officers and Civilians Club did a great job with lunch and snacks for the breaks. The conference was made up of volun-

teers from across the Redstone community. This was all accomplished by the special efforts and coordination of Cathy Ryan, the quality of life coordinator. She really goes above and beyond the call of duty to make her volunteers feel appreciated.

Katherine Atkinson

United Way appreciates support

On behalf of United Way of Madison County, we would like to thank the many federal employees who so generously designated their 2000 CFC contributions to United Way. Without your support, our local agencies could not meet the many needs within our communities. Your dollars will significantly impact services such as: the enhancement of children's developmental skills through our "Success By 6" program; continuing care for terminally ill and bereavement support for families; ensuring that the homebound will remain

independent within their own homes; and disaster services and many more.

United Way of Madison County is looking for dedicated community-involved volunteers to serve on a number of committees such as allocation determinations and management reviews, to mention a few. We would also like the opportunity to tell you about our many services in any employee forums available. We can be reached at 536-0745.

John Hawkins
president,
United Way of Madison County

'Rocket and Rotor' name suggested

It's been over three years since the joining of two AMC commands here on Redstone. This union has not been the smoothest, yet many bridges have spanned the rift between the Missile and Aviation work forces. Today, many members of Team Redstone work side-by-side with little evidence of their earlier roots, while some organizations and individuals remain polarized.

While there is rich rocket and missile heritage here on Redstone Arsenal, it may be time to provide a new symbolic bridge to link the two elements of the Aviation and Missile Command. The symbolic gesture, I recommend, is a renaming of our fine weekly newspaper from the Redstone Rocket to the Redstone Rocket and Rotor. This would recognize the inclusion of the Aviation Mission Area here on the Arsenal and provide an increased sense of belonging of

those supporting that mission area.

Tom Geoffroy
deputy director/tech chief
Log Support Facility Mgt Activity

Editor's note: Prior to the establishment of the Aviation and Missile Command, we studied the possibility of changing the name of the Redstone Rocket to reflect the merged missions of the new command. Ultimately we decided against changing the name for two basic reasons: 1) the newspaper is the installation newspaper...not just the paper for AMCOM. So, if we were to change the name to be more inclusive, we would actually need to select a less specific name, and 2) the name refers to the history of the installation and the reason it, and the community, became famous. A modified Redstone Rocket was the rocket that launched the United States into the space age.

Recognition due for 30 years service

I just received the Rocket dated Feb. 21 and noticed a correction for the list of workers receiving years of service awards. Not only was Charles Childress' name missing, mine was too.

I have 30 years of service and work in AMRDEC.

Carol Fowler
Program analyst,
Research, Dev. & Engr. Center

Union expresses cross-leveling concerns

There has been a substantial amount of anxiety over the last few weeks by AMCOM bargaining unit employees due to the manner in which CPAC and AMCOM management have handled the cross leveling effort. AFGE Local 1858 believes that it all started several months ago when AMCOM established a Cross-Leveling IPT and did not invite AFGE to participate. This IPT (team), composed of only management appointed officials, proceeded to develop a plan of action, including the procedure for declaring certain AMCOM employees surplus, establishing a vacancy list, a procedure for notifying surplus employees, a procedure for making job offers and obtaining employee concurrence to move to new jobs, all without any consultation with AFGE prior to executing their plan.

On or about Feb. 15, AFGE learned something was happening, at which time I called Jim Flinn, deputy to the AMCOM commander, and asked for an emergency meeting with me, Bill Clemons, Vicki Fuller and Don Eiremann. We met Feb. 16 and learned that the miscommunication problem (AMCOM's failure to notify or consult with AFGE and supervisors' failure to follow the plan) was much worse than we initially thought.

As a result, we asked that the entire cross-leveling effort be put on hold for a few days so AMCOM management could brief all of the AFGE AMCOM representatives (40-plus) and that this briefing be held as soon as possible. Mr. Flinn denied our request to place the cross-leveling effort on hold; however, he did agree to a detailed briefing of our AFGE AMCOM representatives at 1

p.m. Feb. 20. The AMCOM briefers were Col. Ed Stone, AMCOM chief of staff; LeRoy Daniels, head of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; Don Dixon, cross leveling team leader; and David Sparks, AMCOM reshape team leader.

At least 80 percent of our AFGE AMCOM representatives attended the briefing and I hope those failing to attend were not denied time-off from their jobs to attend the briefing. Although the briefing was informative, it was not sufficient to satisfy the concerns of our representatives. As a result, on Feb. 21, AFGE delivered a letter to Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, AMCOM commander, stating we will provide our proposal to AMCOM management for resolving this situation no later than March 2. In the meantime, AFGE Local 1858 is moving forward with an Unfair Labor Practice addressed to the Atlanta Region Federal Labor Relations Authority with a Temporary Restraining Order attached. FLRA will investigate our complaint and, if they agree with us, will issue a TRO which will bring the cross-leveling effort to a halt pending a hearing before an administrative law judge. AFGE is very much concerned and has requested legal help and advice from the AFGE national office in Washington, D.C., and the AFGE district office in Atlanta.

Now, some good news. As a result of AFGE Local 1858 negotiations, a new agreement with AMCOM management has been signed whereby all management parking space designations near the Sparkman complex will be removed. This means there will be no more reserved parking for management officials at the Sparkman complex. We

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Top Gun trophy

For the ninth consecutive year, the Aviation and Missile Command has received the Top Gun award from United Way for its efforts in the Combined Federal Campaign. Of the \$1,677,117 raised during the 2000 CFC campaign, AMCOM raised \$619,250, a little over 37 percent of the total. A close second was Marshall Space Flight Center, with \$505,286 or 30 percent of the contributions. Representing AMCOM at the United Way luncheon last Thursday are, from left, Gay Money; Col. Ed Stone, chief of staff; Wayne Patty, the CFC coordinator; and Linda Readus.

■ Union concerned about cross leveling

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should be seeing those management designations for spaces go away in the next few days.

Jim Brother
president, AFGE Local 1858

Editor's note: LeRoy Daniels, civilian personnel officer, provided the following response. "The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command provided information about the cross-leveling effort that was about to begin in accordance with 5 United States Code 7117 and the Negotiated Agreements. The AMCOM Cross Leveling Integrated Process Team, Team Charter and Procedures were provided to the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1858 on Jan. 30. AFGE was requested to reply or address concerns by close of business Feb. 6. Vicki Fuller, an employee of the AFGE, requested an extension and the reply time was extended to Feb. 9. The union made no further requests and expressed no concerns until they contacted the AMCOM deputy commander on or about Feb. 15.

"The cross-leveling effort that AMCOM is undertaking is not contrary to law or negotiated agreement. Title 5 of the United States Code, Section 7106, has always guaranteed management the right to hire, assign, and direct employees in the agency, and to assign work and to determine the personnel by which agency operations shall be conducted. The command cross-leveling effort is an attempt to assign employees who have been determined to be excess to their

organizations due to mission changes, funding reductions or resource restrictions and to assign them to duties that the command needs performed. Due to changes in technology, mission and functions, and resource requirements, the command has more employees than the mission or resources can support in some areas and vacancies in other areas. Cross leveling is an effort to match excess employees to the vacancies. Cross leveling is not a reduction-in-force and the cross-leveling moves will not cause an employee to lose either grade or pay.

