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## Fate strikes home lifelong lesson for Army spouse

### Huntsville family displaced after lightning ignites house

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

"I'll never take another thing for granted again."

That's how Laurie Pallotta feels these days, after losing her house to a fire caused by lightning during a thunderstorm. She and her family lost most of their possessions and were displaced when their southeast Huntsville home at 15018 Carlisle Drive was heavily damaged April 4.

"I think when you're military the house is not so important but the things that are in it are," said Pallotta, wife of Lt. Col. Ralph Pallotta.

She had just picked up the kids from school that fateful Wednesday afternoon. Her two sons, Anthony, 13, and Bryan, 6, were at the kitchen table having a snack

and playing "Battleship." She was in the dining room grading papers (she home-schools her older son).

At 3:20 p.m., Anthony heard a sizzling sound. And then there was a loud boom, and all the lights went out. Pallotta noticed that the pictures on her kitchen wall had rotated somewhat. Anthony told her that the house was on fire. And then Pallotta heard a loud sound that she later determined was the roof caving in.

The family left through the front door; and Pallotta picked up her purse as they were leaving. A woman passing by helped them leave safely. Pallotta called 911 on her cellular phone.

"The firemen showed up within minutes and they were wonderful," she said.

There's no question about the cause of the fire. "Lightning hit my house. And then another bolt hit a tree. Another bolt hit my neighbor's meter box and blew it off the wall," Pallotta said. "So we think there



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**COUNTING BLESSINGS**— Laurie Pallotta, right, was joined by her mother, Judy Rafferty, left, at the Officer and Civilian Women's Club luncheon April 10. Pallotta's home was heavily damaged in a fire caused by lightning April 4.

were several bolts that hit at one time."

Her husband is attending the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in

Montgomery. At the time of the fire, he was en route to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., with Maxwell's team to play in a basketball tournament. He rushed home and didn't get to play in the tournament.

Their daughter, Ashley, is a freshman at Mississippi State. She was among the recipients of a merit award scholarship April 10 from the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

Pallotta expects 4-6 months to pass before the family can return to their two-story, four-bedroom wood house where they have lived for the past three years. Her bedroom roof is gone; the kitchen ceiling is falling in; there's heat and smoke damage throughout; and the entire upstairs was destroyed.

The family is living in a three-bedroom apartment at Lily Flag Station. Pallotta's parents, Jim and Judy Rafferty, arrived April 9 from upstate New York.

"It takes something like this to really know and appreciate the blessings that we really have," Pallotta said.

## Local recruiter joins elite group



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**BEST OF THE BEST**— Huntsville recruiter SFC Andrew Wynn earned the Glen E. Morrell award, the top honor a recruiter can earn.

### Attitude made the difference in top recruiter's life, career

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

Andrew Wynn had options when he graduated William M. Raines High School in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1986. He had soccer scholarships to two Florida universities. But his whole future came down to a promise he made his mother on her death bed. Three days after he graduated high school, his mother died. Instead of heading off to the dorms that fall, he was on his way to boot camp at Fort Dix, N.J.

It was a promise SFC Wynn is glad he kept.

"I wasn't a bad kid, a wild kid," Wynn said. "But my mom could see things about me I couldn't. She really wanted me to join the military. When I went to Saudi and Somalia, she was looking out for me. She was with me."

Once Wynn made the decision to join the Army, he went at it 100 percent. It's the only way he knows how to do something. Examples of his all-go no-quit attitude are

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## Separation incentive briefings scheduled

You may get the chance to end your civilian career with an incentive bonus.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct AMCOM FY 01-02 Reshape Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay briefings from 1-3 p.m. April 23 and from 9:30-11:30 a.m. May 1 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

The VERA/VSIP is limited to AMCOM employees at Redstone Arsenal not covered by the Laboratory Demonstration Project. AMCOM employees not duty stationed at Redstone are excluded from this action.

May 3-10 is the first VSIP application window.

Employees interested in VERA/VSIP should plan to attend one of the two scheduled briefings.



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## Handicapped persons face barriers in workplace parking facilities

Several excerpts quoted in this letter are from persons who contacted me regarding handicapped parking at RSA. My hope is that an explanation from the appropriate command organization or a senior management official will address the concerns expressed by these individuals and that the responsible organization will offer a plan of action to improve workplace barriers. I also hope each reader understands I am not attempting to speak on behalf of all handicapped employees of Redstone, this letter specifically cites information provided from specific individuals.

Before writing this letter, I researched federal regulatory guidance regarding ADA. Current EEOC regulation and laws enforced by the EEOC include Titles I and V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Federal Regulatory Guidance (see [www.eeoc.gov/laws.html](http://www.eeoc.gov/laws.html), [www.eeoc.gov/regs/index](http://www.eeoc.gov/regs/index), and Enforcement Guidance, Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, March 1, 1999; OPM, An Employment Guide, People with Disabilities in the Federal Government, October 1999; and Executive Summary: Compliance Manual Section 902, Definition of the Term "Disability", Feb. 1, 2000) requires employers to make "reasonable accommodations" to applicants and employees with disabilities.

The Architectural Barriers Act, enforced by the Access Board, requires that buildings and facilities be accessible to people with disabilities if they were constructed or altered by or on behalf of the federal government or with certain federal funds, or leased for occupancy by federal agencies after 1968. Current AMCOM Policy, 210-2, does not address or take into consideration parking accessibility for employees who are wheelchair bound and drive vans with lifts nor does it address parking access for severely handicapped/disabled employees. Current parking accommodations reveal the

presence of transportation barriers to disabled/handicapped employees working on Redstone Arsenal.

These barriers include the following issues raised by several handicapped employees: "In the latter part of 1999 I resubmitted an updated version of an Oct. 28, 1998 idea for parking in and around the building I work in. The building custodian's solution was to add MORE handicapped parking spaces. I objected to this solution because we already had about seven at one entrance and about 14 at another entrance to this building. Incidentally, only 2-3 of these 14 are used on a regular basis because they are located very far from one entrance. My objection was also based on previous experience, which demonstrated that the more spaces are added, the more individuals start to utilize them. Also when left to their own discretion, everyone believes they are entitled to park close to the building regardless of the severity of their disability and the 'first come-first served' policy encourages this type of thinking.

"The custodian went on and added two additional spaces outside of an entrance for a total of nine and it worked well for approximately six months. On June 19, 2000, all nine spaces were full when I arrived at 9 a.m. When that happens, I am forced to park at another entrance where the 14 spaces are and walk over uneven and grassy terrain to get to the entrance which puts me at risk for falling and personal injury. This policy also puts at least two additional disabled employees at risk. One has a severe case of debilitating Polio plus Post-Polio Syndrome which requires her to wear heavy braces on both legs and to use a motorized wheelchair. If my suggestion was implemented, this employee would be assigned the first space nearest the main entrance to the building. The second employee has had knee-replacement surgery numerous times and uses a cane and a heavy brace and experiences

## Dedicated worker receives final tribute

This letter is to recognize a commitment to Redstone Arsenal by Bruce Coker who passed away after a battle with cancer. As a veteran of the United States Army, I would feel privileged to pay homage and respect to Bruce Coker for his dedicated service to Redstone Arsenal and support of its military mission, as I would that of a fallen soldier; there are I am sure countless times where Mr. Coker's support to Automation has helped to keep us out of danger.

Too many times, there were and are unnoticed individuals behind the scenes who sacrificed much to provide mission support for soldiers in the field. I also believe that Mr. Coker's commitment to excellence, dedication to duty, and the mission of Redstone were above and beyond the call of the duty and reflect a great honor in the history of the mission of Redstone Arsenal. Too often we forget those who gave it all in support of the mission, and of all of the government personnel who strive to make Redstone Arsenal a mark of unparalleled excellence within the Army community.

Mr. Coker was employed at Redstone Arsenal in the Automation department from the early 1960s to November 2000 when cancer would no longer allow him to work. Mr. Coker spent over 30 years in government service in support of Red-

stone's mission from the Vietnam War to the Persian Gulf. He has supported the Information Technology at Redstone from the punch card to the Internet with expertise, commitment, professionalism, and dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

When he retired from government civil service in 1995, Mr. Coker's institutional knowledge, expertise, and dedication to Redstone Arsenal and its mission was continued from January 1995 to November 2000 as a contractor to further prove his commitment to mission first within the Redstone Arsenal community. His efforts and support in training, dedication to duty, and performance of work in the Information Technology has produced many of the leaders and management within the Corporate Information Center today.

When Mr. Coker passed away, the Redstone community had indeed lost an individual that was a vital part in making Redstone Arsenal what it is today. Through his efforts and concern, his expertise and knowledge has been passed on to many who will carry on in a manner which reflects in the most professional manner a great credit upon the Redstone Arsenal community, and the Department of the Army.

**Name withheld by request**

swelling on their left leg. This individual should be placed in the second nearest space.

"This prioritization method is based on the fact that each employee has been observed falling in or around this building. Forcing us to comply with the current policy of "first come-first served" puts us at risk of falling, seriously injuring ourselves, and costing the government unnecessary expenses such as sick leave, worker's compensation, when all that is needed is to institute and enforce a fair and equitable parking policy as suggested.

"To support my suggestion for reserved parking based on the severity of

the disability, the following guidelines could be used.

- "(a) Does the individual wear assisting devices to walk? (b) If so what type— wheelchair, braces, special shoes, or cane? (c) Has the individual been observed falling on the Arsenal or in the workplace? (d) Is the individual disability a result of an accidental injury? (e) Is the individual disability a result of old age such as arthritis? (f) Is the individual disability a result of a military service injury?"

"Individuals that meet the criteria of categories of a, b or c should be assigned

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# Acquisition Center partnership prevents problems on contract close-out

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

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Acquisition Center, we have a problem. Thousands of contracts are backlogged, piled in a room at the Defense Contract Management Agency, riddled with problems that someone has to fix before the contract can be closed out.

Rather than finger-point or ignore the problem, Dr. Rex Conners, dean of the Acquisition Center University, introduced a partnership plan between the university and the DCMA that provides training to acquisition personnel and reduces the enormous backlog of post-award actions.

"Our contract specialists do the procurement side—buying and awards of contracts," Wanda Baker, curriculum dean, ACU, said. "DCMA does the post-award action— administers the contract after it's awarded. If our contracts have problems, they can't get closed out. This training will help the contract specialists fill in all the blanks and get everything right the first time through on the contracts."

The training is a two-week rotational assignment with the DCMA Administrative Contracting Officer that focuses on the DCMA ACO mission. Four Acquisition Center para-trainees were the first group to complete the rotation in February.

"It's intense, hands on training," Baker said. "When the trainees went into that room and saw thousands and thousands of contracts stacked up, they panicked. But as they were walked through the process, fixing actual contracts, they learned more about how to avoid getting stalled. They gained knowledge about what DCMA does



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**CLASS ACT**— The partnering agreement between the Acquisition Center University and the Defense Contract Management Agency provides training for contract specialists and technicians in an effort to reduce post-award actions. Upon completion of the first rotation assignment, Lt. Col. Daniel Cottrell, commander of DCM Huntsville, is presented with an appreciation certificate by Marlene Cruze, executive director, Acquisition Center. At the presentation are, from left, Bill Ammons, DCM Huntsville ACO, Cottrell, Cruze, and Dr. Rex Conners, dean, Acquisition Center University.

