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Voluntary separations targeted to avoid reduction in force

First application window scheduled for May 3-10

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

AMCOM officials are trying to reduce the employment rolls voluntarily without resorting to layoffs.

The latest effort is targeted Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay, part of the command's overall fiscal 2001-02 reshape plan. This shouldn't be confused with the special restructuring buyouts in April which were under a different provision of law.

The Aviation and Missile Command has 197 surplus employees.

"We started out the end of February with 473 surplus employees. That number's already been reduced to 197 today," Don Dixon, chief of Customer Support B in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said. "There were several factors that resulted in the reduction. First, RASA's

A76 (contracting) study was delayed. Second, the command got some Army Working Capital Fund relief; the Army was able to buy back about 150 Army Working Capital Fund positions. The third reason is placement of surplus employees, cross-leveling. And the fourth reason is we've had some attrition."

Command officials hope to further reduce the rolls through voluntary separation bonuses of up to \$25,000.

"The windows for people to apply are from May 3 through June 7," Dixon said. "However, the final approvals will not be issued until Aug. 14 after the command gets any decisions on requested resource relief (from higher headquarters), and also after we see how many surplus employees remain after promotions and attrition.

"So really the good news is the command is making great progress in taking care of surplus employees. However the bad news for those interested in

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AMCOM RESHAPE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAY (VSIP) TARGETED SERIES AND GRADES FIRST WINDOW ONLY MAY 3-10

During the first AMCOM Reshape VSIP Window, May 3-10, CPAC will accept applications from AMCOM Competitive Area 1A employees interested in VSIP (optional retirement and resignation eligibles only) who are permanently assigned to one of the following series/grades:

#	POSITION TITLE	PP	SERIES	GD	#	POSITION TITLE	PP	SERIES	GD
1	Social Science Series	GS	101	11	1	Data Transcribers	GS	356	5
2	Recreation Assistant	GS	189	4	1	Budget Analyst	GS	560	9
1	Personnel Assistant	GS	203	7	2	General Engineers	GS	801	12
1	TQM Spec (CL D85 Only)	GS	301	11	2	General Engineers	GS	801	14
1	TQM Spec (CL D85 Only)	GS	301	12	1	Engineering Technician	GS	802	9
1	Equip Mgt Anal (CL E20 Only)	GS	301	9	3	Construction Rep	GS	809	10
1	General Clerk/Asst	GS	303	3	1	Electronic Technician	GS	856	11
2	General Clerk/Asst	GS	303	4	1	Aerospace Engineer	GS	861	12
2	General Clerk/Asst	GS	303	5	1	Audio Visual Info Spec	GS	1001	12
1	General Clerk/Asst	GS	303	6	1	Exhibits Specialist	GS	1010	7
2	General Clerk/Asst	GS	303	7	1	Photographer	GS	1060	11
1	General Clerk/Asst	GS	303	8	10	Technical Writer Editor	GS	1083	11
1	Lead Mail Clerk	GS	305	5	1	Technical Writer Editor	GS	1083	12
4	Secretary	GS	318	5	4	Maintenance Mgmt Spec	GS	1601	11
4	Office Auto Clerk	GS	326	4	40	Equipment Specialist	GS	1670	11
1	Office Auto Clerk	GS	326	5	1	Quality Assur Specialist	GS	1910	11
1	Computer Operator	GS	332	5	1	Quality Assur Specialist	GS	1910	12
3	Computer Operator	GS	332	7	4	Supply Systems Analyst	GS	2003	11
1	Computer Specialist	GS	334	11	3	Supply Clerk	GS	2005	4
7	Computer Specialist	GS	334	12	2	Supply Clerk	GS	2005	5
1	Computer Assistant	GS	335	8	3	Supply Technician	GS	2005	6
1	Computer Assistant	GS	335	10	2	Supply Technician	GS	2005	7
2	Mgmt/Prog Analyst	GS	343	9	49	Inventory Mgmt Spec	GS	2010	11
2	Mgmt/Prog Analyst	GS	343	11	1	Elec Integ Sys Mech	WG	2610	10
2	Logistics Mgmt Spec	GS	346	9	1	Motor Vehicle Operator	WG	5703	5
9	Logistics Mgmt Spec	GS	346	11	1	Ordnance Equip Mechanic	WG	6641	10
1	Periph Equip Operator	GS	350	4	1	Mails Handler (FLO)	WG	6907	5
2	Data Transcribers	GS	356	3	197	TOTAL NUMBER OF SURPLUS EMPLOYEES			

Investigators crack down on workmen's compensation fraud

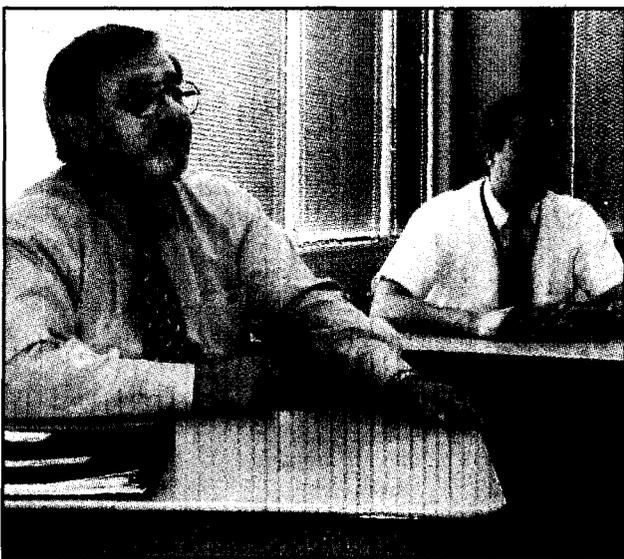


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CRIME STOPPERS— Jeffrey Karl, left, DoD liaison, Civilian Personnel Management Service, Jacksonville, Fla., and Kevin Mitchell, assistant special agent in charge, Redstone CID, attend a special training session for law enforcement about investigative techniques concerning workmen's compensation fraud.

Program cost command nearly \$3 million last year

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Redstone is declaring war against fraudulent workmen's compensation cases. Criminal investigators are giving fair warning: If you're collecting compensation benefits unjustly, they're going to find out. When you're caught, it could cost your job, your freedom and up to \$1 million in fines.

Workmen's compensation cost the Aviation and Missile Command \$2.6 million last year. That includes tenant activities associated with AMCOM locally but not AMCOM's depots and activities located elsewhere. Some 89 people are on the long term rolls at AMCOM at Redstone Arsenal.

In the throes of a funding shortage, the Department of Army looked at the spending allocations across the board and realized millions and millions of dollars are being spent on workmen's compensation. Taking a proactive approach to the program, along with investigating and prosecuting fraudulent claims is expected to result in sig-

nificant savings.

"First of all, I have to say this loud and clear; we believe in the workmen's compensation program," Kevin Mitchell, assistant special agent in charge, Redstone Criminal Investigation Division, said. "If you're injured, you are entitled to the benefits. We—the command, CID, CPAC (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center) — are still very much in support of the program. What we're doing, by going at it from a proactive standpoint, is to make the system better. Cut the fraud, waste and abuse, so that the benefits will continue to be there when they're truly needed, to bring people back on board after an injury, for their own self-confidence as well as benefit to the government, and to improve morale in the workplace by getting those unscrupulous few that shouldn't be collecting benefits, off the rolls. People collecting benefits appropriately have nothing to fear. For those who aren't, well, this is their fair warning."

Before changes could be implemented, the program was reviewed and deficiencies identified. The biggest problem was the rolls were not aggressively being policed. The command decided that a diligent approach was needed.

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Rules on smokeless tobacco wanted

Is there some regulation that states that people cannot chew or dip tobacco in the workplace? Granted no bystanders are affected by smoke from this form of tobacco usage but the revolting factor of the spitting, smell and sight of the spit cup is there.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "We, in CPAC, have researched the regulations, labor agreements, and other documents and did not find any rules prohibiting the use of tobacco products for chewing, dipping or expectorating. There is, however, a policy on controlling smoking. The AMCOM Policy NO. 1-15 prohibits smoking of tobacco products in all Department of the Army (DA) occupied workplaces except for places specifically indicated."

Special restructuring buyouts approved

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER RELEASE

As previously announced in memorandum dated March 22, the Office of the Secretary of Defense has authorized a number of special workforce-restructuring buyouts for the Department of the Army. AMCOM accepted applications for 47 special workforce restructuring buyouts during April 4-11.

Headquarters AMC has given AMCOM additional buyout allocations. The total for buyouts which can be offered at Redstone, subject to final OSD approval, is now 55. Twenty-eight applicants from the April window have been approved for a separation incentive, with retirement dates ranging from May 3 through Sept. 30. Seven applications are pending approval. Applications will be accepted for the remaining 20 buyout positions during May 2-9, in anticipation of OSD approval.

To be eligible for a special workforce restructuring buyout, applicants must be assigned to one of the 20 positions listed on the May 2-9 buyout window spreadsheet (see accompanying chart), must be eligible for optional retirement, and must leave the rolls by Sept. 30. To apply, applicants must submit a retirement application and a signed statement of understanding to building 5308, room 8137 between the hours of 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., weekdays only, May 2-9. Anna Whisenant

From the desk of the commanding general: Celebrate Asian/Pacific Heritage month

The Aviation and Missile Command will observe National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month from May 1-31.

Today, almost 10 million Americans can trace their roots to Asia and the Pacific Islands. The spirit of America and our work force lies in the richness of our diverse cultural heritage.

Asian and Pacific Americans have long shared the dreams common to all Americans and borne the heartaches and triumphs of the American experience. In spite of years of struggle and toil, in spite of exclusion and incarceration and discrimination, peoples whose roots lie in Asia and the Pacific Islands have brought forth myriad contributions to our country and our work force. Asian and Pacific Americans have brought to the United States values and traditions that profoundly enrich American life. In a variety of fields that span the spectrum of human endeavor – including art, dance, agriculture, the sciences, medicine, commerce, government and philosophy – Asian and Pacific Americans have made outstanding contributions to the cultural and technological development of their adopted nation. Their hard work, creativity and intelligence have inspired their fellow citizens, added new dimensions to our national life and strengthened and enriched the fabric of our workforce and communities with their unique talents and abilities.