"The command willingly keeps AFGE Local 1858 informed, and consults or negotiates when appropriate however, critical management action cannot be held indefinitely. The command reshape effort and the potential for Voluntary Early Retirement (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) will be greatly affected by the success of this cross-leveling effort. AMCOM has not closed the door on discussions with the union and hopes to keep the channels of communication open. However, the command has met its legal and negotiated requirements and has moved forward with a critical phase of the overall reshape effort.

"It is indeed good news that management and AFGE Local 1858 were able to agree by consultation on a Memorandum of Agreement to eliminate some of management designated parking spaces. This is good indication that the parties can work together in the spirit of partnership to resolve issues that are beneficial to all.

"AMCOM management initiated the plan to liberalize parking access, and actively sought out union cooperation."

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Force protection a priority for installation commanders



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TAKING MEASURE— Steve Shannon, AMC's force protection program manager, discusses security measures during the Force Protection Conference at Redstone Arsenal. These measures, which may not be readily apparent to casual observers, are in place to ensure security of our forces.

■ Operations center merger marks start of journey

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units, Logistics Assistance Offices, Logistics Assistance Representatives — in need of spare or repair parts for major items. This function also expedites orders, provides status reports on requisitions, reports on aircraft accidents and informs offices affected by accidents or problems in the field.

"This office will also handle casualty assistance which is a staff duty officer function," Griggs said.

"This is a great opportunity for the employees because it provides opportunities to cross train," Dwayne Seale, former team leader for EOC, said. "It will also allow us more involvement in the training in logistics operations. We didn't have that in the past."

"We're more involved with the troops and the real thing— getting support out there right now," Jan Maddox, former COC team leader, said. "Dwayne handles the planning aspects. Being able to work together is going to make our service and

response to the field even better and that's what we're about. Supporting the field and the command."

The merger is just the beginning of a great vision of the future of the AMCOM Operations Center. Plans are in the works for technology upgrades to the new center to provide expanded data handling and analysis abilities and information display capabilities.

"We don't have the particulars yet, but we envision better video capabilities and access to information from all of the different organizations that are involved in what we do. We want to be able to pull up displays and information on any location where we have troops, see who's there, what systems are involved, the breakdowns in the system, the parts needed and the status on those parts. Having all this information will provide a detailed big picture that can enhance the commander's decision making process."

It is a goal that will be met one step at a time. The creation of the new center is the beginning of the journey.

Representatives share plans at annual conference here

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

The Army Materiel Command Force Protection annual conference was held Feb. 5-9 at Redstone Arsenal. Seventy-five representatives from AMC organizations attended the weeklong meetings in the Bob Jones Auditorium.

To ensure there is an effective force protection program throughout AMC, representatives from throughout the subordinate commands and major installations came together last week to discuss foreign threats, criminal and domestic threats, threat analysis and risk management issues. Force protection is not a new program; it has just been given a new name. It is a program to protect personnel, computers and other assets.

"This is not Gen. John Coburn's program," Steve Shannon, AMC's force protection program manager, said. "It is not Shannon's program. It is a commander's program; and your commander, Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, assures us that this is one of his top priority items."

The Department of State issued a public announcement of worldwide caution on Oct. 12, 2000, due to the bombing of the USS Cole. A small boat laden with explosives blew up alongside the Cole as it refueled in the Yemeni port city of Aden, tearing a hole in its side and killing 17 sailors.

The military has also dramatically improved force protection procedures since the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers complex housing U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia.

Because of these incidents, Congress has looked at measures to further improve security at installations and around air-

craft. Congress asks for a lot of information from the Department of Defense, which filters down to the major commands. Shannon's job is to consolidate this information from the subordinate commands and major installations and send it up to the Department of the Army.

"The force protection folks here at this conference wear many hats," Shannon said. "Force protection is only one of their jobs. They have taken the initiative to learn and understand force protection. They fight battles every day with a lack of funding and manpower."

"Congress does not have an accurate picture of the extent of the risk that U.S. forces face from terrorism. So it's my job to prioritize the list I receive, and determine which ones will get the funding and which ones go unfunded."

The force protection plan in place today is the overall umbrella with components under it: physical security, computer assessment, security engineering, foreign and domestic threats, and public affairs that helps educate the civilian work force and soldiers on force protection issues.

Of the 58 installations within AMC, 31 including AMCOM, have met all the requirements for vulnerability assessment. The remaining 27 installations have not been seen yet because of the base realignment/closure or are in excess. These assessments determine the status of the program.

"Last year LOGSA hosted the conference here, and this year RSA agreed to be the host," Shannon said. "My goal is to have it here annually. This is one of the finest installations within AMC. Jack Ferguson did a great job in reserving 74 rooms for us in the renovated guest quarters. The location, hospitality and professionalism shown to all us during the entire conference was superb."

■ Army Community Service earns recognition

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that has done an incredible job and achieved great success in its efforts," Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said.

"I'm very blessed," Paddock said. "I've got a wonderful ACS staff who's dedicated. I've got great community support."

ACS staff members include Paddock, chief; Juanita Adams, consumer affairs/financial readiness assistance program; Mary Breeden, relocation program; Virginia Dempsey, family advocacy program; Ann

Owens, Army Emergency Relief officer; Debra Jefferson, employment assistance program; Ellis Andrew, information, referral and followup program; Sheila Baker, administrative assistant; Sharon Samuelson, ACS volunteer coordinator; and Kathy Sullivan, honorary volunteer supervisor. Additional program support is provided by Cathy Ryan, quality of life coordinator.

The staff is augmented by volunteers who have given nearly 6,000 hours of their time to help with Army Community Service efforts.

Located in building 3491 on Honest John Road, ACS will move within the next year or so to building 3338, according to Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

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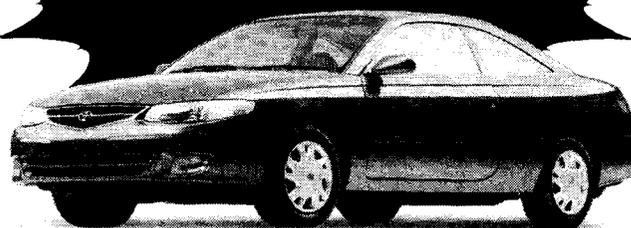
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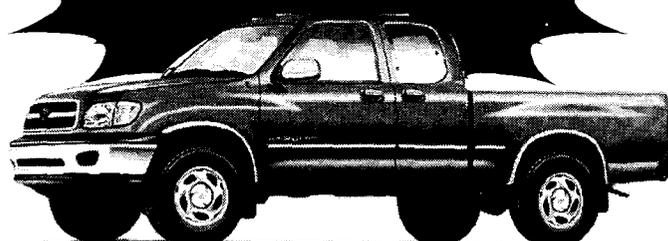
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Army Emergency Relief campaign needs your help

Last year Redstone raised \$64,000 from community and released nearly \$230,000

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Soldiers taking care of soldiers. It's the definition of Army Emergency Relief. And it works.

Last year the AER campaign raised \$6 million, more than \$64,000 of that coming from Redstone contributions. In the same year, about \$38 million in assistance was rendered through grants and loans, more than \$229,000 to Redstone folks.

