

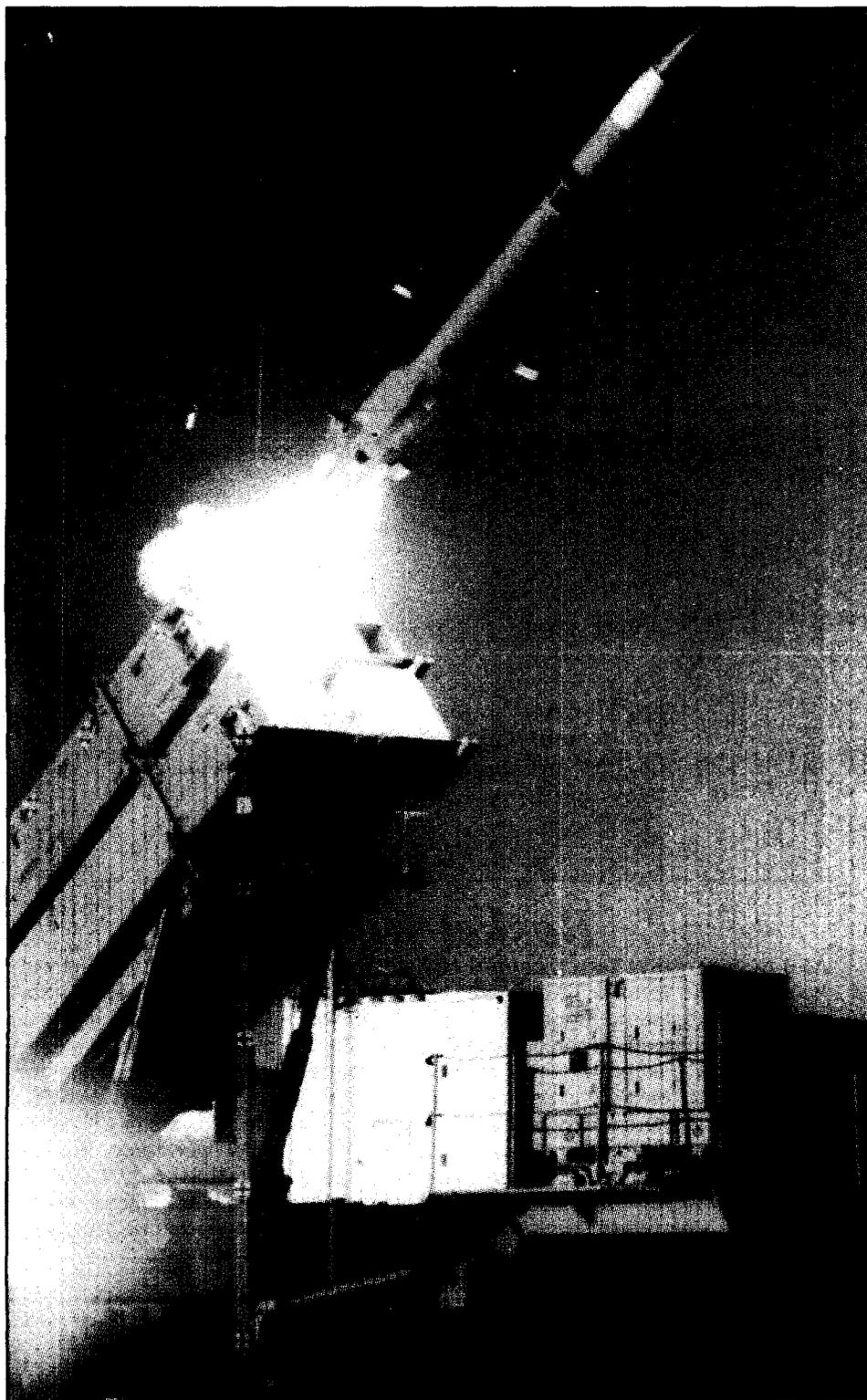
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PAC-3 missile team recognized for blockbuster year



LEADER OF PACK— A PAC-3 missile heads skyward in a flight test March 31 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Daedalian Award honors best performing weapon

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

And the envelope, please. The Oscar for best weapon system goes to... Patriot 3.

OK, this isn't the Oscars. But the Daedalian Award is just as big to the military services.

The Patriot Advanced Capability-3 team has won the Order of Daedalians' Weapons System Award, the Col. Franklin C. Wolfe Memorial Trophy, for 2000. The team includes members of the Lower Tier Project Office and the two prime contractors for PAC-3 air defense system: Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, based in Dallas, and Raytheon Company, Bedford, Mass.

"It really recognizes the excellence with which the program has been managed and

conducted," Col. Tom Newberry, project manager for Lower Tier, said. "And I also think it speaks very highly of the importance of the program to the national defense."

Since 1970 the Army, Navy and Air Force have taken turns nominating and selecting each year's winner. This year it was the Army's turn. The F-22 System Program Office is the current holder of the trophy; and previous winners have included the Joint Stand-Off Weapon and the Longbow Hellfire anti-tank missile system.

"In our business, the awards don't get much bigger than this," Newberry said.

The PAC-3 team was nominated by the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense. The award will be presented to the project office and its two industry partners May 23 at the annual Daedalian Convention in Las Vegas. The Order of

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Preschoolers share what makes their moms special

Mother's Day set
Sunday, May 13

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

When preschooler Sapphire Bright was asked what Mother's Day was, she shrugged her shoulders matter-of-factly and answered, "It's Christmas for mommies."

Children at the Child Development Center had a lot to say about what made their moms special, and most of it had to do with food.

"I know she loves me cause she feeds me," Jacenda Ray, 5, daughter of Sgt. Charlene Ray, said. "She gives me peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and sometimes she takes off the crust cause it's hard. And she takes me to the mall to look at girl stuff and girl shoes. We clean up and pack together, that's a good thing. We just moved."

For Spencer McCoy, 4, daughter of Sgt. Jerry and Roberta McCoy, the reason her

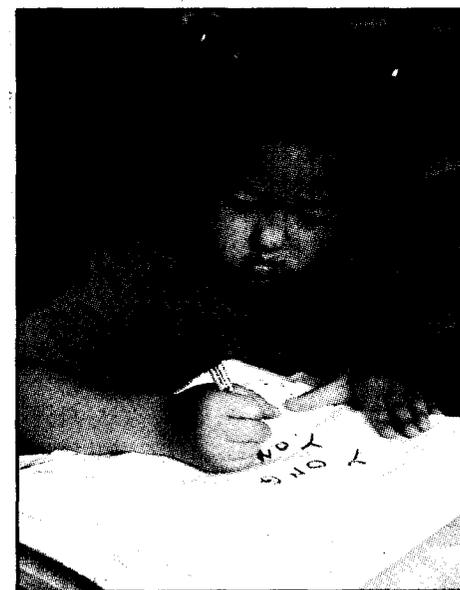


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

LOVE LETTERS— Jasmin Quire, 5, spells out her mother's name, adding hearts around it to show how special she thinks her mom, Yong, is.

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Gate guard gives his viewpoint

This is in reply to the verbal and written complaints received by us from angry Redstone Arsenal employees. I am a security guard here at Redstone and have read some of the negative comments in the *Rocket* and *The Huntsville Times* concerning the security procedures here on the Arsenal.

I realize that wearing a badge doesn't give anyone the authority to disrespect you, but on the same token your rank or position on the Arsenal doesn't give you the right to disrespect us. The majority of the men and women on the guard force have served our country faithfully, many in Vietnam and some like myself in Desert Storm. The security guards, police officers, and military police are

here to serve, protect and secure the Arsenal so we deserve your respect.

Many wanted felons and a few who were wanted for murder have been captured on the gates we secure, while you sit in the safe confines of your office. People, we have a sidearm, 30 rounds, and backup from other guards, police and MPs. All you have is us!

So instead of cursing at us, showing illicit gestures, or getting angry when we do our job correctly just give us a smile. We are not only here for employment, but for your protection. Just a thought, from a guard's point of view.

Steven W. Taylor
Security Guard Force,
Provost Marshal's Office

Not all volunteers receive invitation

For those Redstone Arsenal volunteers, who like me, did not receive an invitation to attend the Volunteer Recognition luncheon at the Officers Club recently, may I say that it is not the free lunch that motivates us to do what we do, it is the self satisfaction that we are able to provide service to our community voluntarily.

Our names were apparently turned in by our respective organizations, but somewhere along the line, someone decided not to send us the invitations. Not wanting to project ourselves as sour grapes, may I just ask who decided who's to get invited and who's not?

Demy Robley

Editor's note: Cathy Ryan, Quality of Life program manager, provided the following response. "First of all, thanks so much for both your input on the recognition process, and also for the talent and dedication you've contributed to the Redstone Arsenal community by your volunteerism."

"When planning the recognition luncheon, all volunteer organizations are asked to provide a list of names and addresses to the Quality of Life Program Manager for all volunteers that they would like invited to the ceremony. It is

left to the discretion of the organization as to who is on their guest list. These guest lists are forwarded to the AMCOM Protocol Office for addressing and mailing. The invitations are then taken to the Post mailroom for distribution or the U.S. Postal Service. In this process, guest lists are not edited by the Quality of Life program manager nor the Protocol Office.

"It is certainly our intent to include everyone at Team Redstone that has made a contribution of time and talent to our community through their volunteer efforts, but it appears that somewhere in this process, an invite got 'lost in the mill.' It's regrettable that not everyone received their invitation, but I assure you that there were no decisions to eliminate specific invitations by anyone 'along the line.' For future purposes, please remember that the Installation Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is always held in April, the National Month of the Volunteer. If by the first of April you have not received an invitation, please notify the Quality of Life Program Office directly, at 842-8375, and an invitation will be mailed to you immediately. Please accept our apologies and our heartfelt thanks for all you have done to make Redstone Arsenal a great place to live, work and play."

Workers' Compensation correct term

It's been many years since I wrote anything for a newspaper (high school, 1955), but even then we had to do at least a little basic research. It's a fact that the term "Workmen's Compensation" was changed to "Workers' Compensation" several years ago (after all,

the required notices can be found on most bulletin boards throughout the Redstone-Marshall complex). I think we readers deserve at the least a correction.

Joel Treshansky
systems engineer,
Marshall Space Flight Center

Project office gives awards

The following members of Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems Project Office received an award recently:
Special Act— Jon Lowe.

Performance Award— Bertie Thompson, Tina Shields, Richard Johnson, Erma Ivy, Jessie Petty, Jimmie Parvin, Sheila Thompson, Marie Plyer, Myra Dupree,

Russ Asson, Linda Edwards, Barbara Heath and Sandra Garris.

Time Off— Sandra Garris, Judy Littrell, Tina Shields and Bertie Thompson.

Service Certificate— John Harris (30 years) and Sandra Garris (35 years).

Sick Leave Conservation— Rich Wooten, Karen Lambert and Judy Polly.



Courtesy photo

Basket winner

AER representative Terri Ussery-Hendrieth, left, and Col. Micheal Coleman of Personnel and Training Directorate present AER Silent Auction winner, Carita Mitchell of Logistics Support Activity, with Mother's Day Baskets. More than 200 Team Redstone employees attended the first Information and Training Fair. The sponsor, Personnel and Training Directorate, Quality Institute Division, would like to thank the participating vendors: Education Center, AMTEC, DeVry Institute, University of Tennessee Space Institute, University of Alabama-Huntsville Continuing Education, Acquisition Center workforce, Florida Institute of Technology, Columbia College, Athens State University, Calhoun Community College, and University of Alabama-Huntsville. For comments and suggestions on future training fairs, e-mail connie.meyer@redstone.army.mil.