In the United States of America, the Asian/Pacific

American community makes up at least 25 different nationalities, more than 75 different languages, and literally hundreds of different ethnic groups. Their belief in the "American Dream of Equality and Opportunity" enabled them to face the challenges of adversity and achieve a record of distinguished service in all fields.

The theme for the month is "Asian/Pacific Americans Emerging Together." Throughout the month, there will be Asian cultural exhibits on display in buildings 5300 and 5304. Additionally, articles and trivia questions to include an essay and display contest will be published in the Redstone Rocket. The highlight of the month will be the Asian/Pacific Program/Festival, which will be held May 17 at the Recreation Center, building 3711, from 2-5 p.m., and consist of a keynote speaker, entertainment, an awards presentation, and a food-tasting fair. I encourage all personnel to participate in this annual observance. Time spent attending the luncheon will not require the use of leave, but must be approved by supervisors.

On the occasion of this special observance, I extend my sincere appreciation to the Asian/Pacific Americans of the U.S. Army, Team Redstone and the Huntsville community for their efforts in contributing to America's excellence.

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan
commander, AMCOM and Redstone

(WS81B047) and Faith Downes (WS81B051) of CPAC will be available to accept applications during those hours. The statement of understanding is available on the CPAC web page, <http://www.redstone.army.mil/cpo/>.

No.	Position	Organization
1	318-7, Secretary	DSA, PM TMDE
4	334-13, Computer Spec	CIC, TECHNOLOGY DIR
1	1010-09, Exhibits Spec	CIC
1	344-7, Mgt Asst	DSA, PM SHORAD
1	2005-5, Sup Clk	RASA
1	303-7, Admin Spt Asst	IRAC
1	511-13, Auditor	IRAC
1	GS-391-12, Telecommunications Spec	CIC
1	GS-950-12, Paralegal Spec	LEGAL
1	GS-560-09, Budget Analyst	SAMD
4	GS-346-12, Log Mgt Spec	SAMD
2	GS-303-06, Prog Spt Asst	SAMD
1	GS-344-6, Mgt Asst	SAMD
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DoD to improve deployment tracking

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

DoD and the services are now keeping a closer eye on how many days servicemembers spend away from home, in accordance with the 2000 National Defense Authorization Act.

DoD is trying to reduce the number of days servicemembers are deployed. To keep these numbers down, Congress provided a financial disincentive: DoD will have to pay \$100 a day to any servicemember who's deployed more than 400 days in the previous two years. The days need not be consecutive.

Stark explained reporting began Oct. 1, 2000. Only deployed days past that date count toward the additional payment. So, conceivably, heavily deployed servicemembers may be eligible for the "high-deployment per diem" as early as November 2001.

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Center's reorganization designed to provide better support

Integrated Materiel Management Center takes stock of future logistics mission

By AL SCHWARTZ
For the Rocket

"Our bottom line is to provide outstanding customer support and be very effective in our mission area," said Rick Turner, acting deputy director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center. "We have restructured to provide better support to the field and to all our customers."

According to Turner, the Single Stock Fund and National Maintenance Management programs have moved the IMMC's mission forward to an installation's Directorate of Logistics level.

"With these initiatives, we have visibility of more assets throughout the Army than ever before; and it is this visibility that enables us to improve our support to the

customer," Turner said. "Ultimately, under SSF/NMM, there will be one National Item Manager for each asset within the Army, and that National Item Manager will manage the asset from cradle to grave."

According to Turner, in the near future (FY '03), the Wholesale Logistics Modernization Program will result in a complete renovation of logistics business processes and will replace the Commodity Command Standard System and the Standard Depot System with commercial off-the-shelf systems.

"We looked really hard at our organizational structure and tried to understand the overall impact to us that various business process changes would have," Turner said. "And then we developed an organization to meet today's and tomorrow's requirements."

Weapons systems directorates

IMMC has created eight weapons systems directorates. Each reports to an associate director. The Air Defense, Medium Range/Close Combat, Short Range

and General Missile teams report to Mike Hartwell, the associate director for missiles; the Attack, Utility, Cargo and Scout/Observation teams report to Tom Lavin, the associate director for aviation.

Each directorate is the single point of entry for the corresponding customer (project manager). If an issue is across weapons systems, the associate director would be the point of entry. The new structure also aligns IMMC's teams with the Status Of Resource Training Systems that are managed at AMCOM.

"Our Logistics Assistance Representatives in the field will continue to provide a centralized entry point for soldiers who need our assistance," Turner said.

A new Maintenance Directorate, dedicated to supporting national maintenance management, has been created. "In an effort to optimize our maintenance decision-making," said Turner, "several elements, including depot support from the Business Management Directorate and field data from the Readiness Directorate, were combined with portions of the old Logistics Support Directorate to form the new Maintenance Directorate." Turner believes centralizing the maintenance functions will support better decision-making.

Commander's support

A Materiel Management Directorate has been recreated also. It will focus on Wholesale Logistics Modernization, Single Stock Fund and other materiel management functions. Additionally, the Emergency Operations Center that had been part of the Personnel and Training Directorate and IMMC's Command Operations Center have been merged into an AMCOM Operations Center, located in the IMMC's Readiness Directorate, to give the command one focal point for operations and planning for contingencies.

"We started looking last summer at how best to reorganize. We have had the full support of (Maj. Gen. Al) Sullivan—in fact he encouraged us to develop a structure that focused on our project managers, field customers, maintenance and supply," Turner said. "He gave us guidelines, but allowed us to develop the concepts and the structure."

IMMC created a "Reorg" team comprised of representatives from each of the organization's directorates. All employees were able to provide their organizational improvement ideas either to their representatives or to Turner.

"We received several dozen ideas on how to restructure," he said. "Some were very specific, some were organization-wide. We looked at each idea and its impact

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Corpus Christi commander recognized for leadership

Col. Thomas "Mitch" Dockens, commander of Corpus Christi Army Depot, has won the 13th annual John W. Macy Jr. Award co-sponsored by the secretary of the Army and the Army Civilian Personnel Alumni Association.

The award recognizes demonstrated excellence in the leadership of civilians and accomplishment of mission through the civilian work force. Dockens was recognized for exceptional leadership of the depot work force during the period of July 15, 1999 through Dec. 31, 2000. During this time, Dockens effectively managed and led the Army's only depot-level rotary wing repair facility.

Corpus Christi Army Depot, with 2,654 civilian employees, is the largest industrial employer in south Texas and is responsible for the repair, overhaul and maintenance of a wide variety of rotary wing aircraft and related engines and components for the Army, Navy, Air

Force, Marines and friendly foreign nations.

The award is named for John W. Macy Jr., who distinguished himself during his public administration career which spanned over four decades and served four presidents.

Macy began his career in 1938 and served in a variety of administrative positions to include executive director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. He provided leadership for the revitalization of the federal government's career college recruiting program and instituted numerous fringe benefits for government employees, including recognition for superior performance and money saving suggestions. Macy was a champion of individual rights, speaking out against racial and sex discrimination in the federal service and pursued initiatives to foster equal employment opportunity. Macy led the efforts to institute and nurture the Army Civilian Personnel Alumni Association, which



File photo
Col. THOMAS 'MITCH' DOCKENS

recognizes an outstanding individual in the Army in the field of civilian personnel management.

Dockens was named winner April 13 and will receive the Macy award, presented by Acting Secretary of the Army, Dr. Joseph Westphal, at a ceremony Thursday in the Pentagon.

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Public service workers due thanks during special week



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LOGISTICS TEAM— From left Jim Brown, Angela Warner and Sgt. Taylor Wienowitz discuss preparations for moving an Avenger to Madison Square Mall as part of AMCOM's display celebrating Public Service Recognition Week. All three are part of the Logistics Test, Operations, Prototype Team.

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

Next week government agencies will celebrate Public Service Recognition Week. Traditionally celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, the week is set aside to recognize the services public employees at the federal, state and local levels provide to improve the quality of American life.

As in the past, the local Office of Personnel Management is coordinating this year's PSRW celebration. Lee Hockenberry, an OPM employee, is the Public Service Recognition Week committee chairman.

"It is very important that public service be valued and respected so that America's young people will be encouraged to pursue careers in government," he said. "We must continue to attract the best and the brightest to ensure that our government remains the best in the world."

This year some 1,400 cities in all 50 states plan to give the public a closer view of the work performed by government employees on their behalf. Locally, more than 20 federal, state and local agencies are scheduled to participate in the activities scheduled during Huntsville/Madison

County Public Service Week.

"We usually have between 20 and 30 organizations participate each year," Hockenberry said.

The mayors of Madison and Huntsville, as well as the chairman of the Madison County Commission, are expected to sign proclamations May 7 proclaiming PSRW Week locally.

Both the Public Employees Roundtable and the President's Council on Management Improvement are sponsors for Public Service Recognition Week. The council is an integral part of the federal government's objective to deliver more efficient, timely, and quality services to the American public.

"PSRW offers an opportunity to inform Americans about the range and quality of vital services provided by public employees," Hockenberry said. "Thanks to the strong support we receive from Huntsville/Madison County federal agencies, we feel the committee has put together another informative and fun celebration this year."

PSRW events will include informational exhibits at Madison Square Mall, an

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on our customers and the processes we manage."

Communications key

According to Turner, members of the team briefed the program executive officers, project offices and various AMCOM centers and offices to tell them what was under way and how it would affect them. IMMC also briefed union representatives and held town hall meetings with its own employees. Briefing charts from various sessions were made available to all employees on the organi-

zation's web site.

"Change is always difficult," Turner said. "But we have tried hard to keep everyone informed."

"We have had outstanding support from our employees, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Civilian Personnel Operations Center, the Resource Management Directorate, and the union. We have physically moved less than 100 people and have tried to limit the number of new job descriptions," he said. "Our intent was to minimize the impact on people."

IMMC went OPCON with its new structure at the end of January and plans to have the new structure fully implemented May 6.



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VERA/VSIP is as the numbers of surplus employees decrease, the number of VERA/VSIP approvals will decrease."