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# Young students reap awards to help further education

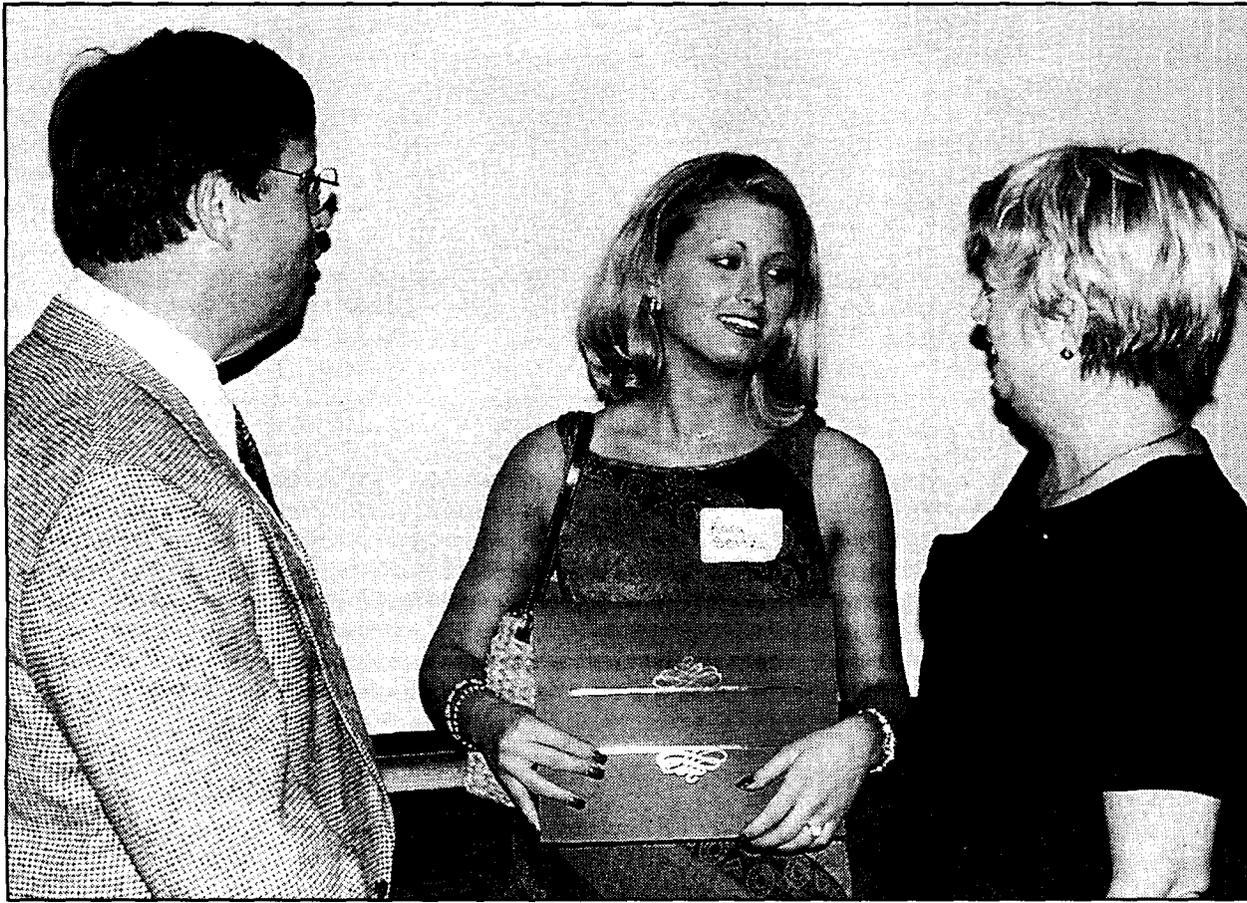


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**ALL SMILES**— Kara Seitz, center, recipient of a \$750 merit award, is congratulated by her parents, David and Kristine Seitz. David is deputy chief of the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office at the Aviation and Missile Command.

## Officer and civilian women present annual scholarships

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
Rocket editor

Laurie Pallotta remembered her daughter's e-mail message of thanks to the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

Her daughter, Ashley, was among the recipients of a merit award scholarship from the OCWC. Unfortunately, the acceptance speech Ashley had prepared was in the computer in Pallotta's upstairs bedroom. The room was destroyed when the family's home was heavily damaged by fire caused by lightning April 4.

So, Pallotta had to deliver some new words of thanks on behalf of Ashley, a freshman at Mississippi State.

The OCWC presented merit awards of up to \$1,000 to five graduating high school seniors, five college students and one club member during its April 10 luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club. Selections were based on their 250-word essays, transcripts and scholastic activities.

"You all did first-class jobs and are certainly worthy of this award," Chris Swart, merit awards chairperson, told the honorees.

The winners included Tim Petersen, son of retired Navy Cmdr. Steven and Mary Petersen; OCWC member Michelle Jerney-Davis, wife of Maj. Christopher Davis;

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## Officer and Civilian Women's Club gives scholarships

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Emily and Melissa Thurber, daughters of Lt. Col. Philip and Andrea Carey; Cori Birmingham, daughter of Col. Robert and Janet Birmingham; Cheryl Dever, daughter of Lt. Col. Douglas and Christine Dever; Miranda Hickman, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Robert and Helen Hickman; Ashley Pallotta, daughter of Lt. Col. Ralph and Laurie Pallotta; Feona Savage, daughter of Maj. Roger and Janice Savage; and Kara Seitz, daughter of Kristine and David Seitz.

Lorraine Burke, daughter of Lt. Col. John and Mary Burke, received special mention. A senior at Bob Jones High School, Burke was ineligible for a merit award because she received a full scholarship to the Air Force Academy.

Petersen, a senior at Bob Jones, received a \$1,000 award donated by United Services Planning Association Inc. and Independent Research Agency for Life Insurance Inc. He will attend Virginia Tech.

Jerney-Davis, a junior at University of Alabama-Huntsville, received a \$1,000 award donated to UAH specifically for this club by Dr. Charles and Joye Parker.

Emily Thurber, a junior at Providence College, received a \$1,000 award. Her sis-

ter Melissa, a junior at Norwich University, received a \$750 award.

Birmingham, a senior at Sparkman High School, received a \$750 award. She will attend UAH.

"I can only promise to do my best in college so that this scholarship will be a worthwhile investment," Birmingham said.

Dever, a senior at Sparkman, received a \$750 award and will attend UAH.

Hickman, a senior at Alabama School of Mathematics & Science in Mobile, received \$750 and will attend Hollins University in Roanoke, Va.

Pallotta, a freshman majoring in aerospace engineering at Mississippi State, received a \$750 award.

Savage, a junior at South Carolina State, received a \$750 award. "You just don't know how blessed I am," she said in thanking the club.

Seitz, a sophomore majoring in nursing at Calhoun Community College, received a \$750 award.

"I feel very honored, so thank you all," she said.

Members of the Selection Committee for the merit awards included Donald Barker of Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles; Becky Hamilton, professional educator; Cliff Karvinen of PEO

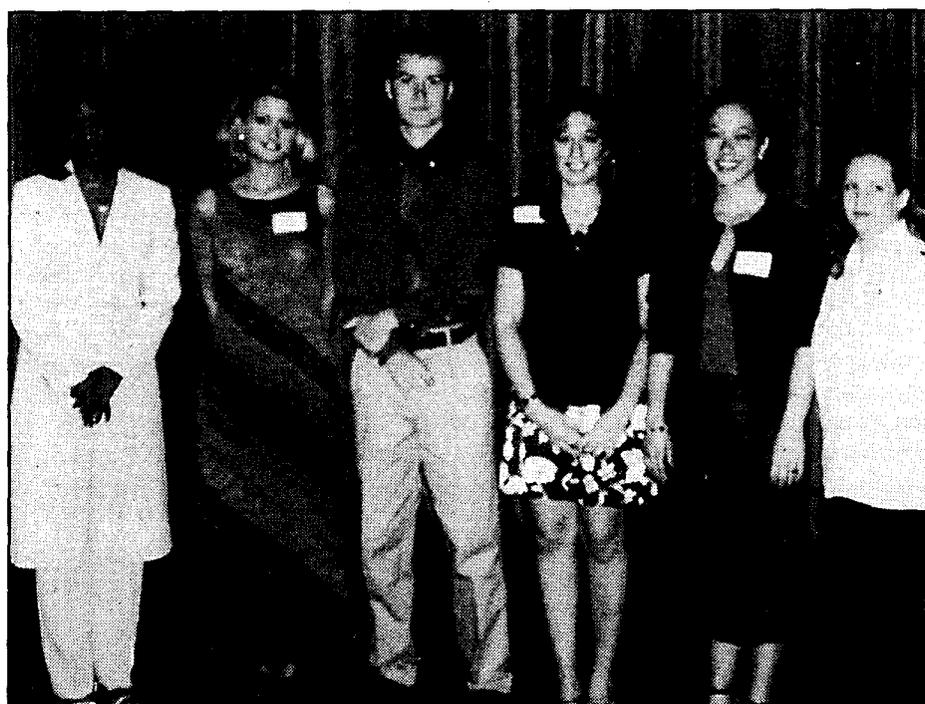


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**HONOREES**— Some of the merit award winners include, from left, Feona Savage, Kara Seitz, Tim Petersen, Cheryl Dever, Cori Birmingham and Michelle Jerney-Davis.

Aviation; Sue Paddock, chief of Army Community Service; Cecile Pfeiffer, Logistics Support Activity; Louise Pickett, Missile and Space Intelligence Center; Ralph Redrick, Aviation and Missile Command; Bobbi Shoop, OCWC member; and Lt. Col. Doug Taylor, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Fifty-nine people attended the merit awards luncheon in which the Officer and Civilian Women's Club also elected the following new officers for 2001-02: Martha Brouse, president; Tess McKaig, first vice president; Monte Perry, second vice president; LeeAnn Bryant, secretary; and Shoop, treasurer.

## Acquisition Center University offers new training

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and how to cut down on errors that cause the backlog."

Getting the course established wasn't exactly smooth sailing according to Baker, but with the first group's completion, there was a better understanding about what everyone needed and expected from the course. Bill Ammons, administrative contracting officer, DCM Huntsville and Cathy Moore, contract administrator, DCMA, established the curriculum and taught the class in a small

facility on post.

"We're going to start with our newer employees," Baker said. "Our goal is to train all of our interns and para-trainees, up to 400 people, regardless of grade. We have a list of 31 people already signed up. We can take 5-7 people per rotation. We don't really have the space to take more at a time."

It is anticipated that each rotation assignment will be conducted the first two weeks of each month at various local DCMA offices (Redstone Arsenal, NASA, and Boeing facility). Upon completion, trainees will receive 80 continuous learning points and an appropriate ACU certificate.

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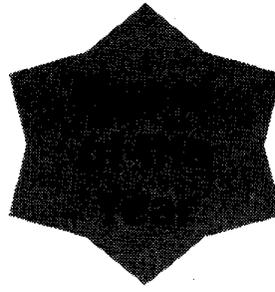
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# Army delivers changes in correspondence policy .