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Missile school soldier receives Sharpe award for service

SFC David Hays recognized for revising instructor course

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Being recognized for going above and beyond is an uncommon thing, but sometimes in the Army those who deserve the recognition do get it.

For example, SFC David Hays is one of those soldiers. Last year, Hays developed a new way to create quality Ordnance instructors at Redstone Arsenal who would go on to teach Armywide.

His course, titled the Instructor Training Cycle, was an innovative approach to an old way of doing business. In the past, instructors would receive minimum training at Redstone to become instructors, and then sometimes return for additional training. Sometimes this worked, but often it didn't. Because of funding, time constraints, and the availability of additional courses, many instructors found it impossible to return to Redstone for more training.

To improve the overall quality of instructors, Hays created training that was "frontloaded." This training ensured that instructors taught at Redstone received all the instruction they needed upfront before going on the platform. Once implemented there was no need to return for additional

training.

"Because of SFC Hays we now turn out well-developed instructors before they reach the platform," Bob Lovell, director of the Directorate of Evaluation and Standards, OMMCS, said.

For his efforts, Hays received the Ordinance Order of Samuel Sharpe in a ceremony April 27.

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character; displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence, served the Ordnance Corps with selflessness; and contributed to the promotion of the Ordnance Corps in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates and peers alike. The Ordinance Order of Samuel Sharpe is administered by the Ordnance Corps Association.

Jerry Campbell, former director of evaluation and standards, nominated Hays for the award. Col. Stephen Taylor, commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, approved the nomination.

"I'm glad I'm getting recognition for hard work; in the Army that doesn't always happen," Hays said. "It's a huge honor. But now I'm basically responsible to the Ordnance Corps and will have to continue to work hard."

Hays was commended by Maj. Gen.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

WAY TO GO— SFC David Hays, of the Directorate of Evaluation and Standards, received the Ordinance Order of Samuel Sharpe in a ceremony April 27 from Col. Stephen Taylor, OMMCS commandant. This award recognizes individuals for professional competence and service to the Ordnance Corps.

Mitchell Stevenson, chief of Ordnance, earlier this year for his innovative instructor training. Hays' Instructor Training

Cycle course may be implemented into the instructor curriculum at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., later this year.

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Huntsville Marines put charity toy campaign on course

Inaugural golf tournament raises \$4,000 for children

By Maj. SAMUEL HEPBURN
USMC Reserve Training Center

Marines have always been known for fighting hard and playing hard. They have also become renowned for their ability to

improvise, overcome and adapt. Such was the case when faced with the continuing challenge of funding the annual Toys for Tots campaign which has become synonymous with the Marine Corps Reserves.

Marines of Kilo Battery, located in Huntsville, decided to exercise some initiative, ingenuity and esprit de corps to combat the problem of ever-decreasing

funds available for Toys for Tots.

"It has become increasingly difficult to accumulate the required toys for the area's needy children," Maj. John Sappenfield, inspector-instructor of Kilo Battery, said. "In an attempt to heighten awareness for this worthy cause and to raise additional funds to purchase new toys for area children, Huntsville Marines of Kilo Battery initiated the first annual Toys for Tots golf tournament."

The event, held April 13 at Huntsville Municipal Golf Course, was "a total success," according to Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Cunningham, key coordinator for the Tennessee Valley Toys for Tots Program.

"It was a lot of hard work, especially since this was the first annual golfing event for this worthy cause," he said. "But

the Huntsville community responded generously with over 27 corporate sponsors and 65 participating golfers."

After expenses the Marines were able to raise \$4,000 for the 2001 Toys for Tots campaign. Kroger of North Alabama was the primary sponsor, contributing \$900 toward the event.

"With the money raised and the experience gained this year, we hope to make this an annual event that all of Huntsville will be able to look forward to and enjoy each year," Sappenfield said. "In addition we will be able to significantly brighten this coming Christmas season for many more needy children throughout the Huntsville area. It was well worth the effort and we look forward to doing it again."

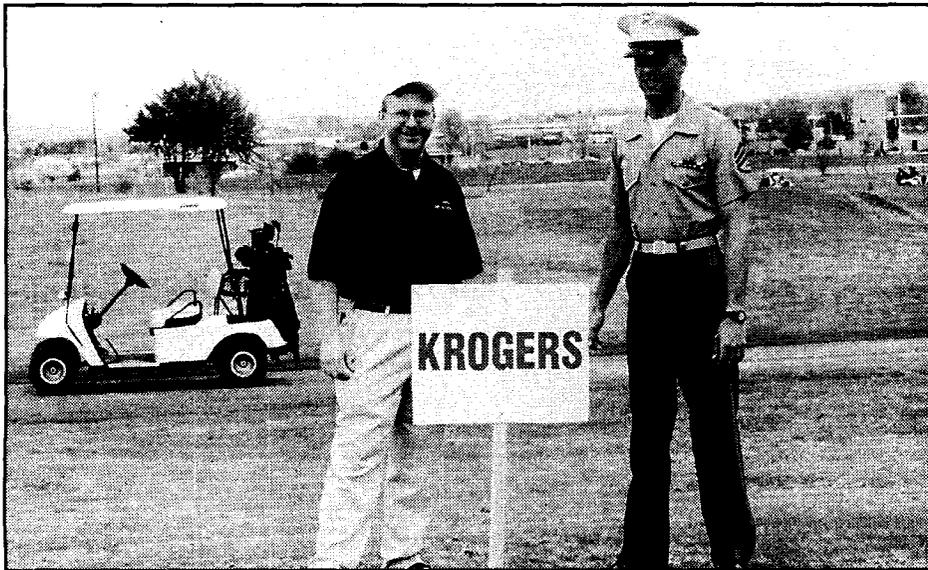


Photo by CWO 3 Karla Hall/ Kilo Battery

SEMPER FORE!— SSgt. James Wittkop, left, and SSgt. Stephen Doby, were among the volunteers for Kilo Battery who helped the Toys for Tots Golf Tournament, April 13 at Huntsville Municipal Golf Course. Kroger of North Alabama was the primary sponsor.



Photo by CWO 3 Karla Hall/ Kilo Battery

WINNING TEAM— With trophies from left are members of the winning golf team Billy Pitt, Erick Smith and Glenn Watson. Making the awards presentation at right is Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Cunningham, Toys for Tots key coordinator.

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Separation incentive welcome news for some employees

Command tries to trim rolls through voluntary means

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Sandy Reed listened intently during last week's briefing about voluntary separation bonuses. She didn't quite understand everything the speaker was saying, but she was sure of one thing.

She's ready to go home.

"Don't I sound excited?" said Sandy Reed, a general supply specialist in the Integrated Materiel Management Center. She came to Redstone in 1997 with the aviation workers from St. Louis. "I want to go home to Illinois. It has nothing to do with Alabama, my family's up there."

Reed was among the approximately 100 people who attended the briefing May 2 in the Bob Jones Auditorium. Officials from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center outlined the targeted and special restructuring buyouts under way at the Aviation and Missile Command.

"I think it's great," Wilma Page, a budget analyst in Security Assistance Management Directorate, said of the separation incentive. "I was going to retire any way but the \$25,000 is just a bonus."

The targeted Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay is part of the command's overall fiscal 2001-02 reshape plan. AMCOM has 197 surplus employees.

Besides the targeted separations, a special restructuring buyout is offered under a different provision of law. In both cases, applicants must be assigned to particular positions to meet eligibility requirements.

"My job series is not on the list," Robert Abernathy of Resource Management said. He has more than 30 years service but, because he's less than 55, he can't retire unless he takes an early-out. He will be 54 this month.

"If I could qualify I might take it," Abernathy said. "I'm not sure I'm in a position now where financially I could afford it. I like the idea (of the separation incentive). I've just never been in a position where I could take it."

Don Dixon and Lori Reynolds of CPAC delivered the presentations. About 350 people attended a briefing April 23 on the targeted voluntary separations.

"If you're interested, don't wait to apply during the first window for which you are eligible," Dixon advised.

Reed, a Millstadt, Ill., native with 19 years service, says her papers are ready.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

QUESTION TIME— Barbara Parr, of the Corporate Information Center, asks a question during the separation briefing May 2 in Bob Jones Auditorium. She was formerly a surplus employee.

Nursing a growing profession nationwide

By Capt. MARY CHRISTAL
For the Rocket

"Nurses are the True Spirit of Caring" is this year's theme for National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States.

National Nurses Week begins with RN Recognition Day on May 6, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing. Nightingale, an advocate of health promotion and disease prevention, is also credited

for significantly improving military health care through hygiene and sanitation.

Whether working in a hospital, a patient's home, a research institution, or on the battlefield, nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to meet the expanding health care needs of American society.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects nursing as one of the top 40 growth jobs over the next 10 years. By the year 2005, a need for 2.6 mil-

lion registered nurses, 800,000 registered nurses beyond present levels, is anticipated. Currently there are approximately 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States, with 2.2 million of them working as nurses.

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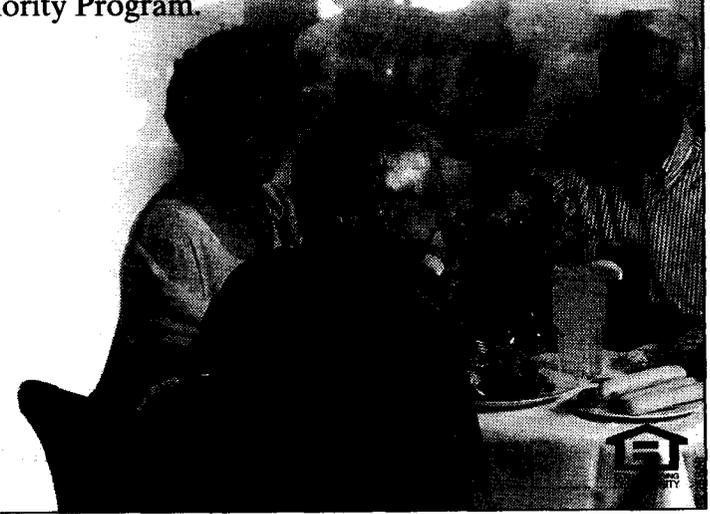
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Workshop an opportunity to help single soldiers program

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers gets boost from Army

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Rejuvenating the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program was the emphasis of a workshop held here April 30 through May 3.

"Every once in a while the BOSS program needs a little boost," Diane Campbell, Recreation Center director, said. So representatives from the Department of the Army came down to lend a hand.

"A lot of times single soldiers aren't aware of the benefits and opportunities that exist for them on the installation," Campbell said. Workshops like these give soldiers opportunities to see what's out there and how they can use every resource available to its fullest potential. This includes facilities like the Commissary, for example. "A lot of times single sol-

diers don't shop there and as a result don't save money," Campbell said.

The workshops also help generate interest among the soldiers and the current chain of command.

"Because of the influx of soldiers and the chain of command turnover, the program can sometimes become stagnant," John Register, headquarters Department of the Army assistant BOSS program manager, said. "We come down to help put the pieces back together."

The workshops help commanders realize what a great resource the BOSS program can be, he said. "It can be a great tool to increase the quality of life for the lower enlisted under their command."