There are four scheduled application windows. The first, May 3-10, is for VSIP targeted only. The second, May 15-21, is for VSIP targeted and VSIP related. The third, May 23-30, is for VSIP targeted, VSIP related, and VERA targeted. And the fourth, June 1-7, is for VSIP targeted, VSIP related, VERA targeted and VERA related.

"At the beginning of each window, we will publish a list of the series and grades

that people have to be in. It has to match their permanent position for them to be able to apply," Dixon said. "Employees that are not permanently assigned to one of the listed series and grades are ineligible to apply.

"This reshape VERA/VSIP includes AMCOM employees at Redstone Arsenal who are in RIF competitive area 1A. That includes all AMCOM employees at Redstone Arsenal except Lab Demo employees, Logistics Assistance Representatives, and employees in Ammunition Career Program 20."

Final approvals for voluntary separations won't be issued until Aug. 14. People who want to resign can leave anytime

from that date through Oct. 3. Those who want to retire with the bonus can leave from Sept. 28 through Oct. 3. "The reason for the delay for retirees is we need to give the Army Benefits Center, Fort Riley, Kan., for civilians 45 days after approval to process retirement applications; so the employees will get the retirement check on time," Dixon said.

The goal for the voluntary separations is to help reduce the size of the work force in targeted occupations.

"Through promotions, VERA/VSIP and other attrition, it is hoped that AMCOM can achieve sufficient losses in the targeted series and grades to avoid the need for a reduction in force," Dixon said. "AMCOM and its predecessor commands have a good track record of using voluntary means to avoid the need for a reduction in force.

"We've been doing VSIP windows at Redstone Arsenal since 1993 and have paid out over 2,000 VSIPs. This year is a little different because both the VSIP and VERA are being targeted to specific series

and grades. Army requires VERA to be targeted, and the command is targeting both VSIP and VERA to the occupations where the losses are needed. This is because you need to document the save of one surplus employee for every VSIP that's approved."

If more people apply than needed in a particular occupation within a window, officials will decide who gets approved based on seniority (leave service computation date).

About 350 people attended Dixon's briefing on the voluntary separations April 23. His second briefing was scheduled for this morning from 9:30-11:30 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Voluntary separation applications should be submitted to Valerie Morgan or Mischa Walker at building 5308, room 8027 (basement) from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the window for which the employees are eligible to apply. For more information, employees should contact their CPAC servicing generalist.

■ Events set for Public Service Recognition Week

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essay and art contest for school children, an awards ceremony, a speaker's bureau, and a luncheon.

The PSRW luncheon will be held May 9 at the Marriott Hotel next to the Space and Rocket Center. Jim Kennedy, deputy director of Marshall Space Flight Center, is the scheduled speaker. The luncheon menu includes stuffed chicken breast, dinner rolls, garden salad, a vegetable, dessert, coffee and tea.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$17 and must be purchased in advance. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Thursday. For tickets call Jim Bowne at 955-9173.

The PSRW informational displays will be at Madison Square Mall on May 10. Displays, informational booths, and handouts will be available to the public when the mall opens at 9 a.m. All displays will remain open until the mall closes at 9 p.m.

Thanks to Jim Brown of the Logistics Test, Operations, Prototype Team, mall visitors will be able to see an Avenger Fire Unit up close and personal, as well as a Stinger missile. The Avenger display has always been among the most popular

attractions during the one-day event.

In addition, representatives of federal, state and local agencies in the Huntsville area are sponsoring an art and essay contest for students in Madison County.

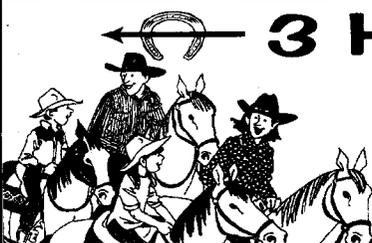
The art contest is for grades K-2. The essay contest is in two categories: grades 3-5 and grades 6-8.

Participants in the art contest are asked to submit an 8x10 drawing that depicts a public servant. The subject of the essay contest is, "Why I would like to be a (any public service job)." Entries should be limited to one page.

Each entry should contain the student's name, teacher's name, grade and name of school.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each of the three categories. An awards ceremony will be held May 10 at 1 p.m. at the Madison Square Mall. Students, teachers, parents and all interested persons are invited to attend. More information may be obtained by calling Hockenberry at 837-2640.

Also, federal employees are invited to go into the Huntsville/Madison County schools during PSRW and talk about careers in government. For those who are interested, call the AMCOM Public Affairs Office at 876-4161 or Hockenberry at 837-2640.



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Travel back in time by visiting town of Mooresville

Walking tour and festival scheduled for May 12

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

Next week the Town of Mooresville, one of the most historic places in Alabama and just a few miles from Redstone, will open public buildings, gardens and private homes to visitors during its Walking Tour and Festival, held every other year to raise money for historic preservation.

Among the activities visitors can enjoy during the one-day event are a lecture series, historic trades and crafts demonstrations and sales, the debut of the town's new cookbook and children's games and activities.

Mooresville is a small community in Limestone County that was incorporated in 1818 when Alabama was still a territory. Once a "planter's village," the town looks much the same as it did in the 19th century. It is a place steeped in history. Famous people with ties to Mooresville include President Andrew Johnson, who, as a young man, was apprenticed to tailor Andrew Sloss; President James A. Garfield, who was stationed in Mooresville with his regiment during the Federal occupation of the town during the Civil War; and Gov. Thomas Bibb. Today



Photo by Dick Smart

REENACTOR— Jackie Landers, a member of the 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment, cooks a meal over an open fire at the Civil War refugee encampment during a previous Mooresville Walking Tour and Festival.

Mooresville's population is around 60, comprised of about 20 families.

The festival, which has raised over \$75,000 since its inception, began about 12 years ago as a way to preserve the town's circa 1839 post office, the oldest continuously operating in the state. The postmaster had retired; the post office was in a poor state of repair and in danger of being closed, according to Kathryn Price,

a co-chairman for the event. For Mooresville residents, it was a prospect that spelled doom.

"We don't get rural delivery here," Price explained. "The post office is our social center, our center of communication."

"That first year we just passed the hat," she recalled. That, with the help of the Alabama congressional delegation, provided a temporary solution. But more repairs were needed and the town's operating budget is only about \$5,000 a year. The citizens of Mooresville realized they needed to come up with a serious fundraising plan.

The town, with its remarkable 1800s appearance, giant oak trees and quiet serenity, has for years attracted movie producers, ad agencies, history buffs and tourists nostalgic for small town Americana. It's estimated that about 20,000 people visit the town every year. It just made sense to build on those attractions with a walking tour.

"It was designed to show off Mooresville's historic treasures," Price said, adding that Mooresville resident Vene Snead came up with the idea of

opening all the public buildings as well as selected private homes and gardens for each event.

"This year the Andrew Johnson home will open for the first time," Price said.

Even though the festival is held every other year, everyone seems to direct home and garden improvements toward the next one. "Everybody participates," she said. "Even the kids take pride" in the town's appearance.

This year's festival will feature the debut of the town's new cookbook, Family Secrets.

"It's based on the post office— a post-card theme," Price said. The book contains 32 recipes from Mooresville residents, along with snippets of town lore. With the idea that some folks may want to buy a cookbook for themselves and mail others to friends, the post office has promised a special postmark for the day. The cost for the book is \$10.

The town also owns two other historic buildings: the Stage Coach Inn and Tavern, built circa 1820 and used as a Pony Express stop; and the 1839 "Brick Church," used over the years by the congregations of three different denominations. These buildings will also be open the day of the tour.

A lecture series on antique gardening, medicinal herbs, historic property purchase and appraisal, antique linens and painted floor coverings is a new addition to the festival, as are children's activities including a maypole dance, games, a puppet show and storytelling.

The festival's artisans and historic trades demonstrators will double to 50 from 25 at the previous festival. They will include blacksmiths, coopers, woodworkers, spinners and weavers. Additional crafts and trades represented will be tin-punching, candle-making, soap-making and textile crafts. There will be demonstrations of fly-fishing and a display of Ford Model "A" automobiles. Food will be available for purchase and will include fried chicken, pinto beans, cornbread, turnip greens and ribs.

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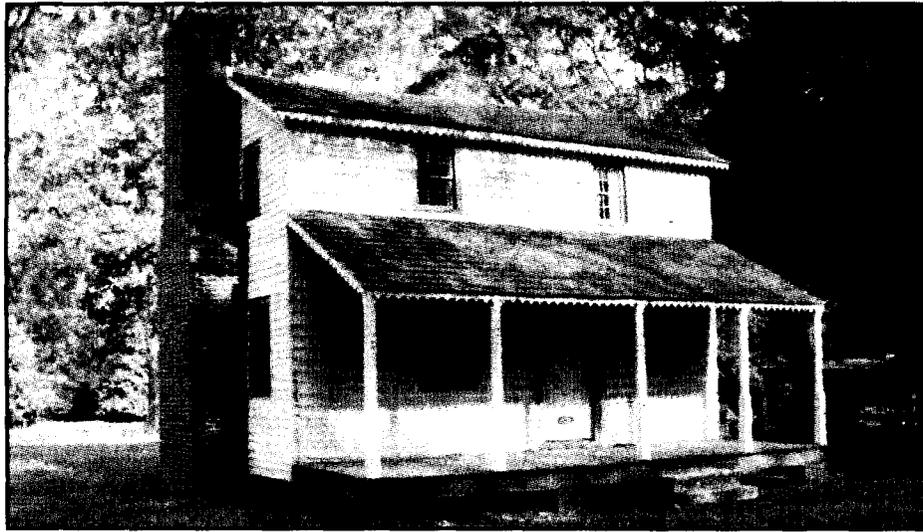


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PONY EXPRESS STOP— The Stagecoach Inn and Tavern, built around 1820 and once a stop for the Pony Express, is now owned by the town of Mooresville.

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The 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment, a Civil War living history organization, will hold firing and drill demonstrations, set up a refugee encampment and present a program on 19th century clothing. Terry de la Paz, an environmental engineer in RASA's Directorate of Environment and Public Works, is a member of the 19th Alabama and says the group considers the Mooresville festival one of the best in which it regularly participates.