Nearly everyone at Redstone is affected by new regulation

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

Twenty years ago, changes in the Army correspondence policy would only affect the select clerical population at the Arsenal. Times have changed; budgets have been cut and a dwindling secretarial staff has made nearly every employee an "action officer."

If you are an action officer, responsible for any type administrative work, you need to be aware of the changes in the Department of the Army's revised AR 25-50, Preparing and Managing Correspondence, effective April 5.

The most significant changes include the elimination of the endorsement format, the use of memorandums and letters, and modifications to addressing mail and correspondence.

"It's important that everyone become aware of the changes because the mail that goes out reflects on the command. People don't always think about that aspect," Elaine Reed, NCCIM contractor and subject matter expert for Army correspondence management, said. "We had a briefing with 39 front office secretaries before



Photo by Judy Lamon

**CHECKING THE CHANGES—** Senior secretaries gather for a briefing detailing significant changes in the Army correspondence policy.

the effective date to bring everyone up to speed. We got a lot of issues settled and great feedback, especially for the local regulations (AMCOM pamphlet 25-50, Staff Procedures Guide) that break down the commander's preference."

Times New Roman is now the official preferred font at Redstone, replacing Courier style type.

The new procedure concerning the elimination of the endorsement format is to reply to a memorandum with another memorandum. Reference the incoming memorandum so the recipient will readily understand the purpose of your memorandum. The policy also states that the mem-

orandum "will be used for routine correspondence to federal government agencies outside the Department of Defense." Previously the memorandum was only used for correspondence within DoD.

"Understanding the proper uses of letters vs. memorandums is a source of confusion," Reed said, regarding letters of commendation and letters of appreciation.

Memorandums will be used for notifications of personnel actions, military or civilian, and for showing appreciation or commendation to DA employees and soldiers, as well as routine correspondence to federal government agencies outside the DoD.

Letters are used for correspondence to

the "heads" of those agencies.

Letters should be used to address individuals outside the department or agency when a personal tone is appropriate for official personal correspondence by military and civilian personnel and for letters of welcome, appreciation, commendation and condolence.

Use a Memorandum of Commendation to recognize DoD civilians and military members for official duties and a Memorandum of Appreciation to recognize DoD civilians and military members for an accomplishment outside their official duties. A Letter of Commendation recognizes individuals outside DoD, such as a contractor.

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# Missile school alumni return for annual reunion in May

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

May 4 is going to be a jam-packed day filled with fun and activity for everyone on the Arsenal.

It is going to be a special day that brings together soldiers, families, civilians, Ordnance alumni, and members of the community for a myriad of activities that will mark the beginning of summer fun.

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School is holding its annual Alumni Reunion. The opening ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. at the new Heritage Hall. Scores of Ordnance folks from past and present are gathering together for this special event that will be capped off with a dinner to be held at 7 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Also scheduled that day is "Seniors Day" for local high school and university/college seniors.

"On May 4 students and alumni will have the opportunity to visit the student barracks area, classrooms and training areas," Ed Banville, OMMCS outreach manager, said. "They will experience today's lifestyle of the modern U.S. Army soldier."

Both students and alumni will also see various static displays showcasing the

TOW, Avenger, Patriot and the like. These are systems that soldiers learn to operate and maintain while attending school on the Arsenal.

Another big event that is still in the works for May 4 is the Army Emergency Relief Fun Day. Huntsville community students and Ordnance alumni will also be invited to see firsthand how "the Army takes care of its own," Banville said.

"During the day soldiers will be operating a fun day of activities to raise funds for AER," he said.

Events on tap include bands, DJs, local entertainers, a barbecue lunch, games, a dunk tank and sports at Vincent Park. There will also be "Celebrity Karaoke."

"Folks can donate money to hear their drill Sergeants, first sergeants, commanders, etc., sing Karaoke," Banville said. The AER Fun Day is scheduled to kick off at 11 a.m. and will last to approximately 2 p.m.

And that's just the beginning. Ideas and resources such as supplies, food, and volunteers are still being sought to make this a successful AER fund-raiser.

To suggest ideas or to contribute resources, soldiers and civilians may call Banville at 842- 6187 or Sam Whitaker of the Education Center at 876-9762.



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## Fund bunny

A dollar donation to Army Emergency Relief meant a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny in this fund-raiser sponsored by the Corporate Information Center, April 10-11 at the Sparkman Center. Gary Braden, a contractor with NCCIM, poses with bunny Sean Hicks. About \$200 was raised at building 5300, according to Michele Albright of the Corporate Information Center.



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# Volunteers honored for community service

## Redstone Arsenal presents awards to Volunteer of the Year winners

By BETH SKARUPA  
Staff writer

They're not in it for the recognition. Redstone Arsenal's Volunteer of the Year winners have one thing in common: They choose to give of their time and talent simply for the satisfaction of helping others.

"Self-accomplishment and teamwork is the payoff for me," Evelyn Teats, winner of the Community Service Award, said. She serves as treasurer for the Enlisted Spouses Club, master trainer for Army Family Team Building, mayor for the Apollo Landing housing area and homeroom mom for her daughter's class at school.

"I was very shocked and I guess somewhat embarrassed (about receiving the award) because I'm sure there are other people who deserve it ... I feel everybody in the organizations I'm in works just as hard as I do, if not harder," she said. "You know, it's about teamwork. No one person can do the job, it takes everyone working together ... I don't want to downplay the honor though, because it is a great honor."

Winners in seven categories will be recognized today at the RSA Volunteer of the Year luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club. Awards go to Stacey Bonner for New Volunteer, Martha Brouse for Special Event, Dede Busk for Military Community Sustained Service, Betty Chesak for RSA Military Community Sustained Service, Glen Long for Service to Youth, Teats for Community Service and the Kraus Family for Group Service.

Army Community Service nominated Lorraine Kraus, her husband Don, her daughter Loriann and her brother Mickel Wilson for the Group Service Award.

"They included my daughter Loriann who died Nov. 2. She'd been ill most of



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**ALL IN THE FAMILY—** From left, Mickel Wilson, his sister Lorraine and her husband Don Kraus, recipients of the RSA Volunteer of the Year Group Service Award, create a listing of Army Community Service items that are no longer needed. The three are wearing photo buttons in remembrance of the Kraus's daughter Loriann who died Nov. 2 and is included in the award for her service as an ACS volunteer.

her life — she was on oxygen and had a trach and everything — but she started working and going with us to ACS. She'd do coupons. They were so sweet to include her like that," Lorraine Kraus said.

Several volunteer organizations on post nominated more than 32 individuals for the awards this year. A panel of four judges reviewed the nominations. They looked at what organizations the nominee volunteered for, how long the nominee volunteered, the positions the nominee held and how the nominee's contributions affected the organization and the community.

"It was a very tough decision. This was the first year, to my knowledge, that we had this many nominees," Cathy Ryan, Quality of Life coordinator, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said. "I think it speaks very highly of the caliber of volunteers we have on the Arsenal — not just the individuals but the organizations as well — that they have so many volunteers to nominate for the type of recognition that they deserve."

Chesak, blood mobile chairman for the

Arsenal, has worked as a Red Cross volunteer here since 1976 with few breaks in her years of service. She currently coordinates the volunteers for all the blood drives on post, as well as working 1-4 drives per month herself.

"I would recommend volunteering to others because I think you get a lot of satisfaction knowing you're helping others, especially with blood because there's always a shortage and it certainly helps the workers to have a volunteer there," she said.

Long, whose service includes recruiting volunteers for youth sports and Cub Scouts, has a unique philosophy about volunteering. He said parents should volunteer for two reasons: one, because "if the activity is good enough for your son or daughter it's good enough for you" and two, because "these are the years, this age group, when these kids want to be with you." He laughed, explaining "if you think when they're teen-agers they'll want to hang out with you, you're sorely mistaken. That's when they want you two steps ahead or five steps behind."

## Bat submunition gets improved seeker

The Army Tactical Missile System-Brilliant Anti-Armor (ATACMS-Bat) project manager announced April 5 the successful assembly and integration of the first dual-mode seeker version of its Pre-planned, product improved (P3I) Bat submunition.

The P3I Bat integrates a millimeter wave (MMW) radar with an imaging infrared sensor for greatly enhanced target detection and classification in adverse weather conditions. The improved seeker was developed at the Northrop Grumman Baltimore plant and was built, integrated and tested at the Northrop Grumman facility here.

With MMW, the P3I Bat can see through clouds to locate and attack targets deep in enemy territory, including cold, stationary targets.

Flight tests of recoverable P3I Bats at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, using a Cessna aircraft, will verify Bat's capability to attack moving targets, including some with countermeasures. For the final flight test, a P3I Bat will actually detect, track and destroy a specific target.

The recoverable P3I Bats being used for the flight tests will employ a parachute recovery system, designed to allow the submunitions to land upright, preventing damage to the seekers during this phase of testing.

"P3I Bat will enable warfighters to engage critical targets with incredible precision, day or night, countermeasured, moving or not," Lt. Col. Mark Rider, P3I Bat product manager, said. "The assembly and integration of this technologically-advanced system places the Army one step closer to having the precision strike capability needed to support the service's transformation efforts for the Objective Force."

P3I Bat is scheduled for production in November 2002.

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## ■ Law mandates handicapped accommodations

### Letter

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the spaces closest to the building. Individuals in the categories of d or e should be assigned the next closest. Individuals that meet the criteria of category of f should also be allowed to use handicapped but those farthest from the main entrance or first come-first served. The presence or absence of pain should not be a deciding factor because we all have pain at some time or another in life whether disabled or not."

Comments from another handicapped employee reviewing the above individual's concerns were:

"Sounds like you are getting feedback consistent with what I received over here from our facility manager. So many wickets to go through—the union, legal office, traffic control, etc. No one seems to have absolute authority to make a call, so the corrective action gets stuck in the red tape. I don't think it is anyone's fault, unless we can blame it on bureaucracy. To my benefit, the reserved parking issue at the building I work at has been resolved (at least temporarily) by 'cooperation' instead of 'regulation.' When you think about it, the best approach is for people to do the right thing, not by mandate, but by voluntary action. I can live with that and will certainly do the same for someone whose parking needs are greater than my own. As before, we will probably fill those additional handicapped spaces in a matter of time, because the number of handicapped parking permits in circulation seems to grow. This may be due to more lenient standards for the issuing of handicapped parking permits, or as someone suggested to me, it may be due to the aging work force brought on by reducing hiring to support downsizing."

To determine how parking was handled at other federal facilities located on RSA I spoke with their handicapped coordinator and then visited MSFC to see how their handicapped parking is marked. I was told MSFC issues handicapped decals marked "Reserved" and they have marked handicapped parking spaces with a blue/white lettering placard.

In addition to all the above concerns, my own personal experience with barriers in the Sparkman Center Complex occurred while walking through the courtyard from one building to another with a fellow employee (who is wheel-

chair bound). I realized when we reached the door to another building that even the doors in the courtyard area are not handicap accessible.