At the workshop soldiers discussed ideas for upcoming projects, activities and well-being issues. "Barracks issues are not the only thing discussed," Register said, although single-soldier permanent party housing is a concern. Other items like transportation and hours of facilities

were also on the table for discussion.

"We hope to come out of this with a better understanding of what can and can't be done within the BOSS program," Spec. Robert Bullard, BOSS president, said. "We've gained some new faces, and some new ideas."

Upcoming BOSS events include "Old School" night and "Latin Night" co-sponsored by Challenger Club. Admission for

club events is \$5. Other scheduled nights at the Challenger Club will be announced throughout the summer. Students in advanced individual training aren't allowed to attend. Look for other upcoming BOSS special events announcements in the *Redstone Rocket*.

"We need everyone in the community to support these events," Campbell said, "not just the single soldiers."



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

BRAINSTORMING—Single soldiers from throughout the Arsenal brainstorm during last week's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Rejuvenation Workshop. The workshop was designed to boost participation in the program.

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Asian/Pacific festival features fun, fellowship and food

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

The 12th anniversary of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month will be marked by a festival May 17 from 2-5 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711.

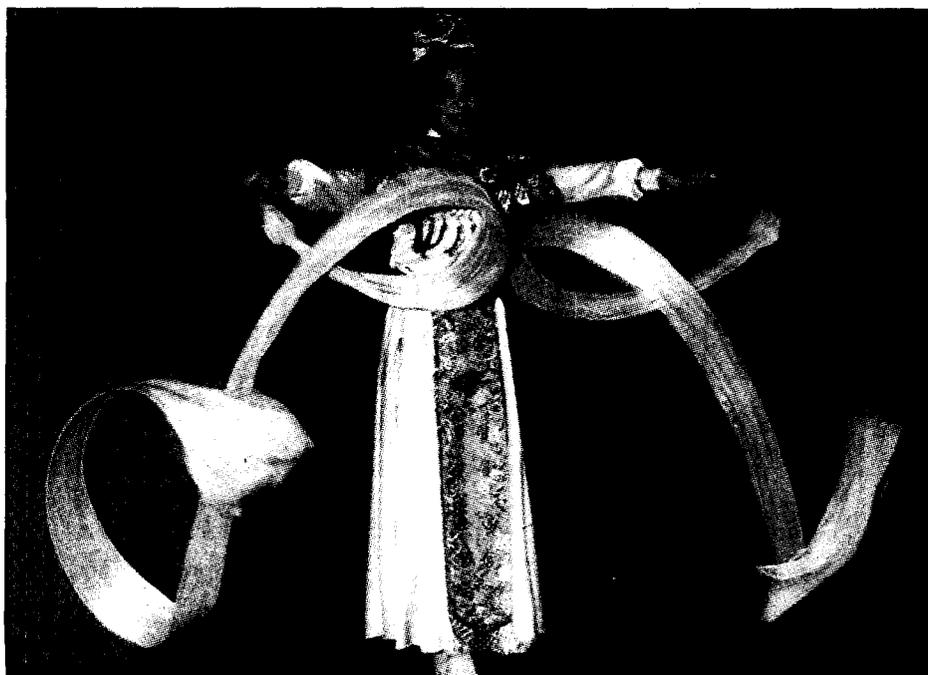
This year's theme is "Asian/Pacific Americans Emerging Together." Scheduled speaker is Sgt. Maj. Carlo Fernandez of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

There will also be Asian cultural entertainment which includes dance and fashion from Hawaii, Thailand, India, Philippines, Japan, Vietnam, Korea, Pakistan and Indonesia, an awards presentation for the winners of the essay and display contests, and a food-tasting festival.

"All personnel are encouraged to participate in this annual observance with approval of their supervisor," Clarenza Clark, of the AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office, said.

Throughout history Asian/Pacific Americans have contributed in every aspect of life. For example, Julia Chang Block was the first Asian/Pacific American ambassador to Nepal. Amy Tan, is an award-winning writer and fiction author who penned "The Joy Luck Club" and "The Kitchen God's Wife." Tia Carrere, actress in "Wayne's World" and "Rising Sun," is primarily of Filipino descent. Michael Chang became the youngest tennis player in the world to win a grand slam tournament and the first American man in 34 years to win the French Open.

"The goal of this heritage month is to nurture an appreciation and understanding of Asian and Pacific Americans' culture and to recognize the rich contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans," Clark said. "It also serves as an opportunity to promote diversity and to foster cooperation and better understanding in the work force."



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RIBBON DANCE— Iris Liaw, of the Huntsville Chinese Association, does a Chinese Ribbon Dance during last year's Asian/Pacific Festival.



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Chapman students learn about Army's environmental efforts

Earth Day demonstration illustrates cleanup, safety

By KAREN ROBERTS
For the Rocket

Many years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Youth building is exactly what a team of ordnance specialists had in mind when they led an unexploded ordnance demonstration for Army Earth Day at Chapman Middle School.

The Earth Day event April 20 provided the Chapman students information about the Army's efforts to clean up the earth and ordnance safety while providing real life applications for math and science. Huntsville Center's team from the Engineering and Ordnance directorates worked with two noncommissioned officers from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

"Together, the Huntsville Center experts and the soldiers from EOD cooperated in the effort that was intended to inspire the students about learning while letting them have fun," Lynn McQueen, the sponsoring teacher from Chapman Middle School, said.

The day's events began with a safety presentation from SFC Timothy Whittaker from EOD.



Photo by Karen Roberts

EXPLOSIVE LECTURE— SFC Timothy Whittaker, of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, talks to Chapman Middle School students about Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

"Ordnance safety is no laughing matter, things you find in your environment that look harmless could severely injure or even kill you. Just because something looks old, it doesn't make it any safer," Whittaker said. He showed a video to open a discussion on ordnance safety and answered questions for the students and teachers. After the video, Whittaker discussed several types of ordnance for the students and teachers. "The teachers asked just as many questions as the students," he said.

The school's advanced math and science students were given the opportunity

for a hands-on demonstration of unexploded ordnance technology and its application to math and science. Dan Plugge, ordnance safety specialist at the Huntsville Center, led the students through a mock minefield. The students were allowed to use PSS 12, Frequency Domain Electromagnetic Metal Detectors to locate the "mines." The students did an excellent job of locating the mines, according to Plugge.

SSgt. Jeff Shaw of EOD introduced the students to a robot called the Remote Ordnance Neutralization System. Shaw explained how the robot made explosives

retrieval safer for humans.

"The Army needs people who are good in math and science to become engineers and scientists to develop technology like RONS," Shaw said. He told the students how vital technology was to saving lives and pointed out how lucrative a career could be working with technology.

Roger Young and Bob Selfridge, both of the Huntsville Center's Engineering Directorate, demonstrated real life technological applications for science and math skills. They began by burying different items that represented pieces of ordnance on the nature trail behind Chapman Middle School well before the students arrived at school. The plan was to create a grid that would allow them to locate and map the buried ordnance.

When the students came outside, Young and Selfridge got the students to use problem-solving skills to determine how they could achieve their goal of mapping the area to find the "ordnance." They led the students through the math problems they needed to apply to the situation. The students reviewed square roots with Selfridge and Young giving an explanation on how to apply the square roots to the problem at hand.

With the plan laid out, Young and Selfridge then instructed the students to use tape measures to begin laying out the grid. After the students took their measurements, they

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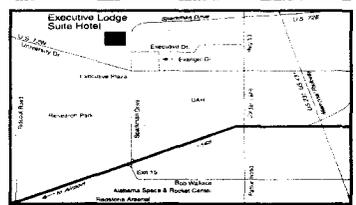
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■ Mother's Day like 'Christmas for mommies'

Mothers

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mom is special is because she loves her. Spencer knows that because Mom feeds her, "sandwiches, peas, cornbread, green beans and Hamburger Helper. And when my sister is being mean and keeps on screaming at me and screaming at me, Mamma makes her stop. And she watches TV with me—Rugrats, Barney, Cat-Dog. And I like to make her strawberry cup-

cakes."

Preschooler Daneisha Kelley, daughter of Dortha and David Kelley, thinks her mom is special because, "she don't fuss at me too much."

Sam Moss, 4, son of Roger and Brandy Moss, said his mom is better than the rest because she "does things with me. She gets me something to drink...takes me to Chuck E. Cheese... plays the game with the ball thing in it and buys me cake if I'm good."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

BUILDING BUDDIES— Ryan Whimpey, left, son of Leslye Whimpey, and Desean Daniel, son of Zakhya Daniel, say bedtime is a special time with their moms.

They also play games at home. "We play fire trucks...she doesn't make the woo-woo sound though," Sam said. "She pushes the truck around and lets me make the noise."

Buying 5-year-old Jasmin Quire a rose to "put in my dad's back yard," was enough to make her mom, Mother of the Year. "She reads me Barney books and gives me lots of hugs and kisses, too. This is how you write her name," Jasmin said, taking a marker and writing the letters Y-O-N-G with hearts behind the name. It is the correct spelling, incidentally.

Alashia Hadden, daughter of Chivonne, had lots to say about her mother, but the best thing had to be, "because she's happy about squishing hamburgers like this," she said, elbows out and hands pressed firmly together in front of her. "I like her cause she's happy when I don't spill juice... or don't put food on the floor and when I give her a flower. I like to go with her because she's cute and I want to be like her."

Chocolate chip cookies and the promise of a Disney World trip made Crystal Hoskins, daughter of Melissa and SSgt. Mark Hoskins, think she has the best mom in the world. "She's gonna take me on a field trip, and we're gonna pick flowers and then we're going on a field trip to Disney World."

Great bedtime stories is what earns

Desean Daniel's mom, Zakhya, the best mom award.

And then, there's Ryan Whimpey. "She's the greatest because she does stuff for me...tucks me into bed and gives me food and stuff like that. She's taking me to Atlantis, that's in Georgia... I like to be with her when I feel scared.

"She's the bestest thing I love in the whole wide world."

Well said, Ryan.



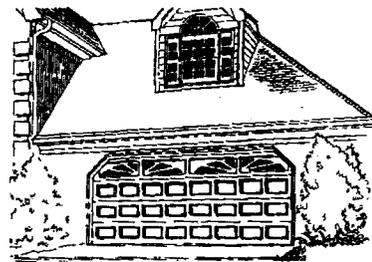
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LITTLE HELPER— Sweeping the floors at home is just one of the special things Sam Moss, 4, does with his mom, Brandy.

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THIS IS HOW MOM DOES IT— Preschoolers Joey O'Brien, son of Tamara and Timothy O'Brien, and Alashia Hadden, daughter of Chivonne, talk about how their mothers make special foods.

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School nurse prescribes laughter as best medicine



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KEEP MOVING— Chapman Elementary student Shelby Lee jokingly calls this harassment, as school nurse Valerie Harrison urges him to use his crutches more and his wheelchair less. Harrison was named Alabama State School Nurse of the Year, April 20.

Wife of Redstone soldier wins nursing award

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

School nurse Valerie Harrison treats more than the student's body. She's in it for the heart, mind and soul.

"The best part of my job is when the kids can crack a joke," Harrison said. "Some of these kids have serious problems. We learn how to deal with the medical stuff together. It's getting them to smile, have a little fun, do a little more and to enjoy life. That's what makes my day."

Harrison is one of six Huntsville City School nurses who collectively serve 48 city schools. She was named Alabama State School Nurse of the Year, April 20 by the Alabama Association of School Nurses.