"We always look forward to this event, not only because it gives us a chance to offer our living history presentations to a large group of very interested people, but

also because the setting is so historically suited to what we do. Visitors could almost believe they have stepped back in time when they see us involved in activities that would be typical for either civilians on the home front or soldiers in camp," she said.

The festival will be held Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. The admission fee is \$5 per person except for children under the age of 6, who will be admitted free. To get to Mooresville from Huntsville, take I-565 west to the Mooresville exit (exit 2) and take a left on Mooresville Road at the top of the exit ramp. This road will lead straight to the parking area. For more information call Dee Green at (256) 340-1718 or James Payne at (256) 306-2684.



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Tactical test

The ATACMS-Bat Project Office recently flight-tested the Quick Reaction ATACMS Unitary Missile at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The missile was launched from an M270 launcher with the Improved Position Determining System. The warhead payload, consisting of an existing Navy Standoff Land Attack Missile warhead, was integrated with an ATACMS Block IA missile. The missile flew the predicted 86-mile flight profile, engaged the target well within the Circular Error Probable, and the SLAM warhead destroyed the targets within the CEP. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control Dallas will convert 42 ATACMS Block IA missiles to the Unitary warhead configuration for the Army's inventory. The Quick Reaction Unitary missile will allow Army and Joint Forces commanders the capability for precision warhead delivery out to 167 miles with minimal collateral damage.



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First AER Spring Fest promises fun Friday

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Swing into summer by hanging out at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School/Personnel & Training Army Emergency Relief Fund Spring Fest, Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vincent Park.

Barbecue eats with the works is at the very top of the agenda, with a full spectrum of fun activities for families and youth, soldiers, civilians, OMMCS alumni, and visiting students from local high schools.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. parents can expose their kids to a myriad of fun stuff. Have them take off their shoes and go for a walk/bounce on the "Moon Bouncer." Don't feel like cooking? They can stuff their little tummies with hot dogs, hamburgers or for the "bigger" kids with bigger appetites they can eat barbecued ribs and chicken.

There is also going to be face painting, balloons, a juggler, a toddler basketball shootout, an egg walk, and a Military Police Working Dog demonstration just for the kids at 11 a.m.

And for the "older" folk there is also a host of fun activities planned. Do you have a hankering for something sweet? Bid on a variety of baked treats at the cake walk. Are you absolutely fed up with your first sergeant, drill sergeant, supervisor or boss? Pay to have him/her sing celebrity karaoke. All it takes is a donation to AER and they will have to sing songs like "Dancing Queen", "I Will Survive" or "Beat It." Or better yet, pay to have them locked up in the AER jail. As long as you have money to donate, the victim of your choice will have to participate in the "fun" all afternoon.

There will also be a dunking booth with a surprise guest celebrity. Who do you want to see all wet? Your company commander? Save up your money to donate and you can send them swimming.

Caribbean music and entertainment will also be on hand, with another Military Police Working Dog demonstration at 1:30 p.m.

"The whole community is invited to come out and enjoy the fun and the food for a good cause," Capt. Jo Brandon, AER Spring Fest coordinator, said. "If the weather permits, everyone will have a great day while helping raise funds for AER."

OMMCS alumni who are attending the reunion at the Arsenal that day are also

invited to share in the fun, and to see how the Army truly takes care of its own through programs like AER, she said.

Friday is also "Seniors Day." Seniors from local high schools and colleges who are visiting the Arsenal are also invited to stop by at the AER Spring Fest.

"All of Redstone Arsenal is invited to come show these distinguished visitors what it is like to truly live, work and play on the installation," Brandon said.

Barbecue plate prices are as follows: ribs or chicken, \$5, hot dogs, \$2, and hamburgers, \$3. All plates include condiments, baked beans, chips and a drink. Tickets for barbecue plates are available for purchase beforehand. See your company or section AER representative for tickets and details, or call Brandon at 876-2837. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the event. Parking will be available across from Vincent Park throughout the day. Come early to get the best space.

"Come out and make this year's first ever OMMCS/P&T AER Spring Fest successful," Brandon said. A special thanks goes out to Sam Whitaker at the Redstone Education Center, the Military Police and the Military Working Dog Section, OMMCS' CWO 2 Derrick Butler, the Public Affairs Office, the Outdoor Recreation Center, MWR, the Redstone Fire Department, and Ed Banville.

Phoenix Services wins contract for clerical support to command

Disabled people have a brighter employment future thanks to a contract signed April 2 between Huntsville-based Phoenix Services and the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Mark Lumer, chief of the SMDC Contracting and Acquisition Management Office, and Tim Stickley, general manager of Phoenix Services, signed a contract for the delivery of administra-

tive and clerical support to the Army major command by using disabled workers.

Awarded under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, 41 USC 46-48(c), the fixed-price contract has an initial one-year term with four additional one-year options. Phoenix will provide 49,400 man-hours during the first year of the contract for \$1,043,637.



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BOUNDLESS

Delta's Devastating Dragons hope to defend volleyball title

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The defending champs in troop volleyball have a message for the competition.

"We plan on bringing the title back home," Delta Company 1st Sgt. Renee Kelly said.

Last year Delta's Devastating Dragons had a slow start in the preseason but came back to win the postseason tournament. They didn't fare well this preseason either, so watch out.

"Charlie Company took the preseason (this year)," Kelly said. "Charlie Company is a group of youngsters but they have a pretty powerful team."

Delta has plenty of experience from last year's team which finished 7-3 in the regular season and 3-1 in the postseason tournament. The Dragons beat Headquarters & Alpha in the final.

Deborah Schneider, the company commander, is an all-around player at setter. Other key Dragons include hitter Douglas Smith, setter Clarissa Buchanan, hitter Cedric Tims, hitter Tyrone Thomas and the versatile Jessica Cordero.

Charlie Company is also among the best of the six-team league. The Wolfpack

went 5-1 to win the preseason tournament held April 16-20.

"In order to win the championship, we had to beat the NCO Academy twice in a row," player/coach Kenneth Tincknell said. "It was pretty tough but we overcame."

Charlie's leaders include Jose Rivera, a key player on offense; setter Tuamauga Malepeai and spiker Santiago Perez.

"A lot of it was expounding on the strengths of our key players, and then the rest of the team having teamwork," Tincknell said of winning the preseason. He believes Charlie's chances of continued success are "pretty good."

The season opened April 25 and continues through May 22. Games are 6 and 6:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday at

Pagano Gym, according to recreation assistant Joe Reed. A double-elimination tournament will follow the regular season.

Eastern Conference teams include Delta Company, the NCO Academy and the Marines. The Western Conference includes Charlie Company, Bravo Company, and Headquarters & Alpha.

Tricare information available on web

ARMY NEWS SERVICE RELEASE

WASHINGTON— E-mail has become one of the most popular ways for Tricare beneficiaries to get answers to their questions, according to military health care officials.

The Tricare Help E-Mail Service, commonly known as THEMS and operated by the Army Medical Command, has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception in April 1999.

The service is growing more than 30 percent per quarter because "we provide fast, accurate and complete answers to Tricare questions and assist beneficiaries in resolving their Tricare problems," Maj. Howard Schellenberg, THEMS program manager, said.

Schellenberg emphasized that the e-mail service is not a substitute for Tricare Service Centers or other methods of Tricare customer support.

"Our service is there to supplement the great efforts of everyone who helps the customer," he said. "There should

always be many different ways to get Tricare help, and we work with other services to form an effective support network."

THEMS works by allowing soldiers and their families with access to a computer at work or home to e-mail their Tricare questions, issues or concerns to TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil.

Jack Desmond, operations manager for the service, explained why he believes the Tricare Internet program is so effective.

"We are not an Internet site where you have to find your own answer by sorting through a frequently-asked questions section," Desmond said. "Everyone who sends us a question receives an individual answer from a real person, not a form letter or computer-generated response."

"The difference is we answer your question; we don't try to make you an expert in military health care," he added.

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Resource managers plan national convention in Dallas

Group's Huntsville chapter to sponsor annual event

By LINDSAY VAUGHT
For the Rocket

After years of attending conventions hosted by other chapters, members of the Huntsville/Redstone Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers step forward this year to hold the annual PDI.

Professional Development Institute, commonly referred to as PDI 2001, will be held in Dallas from May 29 through June 1. Members of ASMC are leaders in DoD financial management with a history of achievement and a future of opportunity. With a membership of over 18,000 and 142 chapters worldwide, the PDI is the premier training event each year bringing members together.

Planning the convention is an enormous undertaking and requires the skills of 200 volunteers serving on 14 committees. Coordinating this effort is Ron Lloyd, PDI 2001 chairman, who has continued his full-time duties as a senior management analyst with the U.S. Army Materiel System Analysis Activity. Lloyd served as president of the Huntsville/Redstone Chapter in 1995 and is first vice president this year. He will be the first



Photo by Lindsay Vaught

DIRECTOR VISITS— Retired Lt. Gen. James McCall, executive director of ASMC, makes a point during his visit April 18. Seated next to him is Ron Lloyd, PDI 2001 chairman.

repeat chapter president when he takes the oath July 1.

"We're one of the top chapters, 570 members puts us in the five-star category and it's time we stood up. ASMC has been doing PDIs for years, so by us hosting it means a lot of visibility for Redstone/Huntsville," Lloyd said. "Financially it will set our chapter on a course to do

more community outreach and scholarships for members and dependents. We tried five years ago when we started planning this to do Nashville but Opryland Hotel wouldn't lower their hotel rates to match per diem. So we went to Dallas where we had never been before, it has worked out really well."

"Ron stepped up to the plate without being drafted when we needed someone to take on this task back in 1997," retired Col. Joe Young said. Young retired last year as director of resource management and was president of the chapter for two years. "Our first option was to have the PDI in Nashville but that fell through. We could have bailed on hosting it but Ron took the lead, kept pushing. Otherwise we wouldn't be hosting in Dallas this year."

Two years ago, under Young's guidance, the chapter took more than 200 members to San Diego for a PDI that set a record with 4,511 attendees. "Ron is one of the most motivated, dedicated, and organized individuals in the profession that I know. He'll do a great job," added Young, president of Advanced Logistics

Solutions.