Thursday, the opportunity to give begins again. The AER kickoff ceremony will be in the Bob Jones Auditorium at 10 a.m. The campaign runs until May 15.

"Nothing had a bigger impact on me about the importance of AER than when I was OCONUS, assigned as a company commander," said Capt. James Pittman, 832nd. Ordnance Battalion and AER chairman. "I was tasked to take care of these young soldiers. AER was a big help in getting what they needed— food, back home to the states after the death of a loved one. There's not any one problem really, there are lots of reasons the soldiers need help."

Being an installation with the majority of soldiers as young students, the assumption might be that the goal is more difficult to make. Not true, according to Pittman. The younger soldiers get paid

less but usually have fewer expenses and are willing to give, even if it's just a dollar or two. Every bit helps. Of the \$6 million raised last year, \$5 million was donated through military allotment pledges.

"We contact 100 percent of the soldiers," Pittman said. "We can't solicit civilians though. All we can do is let them know it's going on."

Just because key representatives can't ask directly for donations doesn't mean civilians can't contribute. Civilians can write checks to AER for direct donations and they can support and sponsor fund-raisers during the campaign.

"The fund-raisers are great because people have fun while they're helping AER," Ann Owens, AER officer, said. "We'll be having a lot of the activities we had last year, bake sales, bowling tournaments, car washes, fun runs, organizational days. A calendar of events will be coming out soon to let people know about the events."

This year's goal is \$50,000, \$5,000 more than last year. It's a small increase considering the totals from 1999 to 2000. At Redstone in 1999, AER provided interest-free loans or straight grants totaling more than \$152,000. That amount increased by nearly \$80,000 in 2000.

"We want everyone to come out and support our fund-raisers," said MSgt. Mairlyn Johnson, HHC AMCOM and AER co-chairman. "It a community thing and Redstone has always been very supportive. We're going to need that to be a success this year."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GETTING READY— AER key representatives receive training on solicitation before the campaign starts March 1. Standing are AER chairman Capt. James Pittman, left, and AER co-chair MSgt. Mairlyn Johnson.

Memorials can also be made to AER. For information call Owens at 876-9579.

Those eligible to receive money from AER include active duty soldiers and their families; Army members of Reserve Com-

ponents on continuous active duty for more than 30 days and their family members; retirees and eligible family members and widow(ers) and orphans of soldiers who died while on active duty or after retirement.

Soccer tournament for adults kicks off Friday at Redstone

Round-robin competition open to military teams

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Adult soccer players are invited to come out and play.

Headquarters and Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion is sponsoring the first Spring Invitational Soccer Tournament, beginning this Friday at field 16 on Patton Road. Adult soccer teams, active-duty military only, can sign up for this free event by calling Capt. Joseph Davis, the coordinator, at 842-0584 or 682-2495 (cell phone).

"This is the first one, first annual," said Davis, commander of Headquarters and Alpha. "This is to see what type interest it generates and to give something else for the soldiers to get out and do since we have such a heavy load of AIT (Advanced Individual Training) soldiers right now."

Eleven-member teams are invited. Games will be held Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons through June. With a round-robin format, each team will play the other teams twice. The champion will be determined by most wins or, in case of a tie, by points differential. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Eight teams had signed up by last week including Headquarters and Alpha Company, Bravo Company, Charlie Company (two teams), Delta Company, Marines, NCO Academy, and HHC AMCOM.

"It's a good way for people who enjoy playing soccer to get out and have a little competition without having to pay the fees of the downtown league, and also to get good interaction between soldiers," Davis said.

He is also trying to put together a post team to play in the downtown league next year. If interested, call him.

Bravo-1 Bulldogs bite AMCOM in troop hoops

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The Bravo-1 basketball team took advantage of an opportunity last week.

Bulldog-1, in third place in the Eastern Division, had a shot at AMCOM which leads the division. B Company brought its "A" game to this showdown.

Bravo-1 beat AMCOM 71-63 on Feb. 21 at the Fitness Center. The Bulldogs led 42-33 at halftime.

Humberto Zamora, point guard, scored 24 points for Bravo-1 (8-4). Michael Bogan, forward, added 17; and forward/center Demmonique Walker had 10.

"Hardnosed defense and great rebounding is what kept us in the game," Bravo-1 coach Michael McGilton said. "AMCOM was winning for a long time. But that last 8-9 minutes of the first half, we started playing hardnosed defense and then Sgt. Walker started lighting up the net.

"I think they came within two points in the second half. And once they got that close, we put the defensive pressure on them. It was a total team defense concept. It was kind of like a great Kentucky defense," said McGilton, a University of Kentucky graduate.

Ralph Langford scored a game-high 30 for AMCOM (10-2). Kenneth McQueen had 16 and Columbus Wheeler 11.

AMCOM, which had beaten Bravo-1 twice in the preseason tournament, didn't have to wait long for the rematch scheduled Feb. 26.

Here are the standings after last week's games, according to recreation assistant Don Lewis:

Eastern Division— AMCOM (10-2), NCO Academy (9-3), Bravo-1 (8-4) and ROTC (2-10).

Western Division— Marines (10-3), Charlie (9-4), Delta (7-5), HHC 59th (4-9) and Bravo-2 (3-9).

Marines capture all-sports trophy for fourth consecutive year



Photo by Skip Vaughn

READY TO PLAY— Some of the members of the sports champion Marine Detachment include, kneeling, from left, Gunnery Sgt. Richard Nyman, Maj. Thomas Neis, SSgt. Dax Hammers; and standing, SSgt. Brad Hollifield, SSgt. Ryan Stewart and Master Gunnery Sgt. Red Hodges.

Small unit wins again with full participation

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The Marines don't mind being outnumbered, no matter what the field of play.

One of Redstone's smallest units, the Marine Detachment has won the Commander's All-Sports Trophy for an unprecedented fourth consecutive year.

"They'll participate—that's why," troop sports director Ted Compoc said of the key to their success.

The Marines confirmed that their strength is using the numbers they have. The detachment has 20 permanent-party members and averages 40 students.

"Considering that we're competing against units that are 50-60 percent larger than us, we do it by maximum participation from permanent party and students," Maj. Thomas Neis, detachment commander, said. "And as you know, most Marines are used to being outnumbered on the battlefield but somehow through our persistence, our will to fight and our faith in our leaders, even though we're outnumbered in battle, we usually win."

"We participate in everything, no mat-

ter what," Gunnery Sgt. Richard Nyman said. "Most of our instructors participate in everything we have, based on the fact we're so small. And the students here also participate because they see us doing it."

"Every time there's an event, we're in it," Master Gunnery Sgt. Red Hodges said. "We don't always do well but we've got somebody there."

The Marines usually do well. They earned 400.4 points in the competition which encompassed seven sports over the past year. The trophy was established in 1973.

The Marines finished first in the racquetball tournament, first in regular season softball and third in the tournament, second in the golf tournament, first in regular season volleyball and fourth in the tournament, third in regular season basketball and fourth in the tournament, second in regular season flag football and fourth in the tournament, and second in the 5K run.

Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade finished second with 377.1 points. Delta Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion was third with 375.5.

Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, presented the trophies Feb. 21 at the Fitness Center. As usual, the Marines attended en masse.