#### Name withheld by request

*Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "Here at Redstone Arsenal, we make every attempt to fully accommodate parking for handicapped personnel. AMCOM Reg 210-2 mandates that handicapped spaces be allocated for each building and that they be those located nearest the entrance. When requested and/or circumstances suggest that additional spaces be added or modified, we make every effort to:*

- "Provide more handicapped spaces than Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires.

- "Mark spaces for 'wheelchair use only,' when requested.

- "Mark spaces 'vans with lifts only,' when requested.

- "Provide parking spaces that are nearest to the main building entrance or to other convenient access to the building.

- "Work with individual handicapped personnel (when requested) to provide for specific individual needs where possible.

*"We realize that every handicapped person does not have an ideal entrance at every facility on Redstone Arsenal. Most were constructed prior to the Americans with Disabilities Act that mandated handicapped accommodations. However, when a new building is constructed or an old one renovated, our policy is to provide strict adherence to ADA guidelines.*

*"With regard to preference based on 'degrees of handicap,' we agree that local determinations and mandates are undesirable and ineffective solutions. Currently, physicians assess the physical/mental condition of an employee and determine the bona fide need for preferential parking. Often times, the severity of an individual's handicap cannot be determined by a simple formula nor tied specifically to the visible presence of one or more external ambulatory aids. In many cases, employees with extremely severe handicaps exhibit no visible indications of their condition. Additionally, handicapped visitors with unknown 'degrees of handicap' must also be fairly accommodated.*

*"Again, we are happy to work with individual personnel in an attempt to mitigate or solve specific needs as they arise."*



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# AMCOM rewarded for assisting disabled people

*Command honored with national award for providing employment opportunities*

By BETH SKARUPA  
Staff writer

It just goes to show that hard work and dedication pay off.

The Aviation and Missile Command has been selected to receive the 2000 NISH Government Award for a Local Installation. This prestigious award from the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped is presented annually to those government agencies that have performed in an exceptional manner by providing training and employment opportunities for Americans with severe disabilities through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day program.

"I'm very happy that Team Redstone has shown their dedication and truly outstanding support of the JWOD program," Dr. Carol Sedlacek, JWOD program manager at AMCOM, said.

In 1973, Sen. Jacob Javits introduced an amendment to legislation to allow organizations serving persons with disabilities other than blindness to benefit from government procurement of goods and services. That same year, the Missile Command (AMCOM's predecessor) and the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation initiated NISH



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**A TEAM EFFORT—** Acquisition Center executives Gary Poolus, left, and John Caudle, right, discuss employment opportunities for people with disabilities with Dr. Carol Sedlacek, Javits-Wagner-O'Day program manager.

Project 00003 for Heavy Duty Sewing Services under this new law.

More than 1,000 people with disabilities have been paid wages for AMCOM products through the sewing service contract during the past 27 years. Jobs and training were provided through Phoenix Industries, HRF's manufacturing operation, to complete AMCOM products such as deployment bags, missile carrying and lifting slings, and protective covers.

Five years ago, changes in the way procured base support services were acquired

made service contracts on Redstone Arsenal feasible for Phoenix Services, HRF's service operation. Sedlacek and Acquisition Center personnel dedicated themselves to finding administrative support contracts for people with disabilities one or two jobs at a time.

Today, AMCOM and the Redstone community's JWOD contracts provide 173 full-time work positions as custodians, supply clerks, receptionists, mail clerks, and secretaries. These JWOD contracts will pay almost \$3.5 million in wages and almost \$750,000 in fringe benefits.

Many of the jobs on the installation now come from one large service contract. In 1999, Acquisition Center executives Gary Poolus and John Caudle approached NISH and HRF about a contract of substantial magnitude: cleaning 5.3 million square feet in more than 500 buildings on the installation every day. The opportunity involved more than 130 work positions, hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment and a fleet of about 30 vehicles. The process to move to a one-year transitional contract for services beginning May 1, 2000 was fast-tracked while the JWOD costing, pricing and set-aside process is accomplished.

"This is about Team Redstone. They're

the ones who've come up to the table. This is a Team Redstone effort because we know the value of the program," Sedlacek said. "I think (the program) has just been growing and growing and people realize what a good thing it is for our society rather than welfare. This program gives people the opportunity to earn their own paycheck."

The Redstone community's support goes beyond providing JWOD opportunities. AMCOM's support also includes: working to include HRF as a Combined Federal Campaign organization, encouraging senior managers to become involved as volunteer board members of HRF, referring Department of Defense suppliers such as Martin Marietta, Boeing, Hughes Aircraft, Morton Thiokol and Teledyne to HRF for sub-contracting opportunities and providing representatives to the Governor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities since its inception.

"As a local non-profit providing service to people with disabilities, it is difficult to imagine a government organization and community being more supportive than the AMCOM/Redstone community," Bryan Dodson, HRF president, wrote in his nomination. "Their sustained support for JWOD, NISH and people with disabilities in North Alabama is beyond 'setting a wonderful example.' They have incorporated JWOD and people with disabilities into their corporate culture in the fullest sense of the phrase."

Despite all that AMCOM has done for people with disabilities through the JWOD program, Sedlacek would like to do more. She is working toward trying to convert the GSA Basic Ordering Agreement for temporary, non-personal services positions into an AMCOM Administrative Services JWOD contract.

"It's if you have a worker out on maternity leave or sick leave, you use this order to get a person to fill in and JWOD provides any special equipment that would be needed," she said. "The program is set up to help offices bring someone in, so they provide things for the person with a disability like a computer with large letters."

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# Single soldiers group plans hot fun in summertime

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is gearing up for a summer of activities for single servicemembers, single parents and soldiers in training.

Upcoming is "Old School" night co-sponsored by Challenger Club. On April 21, come hear old favorites by groups and individuals like the Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Rick James, Harold Melvin, the Spinners, and the Supremes. Admission is \$5. Other scheduled nights at the Challenger Club throughout the summer include Latin Night. Sorry, students in advanced individual training aren't allowed to attend.

However, BOSS is brainstorming to come up with special events just for AIT students to be held throughout the sum-

mer, like barbecues, dances and the works.

Other key BOSS happenings on the Arsenal include block parties, pool parties, a BOSS trip to Cancun, BOSS Day at the park, car washes and a special BOSS concession stand at the Arsenal softball fields.

"The more ideas we can get the better," Spec. Robert Bullard, BOSS president, said. All suggestions are welcomed as well as resources, support, volunteers, and new BOSS members.

"We are also looking for more community-service type events to participate in," Sgt. Corey Waiters, BOSS vice president said. Look for upcoming announcements about BOSS events in the *Redstone Rocket*.

Those with suggestions or contributable resources can call Bullard at 876-7320.

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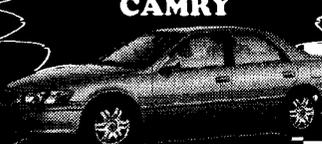
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# Sending personal information on-line increases risk of electronic attacks

## Legal office offers tips to thwart e-thief crimes

By Capt. ANTHONY ADOLPH  
For the Rocket

The Internet, commerce, and issues dealing with privacy have become an intertwined triad of concern in recent years. Technology has created a new arena for commerce but unfortunately this same technology has created increased threats to the privacy and financial well being of consumers.

Around a decade ago consumers were passingly concerned with the possibility of someone getting hold of credit card or banking information. However, today, as a result of technology and its close relationship with the modern market place virtual robbers and common thieves are targeting and conducting very effective attacks against consumers by exploiting technology.

These attacks can range from a criminal being able to steal a consumer's identity from documents that contain the consumer's SSN, credit card info, or other personal information to stealing a consumer's personal and financial information while that consumer surfs and transacts business on the web.

Although this criminal activity has become more prevalent in recent years,

most consumers are not and will not be aware that they have been targeted by e-thieves until after they have been victimized. These attacks are usually successful and can result in devastating the lives of the victims. This high success ratio is based on the fact that the methods that these criminals use are intangible or some may say almost virtual.

For example two of the primary ways that e-thieves are able to get personal information on consumers who surf and transact business on the net is by exploiting back door accesses that many internet browsers are equipped with and using a technique called "spoofing" which essentially is the act of creating an identical replica of the webpage that the computer user is attempting to access. The web page will normally want the user to input personal info e.g. id number, password, credit card info. The unsuspecting user will follow the prompts and may never realize that they have been victimized.

As a result of the unsuspecting way that consumers can become victims of credit card fraud or identity theft most consumers may feel that there is no defense against such acts. A 100 percent defense may not exist; however, there are steps that one can take to prevent or minimize the possibility of becoming a victim:

### Credit card fraud

Shred all receipts that have credit card info; shred all documents that have social security numbers or other personal info; contact creditors and instruct them not to send you any credit card cash advance checks; never carry all of your credit cards, only carry what you need; never leave your purse or wallet unattended; order a copy of your credit report from the three credit reporting agencies; pay attention to billing cycles; follow up with creditors if bills or statements do not arrive on time.

### E-Fraud

When you sign on to any website that wants personal info make sure that the Uniform Resource Locator matches the site. A URL is the network-wide address used by Web Browsers to locate specific documents. The URL is composed of a Web server's domain name and the specific file name for the web page that you are trying to access. Never use your bank cash card to make purchases over the internet. Install a firewall or internet security program on your computer that will warn of unauthorized access attempts (e.g. Norton Utilities' "Internet Security" or "Firewall" software packages or McAfee's "Guard Dog software" package).

Never give your password or credit card info to e-mail prompts. If you feel compelled to send personal info via the net then purchase and install an encryption package that will allow you to send secured e-mail. Be extremely cautious sending passwords or credit card info via the net. Do not transact business with e-retailers that do not have secured sites. You can normally tell if a Website is secured by looking for secure site prompts, the Better Business Bureau's

"BBB" symbol or the "Verisign" symbol. If you do become a victim of identity theft or credit card fraud you should:

- Contact the fraud department of each of the three major credit bureaus. Tell them to flag your file with a Fraud Alert/Victim Impact Statement.
- Contact all creditors about any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Follow up in writing for resolving issues dealing with billing errors to include charges or electronic fund transfers that you did not make.
- File a police report with your local law enforcement agency.
- Alert your bank to flag your accounts and to contact you to confirm unusual activity.
- Contact the nearest Postal Inspector if an identity thief has stolen mail that gives access to credit card and banking information, pre-approved credit offers and tax information, or falsified change of address.
- If you discover that the billing address on an existing account has been changed close the account and request that a password be used before any inquiries or changes can be made to the your new account.

If you have any questions with regard to these issues or other consumer matters, patrons eligible for legal assistance may contact the Legal Assistance Office at 876-9005 to schedule an appointment, or visit the AMCOM Legal website.