"I really wasn't expecting it, not that I didn't deserve it," Harrison said, laughing. "But really, we've had three state school nurses (winners) in the last six years. Last year my boss, Jan Ward, got it. So I figured they would try to spread (the award) around the state a little more."

Harrison's husband, CSM Roger Harrison who retired from Redstone April 30, and son, Arthur, 17, attended the awards ceremony in Guntersville where she was presented with a plaque on the last day of

the Alabama Association of School Nurses convention April 18-20. Just being able to attend the full conference was a treat for Harrison, who can rarely take three days away from the job, due to students' needs. Harrison's daughters, Becky, a student at Jacksonville State University and Rachael, who lives in Texas, were unable to come.

"But they were all very excited for me," Harrison said. "My parents even called from Kansas City."

The award means a great deal to Harrison, but it was the letters of nomination, written by parents, co-workers, supervisors and the like, that touched her in a special way. "I was so overwhelmed that people would say such nice things about me."

Harrison has worked in the Huntsville City School program since arriving here in 1997 from Tacoma, Wash. She covers seven schools in grades K-12. She makes scheduled rounds for procedures such as catheterization and tube feedings, but handles the entire population of her schools, which totals about 2,000 students, everything from bandages to broken bones. She is also involved in training for students, parents and teachers through classes and one-on-one cases.

"Some of our kids haven't been around of a lot of other kids, because of their problems," Harrison said. "They've spent most of their lives in the adult world

with parents and doctors. We pull everybody together, staff, doctors, parents, students, and get them all working one plan to help kids develop independence, help them to be around other students, teach them social skills. We want them to grow in every way."

Harrison admits to being close to her "regulars"—the students she sees routinely.

"We tease and harass each other," she said. "They're all good kids. They work hard. I look forward to seeing each one of them. We're always working on keeping a sense of humor. Children can be cruel, and we have to teach them ways to cope. A sense of humor is tops on the list."

Harrison has always wanted to be a nurse. Something inside her responds to the need to "make it better." Even in high school her peers looked to her for help. She graduated nursing school in 1970 and a few years later, joined the Air Force. It was while she was stationed at Keelers Air Force Base, Miss., she met her husband, who was stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala. They were married six months later. Harrison went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Troy State in 1979 and a master's in Germany in 1984.

Harrison worked many years in cardiac care but it wasn't until she took on a Cub Scout troop that she realized how much

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BOUNDLESS

Parent volunteers needed to keep school association alive

Less than 20 people attended April PTA meeting at Williams

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Lack of parent support directly affected children attending Williams Elementary and Technology Middle School this year. Several field trips were canceled because teachers couldn't get enough parents to serve as chaperones. In fact, it has been a struggle to fill the minimum required officer positions to form a PTA board for the 2001-02 school year.

Parent-teacher associations are more than once-a-month meetings and a couple of fund-raisers each year, according to Maj. Dwayne Morton, former PTA president and parent of two children at Williams. It is a voice; a child's voice that needs to be heard in the school, in the community and in congressional hearings across the country.

Unfortunately, what should be a booming voice calling for support in the face of proration disaster, has faded to a whisper.

Why is this an Arsenal concern? Because of the 660 students attending kindergarten through eighth grade about

50 percent live on the Arsenal, according to Williams principal Lee McAllister.

"We've had very low turnout this year at meetings," McAllister said. "When the kids perform more people come and we'll always have the few faithful but interest has been low this year, more than in the past, probably due to the negative publicity from last year."

McAllister was referring to an incident involving a PTA officer who embezzled funds from the association.

"This was a healing year for us; a year to gain back the trust of the parents," Bobbie Carroll, PTA president, said. "We

weren't involved in a whole lot of new projects. We spent the time trying to recover and get back on our feet. Now we're ready to get going for next year."

The problem is, the parents don't see lack of support as a problem.

"We need all the parents to get involved," Carroll said. "I know as parents our time is precious. We're running to soccer fields, baseball practices and everywhere else just trying to keep up, but parental involvement in the school is so important—important to the school and important to your child, whether they

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■ Nurse honoree gives care with smile

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she enjoyed working with children. Her husband was serving in Saudi Arabia so Harrison served as a den leader for her son's troop of 12 Scouts.

She completed a school nursing course in Tacoma and immediately began her school nurse career working with profoundly disabled children.

"I love what I do. The kids, they're so special," Harrison said. "We keep each other smiling."

■ Middle school has Army Earth Day

Demonstration

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used Time Domain Electromagnetic Metal Detectors to collect the needed geophysical information. While Selfridge downloaded the information collected from the mapping, Young showed the students a demonstration on magnetivity.

Young explained that the properties used in detecting ordnance involve magnetism.

"The field of force surrounding a magnet is determined by distance at which the force is exerted. One of the magnetic poles

sets the field of space around the magnet in terms of lines of induction and these lines can become visible," Young said. He demonstrated the procedure to the students. Young produced a drawing of the earth's poles and placed a magnet in the center. Then, Young sprinkled metal shavings around the magnet. The movement of the metal shavings caused by the magnetic effects demonstrated the concept.

"The students were good kids, and we had as much fun as they did," Selfridge said.

"I just enjoyed seeing the kids when they learned new ways to use their math and science skills," Young said. "They

seemed to understand how math and science are really important and not just a torture exercise from their teachers."

The teamwork for Army Earth Day provided the students benefits that neither the Corps nor EOD could have offered alone. "I would like to see more joint efforts like this one among the Corps and EOD," Whittaker said.

"I don't know who benefited the most from this exercise, the kids who learned something, or the adults who learned from teaching and could feel good in the process," Selfridge said. "The day was a great success for all who participated."

Editor's note: Roberts is a public affairs specialist in the Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Office.

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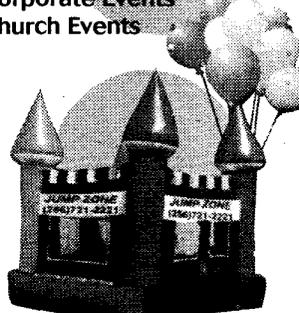
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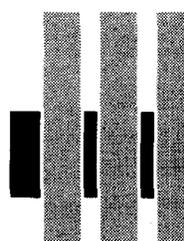
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HATS conference sets off in a new direction

New title highlights focus on building teamwork in the technical community

Collaboration, partnerships, communication, team building — these are all terms that Bill Gurley uses frequently to describe the new direction for Huntsville's foremost technical and scientific conference.

For 17 years, the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS) has sponsored an annual Technical and Business Exhibition Symposium, known simply as TABES. During those years, TABES has developed a unique combination of technical and business exhibits and symposia that have drawn corporations, government agencies, universities and delegations from around the world.

Gurley and his committee of HATS volunteers are building on the TABES reputation to develop a conference that will bring together Huntsville's vital government agencies — the U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Command (AMCOM), NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) and the U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command (SMDC) — with industry and academia to address critical work-

force development needs and highlight technologies of particular interest to these government agencies.

The HATS conference — known as the Education and Employment for Technological Excellence in Aviation, Missiles and Space or E²TEAMS — will be Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16, in the South Hall of the Von Braun Center.

"It is tough to make a change from a conference like TABES," says Gurley, who is the E²TEAMS conference chairman, and senior vice president and group manager of Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC). "But we wanted to evolve it into something that would be more useful for our community and our region, in general. We wanted to bring the government, academia and industry together into a partnership for a prosperous future."

E²TEAMS is built around a lucrative incentive being offered for the first time by AMCOM, MSFC and SMDC. Up to \$1 million will be competitively awarded through grants to universities proposing research to meet the science and technology objectives of these agencies. This year, 33 universities have been invited to participate from Alabama, Tennessee,

Mississippi and Georgia.

"We are using the teams concept to really power-build this community and take this entire region forward," Gurley says. "We are reaching out beyond Huntsville to build networks among universities and industries that will support the needs of our government agencies."

Gurley and Jim Link, the conference's program chairman who is also an SAIC senior vice president and a former commanding general at Redstone Arsenal, say that as a consequence of the downsizing of the Department of Defense over the years there is a concern that vital military operations such as AMCOM will lose a highly skilled employee base with the retirement of employees.

"There is a shortage of young talent," Gurley says. "There are more people over 70 than there are under 30 at AMCOM. Forty-one percent of AMCOM's workforce is eligible for retirement in the next five years. The average age of Redstone Arsenal employees is 49.

"And, because of this, there is a concern that the most experienced, most talented employees will be the ones retiring."

The recent years of relative military peace combined with government downsizing has made it difficult for AMCOM and other military agencies to recruit highly skilled scientific and technical employees.

"In that environment, we weren't able to build a workforce for the future," Link says. "We hope this conference will build a workforce immediately for the future by highlighting the technical opportunities of the region, by building enthusiasm among those who are pursuing research and development degrees, by encouraging students and degreed professionals to consider employment in government or industry in this area and by highlighting the quality of life of this region."

Newsweek's recent ranking of Huntsville as one of the country's top 10 high technology areas helps with that recruitment as long as Huntsville continues to market itself to its best asset — a skilled workforce, Gurley says.

"The ranking is a sign of promise for our future, but only if we take care of the present," he says. "We need to

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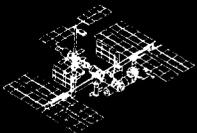
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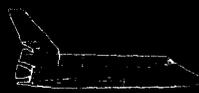
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Education and Employment for Technological Excellence in Aviation, Missiles and Space (E²TEAMS)

Tuesday, May 15

7:30-9 a.m. — E²TEAMS Kickoff Breakfast

Location: Meal Room; Sponsor: National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA); Theme: The importance of education and workforce development programs to military and space operations; Speakers: U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commanding general, Aviation & Missile Command (AMCOM); Mr. A. G. Stephenson, director, NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC); and Lt. Gen. Joseph Cusmano, commanding general, Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC).

9 a.m.-6 p.m. — Exhibit Floor and Poster Displays Open

9 a.m.-Noon — E²TEAMS Conference I

Location: Stage #1; Topic: Educational Excellence; Featured Educational Projects:

■ E²TEAMS competition for 2002 that involves efforts by government, industry and academia to address science and technology objectives. Participating government agencies will provide grant money to fund competitively awarded projects. Presented by E²TEAMS Chairman, Bill Gurley.

■ National Space Science Technology Center's (NSSTC) concept of involving universities in research and technology with government and industry. Presented by Sandy Coleman, director, NSSTC.

■ The Alabama Aerospace Teachers Association's (AATA) space and science projects, including the Astro Bowl competition for students in 6-12 grades. Presented by Tim Huddleston, executive director, AATA.

■ The Science and Technology Education and Training (STEDTRAIN) program that promotes projects that enhance science and technology education in K-12 grades. Sponsored by Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS). Presented by Dr. Paul Ruffin, director of education, HATS.

■ Sci-Quest will discuss its strategic agenda, the areas of science that they emphasize in their exhibits and how the center ties into the state school curriculum. Presented by J.D. Horne.

9 a.m.-Noon — Federal Service Workforce Development Work Group

Location: Reception Room; Topic: Representatives of government agencies and academia discuss common workforce development issues, such as recruiting, retention, diversity, training, mentoring and alumni programs. The group will explore collaborative



Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, AMCOM commander, speaks at TABES 2000.

efforts to solve workforce issues; Facilitator: James Flinn, deputy to the commander at AMCOM.

9 a.m.-Noon — Community Forum I
Location: Stage #3; Topic: Ongoing programs and presentations by various agencies and exhibitors.