PDI 2001 will feature 70 workshops for attendees to earn Continuing Professional Education units, a lecture series featuring Comptroller General David Walker, and recognition of members who passed exams to become Certified Defense Financial Managers. The PDI will not be all work however. The Wednesday night reception will be a Texas-sized party at Eddie Deen's Ranch outside of Dallas with all the Texas beef and trimmings one can imagine. Chapter Fair is on Thursday evening and at the closing banquet on Friday night, Lloyd will pass the baton to the Denver chapter for PDI 2002.

Retired Lt. Gen. James McCall, ASMC executive director, visited Redstone on April 18 to review preparations. After meeting with all the committee chairmen, he went away impressed.

"We are going to have a great PDI, you've worked very hard and so you should enjoy your own party. Keep that same wonderful southern hospitality that is here at Redstone and Huntsville and export it to Dallas. From my perspective you are in great shape," McCall said. "I want to commend you for planning an outstanding opening ceremony. We have been trying to get 82nd Airborne Chorus for years." The opening ceremony also includes mounted flag bearers and the Fort Sill (Okla.) Army Band.

Lloyd downplays his role. "I've been lucky to have great committee heads, my role has been providing direction and approval, making sure it comes together," he said.

Redstone volunteers handled tasks dealing with program content, registration, publicity, technical, opening/closing ceremonies, protocol, chapter fair, and finance. Dallas has a small chapter, mostly AAFES employees. Two committees in Dallas coordinated transportation issues, banquet gifts, and special events like

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Flying club seeks to land new instructors

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

It was a bright sunny day in the Florida skies near Ormond Beach as flight instructor Max Gurgew watched his student prepare for his first solo landing.

"There was a big runway, lots of length, no wind and his approach looked good," Gurgew said. "Just as he was ready to touch down, he went full power and was off again. I thought, OK, maybe something wasn't right inside. I was standing on the ground with no way to communicate so I watched as he came around again for the approach."

Just before landing, the pilot took off again. And again, and again.

"The guy just wouldn't land," Gurgew said. "Beads of sweat started to form on my forehead. I'm waving my arms and hollering but he couldn't hear me. About the fifth attempt, he finally landed. Pilots are supposed to do three landings on their solo flight but... well... To his credit, all his approaches looked good."

The biggest milestone in a pilot's career is their first solo, according to Gurgew. His was rather uneventful at a grass covered landing strip in a small North Carolina airport April 1, 1977. Since then he's trained hundreds of people; watched their beaming faces, some after making a less than perfect solo landing, and completed the rite of passage by cutting off the pilot's shirt after the solo. Special arrangements are made for his female students, of course.

"I always wanted to be a pilot," he said. "It was a childhood dream. My twin brother is also a pilot. There's just something about it. But teaching, that's even more incredible. It takes patience but it's very rewarding."

The flying club is looking for pilots interested in becoming certified flight instructors. They currently have 21 instructors, mostly part time, but with an increased interest from the community more instructors are needed. On average, about three people a week come into the

club, interested in flying lessons.

Gurgew, with the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity since 1987, is the chief flight instructor there. He and his wife, Susan, both pilots and engineers, own Aerodyne Inc., a Huntsville engineering firm that provides support to several Army aviation programs on the Arsenal.

"We want as many qualified instructors as we can get," Jack Ferguson, manager, RAFA, said. "We've been growing so much. We want to accommodate our customers and of course, we're looking out for the future of the club."

The flying club has 14 planes available, 10 owned and 4 leased from private individuals, and a full-time maintenance manager that, "keep our aircraft in better condition than any general aviation aircraft in the state," according to Ferguson.

"There are a lot of rewards to teaching," Gurgew said. "Helping students realize their dreams, that's the greatest part of it, I think. But there are other benefits as well. It keeps me current and with the effort necessary to keep new students on the runway, it keeps you proficient. Most pilots say they really start grasping the concepts once they're teaching someone else to fly. They know how to do it, they're more than qualified to teach, but watching someone else make little mistakes, it increases your own skill level as you go."

Gurgew is qualified to teach the certified flight instructors course. Commercial certified pilots can go through the course in as little as three weeks, according to Gurgew, if the pilot flew every day and was totally focused. It usually takes 25 hours flight time above the commercial certificate.

"It depends a lot on a pilot's experience," he said. "Military pilots usually adapt easily because of their level of training and experience."

The RAFA will have an open house June 2, offering instructor rides and mini flight lessons. For information about flying lessons or what it takes to become a certified flying instructor, call the flying club at 881-3980 or 880-9495.



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PASSION FOR THE SKIES— Max Gurgew, chief flight instructor at the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity, shares his love of flying and the joy of teaching. The flying club hopes to attract more instructors for its growing program.

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Academy instructor makes grade at quarterly boards

Son of career Navy man named NCO of Quarter

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

SSgt. Robert McNeely blames the Army for who he is today.

"When I was in high school I was more your honor society, chess player kind of guy," McNeely said. "I was in the all-state band, second chair clarinet. The Army turned me into this," he joked, pulling at the collar of his BDUs. But there is an athletic side to this 6-foot-5 soldier that enjoys a pickup game at the gym.

McNeely is happy with who he is—proud of what he's become, and it shows. He was named NCO of the Quarter March 8, at a luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"I really didn't know if I was going to win," he said. "I didn't know how the others performed but I thought, 'Eight is my lucky number, maybe I'll get lucky today.'"

It wasn't luck that brought him to the Army in 1987; it was the lack of a Navy recruiter. After graduating Caprock High School in Amarillo, Texas, McNeely spent a year in college. Bored with school and a lack of funds sent him in search of another

path, one that would let him see the world and make some college money.

Son of a career Navy man, McNeely would have joined the Navy but there weren't any recruiters in Amarillo so he opted for the Army. Living up to the promise, he's seen a lot of the world, including Somalia, Bosnia, and Korea, where he met his wife, Mary Lou.

"She was an MP," said McNeely, tightlipped about the actual circumstances surrounding their first meeting except to say that he "was out having a little fun and yes, we did meet while she was on duty. When I saw her I thought, maybe this won't be so bad after all."

The couple married in 1992. Unable to get stationed together, she left the Army in

'I'm developing NCOs that will lead soldiers all over the world. They all bring something to the table. They make the job worthwhile.'

SSgt. Robert McNeely
NCO of the Quarter



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CLASS ACT— NCO Academy Small Group Leader SSgt. Robert McNeely, left, assists Bernard Gaines, BNCO student, during class. McNeely the named NCO of the Quarter, March 8.

1993.

McNeely arrived at Redstone in January 2000 from Fort Bliss, Texas, where he ran brigade ammunition for the training department, serving in Headquarters Alpha, 2/6 Air Defense Artillery.

McNeely, now a small group leader at the NCO Academy, teaches NCOs how to be professional officers.

"The only reason I became an SGL was because of SSgt. (Howard) Jones," McNeely said, pointing to a cubicle in the front of the administrative office. "I was intimidated by the thought of it at first, the responsibilities, requirements, all the teaching. But he showed me the ropes, mentored me all the way through it. He epitomizes professionalism. I'm grateful to him for that."

The long hours and lost weekends are tough, but McNeely likes the challenge.

"I'm developing NCOs that will lead soldiers all over the world," he said. "They all bring something to the table. They

make the job worthwhile. You can tell a difference in them after this, they're ready to lead."

When he can steal a Saturday afternoon away from work, he likes to spend it with his daughter, Sarah, 6. When she doesn't have Brownie meetings, they get out to the bowling center or on the river for a little bass fishing. Mary Lou usually works on Saturdays so it's just the two of them.

Sarah is also a regular at the community service projects the NCO soldiers do as part of their training, including painting an orphanage and serving meals at the rescue mission.

"We're always looking for ways to serve in the community," McNeely said.

After finishing a career in the Army, McNeely hopes to have a chemical engineering degree.

"I want to get a nice job in the engineering field," he said. "You know, research and development cutting edge stuff. There's a lot of leeway out there."

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■ Investigators search out illegal claims

Fraud

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Training was one of the chosen remedies, according to Mitchell. All AMCOM supervisors and managers were required to attend a training session at the Rocket Auditorium April 25 concerning the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, to educate them about their role in filing FECA claims; the followup of claims and the return of employees to duty.

"Supervisors need to keep on top of things," Jackie Bennett, supervisory personnel management specialist, CPAC, said. "Bring the employee back part time or on light duty as soon as possible. They need to identify opportunities for their employee. That's not just to benefit the government, it's really beneficial to the employee too. If we don't help our employees get back, we've left them with no options."

Additional training was provided for law enforcement on conduct of FECA investigations; prosecutions of FECA investigations and proven techniques for identifying fraud within the program.

"We looked at the programs, provided training, and now, it's time to aggressively investigate potential fraud, waste and abuse," Mitchell said. "Most people are legitimate, but there are those few who ruin it for everybody. There is a minute percent of employees that want to, for example, go on vacation or go deer hunting and don't have any leave time, so they use the system to get paid for doing nothing. Those people create animosity toward good people honestly hurt who need the benefit."

There are three categories of workmen's compensation: permanently disabled, meaning unable to work at all; Periodic Wage Earning Capacity, a person hurt or disabled who may not be able to return to regular duties but has the ability to earn wages; and Periodic Roles, a person who is new to workmen's compensation, unable to work currently but is expected to recuperate and return to regular duty.

"We're going to make sure all the

information, updated medicals, routine paperwork, employment and other earned income is appropriately documented," Bennett said.

"We're telling people, don't be surprised if someone calls or visits your residence. We're not picking on anyone in particular," Mitchell said. "Spot checks are not unusual. We're getting out there and getting the information we need to eliminate fraud, waste and abuse."

Accurate recording is essential, Mitchell said. If a person has been injured and is working at a job that doesn't pay what he made before the injury, the government can pay the difference, called Periodic Wage Earning Capacity. If such a person gets a wage increase on the job, he must report it to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center/Department of Labor. His workmen's compensation will be adjusted accordingly. It may be tempting to overlook reporting the additional income, but it's against the law and since it's a federal act, it's a federal crime and you risk losing all of the workmen's comp benefit, not to mention fines and jail time.

Fort Stewart, Ga., in the last two years has collected more than \$300,000 in fines from five of 12 people investigated. Interest in cost avoidance at the workmen's compensation well is an Armywide directive. Each installation chooses its own methodology for implementing changes but the overall goal is to reduce the fraud, waste and abuse of the workmen's compensation benefit.