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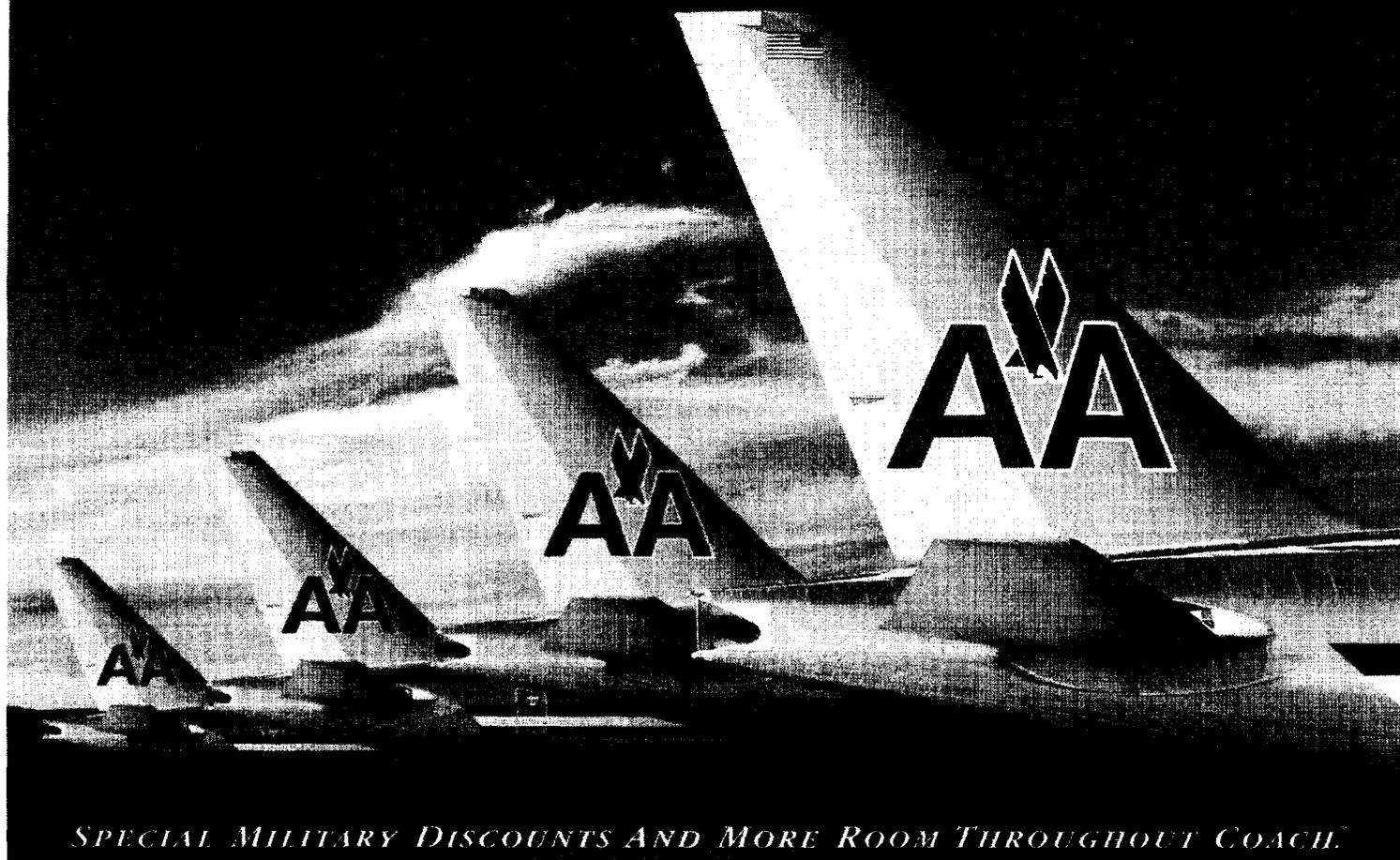
There are many reasons for head pain. Its cause can range from "simple stress" to a tumor in the central nervous system, but this cause is relatively rare. Most headaches have to do with the blood supply to and from the brain. The change in blood pressure within the cranium that results from blood vessel dilation and constriction can result in "vascular headaches". Such a condition can result from the misalignment of the upper two vertebrae of the spine, called the atlas and axis vertebrae. When these two act up and put pressure on the spinal cord, vertebral artery, vagus nerve and other structures, the result is often headaches. Over the past 30 years I have seen a very large number of my patients whose primary complaint was head or neck pain. Often there are such symptoms as neck tension, neck pain, stress, stiffness of muscles, poor sleep, or poor concentration at work (even eventual social problems due to the build up of stress from pain.) Secondary effects of the spinal interference can be hormonal imbalances, and even systemic diseases. Fixing the pinched nerves can help the total body. This is where our office can usually help. We don't have all the answers, so we co-operate with your health care team to get to the underlying cause. Chiropractic is a safe, economical and comfortable way to relieve headaches. There is usually relief for headaches through our care. Call me at 650-0051.

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# Army regs post fashion hits and pits for uniform wear.

*Mandatory possession, wear out dates of clothing items just around corner*

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

U.S. Army uniforms are constantly being updated and changed. Sometimes erroneous information can float around a unit until someone actually takes the time to look the right answer up.

As soldiers we all want to look sharp so here's the latest information on uniform changes, "wear out" dates, and mandatory possession dates for many articles of clothing that are issued to soldiers or authorized to wear.

"We've been hearing a lot of rumors about a re-call of the new physical fitness uniform," Kathie Lyons, Army & Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales branch manager, said. The new PFU uniforms are not being re-called. However they do have special washing instructions to make them last longer. Mandatory possession date of the new PFU is Oct. 30, 2003.

Also there is no current information on the possibility of the Army totally redesigning the Class A uniform for both men and women, she said. "Nothing definite has been put out on that."

"There are some changes happening with the women's Class A uniform," Lyons said. "The Army is changing the sizing for female dress uniforms." For many women finding the right size for the Class A uniform can be a real challenge.

"For example there are a lot of full-figured women out there who are short but do not wear a traditional size 6,"



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

**GOT TO HAVE THAT UNIFORM—** Kathie Lyons, Army & Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales branch manager, shows the differences between the issue wool blend and the polyester blend Class A jackets. Many mandatory possession dates and "wear out" dates for many uniform items are just around the corner.

she explained. The same for tall women, she said. "Just because you're tall it doesn't mean you don't have a shape." The new sizing will give women more variety of sizes to choose from. New sizing includes misses, juniors, and women's in petite, regular, and tall sizes.

The shade of the Class A uniform has also changed. "The male and female Army green shade 344 were replaced by Army green shade 489," Lyons said. This uniform is made of the traditional wool blend. This shade has been in the system since 1994; however there might be some old uniforms in the old shade still out there. Maybe in Reserve or National Guard units. Soldiers are also authorized to purchase polyester uniforms with the Army green shade 491.

"Males are required to have one coat and two pairs of trousers in AG shades 489 or 491 by Oct. 1, 1999," Lyons said. "Males are not authorized to wear AG shade 344 after Sept. 30, 1999."

Females are required to have one coat, two skirts, and two pair of slacks in AG shades 489 or 491 by Oct. 1, 2003, she said. Females may wear the unbelted slacks and the A-line skirt in AG shade 344 until Sept. 30, 2003.

A new skirt for females was created in 1997 to replace the current skirt in AG shade 344. The design changes include a back zipper, rear kick pleat, two darts added to the front and a non-slip waistband. The mandatory possession date is Oct. 1, 2003. After Sept. 30, 2003 the old skirt is not authorized to wear.

The slacks with the belt loops may be worn without a belt when worn with the short and long sleeve overblouse (or the non tuck-in blouse). Currently there is no wearout date for the non tuck-in blouses, she said.

The dress slacks without belt loops in AG shade 344 are not authorized for wear after September 30, 2003.

For the most up to date questions on uniforms soldiers can call the Redstone Clothing and Sales at 876-3724.

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■ Uniform styles and colors are changing

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Other frequently asked uniform questions can be answered on the Internet. Just log on at: <http://www.perscom.army.mil/ophsdmc/uniformpolicy.htm>.

Information on that site includes answers to these most asked questions: What is the maximum length soldiers can wear their fingernails? Can females wear "corn rows" and braids while in uniform? What shades of lipstick and nail polish can female soldiers wear? Are the green jungle boots still authorized for wear? Who can wear tanker boots? Can soldiers wear backpacks or other similar bags over the shoulder while in uniform?

Here are the answers:

There is no established length for soldiers' fingernails; however fingernail length must conform with the following standard. All personnel must keep their fingernails clean and neatly trimmed so not to interfere with the performance of duty, detract from the military image or present a safety hazard. AR 670-1, paragraph 1-8c.

"Corn rows" and braids are acceptable female hairstyles. The history and use of "corn rows" preclude these hairstyles from being determined or classified as fads. All

female hairstyles will conform to paragraph 1-8a (3), Army Regulation 670-1.

Females cannot wear extreme shades of lipstick and nail polish such as purple, gold, blue, and white. Leaders should give consideration to the undertones of the female skin. A single color is not acceptable for all females; for example, red may look good on one female but not another. AR 6701-1, paragraph 1-8b.

Green jungle boots remain authorized as optional footwear until no longer serviceable. However, they are no longer available for purchase in Army Military Clothing Sales Store. AR 670-1, paragraph 26-4d and DAPE-HR-S, message 121319Z April 1993, subject: boots.

All personnel are authorized to wear tanker boots, unless restricted by the commander. Also, the commander may require soldiers to wear standard issue boots in formation.

While in uniform, personnel are authorized to carry backpacks, commercial rucksacks, and gym bags by carrying them over one shoulder. Bags must be black all over with no logos or seals, which includes Army logos and seals. When riding a bicycle or motorcycle, soldiers may wear the bag over both shoulders (for safety purposes). Upon dismounting, however, soldiers will comply with the normal carry policy (one shoulder).



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# Team Redstone takes path to Earth Day celebration

By **SUSAN WEBER**  
For the Rocket

In celebration of Environmental Awareness Month, Redstone Arsenal will celebrate Earth Day 2001, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Path to Nature- Wetland Education Center.

The Path to Nature is located at the south end of the Arsenal, adjacent to the Col. Hudson Recreation Area. This event commemorates the 31st anniversary of Earth Day. The event is open to the general public as well as to the Redstone Arsenal community; and it is a fine way to introduce people to a very special area of the Arsenal.

Special guests for Earth Day 2001 are to include Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command; Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander; Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, State Board of Education member Mary Jane Caylor, Madison County Commissioner Faye Dyer, and Operation Green Team Director Joy McKee.

Throughout the world, Earth Day is recognized as the symbol of environmental responsibility and stewardship. Redstone Arsenal is among thousands of communities around the world that have built on the momentum of the original celebration of Earth Day in 1970.

The Directorate of Environment and Public Works, host for the Earth Day event on the installation, holds this yearly celebration at the award-winning Wetland Education Center. The trails have self-guiding interpretive signs so that the members of the Redstone Arsenal community can walk the trails and learn about wetlands and our native wildlife. Our goal is to have fun learning about the natural world around us.

Our activities for Earth Day at the Path to Nature will focus on the protection of our natural and cultural resources. The Earth Day activities serve to heighten public awareness of the importance of biodiversity to life on earth, and how it molds our cultural heritage. Two popular activities with the children are playing with the 6-foot diameter earth ball, and learning about native wildlife from the experts. Dr. Scott Mettee, co-author of "Fishes of Alabama," will entertain the attendees with "Vampire fish" and the rare Southern Cave Fish. Daphne Moland, a biologist from Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, will teach the children about our native wildlife.