Noon-1 p.m. — Space Club Luncheon
Location: Meal Room 1; Sponsor: National Space Club; Theme: NASA's Integrated Space Transportation Program; Speaker: Dan Dumbacher, manager, RLV Project Office

Noon-1 p.m. — World Trade Day Luncheon
Location: Meal Room 2; Sponsor: North Alabama International Trade Association; Theme: Teaming for Global Growth; Speaker: Roger Scovil, international trade consultant

1-5 p.m. — E²TEAMS Conference II
Location: Stage #1; Topic: Technological Excellence; Government Agencies: AMCOM, NASA/MSFC and SMDC representatives will discuss their agency's vision for future technological needs focused on four areas: Advanced Propulsion and Hypersonic Systems, Robotics, Novel Power Sources and Broad Spectrum Vision Sensors; Speakers: Dr. James Bradas, associate director for Missile Technology, AMCOM; Dave Weller, director, Advanced Systems Directorate, AMCOM; Bob Sackheim, assistant director for Space Propulsion and chief engineer, NASA/MSFC; Jim Bilbro, special assistant for Optics to center director, NASA/MSFC; and Rodney Robertson, associate director of Technology, SMDC.

1-5 p.m. — Community Forum II
Location: Stage #3

4:30-6 p.m. — Career Discussions and

Employment Opportunities

Location: Exhibit Floor; Topic: Human Resource representatives from various exhibiting companies will discuss employment opportunities with conference attendees.

6-7 p.m. — Chamber After Hours Reception

Location: Exhibit Floor; Host: Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County; Sponsor: Boeing

6:30-10 p.m. — Association of the U.S. Army Awards Dinner

Location: Meal Room; Theme: Army Missile Program with emphasis on National Missile Defense, Theater Missile Defense and Tactical Missiles; Speaker: Lt. Gen. Roger Thompson (Ret.), board member, National Defense Industrial Association.

Wednesday, May 16

7:30-9 a.m. — Industry Breakfast

Location: Meal Rooms; Sponsor: American Helicopter Society; Theme: Rotorcraft Technologies in Support of the Army Transformation; Speaker: Paul Bogosian, deputy program executive officer, PEO Aviation.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. — Exhibit Floor and Poster Displays Open

9 a.m.-Noon — E²TEAMS Conference III

Location: Stage #1; Topic: Partnerships for Progress; Featured Partnerships:

■ Aviation Corridor of Excellence, chaired by Bob Kennedy, associate director for Aviation Technology, AMCOM.

■ U.S. Army's Research and Development Partnership with Academia, chaired by Dr. Michael Stroschio, senior research scientist, Army Research Office.

■ NASA's Outreach Program for Colleges and Universities, chaired by Jim Pruitt, NASA/MSFC.

9 a.m.-Noon — E-Business Program
Location: Stage #2; Chairman: Rob Glasier, AC Inc.; Topics:

■ E-Business Frameworks will discuss how organizations can rapidly deliver on the promise of networked business using Web services. Presented by SilverStream Software Inc.

■ E-Business Engineering and Manufacturing Applications will focus on technologies and applications to implement Collaborative Product Commerce (CPC). Presented by PTC (formerly Parametric Technology Corp.)

■ E-Business Consulting and Implementation will present how an organization can leverage the resources and skills of other firms through outsourcing to manage the implementation of large complex projects. Presented by

Price Waterhouse Coopers.

■ E-Business Management Tools and Solutions will focus on tools, techniques and other capabilities that are available to help in the implementation and management of large, complex E-Business solutions. Presented by AC Inc.

9 a.m.-Noon — Community Forum III
Location: Stage #3

Noon-1 p.m. — Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County Luncheon

Location: Meal Rooms 1 & 2; Theme: Regional efforts to support aerospace projects and industries through educational and economic development programs; Speaker: Dr. Tom Meredith, chancellor, University of Alabama System

1-3 p.m. — E²TEAMS Conference IV

Location: Stage #1; Topic: Collaboration for Technology; Program: Four breakout panels will provide presentations on each technical thrust area followed by questions and answers. Panel Leaders:

■ Robotics — Robert Wade, AMCOM

■ Novel Power Sources — Bill McMahon, AMCOM

■ Advanced Propulsion and Hypersonic Systems — Steve Cook, NASA/MSFC

■ Broad Spectrum Vision Sensors — Mike Dorsett, SMDC

1-5 p.m. — Virtual Reality Conference
Location: Stage #2; Sponsor: Virtual Reality Valley Alliance; Chairman: Jerry Evans, Cirrus Technology

3-5 p.m. — STEDTRAIN Conference
Location: Stage #3; Program: The Science and Technology Education and Training (STEDTRAIN) Program of HATS will provide a report on K-12 educational grants given in the 2000-2001 school year.

3:30-4:15 p.m. — E²TEAMS Conference Final Report

Location: Stage #1; Topic: Reports from the panels in Conference IV.

4:15-5:15 p.m. — E²TEAMS Conference V

Location: Stage #1; Topic: The Way Ahead; Speakers:

■ Mark Lumer PARC of SMDC will outline procurement procedures for awarding grants.

■ E²TEAMS 2002 agenda and objectives addressed by Bill Gurley, chairman, E²TEAMS 2001.

6:30-10 p.m. — HATS Professional of the Year Awards Dinner

Location: Huntsville Hilton; Sponsors: APT Research and Westar Corp.



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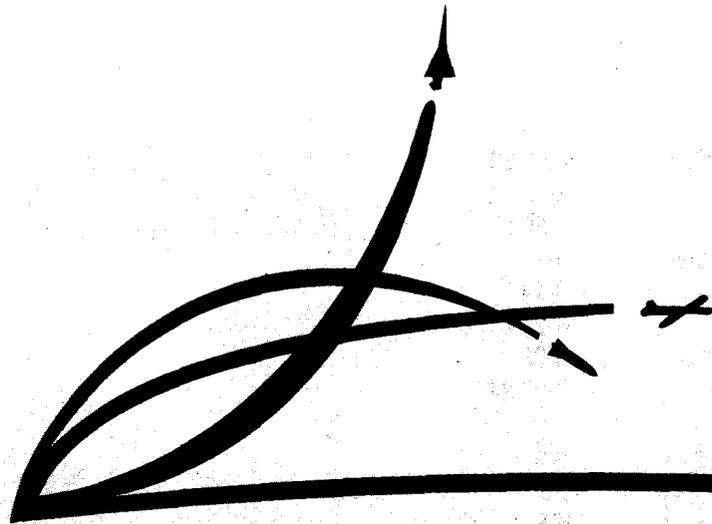
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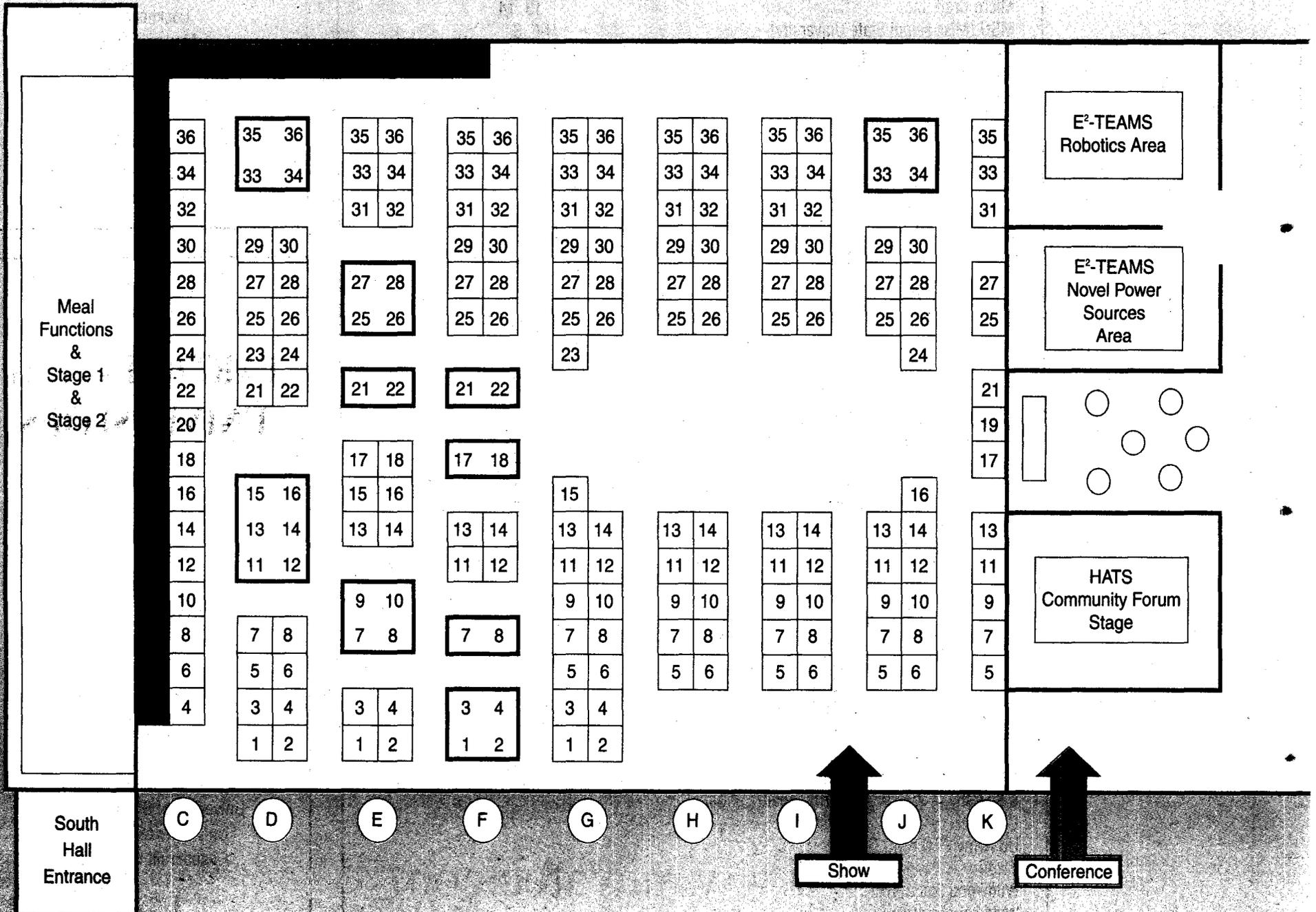
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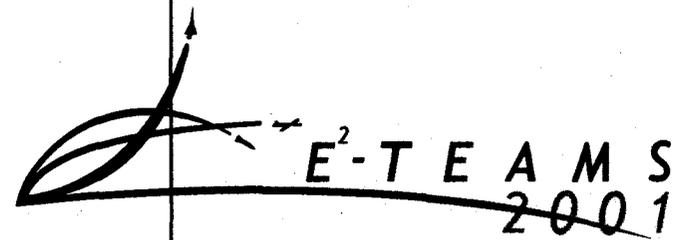
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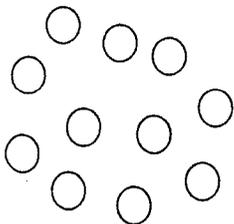
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build our ability to recruit and maintain employees in a very highly competitive market."

The conference's forums, Link says, will facilitate relationships between industry, government and academia to create "partnerships for the future."

This year, those partnerships will be developed in areas that could receive grant funding from AMCOM, MSFC and SMDC, Gurley says. Grants will be awarded for research and development projects focusing on one of the conference's four technological areas — advanced propulsion and hypersonic systems, robotics, novel power sources and broad spectrum vision sensors.