Anyone interested in voluntarily providing information for a benefit correction can do so through the Injury Compensation Program Administrator, Dianne Bryant. Arrangements can be made without involving law enforcement. Mitchell also said that anyone who knows of fraudulent claims and wants to file a report can do it anonymously by calling 876-2037. Just be sure to leave pertinent information, including name of individual suspected of fraud and suspected abuse of claim.

"By making these changes, policing the system more closely, it will cut waste, improve the system and boost morale," Mitchell said.



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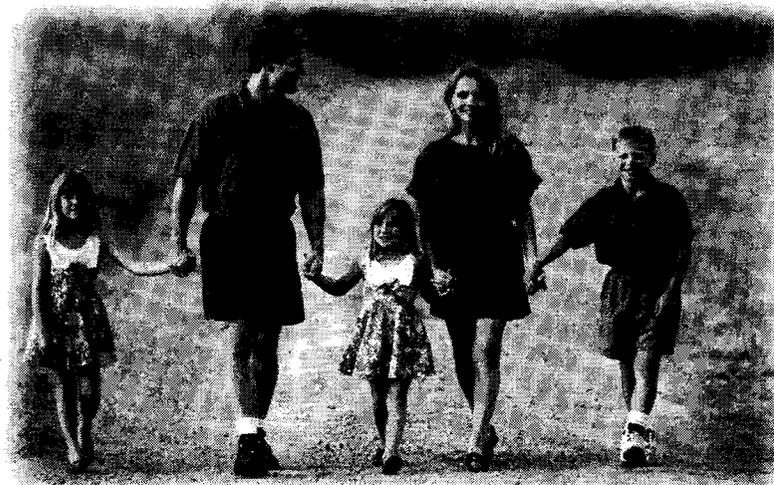
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Move fast to get reimbursed for damages by movers

Personnel Claims Act sets limits for military on household goods

By Capt. VERONICA DE LA VEGA
and JAMES FRIDAY JR.
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

As the summer rotation approaches, chances are that a military move may be on the horizon for you and your family.

You may have just arrived at Redstone Arsenal, or are preparing to move. Either way, it is important to be aware of two major rules which affect whether or not you can get reimbursed for damage sustained by your household goods as a result of your military move. If you aren't aware, it can cost you money.

One rule is the limit or maximum payment levels for certain items, and the other is the 70-day rule.

Maximum payment

The Personnel Claims Act provides a limited substitute for hazard insurance to relieve hardships that arise when personnel are exposed to unusual risks of loss because of their service. The word "limited" is the key here. The Personnel Claims Act does not provide you with insurance coverage. It is merely a gratuitous payment statute. As such it has limitations on how much will be paid for damage done

to certain items.

For example, the maximum payment you can receive for a schrank that has been damaged is \$3,000. This is true even though you might have paid more than that for it. Also, for personal firearms, the maximum payment allowed is \$2,000. This is true, even if you have \$15,000 worth of personal firearms. Jewelry, CDs, movie tapes, crystal, china, grandfather clocks, and other items are similarly subject to a maximum payment level, despite the higher value of the item. Because of this, it is recommended that if you have expensive or high value items, you should procure mover's insurance. That way, you can get reimbursed for the full value of your expensive items.

70-day rule

The other rule you need to be aware of is the 70-day rule agreed upon between the Army and the carrier industry. When your household goods or hold baggage are delivered to you by a civilian trucking company, the driver should give you three copies of a pink form known as the "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery" (DD Form 1840) form. You have 70 days from the date of delivery to determine loss or damage to your property, list it on the pink 1840 Form, and turn it into the Claims Office. If you do not turn your form into the Claims Office within this

70-day period, you can lose out on money. The only exceptions to this 70-day rule are an officially recognized absence for a significant period of this 70-day period, or an extended hospitalization. So it is very important that you get your pink 1840 Form in to the Claims Office on time.

When the movers finish bringing your household goods into your home, you and the truck driver must sign and date this 1840 Form and any continuation sheets. Before signing, you should list any damage that you have immediately noticed on the front of the form. The truck driver's signature indicates that the company is aware of your losses and/or damages. Your signature on block 14 acknowledges that you received your property in apparently good condition, except as you may have noted on the form.

In addition, by signing you also acknowledge that you understand that you have 70 days to list any additional losses and/or damages to your property on the back of the form, that you must take the form to the nearest claims office for processing, and that failure to do so may result in your being paid a smaller or no amount at all.

In most cases, listing all the losses and damages before the driver leaves is an impossibility. Normally, at the end of a long day, when the driver and his assistant place the last box in your residence, the only thing you want is for them to leave.

Even if you did not list any damages or losses on DD Form 1840 at the time of delivery, you are still safe as long as you don't violate the 70-day rule. But if you see a big item missing such as a big-screen television or large china cabinet, it

is a good idea to note these items on the form at that time.

The reverse side of the form is known as the DD Form 1840R, and it contains the "Notice of Loss or Damage" portion. Any damage or missing property not listed at the time of delivery must be listed on the reverse side. Be sure to turn the carbon copies around so that all copies will be legible.

The 70-day rule includes weekends and holidays. The claims clerk or the examiner will date this form, provide you with a copy and mail this notice to the carrier.

Timely notice

If you fail to give the Claims Office timely notice of your loss or damage, we cannot give timely notice to the carrier, resulting in the Army being unable to collect from the carrier. The amount the Army cannot recover from the carrier will be deducted from your awarded amount, resulting in a loss of money to you.

So remember, you only have 70 days to turn in your DD Form 1840 to be in compliance with the time limitations. As explained before, there are a couple of exceptions to this rule, but these are slim exceptions. You don't need estimates, or replacement cost estimates when complying with the 70-day rule. At the time you turn in your form, you will be provided with claim forms and instructions on how to file your claim. Make sure you have listed all inventory numbers on your 1840 Form.

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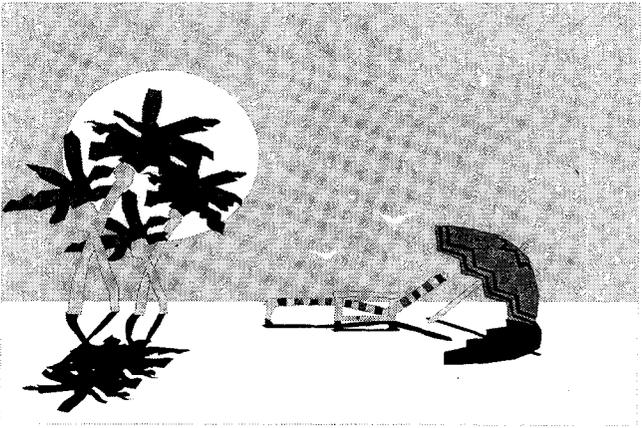


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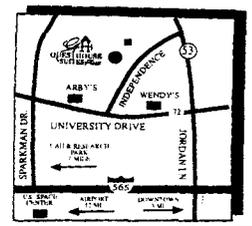
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Ordnance course critiques take ride on information super highway at school

Students who complete class now provide feedback online

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

There's a new twist for end-of-course critiques at Redstone.

The standard requirement for students who complete a course here has moved into the new millennium. Instead of using a pencil with directions to fill in the ovals on the bubble sheet, students can now go online and submit the required information.

This online version of the end-of-course critique has been in the works since last year, but it was just a question of testing to work out the bugs, finding funding and figuring out which server to use before it officially came together, SSgt. Harvey Brooks, OMMCS web master, said.

"Students can now go onto the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School home page to get it done," he said.

Once there the instructor guides them through the process.

Each course and specialty taught here has its own code. Ordnance courses taught at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Bliss, Texas have codes as well. Once a student finishes the critique, the information is saved in an easily accessible database sorted by those codes. Once in the database, the information is accessible to the chain of command.

"In the critiques the students are asked a variety of questions," Brooks said.

Questions cover everything from opinions on the books and manuals used in the class to how good the food was in the chow hall. The feedback can be used to make changes to improve the quality of the educational experience at Redstone and other classrooms throughout the Ordnance Corps.

"This is a great tool," Brooks said. "This is the 21st century, we should be able to use the computer to our advantage."

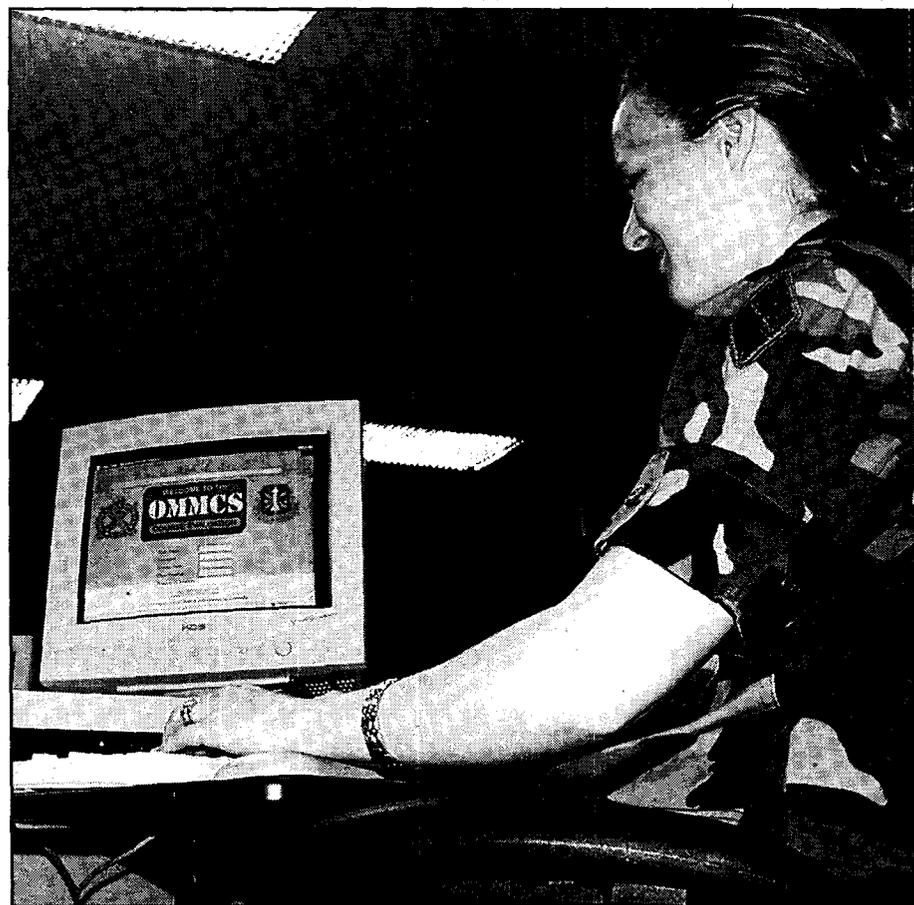


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The Army has finished field-testing a computer system that allows commanders at many levels to talk, exchange information and perform many missions. Two brigades tested the system April 1-14 during Division Capstone, the largest battle games in years at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Officials said the system is a concrete example of "information superiority."