The planned agenda for Earth Day includes:

- All day— Demonstrations and exhibits under the tent. The staff of the Huntsville Schools Indian Education Program will do cultural resource demos, and forester

Jesse Horton will talk about the forest management.

- 9 a.m.— Scavenger hunt, cultural resource demonstration and forestry demonstration.

- 10 a.m.— Recognition of representatives from environmental agencies, school systems, and city and county governments. Introduction of guests by Sullivan. A blue-bird house will be erected by the Sullivan and Spencer.

- 10:30 a.m.— Fish specialist Mettee will present "Wet and Wild," an introduction to our native aquatic species. Concurrently there will be a wetland tour.

- 11:30 a.m.— Brown bag lunch on the grounds.

- 12:30 p.m.— Moland will give a hands-on presentation on rare and endangered species, and native wildlife. Concurrently there will be a wetland tour.

- 2 p.m.— Event ends.

For more information, call 842-0019. Maps to the area can be faxed if you call or fax a message to 876-0887. On the day of the event, dress casually (with a hat and walking shoes), bring a brown bag lunch, camera and sunscreen.

*Editor's note: Weber is an environmental protection specialist in the Directorate of Environment and Public Works.*

## Arbor Day activities bear fruit April 23

By **JESSE HORTON**  
Post forester

Redstone Arsenal plans to join hands with the surrounding community of Huntsville to celebrate its ninth Arbor Day, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. at Big Spring Park, in front of Huntsville's Department of Transportation Office.

Officials and a representative for the commanding general of Redstone Arsenal and the mayor of Huntsville will speak and sign a joint proclamation declaring this day as Arbor Day to signify their rededication to helping the environment by protecting and planting trees, shrubs and other plants.

This Arbor Day celebration will serve as an excellent reminder of our installation's goal to protect and care for our trees, shrubs and other vegetation in the community. Redstone Arsenal continues to fulfill its commitment to be good stewards of its natural resources and protect it from harm. An official of the Alabama Forestry Commission will present special recognition of "Tree City USA" designations to Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville during the Arbor Day celebration. Military and civilian volunteers in the family and troop housing areas and at other buildings across the Arsenal continue to demonstrate their desire to provide a healthful, beautiful and enjoyable environment to live and work in as they plant and care for their plantings through the Self Help Program.

This year our installation forester planted approximately 305 acres in loblolly pine trees on areas no longer required as open land. These small pine trees will develop into forested areas that will provide benefits to our mission such as buffer areas, noise reduction, habitat for wildlife, training cover, and even future revenue

for continued program operations. The installation forester and wildlife biologist have worked very closely in determining the extent and control measures necessary in reducing the tree losses due to flooding that results from beaver activities. The spread of pine bark beetle infestations has resulted in the decision by the installation forester to remove infected trees as a control measure. Redstone Arsenal is deeply committed to ensuring trees are a very important part of the positive environmental setting.

Ten years after J. Sterling Morton established the first Arbor Day in 1882, the tradition gained popularity in schools across the nation. For the past nine years children from the surrounding communities have been a major part of the celebration to educate and foster proper stewardship. Children residing on Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville city, and attending Huntsville City Schools will participate in the celebration at their school by singing songs and reciting poems.

This year the Arsenal will recognize the importance of Arbor Day on the installation with a tree planting ceremony at 10 a.m. in front of building 4488 located north of Martin Road in the central portion of Redstone Arsenal. AMCOM command staff, Smokey the Bear, children from the Child Development Center and other Arsenal officials will be present to assure a memorable event.

So, take time out from your busy schedule Monday and join us in celebrating Arbor Day at Big Spring Park and the tree planting ceremony on Redstone Arsenal in front of building 4488. If your work schedule won't permit your departure then make plans to plant and maintain a tree this planting season. After all, planting trees, whenever planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal for you and future generations.

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## ■ Recruiter earns top award

### Wynn

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sprinkled throughout his career.

He didn't just go to Airborne School to learn how to jump out of planes and pin wings to his uniform; that would be meeting the standard. In his mind, exceeding the standard is the only possible course of action. He went on to Air Assault School, Jumpmaster School and then Master Jumpmaster School. Wynn served as a section sergeant, 82nd Signal Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., before coming to Huntsville in 1997.

Wynn was assigned to the Huntsville Recruiting Station nearly four years ago as a detailed recruiter. He didn't request the job but he accepted the assignment to the Montgomery Recruiting Battalion, 2nd Recruiting Brigade with vigor. In December 2000, Wynn was presented with the highest honor a recruiter can receive. He is the first in his brigade and the second detailed recruiter in the Army to earn the Glenn E. Morrell Award.

"Wynn is an outstanding soldier," Capt. Gregory Haywood, Huntsville recruiting commander, said. "One of the best in the company. He's been our No. 1 recruiter for the Montgomery battalion for three years. He was the distinguished honor graduate of his Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course. He sets the example for other recruiters to follow."

The Morrell award is the most prestigious recruiter award, but not the only one Wynn has taken home. According to a point system based on performance, a recruiter works his way through stages. The first is a silver badge, then gold stars are added, then the gold badge with gold stars then replaced by sapphire stars and then the coveted recruiter's ring, a gold ring inset with a green stone, embellished with military decoration on each side.

"My first goal was getting the ring," Wynn said. "I didn't ask to be a recruiter, but I knew I could do it. But the Morrell... that was great."

It takes an average of eight years to achieve the Morrell award, a difficult task for detailed recruiters who only have the position for three years before returning to their regular units. Wynn earned the award in August 2000 but had to wait until December to receive it. Although he earned his award in the normal 36 months a detailed recruiter serves, Wynn's tour was extended for several months. He leaves for Kuwait this summer. When he returns from that 12-18 month assignment, he will rejoin his unit, 82nd Airborne Signal Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

"Drive pushes Sgt. Wynn to be the best he can," SFC Norman Young, command-

er, Huntsville Recruiting Station, said. "If he says he's going to do something, he always does what he says. It's kind of scary. The task, whatever it is, consumes him to be the best. But he's not just out there for himself. That's what makes him special. He wants to see everyone around him succeed and he does what he can to make that happen."

"Wynn was here before me and I outranked him when I got here but he mentored me from day 1. He pushed me to get out there and talk to people. He said, 'We can do this thing together.' I've learned a great deal from him. He's helped a lot of the guys out there get their gold badges. He's very much a team player. We're going to miss him."

Caring about fellow soldiers, caring about his children, Andrew Jr., 15, and Josphine, 13, caring about every young man or woman he signs into the Army, that is the heart of Wynn. To hear him talk, it's not just about a job and numbers.

"I can remember almost everybody I put in the Army," Wynn said. "I get close to these people. I become their mentor. I've had soldiers that have been in two or three years calling me and asking me for advice. I wouldn't put someone in that I didn't know, that I wasn't close to."

Wynn has enlisted more than 180 people since August 1997, with only seven that haven't completed their tour. Brutal honesty, he said, is a necessity in his job.

"I tell them the truth," Wynn said. "I also tell them that if they can't read it in black and white, it probably ain't true. I want these kids— young men and women — to succeed. I do everything I can to make that happen. The best part of my job is when the parents or soldiers come back to me and say, 'Thanks,' and 'You told me right.' That's the real reward to this job."

Leading by example, Wynn is doing exactly what he advises his recruits to do—use the education benefits the Army offers. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina and is working toward his master's degree in education. After a career in the Army, he hopes to become a teacher.

Wynn was given the Recruiter of Excellence award from the Army chief of staff in February. He will receive his second Meritorious Service Medal at the end of his recruiting detail. Other major awards and decorations earned include the Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Good Conduct Medal (fourth award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, United Nations Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait).

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Beneficiaries who are 65 years of age and older will not pay enrollment fees or annual premiums for their Tricare pharmacy benefits, but they will pay modest co-pays when they use NMOP and retail network pharmacies. In addition, beneficiaries will also be able to use non-network pharmacies, but this option will

entail a higher co-pay, plus a deductible.

Eligible beneficiaries who turn 65 after April 1, 2001, must sign up for Medicare Part B in order to take advantage of the Tricare Senior Pharmacy program. However, military beneficiaries who turned 65 before that date can participate in the benefit whether they have Medicare Part B or not.

According to Tricare officials, eligible beneficiaries should do two things now to ensure their future eligibility for Tricare benefits. First, they should update their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System record with their correct address and any changes in family status, such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption.

Retirees may update DEERS by going to the nearest military personnel office, e-mailing changes to [addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil), mailing changes to the DEERS Support Office, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771, or calling the toll-free number for the DEERS support office, 800-538-9552.

Second, eligible beneficiaries who turn 65 after April 1, 2001, must enroll in Medicare Part B if they haven't already. If they are not sure if they are enrolled, they can check the back of their Medicare card for this information. To enroll, beneficiaries must submit an application for

Medicare Part B directly to the Social Security Administration. The general enrollment period for enrollment in Medicare Part B is held January 1 through March 31 of each year, and Part B coverage starts on July 1 of that year. For

details on enrollment in Part B, beneficiaries may call the Social Security Administration toll-free number, 800-772-1213, or visit any Social Security office. They also can find information on the Medicare Web site, <http://medicare.gov>.



Dorothy Moore/ Photo Lab

## Honorary state colonel

OMNI Government Services photographer Russell Moore, right, is commissioned as an Honorary Alabama Colonel for his services in the Visual Information Digital Photo Lab. The citation charged him to "discharge the duties of the office to which you are appointed by doing and performing all matter of things which benefit the citizens of Alabama, such as influencing the best young men and women in Alabama to serve our great state and nation in the Alabama Army and Air National Guard." Col. Larry Hayes, left, commander of Headquarters 142nd Signal Battalion in Decatur, presents the citation signed by state adjutant general Maj. Gen. Willie Alexander and Gov. Don Siegelman.