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Missile school gears up for worldwide ammo conference

Full schedule of events scheduled March 12-16

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

The Worldwide Ammunition, Missile, and TMDE Conference is just around the corner. The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School is expecting guests from across the nation as well as the globe for the weeklong event, March 12-16.

"USOMMCS prides itself on providing useful information to a wide and dynamic audience from all over the globe," Col. Stephen Taylor, OMMCS

commandant, said.

New this year is the WAMTC Golf Tournament to be held March 13 at the Redstone Golf Course. Also new is an Ordnance Regimental Breakfast, to be held the morning of March 16 at the newly opened Ordnance Regimental Hall (the old post theater) to celebrate the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Ordnance Guided Missile School, the predecessor of today's missile school.

And of course there are some of the old standbys like the social mixer scheduled for March 13 and the conference dinner March 14.

"These are opportunities for conference attendees to get together in a social

setting to share ideas," Taylor said. "And an opportunity for old acquaintances to be renewed and for new ones to be made."

Other key highlights include special guest speakers, Maj. Gen. Wade McManus, commander, Operations Support Command, Rock Island, Ill., and the Chief of Ordnance, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson.

McManus is scheduled to speak at the annual Ordnance Ball, hosted by the 832nd Ordnance Battalion; and Stevenson is scheduled to speak on the "Health of the Ordnance Corps" on the opening briefing day March 14 and at the Wednesday night dinner as well.

This year's conference will also include an innovation.

"There will be a Virtual Reality Tour of

the electronic repair station," Capt. Sam Deboard, conference coordinator, said. "This virtual reality demonstration will follow a five-part video series from USAOMMCS major departments. After the virtual tour (scheduled for March 14) the conference will move outside to view other displays."

The majority of the conference will be held at the Bob Jones Auditorium. The ball will be at the Officers and Civilians Club; and the dinner and social mixer are scheduled at the Research Park Holiday Inn.

It's not too late to plan to attend.

For a complete schedule of events, locations and how to register, log on at <http://www.redstone.army.mil/ommcs/wamtc/itinerary.html>.

DoD, services unite to promote spouse employment initiatives

By LINDA KOZARYN
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— Jean Marie Ward says there are so many spouse employment initiatives underway within DoD and the services right now it makes her head spin.

"We stand on the brink of a number of very exciting initiatives that are all moving concurrently in the same direction, and they all support each other," said Ward, senior policy advisor for spouse employment and technology in DoD's Office of Family Policy.

A major campaign is under way to promote spouse employment, she said. "Our new action agenda is just one of many avenues we're exploring."

The action agenda developed as a result of the August 2000 Spouse Employment Summit in Phoenix, Ariz. About 120 program staff, civilian personnel specialists and military spouses at the summit identified key issues and suggested strategies to address them.

The agenda integrates summit participants' recommendations into DoD and service initiatives. "The plan specifies that we work on policy and resource issues, career continuity and marketing," Ward said.

Under a provision of the fiscal 2000 Appropriations Act, she noted, the feder-

al government aims to have 25 percent of its work force telecommuting within five years. The military's overall goal is to promote portable careers, remote training and telework for spouses.

A military spouse in the Washington, D.C., area, for example, won a contract to manage an Armywide program. When her husband was transferred overseas, she continued working the contract from her overseas location.

She monitored the program using phone, fax and email, just as she had done from Washington. She made trips back to Washington periodically to attend meetings and conduct quality control inspections.

In another example, the husband of an active duty Army officer was working for a small business in Texas while she was stationed at Fort Hood. When she was transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for a one-year school assignment, he accompanied her and continued to work business development and proposal preparation for the company through telework.

He and his wife then moved to Washington, D.C., where he continued working with the company managing operational test, research and development infrastructure. He parlayed his experience into a job managing software engineering with a top defense contractor.



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Looking ahead

Gen. John Coburn, commander of Army Materiel Command, speaks on the Army transformation effort at the International Society of Logistics luncheon held Feb. 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club. He said we need to focus technology, systems acquisition and logistics on legacy, objective and interim forces. Furthermore, he emphasized that since we are the ninth largest Army in the world we must provide programmatic oversight of all transformation related activities and funding allocations to achieve our transformation objectives.

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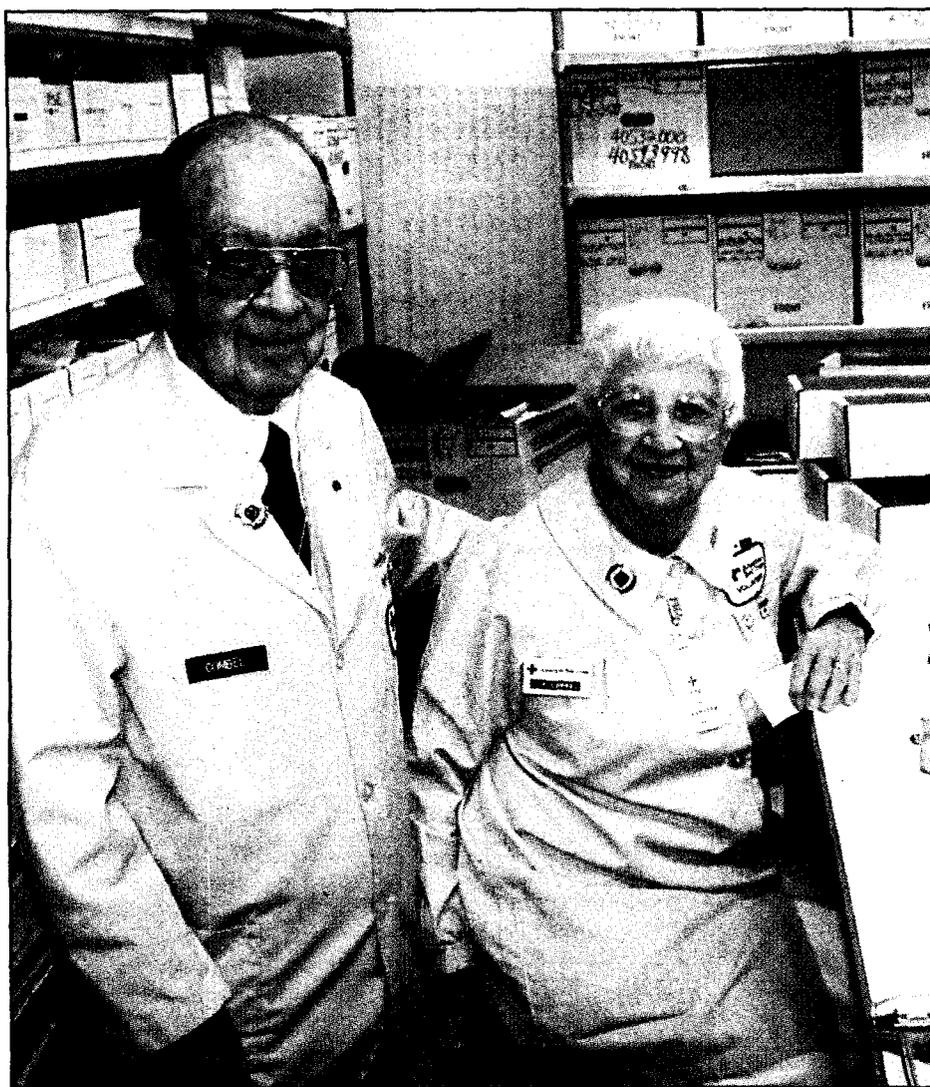


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VITAL VOLUNTEERS— Theo Combel and his wife, Fran, work together as Red Cross volunteers in the pharmacy at Fox Army Health Center.