Once presentations of these projects are made at the E²TEAMS conference, the presenters will be asked to submit proposals for grant funds. These proposals will be reviewed and awards made at next year's E²TEAMS conference.

"Next year, we will move the con-

ference to March or April so that we can totally infuse it with university participation," Gurley says. "The National Space Science Technology Center, which will be a part of the conference this year, will take on an even larger role next year in helping us involve more university participation. So, too, will the Army Research Office as we provide them, through this conference, with new research and development efforts that support their objectives."

The Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County is also taking a larger role in this annual technical and scientific conference, as it now better fits into the Chamber's mission to recruit a qualified workforce, Gurley says.

"The key to this conference is the university affiliations that we work to create with government agencies and industries located in Huntsville," he says. "These partnerships can be a source for future employees as well as a way to keep government research and development funds coming into this region. We want to couple research universities here

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Two-day conference is packed with technology

Discussions on R&D and workforce development are main focus of gathering

The E²TEAMS Conference Tuesday and Wednesday will begin with presentations by government agency representatives who have made the concept for the new HATS conference possible.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, the E²TEAMS stage at the conference's kickoff breakfast will be shared by U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commanding general, Aviation & Missile Command (AMCOM); Mr. A. G. Stephenson, director, NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC); and Lt. Gen. Joseph Cusmano, commanding general, Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC). These speakers will discuss the importance of education and workforce development programs to military and space operations, and represent the three agencies that have joined with industry and academia for the two-day conference.

"This event is an excellent opportunity for Team Redstone to work with our business and academic partners to build an unparalleled technological base right here in the Tennessee Valley," Sullivan says. Besides highlighting Huntsville's technological advances, E²TEAMS will promote educational opportunities and workforce development initiatives for engineers, scientists and students. A key goal of the E²TEAMS concept is to encourage research colleges and universities from a four-state area — Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi — to partner with industry and government in Huntsville to build a regional high-tech corridor.

Toward that end, AMCOM, MSFC and SMDC have agreed to competitively award up to \$1 million in grant money to universities having relevant research to support technology. Another key objective of the conference is to attract and retain young engineers and scientists to the Huntsville area.

"I'm firmly behind E²TEAMS because it's a unique opportunity to join with our regional partners in industry and academia to address a critical challenge — attracting and keeping the best talent available," Stephenson says. For E²TEAMS, the opportunity to have top representatives of Huntsville's major government agencies speaking at the same event emphasizes the overall commitment of both HATS members and these agencies to further support technological research and development in the Tennessee Valley.

"This whole conference is about building partnerships, collaborations

and synergy between government, industry and academia to deal with one common problem — workforce development," says Jim Link, conference program chairman, an SAIC senior vice president and a former commanding general at Redstone Arsenal.

"And, with the leadership of the Army and NASA being the keynote speakers at the first conference event, we are reaffirming the role of E²TEAMS in the workforce development of the region."

The E²TEAMS Kickoff Breakfast, which is sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the Meal Room. All E²TEAMS activities, with the exception of the HATS Professional of the Year Awards Dinner, will take place in the Von Braun Center South Hall. After breakfast, the exhibit floor and poster display areas opens until 6 p.m. About 100 exhibitors are expected. The first of five E²TEAMS Conference sessions will begin on Stage #1 at 9 a.m. with Educational Excellence as its topic. During this session, the \$1 million grant program will be outlined, as well as the educational initiatives of the collaborative program between the National Space Science Technology Center, the Alabama Aerospace Teachers Association (AATA) and HATS' Science and Technology Education and Training (STEDTRAIN) program.

Also at 9 a.m., the Federal Service Workforce Development Work Group will meet in the Reception Room to discuss common workforce development issues, such as recruiting, retention, diversity, training, mentoring and alumni programs. The group will explore collaborative efforts to solve workforce issues.

"We will talk about lessons learned, best practices and new ideas pertaining to workforce development," Link says.

A third event — Community Forum I — will begin at 9 a.m. on Stage #3. It will feature ongoing programs and presentations by various agencies and exhibitors, including the Small Business Administration; the AMCOM, MSFC, SMDC, Corps of Engineers Small and Disadvantaged Business Offices; the American Red Cross; the American Lung Association; and HATS. Exhibitors will use the forum to discuss and demonstrate products and services. At noon Tuesday, two luncheons with very different slants will occur simultaneously.

The National Space Club will host a Space Club Luncheon in Meal Room 1. Dan Dumbacher, manager of the RLV Project Office, will discuss NASA's In-

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The World Trade Day Luncheon, sponsored by the North Alabama International Trade Association, will take place in Meal Room 2. The theme of the luncheon will be Teaming for Global Growth, with international consultant Roger Scovil speaking.

The second E²TEAMS Conference session will highlight Technological Excellence and focus on the conference's four technology areas, beginning at 1 p.m. on Stage #1. Representatives from AMCOM, MSFC and SMDC will discuss Advanced Propulsion and Hypersonic Systems, Robotics, Novel Power Sources and Broad Spectrum Vision Sensors. Also beginning at 1 p.m. will be Community Forum II on Stage #3. From 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Career Discussions and Employment Opportunities will take center stage on the exhibit floor.

"We will have human resource people from the companies exhibiting at E²TEAMS and there will be a lot of opportunities to network," Link says.

"People will be collaborating, communicating and networking during this event."

A Chamber After Hours Reception begins at 6 p.m. on the Exhibit Floor hosted by the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County and sponsored by Boeing. The Association of the U.S. Army Awards Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Meal Rooms. The theme for this event is the Army's missile program, with emphasis on National Missile Defense, Theater Missile Defense and Tactical Missiles. The speaker will be Lt. Gen. Roger Thompson (Ret.), board member, National Defense Industrial Association. AMCOM will present the Civilian of the Year Award. Wednesday events will kick off at 7:30 a.m. with an Industry Breakfast sponsored by the American Helicopter Society in Meal Rooms 1 & 2. A presentation on Rotorcraft Technologies in Support of the Army Transformation will be made during the breakfast by Paul Bogosian, deputy program executive officer of PEO Aviation Headquarters.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the exhibit floor and poster displays will be open. Also at 9 a.m., the E²TEAMS Conference III will begin on Stage #1. The topic of this session will be Partner-

ships in Progress, and it will feature such partnerships as the Aviation Corridor of Excellence, the U.S. Army's Research and Development Partnership with Academia, and NASA's Outreach Program for Colleges and Universities.

An E-Business Program will also begin at 9 a.m. on Stage #2, as will Community Forum III on Stage #3. The E-Business Program will feature presentations on E-Business Frameworks, E-Business Engineering and Manufacturing Applications, E-Business Consulting and Implementation, and E-Business Management Tools and Solutions.

At noon Wednesday, the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County will host a luncheon in the Meal Room with the topic focusing on regional efforts to support aerospace projects and industries through educational and economic development programs. Dr. Tom Meredith, chancellor, University of Alabama System, will speak.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the fourth of the E²TEAMS Conference sessions will begin in South Hall 2. The topic of this session will be Collaboration for Technology and it involves four breakout panels to provide presentations on each technical thrust area

followed by questions and answers.

"The heart of this conference occurs in the afternoon of Day 2," Link says. "The panels will generate dialogue within the audience about the ways universities, industry and government can work together to develop technology. After the discussions, the panels will summarize the conference findings."

Also at 1 p.m., a Virtual Reality Conference sponsored by the Virtual Reality Valley Alliance will take place on Stage #2. And the STED-TRAIN Conference, slated for 3 to 5 p.m. on Stage #3, will provide a report on K-12 educational grants given in the 2000-2001 school year.

The final session of the E²TEAMS Conference will begin at 4:15 p.m. on Stage #1 with a focus on The Way Ahead. Mark Lumer of SMDC will outline procurement procedures for awarding grants, and the E²TEAMS 2002 agenda and objectives will be addressed by E²TEAMS 2001 Chairman, Bill Gurley.

E²TEAMS will culminate Wednesday night with the annual HATS Professional of the Year Awards Dinner at the Huntsville Hilton at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be sponsored by APT Research and Westar Corp.

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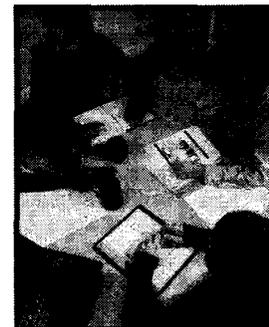
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All are candidates for Professional of the Year award on Wednesday

The following individuals have been nominated by various HATS member organizations as candidates for the annual HATS Professional of the Year Award. The nominees will be honored at an awards dinner on Wednesday, May 16, at the Huntsville Hilton.

■ Richard E. Best was nominated by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for many years of service to the organization. Currently, Best is serving as ASCE's representative to HATS. In recent years, he has served as ASCE section director and branch secretary in another jurisdiction. Earlier this year, Best was nominated by ASCE to be honored at the Engineer's Week Banquet as ASCE's Engineer of the Year. Best, who is retired, has worked as a chief engineer and senior structural engineer. He serves as a volunteer at the Opportunity Center and is an active in the choir at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

■ Jack C. Bissinger was nominated by the International Test and Evaluation Association (ITEA) for 41 years of work in the test and evaluation, technical management and program management of U.S. Army missile and rocket developmental programs. He was the chief engineer on several programs, including the BAT submunition and Hawk missile system. He is also a founder and charter member of the ITEA, which was established in 1980, and has served as president of the local ITEA Rocket City Chapter for 19 years. Bissinger is senior engineer for the Amtec Corp., where he is involved in engineering, and test and evaluation studies on U.S. Army missile and rocket systems. He is also involved in pro-

ject support, proposal preparation and marketing.

■ Henry B. Cook was nominated by the Society of Reliability Engineers for five years as the society's president and for 34 years of work at Redstone Arsenal in support of numerous Army programs. He served as the society's president from 1996 to the present, helping the chapter increase its membership by 300 percent and doubling the average attendance at monthly meetings. His vision has allowed the society to grow through diversity by expanding the society membership and focus from primarily the defense industry to include numerous corporate representatives. He has also worked to develop more inclusive reliability topics to be discussed at monthly meetings that appeal to a larger majority of the society's membership. Cook has worked the past 26 years in the product assurance field. He currently manages a division of more than 200 product assurance, test and configuration management personnel, providing support to over 20 project offices on Redstone Arsenal. In addition, his reliability expertise is called upon for numerous special assignments and consultations.

■ Blake R. Copple was nominated by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics (SOLE) for three years of service as vice chairman for the society. During this time, he was SOLE's representative to HATS, and he created and continues to maintain a web site for the SOLE chapter, coordinated SOLE's booth and participation in TABES in 2000, acted as SOLE's official digital photographer, and supported the chapter in any way needed. He was selected as the SOLE chapter's most recent Logistician of the Year. Copple is the E-Business manager for Air and Defense Systems for the Raytheon Co. In this



Kristine Theusch gives Oscar the robot a kiss during the TABES conference in 1999.

position, he supports locally managed Army programs with web-based information and collaboration systems. He also serves as an industry member on the Department of Defense Integrated Digital Environment IPT. He served as an Army officer for 22 years in a variety of Air Defense and Acquisition Corps assignments.