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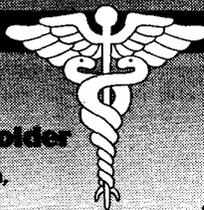
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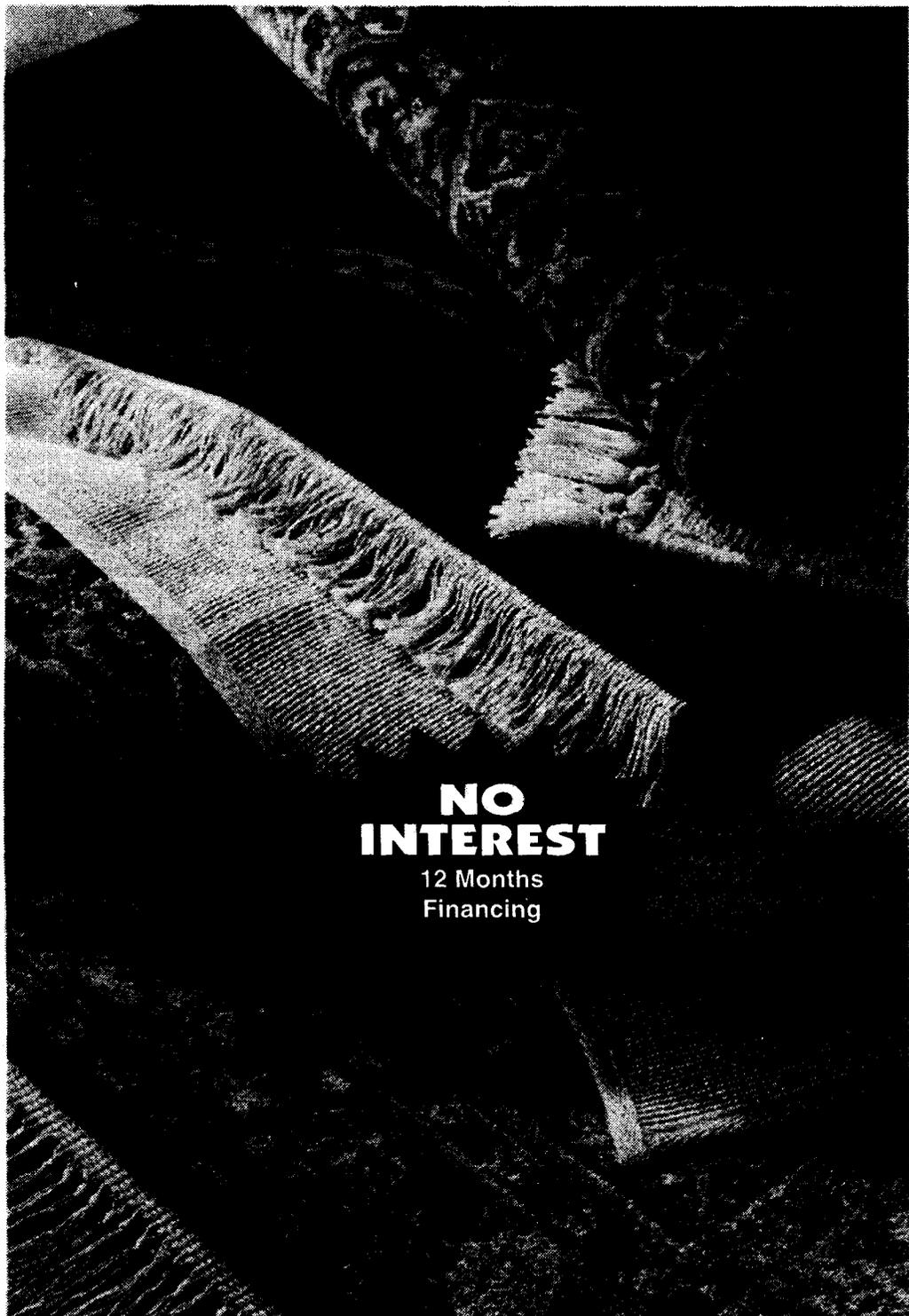
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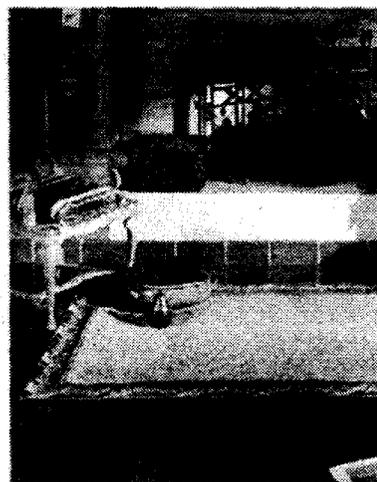
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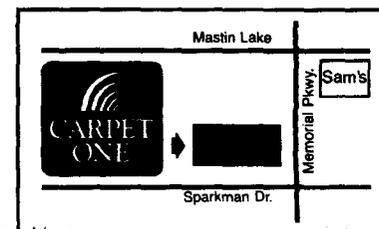
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## Sports & Recreation

### Golf scramble

The Northern Alabama UK Alumni Club invites area golfers to participate in a "Show Your Colors" Golf Scramble, April 28. Registration is at 12:15 p.m. and a shotgun start is at 1 at the Redstone Golf Course. Fees are \$50 per person/\$200 per team, with a first place prize of \$400 and second place \$200. Food will be served after the tournament and prizes awarded. Fees include green fees, cart, and food. Be sure to wear your school colors, even if they are crimson or orange. For more information and registration, call Jim 955-9106 day, or 721-1065 in the evening.

### Stars baseball

The Civilian Welfare Fund has tickets for the Huntsville Stars baseball game Friday. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Military vehicles will be on display at the stadium. Tickets are available at the Post Exchange, Commissary, Burger King, Rustic Lodge and MWR facilities.

### Bowling center

Stop by the Bowling Center and register for the Peterson Point summer handicap league. The league begins Thursday at 6 p.m. with an organizational meeting at 5. Three new Triton Heat bowling balls will be awarded to the first place team and one to the bowler with the most individual points. Redstone Lanes will also award \$250 of MWR money for additional awards. Teams must have three members and a combined score of no more than 570. League fees are \$7.50 per week. Call 876-6634 for registration. Rocket Lanes is now open Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to midnight. Open bowling is held all day for \$1.25 per game; and lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 876-6634 or drop by building 3707 for more information.

### Fishing tournament

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America is holding its Spring Bass Tournament May 5, from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tournament will be on Wheeler Lake from the Redstone Recreation Area 1 (Easter-Posey). For more information call Bob Vlasics 837-0005, Bob Dean 313-1338 or Tom Geoffroy 313-0747.

## Conferences & Meetings

### 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. For more information, call Emerson McAfee 955-0808 or go to the following web site: [www.logsa.army.mil/alc/conf/index.htm](http://www.logsa.army.mil/alc/conf/index.htm).

### Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon at 11 a.m. April 25

at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Lt. Col. Joan Campanaro, commander of Fox Army Health Center. For more information, call Matthew Boenker 885-4274.

### Interactive authoring

Team IADS (Interactive Authoring and Display System) will hold its second annual International IADS Users Group Conference May 8-10 at the Research Park Holiday Inn (next to the Madison Square Mall). This conference is open to all IADS users and there is no registration fee. The schedule includes presentations by government and private industry leaders in the IETM (Interactive Electronic Technical Manual) community. For more information see the IADS web site at <http://iads.redstone.army.mil> or call Christy Wildman 876-4017, or Rich Gramly 876-8112.

### Prayer breakfast

The April Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the IMMC will be held April 24 at 7 a.m. in the Sparkman Center, building 5308, conference room 8124. No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Clifton Canady 955-7224.

### Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held on April 24 at 11 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. Amy Sledge from the Center for Developmental Learning will discuss, "Kindergarten Readiness." Parents with children at the Child Development Center, Youth Services, and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Anita Epps 895-4483.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday 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.

### Civil air patrol

Redstone Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will meet at 6 p.m. April 24 in the Civil Air Patrol building on Redstone Airfield. For more information, call Bob Brandau 726-6638 (days) or 539-0736 (evenings).

### Federal bar association

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present Stuart Miller, administrative judge with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, at its monthly luncheon meeting, April 26, 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 6000 South Memorial Parkway. Judge Miller will present the "Do's and Don'ts for Attorneys in MSPB Practice" (the good, the bad and the ugly of the attorney's role and conduct in Board practice from filing an appeal through the hearing). Call 313-1295 for reservations.



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## Professional courtesy

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, signs a proclamation in recognition of Administrative Professionals Week, April 22-28 with April 25 as Administrative Professionals Day. "We believe administrative professionals should be honored with training courses that will enhance our individual skills, not necessarily be taken to lunch or given flowers. Training benefits everyone and lasts a lifetime," Ellen Mahathey, certified professional secretary, AMRDEC, and International Association of Administrative Professionals Redstone chapter president, said. Also present at the signing are, from left, Julie Manning, management assistant, Engineering Directorate, AMRDEC, Mahathey, Kathy Johnson, secretary, Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, and June Pockrus, CPS, secretary to the commanding general's deputy. The chapter sponsored a free two-hour training session, "Balancing Your Life," for all administrative professionals April 17.

### Asian Pacific committee

A meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the EEO Office conference room, building 5300, room 5130, to discuss plans for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Program celebration for May 17. "Your support and ideas are needed to plan an outstanding program for this upcoming event," a prepared release said. "It is requested that committee members and interested employees plan to attend with their supervisor's approval."

### Training seminar

The annual Blacks In Government (BIG) Professional Development Seminar will be held Dec. 6 at the Tom Beville Center for a cost of \$125. "For planning purposes, please ensure the seminar is posted to your Individual Development Plan," a prepared release said. For more information, call 551-7230 and leave a voicemail. Your call will be returned.

### Enlisted soldiers

A briefing on the Army Medical Depart-

ment Enlisted Commissioning Program will be held at 2:30 p.m. April 27 in the Post Theater. This is open to all military occupational specialties. The program director, SFC Hively of Fort Knox, Ky., is to give the briefing. For more information, call SSgt. Warrentina Berry 876-8675.

### Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. Thursday at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101E, 102 Wynn Drive. For information call 800-672-7223, extension 5039.



## Miscellaneous

### Block party

The entire Redstone Community is invited to come and celebrate this Month of the Military Child event. The Block Party will

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be at the Youth Center, building 3148, from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, rain date April 28. The event will include clowns, balloons, static displays, face painting, spin art, Moon Bounce, and a bike rodeo, as well as entertainment by the "Sign Painters" and a "Fun & Praise" concert sponsored by the Bicentennial "Club Beyond." For more information, call 876-5437.

### Zoo trip

Join the Recreation Center on a tour to the Birmingham Zoo April 27. Cost is \$16 for adults and children and includes transportation, admission, and a ride on the zoo train. The tour departs from the Recreation Center, building 3711 at 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. For more information, call the Recreation Center 876-4531 Wednesday-Friday after 1:30 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday after 10 a.m. The tour is open to the Redstone community.

### Professional development

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan will conduct a mandatory AMCOM Officer Professional Development session, April 27 at 7 a.m. in the Bob Jones Auditorium. All Team Redstone officers, warrant officers, civilian raters and senior raters of officers are invited to attend. This is mandatory for all AMCOM officers/warrant officers. PERSCOM Acquisition Branch will present a briefing and there will be a panel of senior leaders (including PERSCOM representatives) to discuss opportunities within the military and answer questions/concerns officers may have. Interviews will follow the question and answer session. On April 26, PERSCOM will conduct interviews from 1-5 p.m. (more interviews will follow question and answer session on April 27). If you'd like an interview, provide your name to your activity POC for con-

solidation. An appointment time will be established and provided to your POC. Requests for interviews need to be received by April 19 in order for final coordination with PERSCOM. If you have any questions, contact your POC or call Maj. McDaniel, AG, 876-1671.

### Civilian welfare fund

The Civilian Welfare Fund is conducting a survey to determine what the programs will be next year. You can complete the survey online at <https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cgi-bin/cwfc/cwfcsurvey.pl> or get a copy from you local CWF representative. If you don't know who represents you on the council, call Valerie 955-6739.

### Ordnance reunion

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will have its fourth annual reunion at the Officers and Civilians Club, May 4 at 7 p.m. All present and former OGMS/OMMCS personnel are invited. Cost is \$10 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Response deadline is April 24. For more information, call Guy McAllister 539-1333 or Jack Matthews 539-2803.