Keeping busy, interested and learning new things key to life after retirement

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

What's the secret to a long, happy life? Theo Combel and his wife, Fran, may have figured it out. Combel is a World War II veteran who works as a Red Cross volunteer at Fox Army Health Center. He started volunteering there after he retired from the Army more than 20 years ago. His wife is a retired Army nurse who also volunteers at Fox.

"I have to keep busy. And I thought the Army's been good to me and if there was anything I could do to give back to the Army, I'd do it. It's been strictly a pleasure to work with everyone. All the years I've been out here have been a real pleasure and all the finest people in the world work out here," Combel said.

His wife worked as a registered nurse at a family practice in Huntsville for 30 years. She was still working when Combel retired as a lieutenant colonel.

"He didn't know what to do with himself," Fran Combel said.

In the late 1920s, Combel did volunteer work in Mobile as one of the first three "life saving and first aid examiners" in Alabama. "When I think about how old I am it scares me," he said with a smile.

Now his wife volunteers in the family practice area at the health center while Combel works in the pharmacy. If she's not needed in family practice, his wife works in the pharmacy with him.

Combel said he enjoys working with his wife. "After all these years I don't know what I'd do without her," he laughed.

He and his wife first met while they were second lieutenants in the Army. They were married in 1941 at Camp Blanding, Fla. Combel explained that he was brought up during the Depression and didn't date much because "you have to have money to take someone out." He recounted the first time he saw his wife.

"(The soldiers) were having a dinner and invited the nurses up to have dinner with us. She walked in the door and I said, 'She's for me,'" he said. "I was almost 30 when I got married ... and we'll be married 60 years in May."

The secret to a successful marriage is simple, according to Fran Combel. "Well, we just love each other, that's the main thing," she said.

Fran Combel grew up in Wilkes Barre, Pa., and worked in private practice as a registered nurse until enlisting in the

Army during the "national emergency." Theo Combel was born in New Orleans, La., but grew up near Mobile. He attended Spring Hill College and joined the National Guard in 1930. Called up on active duty in 1940, he served with the 31st division during World War II in the South Pacific.

"Of course I've been shot at, but I was never hit," Combel said. "I was bombed and shot at, but I was never hit so I thank the good Lord for that."

He has stayed busy in the years since his retirement. At one time he was active in the Kiwanis club as well as Masonic organizations. He also volunteered to drive patients to the Shriners Hospital and to the Children's Hospital in Birmingham. Now, he and his wife just volunteer once

'I'll soon be 90 and the thing I've noticed as I started growing older - I've seen so many retired people who have no outside interests go home and get in the rocking chair and in six months they're dead. To live a long life you have to be busy and interested in what you're doing and try to learn something every day.'

Theo Combel
Red Cross volunteer

a week at the health center.

Combel said he definitely recommends volunteering at the health center. He stressed that it gives him the satisfaction of a small payback that he feels he owes to his country. He even credits his volunteer work with keeping him healthy.

"I'll soon be 90 and the thing I've noticed as I started growing older - I've seen so many retired people who have no outside interests go home and get in the rocking chair and in six months they're dead," he said. "To live a long life you have to be busy and interested in what you're doing and try to learn something every day."

"I've enjoyed working here and meeting people. There's a great bunch of professionals here and it's been a real pleasure to work with them. Huntsville and Redstone have really been good to me and I can't say enough - I can't express how I feel about them ... I've had a good life. I can't complain about it. It's been rough at times but it's been good."

If you would like to work as a Red Cross volunteer, call Betty Haney or Mary Moreillon to sign up for training at 536-0084, ext. 210. If you have been a Red Cross volunteer in the past and would like to volunteer at Fox Army Health Center, call Yvonne Quantock at 881-4887.

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Check out post facilities before planning event downtown

Guest lodging available for conference attendees

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

When it comes to planning a conference, meeting, or even a family reunion, it's natural to think of going to downtown Huntsville. Fancy hotels, conference rooms, nearby dining and recreation are all a part of the package. So is the big price tag.

It's time to think again. It's time to think Redstone.

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Out-of-town guests have a choice of 181 rooms, suites or cottages on post.

Lodging includes single and double hotel rooms, full and mini suites that offer a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bath, one bedroom units with a study and two-bedroom units with a full living room, kitchen and bath including several units that allow pets, and three-bedroom fully furnished cottages. Amenities include cable television/VCR, microwave, refrigerator, coffee, second phone line for computers and Key Club discounts at several recreational activities on post. Rates for lodging range from \$30.50 to \$69 depending on the type of room and number of guests.

Lodging and facilities are open to the Redstone community, for personal or

business needs.

"There's actually a lot to do right here on post," Ferguson said. "The Key Club gets them discounts for bingo, meals at the Club, Sparkman Cafeteria and the Soldatenstube. They get a free game of bowling and a soft drink. The Firehouse is real close if they want to go somewhere and relax— big screen TVs, pool tables, games, drinks, and you can even cook your own hot dogs and hamburgers free. The Golf Course is across the road and they get discounts on carts and greens fees."

Guests have seasonal access to the swimming pools for the daily pass fee. There are several playgrounds on post and the recreational areas near the Tennessee River have pavilions, grills, ball fields and playgrounds.

"People planning events, meetings, reunions or whatever can give me a call and I'll be glad to give them a tour of lodging and even help them schedule events at the Officers club. I've put together some golf weekend packages, too."

It's a great deal for guests— low rates, discounts, recreational activities — but it's also a great deal for Redstone. The money spent here, stays here and is used to expand services and upgrade facilities.

Some examples of money at work can be seen in the 1400 housing area. Units are getting new furniture, drapes, flooring and paint. Perhaps the most visible project is the renovation of the lobby in building 244, Hotel Redstone, formerly the Trailblazer.

"The lobby should be ready about April 1," Ferguson said. "Once it's complete, we'll be offering a light continental breakfast— pastries, juice, coffee, that sort of thing."

The Redstone Golf Course serves breakfast daily.

For more information, call Ferguson at 876-0237 or Hotel Redstone at 976-5713.



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Admiral OKs court of inquiry into USS Greeneville collision

By GERRY GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Pacific Fleet commander has ordered that a Court of Inquiry be convened next week to investigate the circumstances leading to the Feb. 9 collision between a Navy nuclear submarine and a Japanese trawler off Honolulu.

At a Feb. 17 press conference in Pearl Harbor, Admiral Thomas B. Fargo noted that he had completed his preliminary review of the collision between the USS Greeneville and the fishing vessel Ehime Maru. The submarine was conducting an emergency surfacing exercise when it struck the Ehime Maru about nine miles out from Diamond Head, DoD officials said.

"The Court of Inquiry is the Navy's highest form of administrative investigation and a formal hearing," Fargo said at Pearl Harbor. "I've elected this course of action after reviewing the facts, opinions and recommendations expressed in the preliminary inquiry, because a Court of Inquiry provides the necessary legal safeguards for the affected parties, complete subpoena power and a forum for public

disclosure."