Col. John Antal, exercise chief of staff, said the system allows commanders to know exactly where all their vehicles are and — with input from intelligence systems — where the enemy is.

Essentially, the tactical network mimics the Internet. Commercial software runs the system and any casual computer user should be able to figure out how to navigate the system easily. On the screen, friendly forces are shown in blue. Enemy forces — when found — appear in red.

Rumsfeld: Chinese fighter jet struck U. S. Navy aircraft

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Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told reporters April 13 that U.S. Navy pilot Lt. Shane Osborn's EP-3 surveillance plane was on auto pilot and flying straight and level when a Chinese fighter jet hit him March 31.

The Chinese jet was "buzzing" the EP-3 when its tail hit the Navy aircraft's No. 1 engine propeller, Rumsfeld said. At that point, the EP-3's auto pilot went off and

the plane made a steep left turn and lost some 5,000 to 8,000 feet in altitude before Osborn regained control.

"Our EP-3 was flying an overt reconnaissance and surveillance mission in international airspace in an aircraft clearly marked 'United States Navy,'" Rumsfeld told reporters. "It was on a well-known flight path that we had used for decades. Many countries perform such flights, including China."

Comptrollers society schedules convention

Convention

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health fair and tours.

"I think everyone will enjoy going to Dallas," Lloyd said. "There are advantages as far as getting people in and out, and they have a fabulous convention center, great hotels. It has great entertainment and lots of history. It is one of America's finest cities."

In addition to juggling two projects at

AMSAA, Lloyd has been a guest speaker at ASMC functions at Wright Patterson AFB, Washington, D.C., and Fort Bragg, N.C.

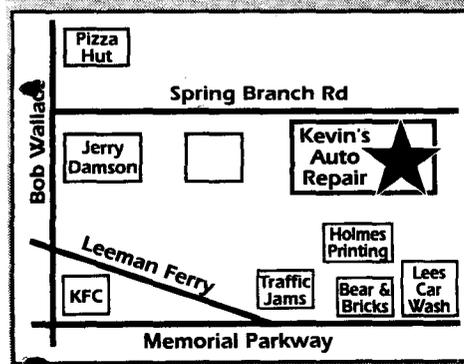
So what about Dallas' most famous attraction, the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders? No, they won't be there. "We wanted to get them for an appearance but they were too expensive. We couldn't fit them in our budget," Lloyd said.

Editor's note: Vaught, a program analyst in SHORAD Project Office, serves on the PDI planning committee.

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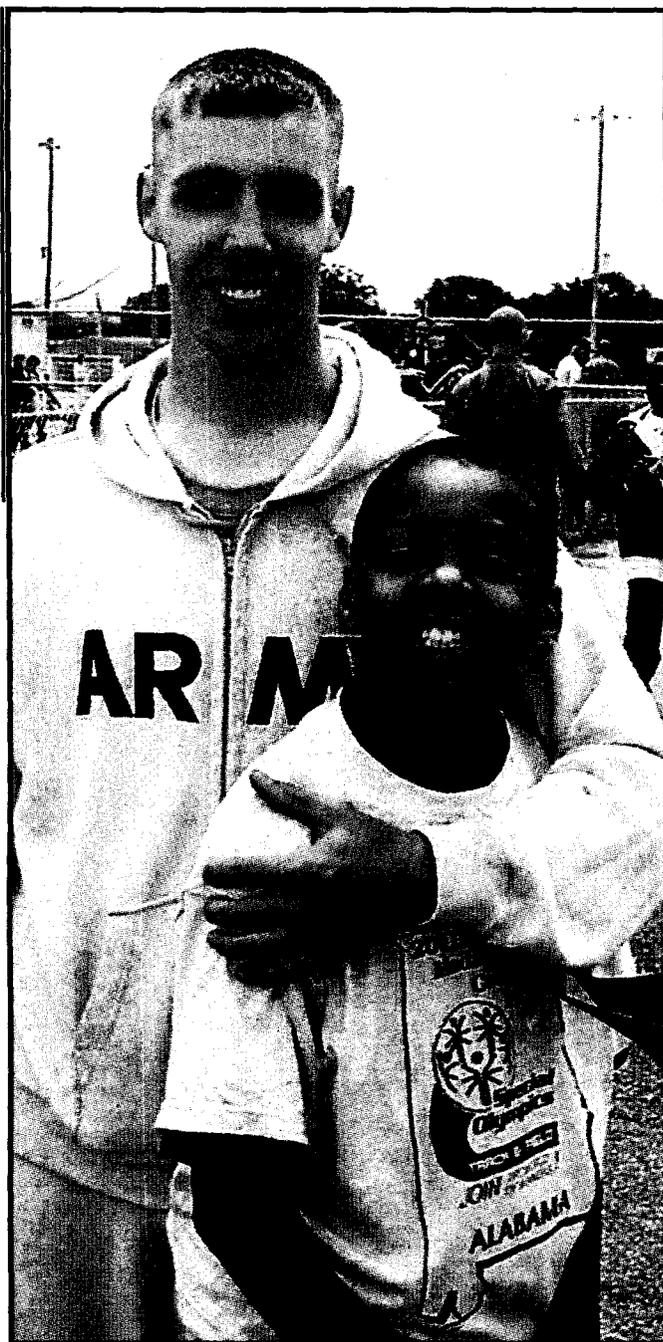


Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

BUDDIES— PFC Jesse Maricelli of 832nd Ordnance Battalion takes time out with special athlete Dwight Dickens. Maricelli was among hundreds of soldiers from the Arsenal who volunteered to spend the day with special athletes from throughout Huntsville and Madison County.

Soldiers have winning time at Special Olympics track

Volunteers serve as escorts for athletes in annual event

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Special athletes lined the track, while soldiers dressed in physical fitness uniforms called out last-minute advice and encouragement.

This was a typical scene at the 16th annual Special Olympics Track and Field event where once again soldiers from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, the NCO Academy, and the Aviation and Missile Command stepped up to help.

More than 300 special athletes competed April 24 at Milton Frank Stadium with the winners advancing to the state championships this summer. It was a day filled with free hamburgers and activities for athletes and volunteers.

"It was made possible because of the volunteer efforts of the soldiers, local schools, and various businesses," Virginia Dempsey of Army Community Service said. ACS helps coordinate volunteers and resources from the Arsenal every year. Soldiers volunteered as escorts, set up tents and tables, and recorded scores. They helped ensure the events—like the 50-meter walk, 100-meter dash, and the long jump—went smoothly.

In the end each soldier and athlete had a new friend.

"At the beginning of the day you see two strangers," Dempsey said. "But by the end of the afternoon they are longtime buddies.

"Everyone has a lot of fun," she said. "The athletes enjoy seeing the soldiers and their uniforms, and they like the fact that they spend the whole day with them."

"We look forward to this every year," MSgt. William Loew, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company AMCOM, said. "And it takes a load off the athletes' parents; it gives them a break.

"And I think it humbles the soldiers who participate," he said. "They leave here with a very different perspective. They come here thinking that they have problems, and they leave here thankful."



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

FIRST PLACE— A special athlete shows off his first place ribbon.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

FIX THAT RIBBON— Pvt. Marco Nava of 832nd Ordnance Battalion readjusts Russell Yarbrough's ribbon. Special athletes from Huntsville and Madison County competed for the coveted ribbons during an all-day Special Olympics Track and Field event.



Photo by SFC Luis Ortiz/ 832nd

ALL REVVED UP— Soldiers from the Arsenal and special athletes stop to pose for a group shot. By the end of the day, everyone had a few new friends.

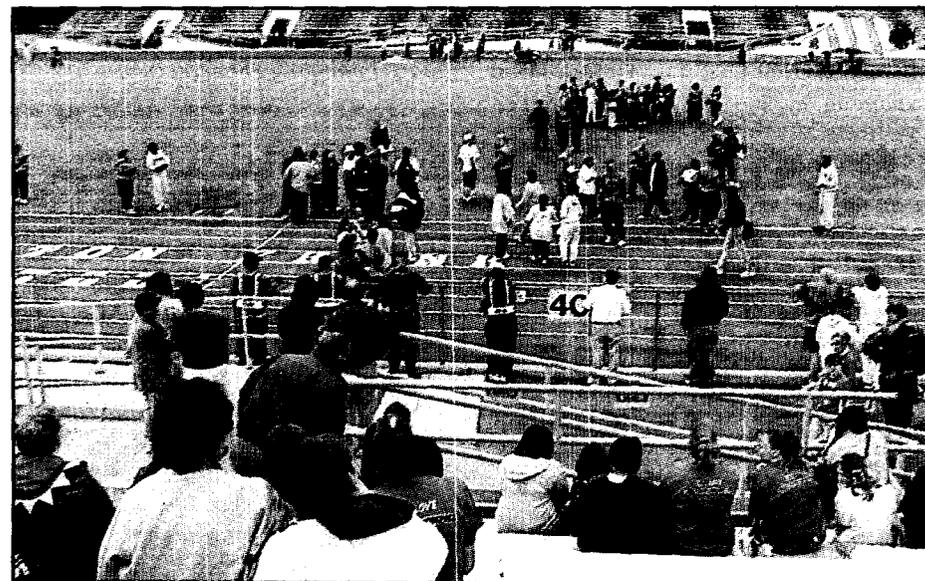


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TRACK AND FIELD— Special athletes and soldiers from the Arsenal crowd into Milton Frank Stadium for the 16th annual Special Olympics Track and Field event. Soldiers volunteered for a day filled with fun, food and making new friends.

Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Fishing tournament

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

Hole-in-one

Chip Enlow, golf pro for the Redstone Golf Course, made a hole-in-one April 24 at Huntsville Country Club. He was participating in the Alabama Pro-Ladies Tournament with three teams from the Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association. This is his fourth hole-in-one in his 34 years as a golf pro and instructor. Witnesses included team members Joy McGuire, Jackie Lane and Diane Davis. He used a 4-iron on the par 3, 188-yard 17th hole. Congratulations to Enlow and the team for their low net win in the tournament.

Golf scramble

Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will hold its annual charity golf scramble May 19. Registration is at 10:30 a.m., and the shotgun start at 1 p.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Fees are \$50 per person, \$200 per team. The cost includes green fees, cart and food. For more information and registration, call Mitch 852-5997 (home) or 603-3231 (cellular).

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.

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 website at

<http://iads.redstone.army.mil> or call Christy Wildman 876-4017, or Rich Gramly 876-8112.

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.

Cost analysts

The Greater Alabama Chapter of the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA) will hold its last meeting for the year 11:30 a.m. May 8 at the Holiday Inn-Madison Square Mall. Frank Flett, SCEA national president, is scheduled speaker. Also, the chapter will recognize its nominees for the SCEA 2001 Awards Program. Cost is \$10. For reservations call Paula Leu 313-4380 by 10 a.m. Friday.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting May 17 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.

Engineering management

American Society for Engineering Management 2001 Conference will be held Oct. 11-13 at the Huntsville Marriott. For more information, call Angel Armstrong 842-9416.

Family symposium backbrief

The Redstone Arsenal Army Family Action Plan backbrief will be held May 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Staff experts have reviewed the 21 issues submitted by the seven work groups that met in February for the Army Family Action Plan Conference. At this time they will give their recommendations regarding those issues. This process serves as a tool for the Redstone Arsenal leadership to keep a pulse on concerns in the community. This backbrief session serves as a commitment that the command cares about the community concerns. After each issue is briefed, Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan will decide what course of action to take based on the staff recommendation. He will either concur with the proposal, close out the issue, or agree to send the concern to higher headquarters to be addressed at the AMC Family Action Plan Conference in July. All AFAP participants and the general community are invited to attend.

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Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8:30 a.m. May 12 at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup 881-0652.



Miscellaneous

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers will hold its annual picnic at 11 a.m. May 10 at the NASA Picnic Area. Menu includes chicken, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, bread and soft drink. There will be games and door prizes. Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members. Get your ticket by close of business today. For reservations call Lisa White 955-6806.

German picnic

Mayfest is coming to the Soldatenstube, Saturday 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

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is holding a sealed bid auction on hundreds of items from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday. This includes 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.redstonemwr.com. Call 876-1418 for more information.

Carport/yard sale

The Redstone community Spring Carport/Yard Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, 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 competition will be held from May through September. Judging dates will occur on the second Monday of each month, (May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, 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) Multiple units. There will also be one unit winner each month. Judges will look primarily for general appearance, initiative and originality. The Housing Management Division would like to extend to all of the housing occupants good luck during the coming months.

Asian/Pacific month

The 12th anniversary of the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month will be commemorated in May in acknowledgement of Asian Americans' contributions to America. The Asian/Pacific American Employment Program (APAEP) Committee and community members, under the auspices of the AMCOM EEO Office, are planning a program/festival with NASA-MSFC in celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. This year's

theme is "Asian/Pacific Americans Emerging Together." Throughout the month, there will be Asian cultural exhibits on display in buildings 5300 and 5304 (first floor, Sparkman Center). Additionally, articles and trivia questions to include an essay and display contest will be published in the Redstone Rocket. The highlight of the month will be the Asian/Pacific Festival to be held May 17, from 2-5 p.m., at the Recreation Center, building 3711, Patton Road. The agenda consists of a keynote speaker (Sgt. Maj. Carlos Fernandez, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School), Asian cultural entertainment, awards presentation, and a food-tasting festival. All personnel are encouraged to participate in this annual observance with approval of their supervisor. Offices with general officers, members of the Senior Executive Service, commanders, or command sergeants major, who plan to attend, are asked to call Lucretia Townsend, AMCOM Protocol Office 955-6925 by May 14.

Asian/Pacific contests

Team Redstone will hold an essay contest and unit/departments static display contest for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May. Entry deadline is May 8. Winners will be announced during the Asian/Pacific Festival, May 17 from 2-5 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. Recipi-

ents 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. 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 underway 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.

Class reunion

Lee High School class of 1971 will have its 30-year reunion Aug. 11 at the Von Braun Center. For more information, call Liz Gamble Butler 533-9370.

Military bonus

Servicemembers may be eligible for a Career Status Bonus Redux of \$30,000. To be eligible you must be on active duty

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Master's degrees

North Alabama Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. May 10 at Calhoun Community College conference room, 101 E. 102 Wynn Drive. For information call 800-672-7223, ext. 5039.

Antique sale

An antique liquidation sale will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 12 at Christ Episcopal Church, located behind Maple Hill Cemetery on Girard and the corner of Kingsbury Avenue off Wells Avenue.

Tobacco cessation

Fox Army Health Center/Public Health and Education Center will offer another round of tobacco cessation classes starting May 17, from 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays. The program continues for 10 sessions over a 2 1/2 month period and is offered at Fox Army Health Center. These classes are free and limited to military eligible beneficiaries. The "pill" (Zyban) will be available for use. Recent research has shown this to be highly effective in helping reduce the craving for nicotine. The success rate increases to close to 50 percent when used with education and group support. To register call PHEC, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196. For more information, call Eileen Bailey 842-0149. Space is limited.

Thrift shop

After your yard sale, you can donate your remaining items to the Thrift Shop. It's tax deductible. The shop will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Regular store

hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are taken on either a walk-in basis or by appointment by calling 881-6992. The shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open to the public for shopping.

Shirt fund-raiser

The Missile Guidance Directorate of Aviation and Missile RDEC is sponsoring a Redstone Arsenal shirt sale to help in the Army Emergency Relief campaign. This year the sale includes three different types of shirts: Men's (three button) short sleeve Munsingwear Polo shirt in six different colors (steel blue, white, burgundy, butter, slate green, and sage), price each is \$28, sizes from small to XX-large; Ladies (two button) short sleeve Outer Banks Polo shirt in five different colors (bright red, jade, purple, sports gray, and white) price each is \$26, sizes from small to XXX-large; and Gildan T-Shirt in five different colors (charcoal, sand, white, sapphire, and eggplant) price each is \$12, sizes from small to XXX-large. There is an extra charge for all 2X and 3X shirts. All three shirt types will have the words "Redstone Arsenal Alabama" embroidered in black thread on the upper left breast of the shirt. To order your shirt, call Peggy Derryberry 876-3580.

Barbecue cookoff

The inaugural Whistle Stop Festival and Rocket City Barbecue Cookoff will be held May 11-12 at the Historic Huntsville Depot. Gov. Don Siegelman has declared the cookoff an Alabama State Championship. There will be a music area, an area just for children and all that great barbecue. Scheduled entertainment includes the Southern Rock All-Stars, a band which includes former members of Blackfoot, Molly Hatchet and the Rossington Band, local favorites Reunion and Kozmic Mama along with many more acts. The children's area, Kids' Connection has something for everyone. Proceeds from



Photo by SSgt. Donna Rosenberger

Missile schoolwork

Children of OMMCS soldiers try the obstacle course Thursday during "Bring Your Daughters/Sons to Work Day" at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. About 50 youngsters participated in the events sponsored by the missile school's Outreach Office.

the Whistle Stop Festival and Rocket City Barbecue Cookoff will benefit Early-Works Programs. Gates will open at 5 p.m. that Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday. Ticket prices are \$9 in advance for a two-day pass for ages 10 and above. Children 9 and younger accompanied by a paying adult are admitted free. Tickets are available by calling Bryan Lorge 880-6788.

Fund day

Redstone Arsenal Support Activity "AER FUNdraiser Day" will be held May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the building 112 courtyard. Rain date is May 17. The event includes silent auction, flea market, dunk tank, ring toss, cake walk and RASA's AER Jail. Lunch is \$4 per person which includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and

a drink. Lunch will be served from 11-12:30. For information call CWO 2 John Cage 876-2317.

Civilian welfare fund

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling discounted tickets for the Whistle Stop Festival and Rocket City Barbecue Cookoff, May 11-12 at the Historic Huntsville Depot. For information call Charles Urban 955-7662.

Latin night

Challenger Community Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, will hold Latin Night, May 12 at 8 p.m. Disc jockey Signey Hernandez will entertain from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$5. For more information, call Connie 837-0750.

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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									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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
01BK0000002JH3	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
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
01BK024269DB1	Security Specialist	8-May-02	ISD	GG-0080	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AGM1428029	Counseling Psychologist Social Worker	8-Mar-02	MEDCON	GS-0180-0185	9,11	12	35,818 - 73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK028737BR1	General Engineer	9-May-02	SDMC	GS-0801	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X									X		
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																			
X-NH-01-2461-JB	Electronics Engineer	3-May-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0855	7	7	35,335 - 43,493	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2545-JB	Engineer Aerospace	5-May-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SL-01-2512-EL	Paralegal Specialist	5-May-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0950	9	11	35,954 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XINH-01-2565-JB	Engineer Aerospace	18-May-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0861	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2460-JB	Engineer Electronics	31-May-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0855	9	9	43,226 - 59,010	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-01-2243-JB	Electronics Engineer	6-Jun-01	RTTC	GS-0855	12	12	53,044 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-NURSE	Clinical Nurse	9-Sep-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0610	6	11	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SC-DEU-01-1471	Geophysicist	28-Sep-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-1313	5	7	23,633 - 29,273	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EG-01-082	Aerospace Engineer	30-Sep-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0861	13	13	61,749 - 80,279	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. Citizens are eligible to apply for Army Positions)																			
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																			
C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
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