### German picnic

Mayfest is coming to the Soldatenstube, May 5 from 12-5 p.m. They'll have a 5K and 10K Volksmarch, from 7 a.m. to noon, so make your plans now to attend. They will serve up German sausages, potato salad, and assorted Bavarian beverages on the patio. There will also be a May Pole Dance, complete with a live polka band. The Soldatenstube Restaurant is now serving homemade German cakes and pastries, "prepared especially for us by a famous pastry chef." Come by each Thursday for the \$5.95 lunch special or

the \$11.95 Wednesday Night Family Buffet 5-8:30 p.m. Call 881-5181 or 830-CLUB for details or reservations.

### Property sale

May 1-4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., MWR will hold a sealed bid auction on hundreds of items. This will include office furniture, restaurant equipment/furniture, hotel/motel furniture, golf course equipment, computers/printers, washers/dryers, refrigerators, yard tractors/mowers as well as other miscellaneous items. Visit the web site at [www.mwr.redstone.army.mil](http://www.mwr.redstone.army.mil). Call 876-1418 for more information.

### Blood drive

Alabama Industries for the Blind will hold a blood drive April 26 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 3775, Maintenance Row (north on Patton, just before guard shack). Any donor gets a coupon for a free medium one-topping pizza from Domino's. To sign up or get more information, call the Base Supply Center 876-4011.

### Carport/yard sale

The Redstone community Spring Carport/Yard Sale will be held May 5-6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the housing areas. "This is a great opportunity for occupants to dispose of items they no longer need and provides others the prospect of finding treasures," a prepared release said. "Good selling and shopping to all!"

### Best yards competition

The Yard of the Month program will kick off right after Spring Cleanup (April 26-27). The competition will occur monthly from May through September. Judging dates will occur on the second Monday of each month, (May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13,

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Courtesy photo

## Union officers

Dennis Garrison, far right, national president emeritus for the American Federation of Government Employees, conducts a swearing-in ceremony April 9 for the newly-elected officers of AFGE Local 1858. From left are Mike Stringfellow, secretary; Randall Carpenter, sergeant-at-arms; Hugh Lacy, Corps of Engineers vice president; Theodora Stewart, SMDC non-professional vice president; Susan Gamble, AMCOM professional vice president; Bill Clemons, assistant president; Jane Armstrong, treasurer; Jim Brothers, president; Henry Earl Smith, AMCOM non-professional vice president; and Don Eiermann, executive vice president. Not pictured are Brent Beason, SMDC professional vice president; Don Hunnicutt, LOGSA vice president; and Pat Johnson, MEDDAC/DENTAC vice president. The term of office for all AFGE Local 1858 officers is two years.

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and Sept. 10). There will be four family housing winners selected each month. One award will be presented for each of the following judging categories: Officer, Senior Enlisted (E7-E9), Junior Enlisted (E1-E6) Single/Duplex units, and Junior Enlisted (E1-E6) Multiplex units. There will also be one unit winner each month. Judges will look primarily for general appearance, ini-

tiative and originality. The Housing Management Division would like to extend to all of the housing occupants good luck during the coming months.

### Asian Pacific celebration

Team Redstone will hold an essay contest and unit/department static display contest for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in

May. Entry deadline is May 8. Winners will be announced during the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration, May 17 from 2:30-5 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information call SFC Bryant, of AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office, 876-8648 or SFC Quesenberry, 59th Ordnance Brigade equal opportunity adviser, 876-9224.

### Aviation scholarship

The Redstone Chapter of AHS (American Helicopter Society) International is sponsoring a \$2,000 scholarship for academic year 2001-02. The intent of this award is to encourage and assist an upperclassman or graduate student to pursue an engineering career in the fields of rotorcraft, vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, or fixed wing aircraft. Recipients must be a college junior, senior or graduate student from the Redstone Chapter region, and an AHS member or immediate family member of an AHS member and registered as a full-time student at an accredited school of engineering. Applications and instructions are available for download at [www.corridorofexcellence.com](http://www.corridorofexcellence.com). Deadline for applications is May 18. For more information, call Steve Parker 864-8347.

### Youth volunteers

The Red Cross Youth Program at the Fox Army Health Center is about to get under way and will provide valuable experience to teens. The youth volunteers will be staffed throughout the health center and assist in clinics, the records room, and in other areas. This is an excellent opportunity to find out just how rewarding volunteer work can be, as well as find out how the various clinics operate. Teen-agers 14 or older with valid military ID cards are eligible to participate in the program. Those interested in volunteering must call the Red Cross 536-0084, extension 210 to pre-register and then attend a training meeting to be held at the Red Cross Chapter House at 1101 Washington St. on May 31 at 9 a.m. All rules will be explained at that time and registration forms for them to fill out will be available. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting with their teen-ager. Placement in the program will take place within one week of each meeting.

### Training transformation fair

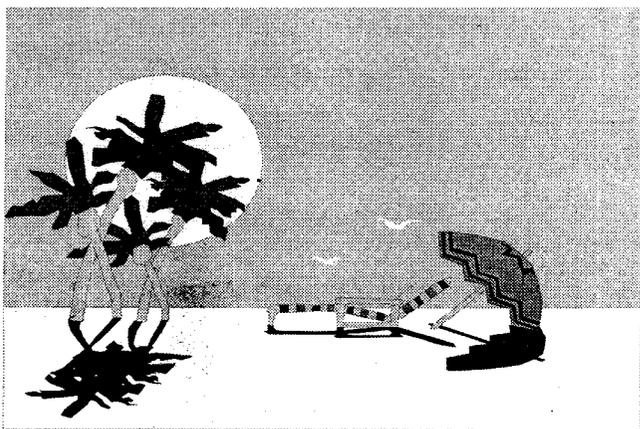
The Personnel and Training Directorate, Quality Institute Division is holding a Training Information Fair, May 1 in building 5304, rooms 4231-40 and room 4247. Come by and learn about the different training opportunities available to Team Redstone. Educational opportunities range from professional development to academic offerings. Information on various modes of educational services will be displayed— computer based to conventional classroom instruction. You can gather general information or ask the representatives specific questions. Automation classroom tour (room 4385) and the Army Learning Center tour (room 4319) also will be included in the activities. A partial participant listing includes local area colleges, Acquisition work force representatives, AMTEC, Quality Institute services, work force and leadership training, automation training, TIP help, room scheduling, and other Army Education Center services. Stop by and check out what's available. If you have questions, e-mail the following: [connie.meyer@redstone.army.mil](mailto:connie.meyer@redstone.army.mil).

## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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01BK028355BM1	Tech Data Technician	18-Apr-01	CIC	GS-0303	7	7	29,392 -38,209	X																				
01BK029301BM1	Office Automation Asst	18-Apr-01	CIC	GS-0326	5	5	23,729 -30,852	X																				
S01CE012663CM5R1	Safety Engineer	18-Apr-01	CofE of Huntsville	GS-0803	13	13	62,001 -80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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01BK027575BL1	International Program Mgmt Spec	20-Apr-01	SAMD	GS-0301	13	13	62,001 -80,607	X																				
01BK028445BM1	Computer Specialist	20-Apr-01	CIC	GS-0334	9	9	43,230 -56,194	X																				
01BK029368DF2	Budget Analyst (Temp)	20-Apr-01	AMCOM-RM	GS-0560	11	11	43,503 -56,552	X																				
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AC-01-647	Personnel Mgmt Spec	28-Sep-01	Dept Army Intern	GS-0201	7	11	29,273 -38,954	X																				
EG-01-082	Aerospace Engineer	30-Sep-01	Tech Test Center	GS-0861	13	13	61,749 -80,279	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EG-01-0060X	Aerospace Engineer	30-Sep-01	Tech Test Center	GS-0861	13	13	61,749 -80,279	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AGM1426759	Medical Officer	1-Dec-01	MEDCOM	GS-0602	11,12	14,15	50,964 -114,251	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK028214DB1	Electronics Engineer	4-Dec-01	STRICOM	GS-0855	13	13	62,001 -80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	9,11	12	42,091 -65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	51,650 -65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S01CE004731CM5	Electrical Engineer	19-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	9,11	12	42,091 -63,769	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AGM93436	Pharmacist	26-Apr-02	Army Intern	GS-0660	9,11	12,13	35,808 -80,279	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK024269DB1	Security Specialist	8-May-01	ISD	GS-0800	11	11	43,503 -56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AGM1428029	Counseling Psychologist Social Worker	8-Mar-02	MEDCOM	GS-0180-0185	9,11	12	35,818 -73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK028737BR1	General Engineer	9-May-01	SDMC	GS-0801	14	14	73,268 -95,249	X																				
AGM92700	Medical Technologist	12-Jan-02	Army Intern	GS-0644	5,7,9	11,12	23,633 -73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S01CE018234CM5	Electrical Engineer	23-Jan-02	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	53,044 -67,507	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK000012JH3	Equipment Spec (Airc)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 -62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK000002JH3	Equipment Spec (Gen)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 -62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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X-NH-01-2485-JB	Budget Tech (OA) (Temp)	18-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0561	5	5	23,729 -30,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2483-JB	Program Manager	20-Apr-01	Office Sec Army	NH-0340	4	4	73,268 -112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2436-JB	Physicist Research	20-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-1310	3	3	52,139 -80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2443-JB	Electronics Engineer	20-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0855	11	12	46,941 -67,507	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SL-01-2416-EL	Civil Engineer	20-Apr-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810	12	12	52,139 -67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2472-JB	Data Mgmt Spec	24-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0301	3	3	39,595 -67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2379-JB	Pharmacist	27-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0830	3	3	52,139 -80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Pharmacy Technician	28-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0661	5	7	23,633 -38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Technician	28-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0645	5	7	23,633 -38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Dental Hygienist	28-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0682	5	7	23,633 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-MEDICAL-JB	Diagnostic Radiologic Tech	28-Apr-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0647	5	7	23,633 -38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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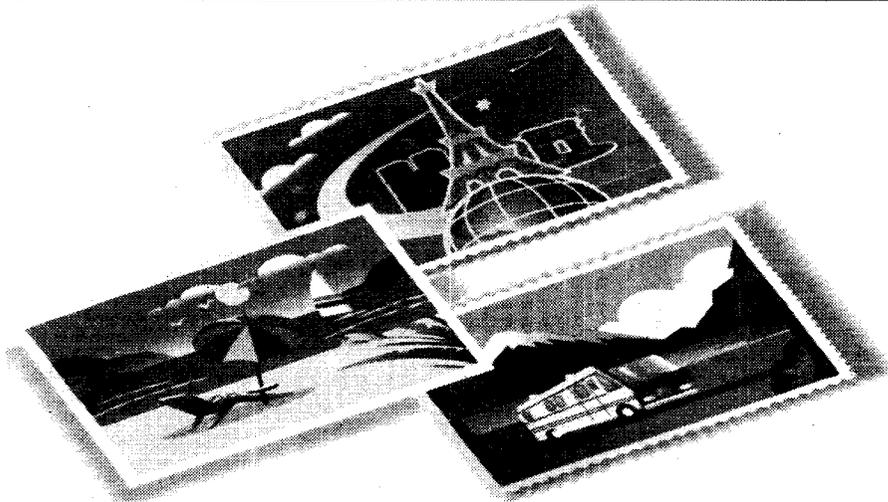
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