Fargo said the court would convene Feb. 26 at Pearl Harbor. It will not conflict with the ongoing National Transportation and Safety Board investigation, he said.

"The court is directed to inquire into all facets of the collision," Fargo said. "They'll make recommended administrative or disciplinary action, if appropriate, as well as to make any other recommendations as to the circumstances surrounding the incident."

Fargo said he didn't know how long the court would meet.

Three Navy flag officers will constitute the Court of Inquiry, Fargo said. They are: Vice Adm. John B. Nathman, the commander of Naval Air Forces in the Pacific Fleet, who will lead the inquiry; Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, the director of plans and policy at the U.S. Strategic Command; and Rear Adm. David M. Stone, the commander of Cruiser/Destroyer Group Five.

The collision with the Greeneville caused the Ehime Maru to sink within minutes, officials noted. Nine members of its 35-member crew are still missing.

Bush says air raid sends strong message to Hussein

By GERRY GILMORE AND JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— President Bush said Feb. 22 that recent coalition air attacks against Iraq sent a strong message to Saddam Hussein that "this administration will remain engaged" in Southwest Asia.

Bush, speaking at his first White House press conference, also said the Feb. 16 raid was designed to get Saddam Hussein's attention and to degrade his capacity to harm coalition pilots patrolling the no-fly zones.

Bush said Secretary of State Army Gen. (Ret.) Colin Powell would address the issue of Iraq during an upcoming Middle East trip. "The Secretary of State is going to listen to our allies as to how to best effect a policy, the primary goal of which will be to say to Saddam Hussein, we won't tolerate you developing weapons of mass destruction, and we expect you to leave your neighbors alone," Bush said.

Bush said Powell would review the sanctions policy with Gulf states. He said sanctions that work are sanctions that "reflect the collective will of the region."

Bush said he is investigating whether Chinese workers are helping Iraq construct military facilities. "It's troubling that [the Chinese would] be helping Iraq develop a system that will endanger our pilots," Bush said. While not proven, evidence indicates the Chinese may be

helping lay fiber optic cable that links Iraqi air defense assets together. Bush said it has risen to the level that the United States will discuss the situation with the Chinese.

News reports indicate U.S. munitions missed several radars in the attacks around Baghdad. Reporters asked Bush about whether the mission was successful. "My job as Commander-in-Chief is to get input from the commanders in the field, and we will do everything needed to protect our pilots, to protect the men and women who wear the uniform," Bush said.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley would not comment on what munitions did not work, but did say the raid was effective. "Of the various radars that were struck on Friday as part of that overall strike, we have seen only two of them be turned back on subsequent to the strike on Friday," Quigley said.

He said he does not know whether the radars are not working because of the strike or because the Iraqis are fearful of another strike. In either case, it is immaterial. "I'm not so sure that it matters, at the end of the day," he said. "If my goal is to protect the coalition air crews from being shot at as they patrol the no-fly zone, then whether or not we have destroyed a system or they simply don't use it, my objective has been accomplished."

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Redstone Arsenal civilian loses apartment in fire

Red Cross, local community come to assistance of victim; co-workers raise over \$1,700

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

"You always think it's not going to happen to you," Cathy Hicks said, referring to the fire that broke out Feb. 1 at Mountain View Apartments in Madison.

Hicks, a program analyst for the Security Assistance Management Directorate, lived in one of the 20 apartments caught in the blaze. She was sleeping, as were most of the other residents in the building, when the fire started at 3 a.m.

"People were pounding on the doors," she said. "I ran over and a man jerked me out the door saying, 'Come on, we've got to get out.'"

"It is an experience I just hope I never have to experience again."

Cathy Hicks
SAMD program analyst and victim of fire

She just happened to fall asleep with her clothes on that night. She was able to put on some boots that were by a chair in the living room and grab a sweater that was hanging on a coat stand by the door. The stand fell over when she grabbed it, causing her purse to tumble to the ground — so she carried her purse out, too.

Then she stood outside and watched the building burn. She said it felt like forever before the fire trucks arrived but the incident report noted that they were there at 3:19 a.m. — just eight minutes after receiving the call.

"It is an experience I just hope I never have to experience again," she said.

Hicks considers herself luckier than most of the other fire victims. One of the most important things she had that they didn't was insurance. She said she wants to encourage everyone to carry insurance whether they rent or own since many of the fire victims without insurance don't

know what they will do now.

"Red Cross was the first one on the scene, giving out vouchers for clothing and food and helping those who needed medication. I had no idea what the Red Cross did to help people. I think Red Cross was there before the sun was up. They were wonderful," she said.

SAMD also came to her aid, raising money to help her replace what she lost.

"I called that morning and told the people at work what happened and within two hours they had raised almost \$1,200. They said they were going to bring me the money at lunch. And then they raised another \$500 after that. Everybody I work with has been so wonderful, offering to help," she said. "There's no one person more generous than another — the whole organization has just been wonderful."

She was back in another apartment in the same complex a week after the fire. Before that, she stayed with her daughter and son-in-law. The fire started on the opposite side of the building from where she lived, so many of her belongings were salvageable although many are in a warehouse drying out right now.

"Actually, the maintenance people that work for the apartments went in as soon as it was safe and got things out," she said. "They got all my pictures off the wall of my kids and grandkids, they got my photo album, my computer, my stereo ... they really did a good job. Like I said, I'm so much luckier than so many others. It's going to take a while to get back to normal, but I'm very, very lucky."

She is grateful for all that the community and the apartment management has done for all the fire victims.

"The entire community has been fantastic ... that's one thing I've noticed living in the South. Everyone is so helpful. Lots of places are helping and trying to raise donations," she said. "The one thing (I'd like to add), though, is about the insurance — people just don't think about that and they should."

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Gym renovation

Pagano Gym will be closed through March 12 for renovation.

Baseball signups

The Central Babe Ruth League will have baseball signups March 3, 10 and 17. Registration is 9 a.m. to noon at Brahan Spring Recreation Center. Age groups are: 13-year old prep and 14-15-year old. Registration fee is \$40 per player with a \$70 family cap. They also need a copy of your birth certificate and a parent or guardian to fill out the registration form. No brothers or sisters or any other person that is not directly responsible for the player can sign the registration form.

Basketball league

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is planning a 35 and over, 4-on-4, "short court" basketball league. The league is tentatively scheduled to begin April 3 with games being played on post one night per week. The team fee has not been established, but will be approximately \$100. The following are eligible to participate: military personnel/spouses, civilian personnel/spouses, and contractor personnel with Redstone badge. Deadline for registering is March 19. Team fee will be collected prior to first game. If you are interested in playing or forming a team, call Mark Sweeney 876-3052.

Ladies golf association

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold a "Welcome Membership Coffee," March 7 at 9 a.m. at the Redstone Golf Course. All women 18 years and older eligible to play on the Redstone Golf Course are invited to join. There will be a short meeting followed by refreshments. It is not necessary to make reservations. Beginner golfers are encouraged to join in the Ladies Golf Association fun. Dues are \$20 for the year. For more information, call Gloria Couples 539-7991 or Bev Van Oostrum 828-7664. Ladies will begin play March 14 at 8 a.m.