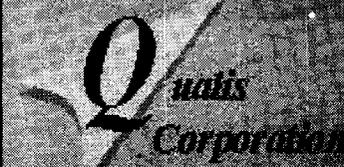
■ Robert Eckard was nominated by the Instrumentation, System and Automation Society (ISA) for two terms of service to the organization as its president and for dedication to his profession. In this position, he recruited members and provided them with learning opportunities to help them in their professional development and with meeting their goals as members of the society. His service will allow ISA to continue to provide professional guidance and learning opportunities for many years to come. Eckard has worked as a consultant, engineering team leader and technical troubleshooter for various local industries. He is currently the NOVA Chemicals chemical and controls plant engineer, responsible for

the activities and projects associated with the electrical and controls areas.

■ Dr. John Hall was nominated by the Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Military Applications Section of the Military Applications Society for work with the local section. He is currently the treasurer of the Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Military Operations Research Section of INFORMS and vice president of the Huntsville chapter of the Society of Reliability Engineers. He has served in numerous capacities with the Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Military Applications Section, including treasurer. Hall is the manager of the Industrial Engineering Division of APT Research Inc. He is a senior member of ASQ and is an ASQ Certified Reliability Engineer, Quality Engineer and Quality Manager.

■ Michael Kelly was nominated by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) in recognition of outstanding service and performance as AUSA chap-

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ter president in 1999-2000. During his AUSA presidency, the chapter sponsored the traveling exhibit of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Kelly provided strong leadership and uncommon vision to many community and defense-related activities, such as the Veteran's Day Parade, Huntsville Salute to the Military. He also represented the organization at regional meetings and national conventions. Kelly is the Huntsville field office manager for the Raytheon Co. He served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1977, leaving with the rank of captain.

■ Wade E. McFaddin was nominated by the North Alabama Chapter of ASM International for 18 years of work in electronics. McFaddin has worked for more than eight years in the manufacture of printed circuit boards as a laboratory technician and later as a laboratory analysis engineer. He has also worked for more than seven years as an engineer in the research and development group of an advanced semiconductor manufacturing operation for Digital Equipment Corp. During this time, he used scanning electron microscopy and energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy to perform materials analysis for semiconductor packaging. For the past three years, McFaddin has worked as a senior material and process reliability engineer for Nextek Inc.

■ Rene Seigh was nominated by the Society for Technical Communication (STC) for work in increasing organization membership by 100 percent during the past year. Seigh has served as STC as vice president for two years and president this past year. During this time, she facilitated the process for an annual salary survey, coordinated a local technical publications competition and hosted workshops ranging in topics from software application training to looking at how the English language is changing. Seigh is a senior technical writer in Intergraph's Safety Division.

■ Don Sharp was nominated by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Chapter 171 for work as a member of SME since 1984 and for work as a past chairman of the organization. Sharp is the company leader (president) of Shoals Technologies Group Inc. in Muscle Shoals. He has been in manufacturing since 1963, working as a quality inspector and later as the first Quality Manager for Decatur Plastics Inc. (now part of SCI). In 1970, Sharp and his partners started Tri Cities Manufacturing Inc. in Tusculumbia as a tool and die shop. While there, Sharp trained and worked as a machinist and mold designer, helping the new

business move into plastic molding, metal stamping, wire cable, harness fabrication and other manufacturing processes. He also worked as a quality manager, engineering manager and sales manager. After leaving that company, he and his partners started Shoals Technologies Group Inc.

■ Mark Smith was nominated by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) for outstanding accomplishments in data telecommunications, and contributions to the economic and community development of Huntsville. Smith founded UDS, the first data communications company in Alabama, and grew it into a technology leader in high-speed modems for commercial applications. After selling UDS to Motorola in 1978, he started AD-TRAN, opening the company for business in 1986. Today, the company employs more than 1,000 and Smith continues as its founder, chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Smith was inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 1995 and was selected as Entrepreneur of the Year in High Technology/Electronics Category for Georgia/Southeastern Area in 1995. He has also been awarded two patents in the data communications field. He is also past chairman and board member of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, and he serves on the UAH Foundation, as president of the Greater Huntsville Foundation and on boards for several local companies. He is also a Rotarian.

■ James Splawn was nominated by the Huntsville Aerospace Marketing Association (HAMA) for service as HAMA's president and for professional and community work. Splawn has more than 30 years of engineering, program management and marketing experience with major NASA and U.S. Army programs. He has worked on the Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and Space Shuttle Main Engine Programs, and with astronaut training for NASA/MSFC. He retired from NASA in 1984 and is currently the director of Marketing and Business Development for Boeing. He has also supported several major U.S. Army programs, including The Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), National Missile Defense (NMD) and AntiSatellite (ASAT) programs.

Also nominated: Pete Luther, by the National Defense and Industrial Association; Mike Sneed, by The National Space Club; and Bob Woods, by the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International.

Students will present research projects from 33 invited colleges and universities

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and in the region with the science and technology objectives of AM-COM, MSFC and SMDC."

Gurley and other HATS volunteers starting working on redirecting the HATS conference about two years ago, as the TABES event continued to lose its effectiveness.

"I knew we had to change TABES," he says. "It had gotten to be an event where we were all marketing our companies, products and services to each other. I believed passionately that we needed to change the conference into a team-building conference that could include the whole region."

In its new direction, the HATS conference fills a need not served by any other technical conference in Huntsville, Link says.

"Rather than going to TABES where companies were recruiting employees from each other, we want to offer a conference that

makes the potential employee pool larger," Link says. "A world-class collaboration among universities in the region makes us a world-class science and technology region. It's a win-win for everybody."

The conference will also highlight efforts to stimulate interest in science and technology in grades K-12, such as the HATS STED-TRAIN program and the statewide Astro Bowl competition for middle-school through 12th-grade students.

A Community Forum and special presentations on E-Business and Virtual Reality will also be part of the conference as will several breakfast and luncheon events, the AUSA Awards Dinner and HATS Professional of the Year Awards Dinner, and a Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours gathering.

To register for all or any E²TEAMS events, contact the HATS office at 882-1221 or visit the HATS web site at www.hats.org. Attendance to the conference is free, but registration is strongly encouraged.



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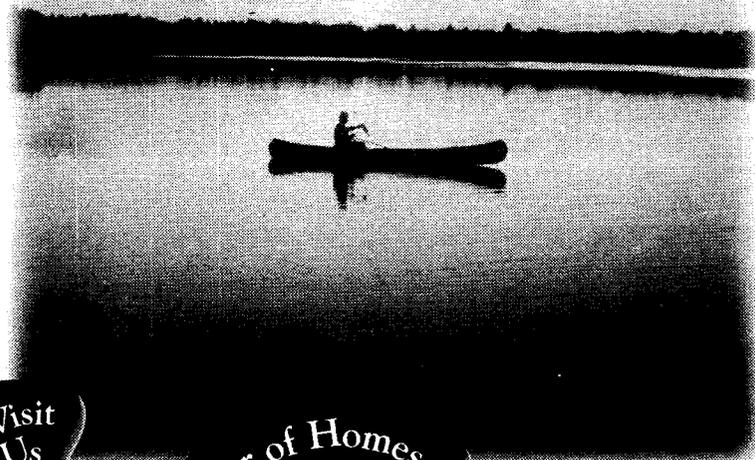
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■ PAC-3 takes center stage with award

Award

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Daedalians, a fraternal order of aviators, is based in San Antonio.

Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, is to make the presentation to Newberry, Lt. Col. Ed Mullin, product manager for the PAC-3 missile segment; Walt Putis, Patriot program manager for Raytheon; and Steve Graham, PAC-3 program manager for Lockheed Martin.

"This is the very first hit-to-kill missile system in the world," Mullin said. The technology involves launching a missile to hit an enemy missile in flight, literally hitting a bullet with a bullet. On March 31, PAC-3 completed a series of 10 flight tests in the developmental test phase. The next two tests will be developmental and operational, followed by four more flight tests in the initial operational and evaluation phase.

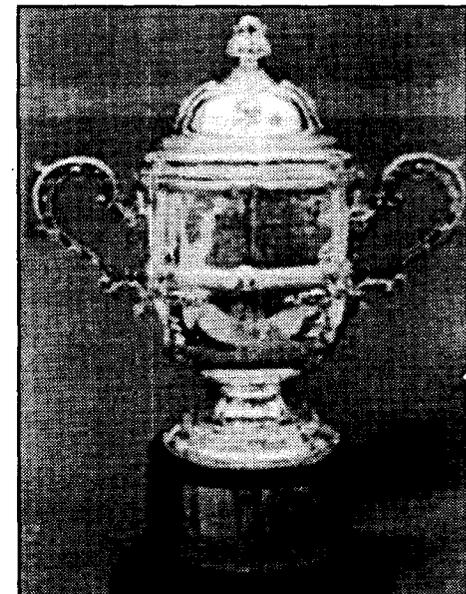
"It was 7-for-7 in terms of intercepts which is really unprecedented in a guided missile program," Mullin said.

The 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, received the PAC-3 ground equipment last December and is to receive the missile segment in September. A full-rate production decision is scheduled for September 2002.

"We're funded to build approximately 1,100 missiles between now and FY 2010," Newberry said. "It's seven battalions' worth of PAC-3 ground equipment plus 1,100 missiles."

PAC-3 accomplishments during 2000 included four successful hit-to-kill intercepts on Feb. 5, July 22, July 30 and Oct. 14; fielding of the PAC-3 ground equipment Dec. 28 to the Fort Bliss battalion; and negotiations of two low-rate initial production contracts. In fiscal 2001 the contracts to the primes will be roughly \$286 million for the second phase of low-rate initial production.

"The capability we're about to put in



Courtesy photo

MILITARY'S OSCAR— The Daedalian Weapons System Award, the Col. Frank C. Wolfe Memorial Trophy, is presented annually by the Order of Daedalians.

the field is really the culmination of the capability that was begun with (Operation) Desert Storm," Newberry said.

About 170 people, including 12 soldiers, work in the Lower Tier Project Office. Maj. Troy Trulock, assistant product manager for PAC-3, wrote the Daedalian nomination which was submitted through the Program Executive Office in late January.

Unlike Oscar night, the Daedalian Award winners already know who they are before their names are called at the black-tie affair.

"It's truly a tribute to the men and women, both in government and in industry, that contributed to this really enormous achievement of this (PAC-3) program," Newberry said. "The soldier in the field will now get a previously-unavailable level of protection against tactical ballistic missiles."

35-and-over basketball under way

Here are standings for the Civilian Welfare Fund Council 35-and-over basketball league as of May 1: LESCO (4-0), Rockets (3-1), Tek Write (1-3) and Bombers (0-4).



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things. The revised format resulted in better information.

"We really appreciate what Jim has done because if we can save that many people's stories, that's fantastic. Their stories will be here long after we're all gone, at least that's what I hope," Withrow said. "If we could have an Eagle Scout project going on continuously, that would be fine with me because we could use help saving

the stories."

Each veteran interviewed will have his name and when and where he served put into a database at the museum's Research and Archives Center. Withrow stressed the importance of preserving WW II veterans' stories in particular, since so many of these veterans are dying every day.

Although Rhodes' project is complete, veterans and their families are invited to send their own written material or audiotapes of veterans' reminiscences to the museum for inclusion in the reference library. For more information, call 883-3737.

■ Military vehicles, published material among attractions

Museum

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had in England, so we have maps here that are 10-by-10 feet and we have some of the vehicles."