Executive women's golf

The Huntsville Chapter of the Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA) will hold its first Invitational Kickoff event, March 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course's Hampton Cove Clubhouse. Carol Preisinger, director of instruction for City Club Marietta, Ga., is the scheduled speaker. For more information on the Huntsville Chapter, call the hotline 852-9184.

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.

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 Armita Lee, lee.armita@redstone.army.mil or Susan Douglas 876-7806, susan.douglas@redstone.army.mil

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 student and one to a college student

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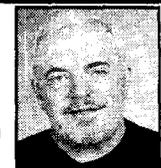
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family until March 31, according to MSgt. Scott Hardiman, housing management NCO-in-charge. For more information, call the housing office 876-1445.

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

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.

Comptrollers society

American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will hold its annual Mini-PDI, "Leadership in the New Millennium," March 7. The event is open to everyone, even those that are not in the comptroller field. The cost is \$45 for ASMC members and \$60 for non-members. Two separate half-day sessions will be offered, with a luncheon for the combined groups. Both sessions will be held at the Bob Jones Auditorium, with bus transportation provided to and from Trinity Personal Growth Center for the luncheon. Registrants should choose either: morning session (8-10:30 a.m.) and lunch following (10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.); and afternoon session (1-3:30 p.m.) and lunch prior (10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.). Special guest speaker at the luncheon will be retired Lt. Gen. Jim Link. Cutoff date for reservations is today. For information and reservations, call Cherry Hovik 876-1696 or Kim Jean 876-7208.

Logistics support symposium

The Joint-Government/Industry Supportability Information Exchange Symposium 2001 will be held May 7-11 at the Bob Jones Auditorium and the Huntsville Hilton. Pre-registration is under way through April 9. Check and credit card payments are the only method of pre-registering for the \$75 fee. Cash payments will only be accepted at the door, and they will require the payment of a \$100 fee. For more information, call Emerson McAfee 955-0808.

Financial assistance

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests should outline the groups' programs, reasons for requesting help, how funds will be used, and whether other groups or organizations have been solicited for the same donations. Send correspondence to Mary Bissell, 4717 University Drive, Suite 100, Huntsville 35816. The letters must be postmarked by March 1. The awards will be presented in early May.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association's monthly luncheon meeting will be held today at

11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Houston Masey, former head of H&R Block in Huntsville. For more information, call retired Navy Cmdr. Matthew C. F. Boenker 885-4274.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. March 22 between buildings 5303 and 5304 at the Sparkman Center Parade Field. Military retirees who wish to participate in the ceremony should call MSgt. Loew, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819, by March 8.

Travel extravaganza

Carlson Wagonlit Travel will hold its first "Travel Show Extravaganza" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Thursday at the Redstone Fitness Center. Carlson Wagonlit Travel will be giving door prizes and information on all its services. Representatives from several airlines, cruise lines, luxury hotels, theme parks, and resorts will be on hand for your questions or reservations. There will be a grand prize drawing for a seven-day, all-inclusive stay at the royal Antigua resort with airfare included (\$6,500 estimated value). The new Carlson Wagonlit office is open

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Space camp scholarships

Active duty and retired military children living within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal have the opportunity to apply for a Space Camp (grades 4-6), Space Academy (grades 7-8), or Aviation Challenge (grades 7-9) scholarship to attend camp the week of June 10-15. Applications are available March 1-16 at Army Community Service, building 3491 Honest John Road, the Commissary, Post Exchange, Fox Army Health Center, and local schools. Completed applications containing a two-page handwritten essay describing why the applicant wishes to attend camp and a copy of the child's military ID card must be returned to ACS by noon March 16. For more information call the Space Camp Scholarship Committee co-chairmen Susan Carr or Phyllis Montgomery 876-2859, or Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Acquisition experience

The Army Acquisition Career Management Office sponsored the Acquisition Career Experience as a pilot program that began in March 2000 as a partnership with the Army Materiel Command and James Madison University. The intent of the ACE program is to recruit exceptional college students with multi-disciplined backgrounds into acquisition positions throughout the Army. Students are recruited in their sophomore year, and they spend the next two summers in positions designed to multi-functionally train them in government organizations and allow them to collaborate on challenging projects. An application package consisting of a resume, an unofficial transcript, a cover letter stating employment interest and thesis topic (where applicable) is due by March 13. Acquisition Career Management Office, Attn: SFAE-AC-RED-

M, Sharon Clodfelter, building 5303, room 3324, Redstone Arsenal 35898. For more information, call Clodfelter 842-8677.

Contracting professionals

"The Contracting Professional as a Risk Manager," a one-day seminar designed to meet the educational needs of all government and industry acquisition professionals, will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. This course is being offered by the National Contract Management Association. The registration fee for the program, which includes a manual and lunch, is \$145 for NCMA members and \$195 for non-members. To register call Paula Cushman 971-1302.

Federal lawyers

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will meet today at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Regina Colston, a faculty member at Alabama A&M University. For reservations call 313-1295.

Retired colonels/captains

Retired colonels/captains with their spouses, and widows of retired colonels and captains, are invited for cocktails and dinner March 10 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Reservations are required. These semiannual gatherings are strictly social affairs to renew acquaintances and meet other retired 06's from the Tennessee Valley. For more information or an invitation, call 880-6701.

Panoply volunteers

Huntsville's Festival of the Arts, Panoply, needs volunteers. The festival, sponsored by the Arts Council, is scheduled April 27-29 in Big Spring Park. There are various shifts available, especially in the children's areas. If you would like to volunteer your time for a community effort, call Eura Reaves 842-6949 or Brenda Balch 519-2787.

Art auction

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its 29th annual Art Auction and Exhibition, Saturday at the Officers and Civilians Club. The art exhibition begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the auction at 7. Tickets are on sale for \$8. This price includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres and dessert served with a cash bar. For ticket information, call Teri Holly 772-4245 or Helen Bergantz 830-2757. A dinner buffet is offered beginning at 5 p.m. For dinner reservations, call the Officers and Civilians Club 830-2582.

Jobs in Korea

A representative from the Eighth U.S. Army Civilian Recruiting Office (EUSACRO), Seattle, WA, will be at Redstone Arsenal on March 15 to conduct two recruiting briefings for jobs in Korea. The briefings will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in building 5250, room A-115 with each session lasting about 90 minutes. Interested candidates should be at least at the GS-9 level or eligible for GS-9. The most heavily recruited types of positions will be in the areas of, but not limited to: engineers (construction and public-works types to include environmental), construction representatives, logisticians, computer specialists and communications specialists. Family members whose spouse is in Korea or on orders may also attend. Spaces in the briefings are on a first come, first served basis. As there is limited seating, and to facilitate the proper amount of recruitment materials to be shipped here, interested individuals are required to reserve a space by either e-mailing the EUSACRO at alice.kouchi@usace.army.mil or calling (206)764-3820/3623. Questions may also be directed to these numbers.

Challenger schedule

Challenger Bingo activity is making some changes to its operating hours. The Saturday schedule will match the Sunday schedule beginning March 10. The schedule change allows enlisted soldiers and

Marines use of the Challenger facilities for social functions, festivities and ceremonies. The Sunday schedule is as follows: cards go on sale at 12:15 p.m., and games begin at 1:45 p.m. Call Connie 837-0750 for more information.

Birthday bash

The Officers and Civilians Club wants to honor its members on their special day. A dinner and dance party will be held March 15. The Birthday Bash is free to members whose birthdays are in December, January, February, or March and could not attend the January party. There will be entertainment by Sentimental Journey from 7-10 p.m. The buffet will be open from 6-8 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: adults \$14.95, children ages 7-12 \$7.95, and 6-and-under free.

Jewelry sale

Post Restaurant Fund will sponsor a jewelry sale March 6-7 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Sparkman Cafeteria, building 5302. The vendors will have a selection of 14kt gold & sterling silver.

Warrant officers

Redstone Arsenal Chapter, U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association, will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 14 at Gibson's Barbecue, 3319 South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Johnnie Walton 313-2620 or Don St. Germain 890-3423.

Community projects

American Society of Military Comptrollers plans the following community projects for March: Lincoln Elementary School needs people to donate an hour of their time to mentor children by letting a child read to them; call Jennifer Feemster 876-1670 to schedule an appointment. Wallace Center in Decatur needs the following items: magazines, puzzles (250-500), Jenga blocks, learning toys, markers, chalk, large crayons, inside floor games, board games, coloring books and

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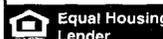
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School fund-raiser

The Academy of Science and Foreign Language is having its third annual Silent Auction and Bingo Night, March 9 from 6:30-9 p.m. ASFL is located at 3221 Mastin Lake Road. This fund-raising event is family oriented and open to the public. For more information, call ASFL 428-7000.

Redstone community

The Community Action Committee will hold its quarterly meeting at 1:30 p.m. March 7 at the Challenger Club. "This office, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity is asking all representatives, members, and any other concerned parties (to) attend this meeting," CSM Lawrence Rogers, CAC chairman, said in a prepared release. "Thanking you in advance for your participation, see you at the meeting."

Bible show

BibleMan Live Show is coming to Whitesburg Baptist Church April 6 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6. "This one-hour, action packed stage presentation will encourage you, and everyone in your group to stand firm in your faith," a prepared release said. "The BibleMan Adventure: Live 2001 is an all new adventure for BibleMan with obedience as its theme." Tickets are \$6.50; kids age 2 and under are admitted free. Group discounts are available through Whitesburg Baptist Church; one free ticket for every 14 tickets purchased at regular price. Tickets may be purchased at the church or at the Lifeway Christian Bookstore or Family Christian Store. For more information, call 880-5300 ext. 3000.

Master's degree

Nova Southeastern University offers an alternate weekend, 18-month Master of Business Administration degree program with classes in Huntsville. A registration meeting will be held March 8 at 6 p.m. at Calhoun Community College conference room/front entrance, 102 Wynn Drive. For more information call 800-672-7223, ext. 5039.

Thrift shop

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 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Deadline is 4 p.m. March 9. For more information, call Sheila 881-6992.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting March 15 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Radisson Suite hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Bob Furia 842-9770.

Tactical missiles conference

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will conduct the third annual conference on "Tactical Missile Issues," March 20-21 at the Huntsville Hilton. The conference theme is "Missiles Supporting the Army Transformation." For more information, call 882-1234.

Adopt a pet

The Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Treatment Facility announced Friday that it has three stray dogs available for adoption. Two are 1-year-old males, and the third is a 6-year-old female. Deworming will be free of charge prior to adoption. For more information, call 876-2441.

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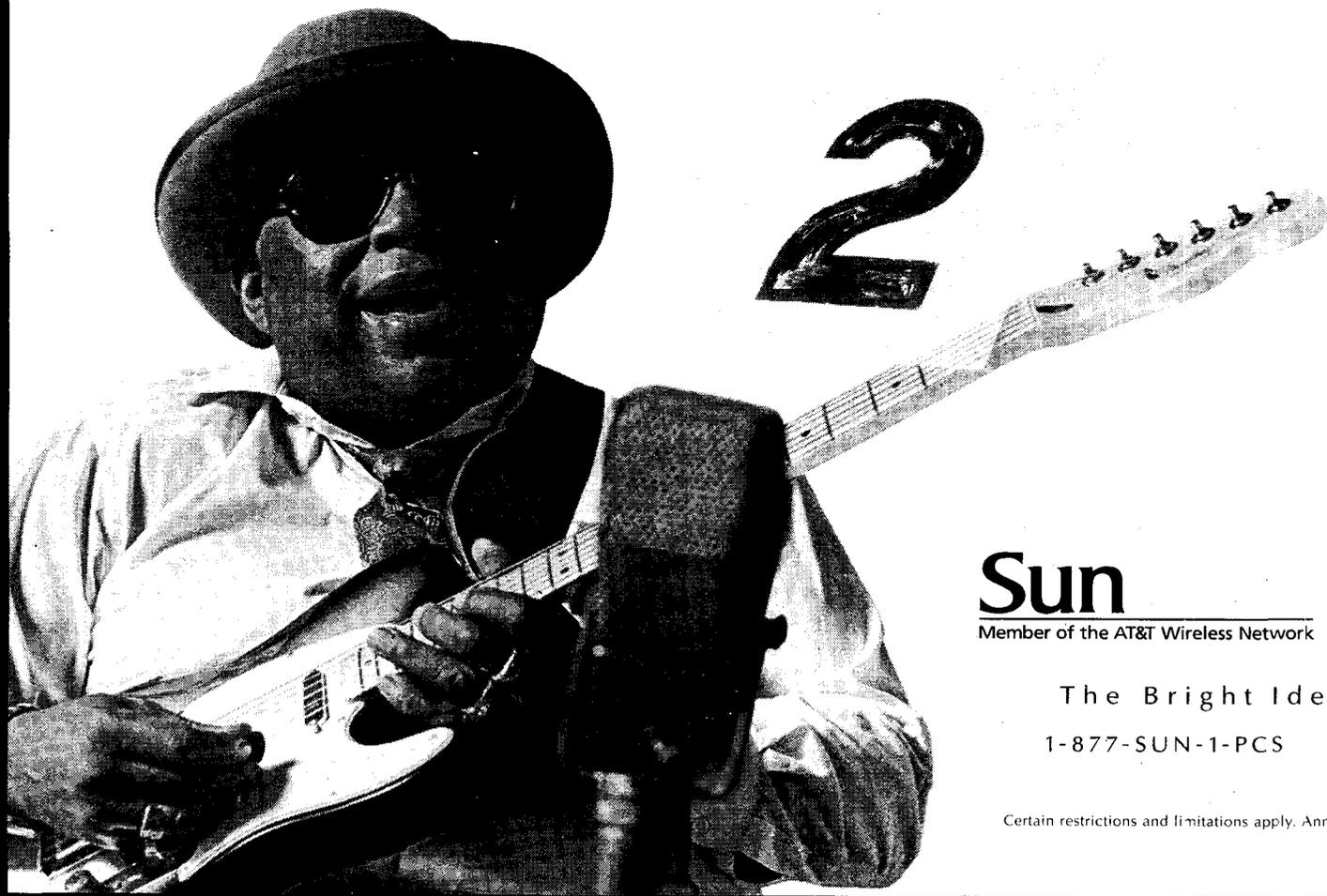
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