In addition to displays, the museum will include a Research and Archives Center holding published material such as the Seventh Army After Action Report from WW II and written and oral reminiscences of Alabama veterans. The museum is accepting written material and audiotapes from veterans and their families, as well as having Jim Rhodes, a sophomore at Catholic High School, collect interviews with veterans for his Eagle Scout project.

The museum has a small staff of three people including Withrow and several volunteers in the community. Donations and the services of a licensed electrician, a licensed carpenter, and a licensed plumber are needed at this time as well as volunteers to clean up an M1918 155mm Howitzer for display, perform minor building work, design/build/install a museum sign or construct a Korean War radio bunker.

"We're not funded by anybody. We're operating under a shoestring budget and the way our bylaws and constitution are written, we cannot incur debt ... So it's going, it's just painfully slow," Withrow said.

Military and veterans' groups and individuals are encouraged to help make the museum a valued educational and



Photo by Beth Skarupa

PRESERVING HISTORY— Catholic High School sophomore Jim Rhodes, right, asks retired Brig. Gen. Ivey Dreury, a World War II veteran, about his experiences in the Army. Rhodes' Eagle Scout project involves interviewing more than 100 veterans for the Research and Archives Center of the Veterans' Memorial Museum in Huntsville.

memorial attraction for North Alabama. Those interested in volunteering exhibits, sponsorship, time or funds can contact the museum at 883-3737. It's located on

the old Huntsville airport, just off of Airport Road across from the Police Academy. The museum web site is www.long-greylinesfarm.com/~acmh.htm.

Advice offered for goods shipping season

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE RELEASE

The Transportation Office is seeking the cooperation of all personnel, both inbound and outbound, that are expecting to make a permanent change of station move during the summer shipping season.

All inbound personnel should contact the Transportation Office at 876-3916 upon arrival at Redstone Arsenal and provide a contact phone number where they can be notified when their personal property arrives in the Huntsville area. If you have a residence and are ready for your property, the driver will be directed to your residence. If storage is required for your property, you should plan on a minimum of 7-10 workdays to have it delivered to you.

If you are departing Redstone Arsenal and want to ship your personal property, go by the Transportation Office, building 111, room 140, with six copies of your orders. You will be scheduled for an appointment to process your application for shipment. Contact the Transportation Office as soon as you receive your orders, or at least 3-4 weeks before you want your property picked up. On your appointment date, plan to be in the transportation office at least an hour. Have in mind a date for pickup. If you are shipping 5,000 pounds or over, plan for a separate date for packing.

The Transportation Office has information concerning services provided on the Redstone Arsenal

home page: <https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/transport/>. You can find information on personal property, passenger, shipping/freight and passport services.

For more information on the services provided by the transportation office call: personal property 876-3916, passports 876-5163, or port calls 876-7352. If you need a commercial ticket, the Commercial Travel Office can be reached at 880-3601.

Servicemembers can download the "Shipping your Privately-owned-vehicle" from the Military Traffic Management Command's web page: <http://www.mtmc.army.mil/property/default.htm>.

Here are some of tips for making your household goods shipment:

Members should not schedule pickups for the day they close on a house or on the day they must vacate an apartment. Scheduling pickups for these dates leaves no room to adjust to unforeseen problems, such as a shortage of agent equipment, which does occur during the summer months. A window of time may be established to allow for last minute changes.

Non-temp storage shipments should be left in storage until you arrive at the new duty station, a permanent residence is acquired and you are ready to accept the shipment. Members retired and separated must provide a valid point of contact to include complete address and telephone number before the NTS shipment can be picked up.

Government computer may be your best buy

So who does have the best prices on computers and software? In many cases, it just may be your Army.

It may not look that way on the surface, according to Adelia "Dee" Wardle of the Army Small Computer Program located at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

"It may be cheaper initially to go around the corner" to an office supply store to purchase software, she said. But does that price include upgrades and the ability to make a second copy of software for your laptop?

Wardle was here recently at the invitation of the Information Management Working Group to give an update on the services offered by her organization. One of the most notable is commercial software available at prices up to 80 percent of General Services Administration schedule prices. In fact, under recently enacted DoD guidance, some software purchases must be made through the ASCP.

The software purchase program is just part of what the organization handles. Other services include hardware purchase programs that have already been competed, a purchase agreement with the office supply store, Staples, for HP printer toner cartridges, a completely free download of FormFlow software from the ASCP web site, and one of the newest services, a government employee computer purchase program for private purchases of hardware and software.

For more information on what the ASCP can offer, visit the web site at <http://pmscp.monmouth.army.mil>.

Announcements

Sports & Recreation

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).

Swimming pools

Redstone swimming pools are scheduled to open at 11 a.m. May 26. Pool 1 (Vincent Drive) will be open each day except Mondays; Pool 2 (Challenger Club) will be open each day except Tuesdays; and Pool 3 (Goss Road) will be open each day except Wednesdays. Daily hours of operation are 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Season swim passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; and at the Recreation Center, building 3711, from 1:30-8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Family season passes are \$45, individual season passes \$35. Daily admission for non-season pass holders and guests is \$2, and must be purchased as you enter the pool. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-6854/4868.

Swimming lessons

Registration for swimming lessons for active duty military families begins May 21 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.; bring proper identification. All other eligible patrons may begin registering May 24. Each session consists of eight lessons in a two-week period and costs \$15 per session. The first session starts June 4 and the last session ends Aug. 10. Registrations take place at Pool 3 (Goss Road); call 876-6713. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-6854/4868.

Wellness classes

"Fitness for Dummies" will be held 11-noon May 16 at building 5302, room 2139. "Basic CPR Skills—Save a Life" is scheduled 11-noon May 31 at building 5301, room 1148. For more information, call the Sparkman Fitness Center 313-6091 or the Wellness Center 955-6844.

Conferences & Meetings

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.

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 today 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. For more information call Cathy Ryan, Quality of Life program manager, 842-8375.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8:30 a.m. May 19 at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup 881-0652.

Command town hall

The AMCOM Town Hall will begin in the Bob Jones Auditorium, May 22 at 9 a.m. AMCOM employees must wear badges and are asked to be seated by 8:45. The town hall will be broadcast on Team Redstone television Channel 42. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in the auditorium's Section 7.

Federal bar group

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present Fred Simpson, local attorney, at its monthly luncheon meeting, May 31 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Simpson will speak on his book, "Sins of Madison County." Call Laura Owens 842-0543 for reservations.

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Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. David Hoover of American Express is to speak on the continuing problem of telemarketing fraud. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m., and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 881-3168.

Miscellaneous

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual picnic at 11 a.m. Thursday 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. For more information, call Lisa White 955-6806.

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) Multiplex 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.

Aviation scholarship

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

Auto air-conditioning

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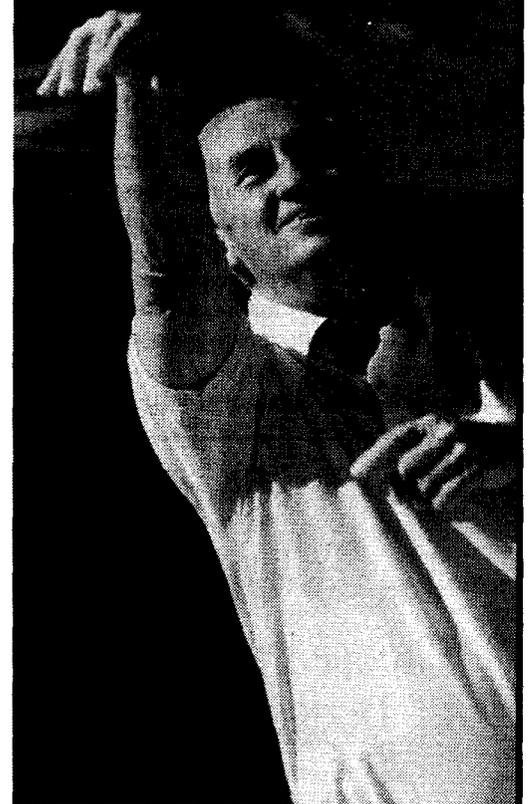
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Youth volunteers

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

within one week of each meeting.

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.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. Thursday at Calhoun Community College conference room, 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. Saturday 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

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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 Derbyberry 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 the Whistle Stop Festival and Rocket City Barbecue Cookoff will benefit EarlyWorks 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

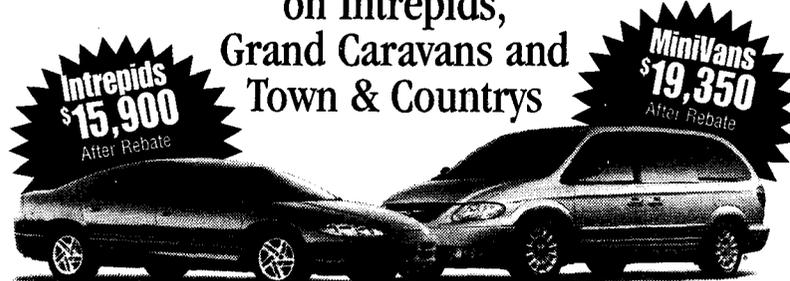
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Civilian awards dinner

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will recognize five local Department of Army civilians at an awards dinner May 15. The five have been nominated by local government agencies. One nominee will be selected as the "DAC of the Year" during the AUSA general membership meeting at the Von Braun Center South Hall. Scheduled speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Roger Thompson. The meeting and dinner are open to the public. For more information and reservations, call Sheila Cooper 885-7097.

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, Saturday 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.

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.

Recreation tours

The Recreation Center will take a tour to the Opry Mills Mall on Saturday. The tour will depart from the Recreation Center (building 3711) at 8 a.m. The cost per

person is \$12 and includes transportation. The Rec Center will also be going to the Nashville Flea Market on May 26. The tour departs the center at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$12 per person. The tour will return at approximately 6 p.m. Call Diane Campbell or Joe Ruffner at 876-5492 or 876-4531 today to reserve your seats.

Fund-raising events

Upcoming fund-raisers for Army Emergency Relief include the following: LOGSA Burritos Breakfast, today at 8 a.m. at building 5307, second floor break-room, call Capt. Adams, 955-9943. Redstone Arsenal Support Activity "AER FUNdraiser Day," May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 112 courtyard (rain date May 17). Aviation Systems Plant Sale, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at northeast corner of building 5309, parking lot, call Ms. Rice 313-1642. Command Group Fun Walk/Run, May 16 in front of building 5300; registration fee \$3, T-shirts for sale, call Ms. Dye 876-2029. IMMC Golf Tournament, May 18 at Redstone Golf Course, call Mr. Walton 876-4336 for more information.

Clinic move

The Troop Medical Clinic has moved to Fox Army Health Center. Sick Call bus runs began May 7. The Sick Call shuttle bus will pick up at buildings 3411, 3413, 3412, and 3410 beginning at 6 a.m. and again 6:30 Monday through Friday. Two shuttle buses will continue to run between building 3410 and Fox Army Health Center every 30 minutes for the remainder of the day until 5 p.m. Dropoff point is building 3410. The Center for Drug and Alcohol Treatment will also relocate from Behavioral Medicine Clinic to Fox Army Health Center on Friday and be operational May 15.

Poppy sale

The Buddy Poppy Campaign benefits needy veterans. Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post 5162 will be distributing Buddy Poppies at the One Stop, Post Exchange and Commissary on May 25-28, Memorial Day weekend, during normal hours of operation.

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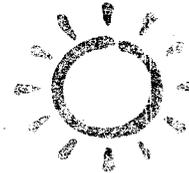
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