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Principals' breakfast unites Arsenal and community



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

BREAKFAST IS SERVED— Redstone Arsenal held the annual Huntsville City Schools Principals' Breakfast May 10 at the Officers and Civilians Club. From left, event organizer Debra Jefferson, and Army Community Service Education Committee chairman, Capt. James Bamburg, welcome newly named superintendent, Dr. Ann Roy Moore.

Continuing support makes school system successful

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Strengthening the bonds of partnership between Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville City Schools was among the goals for the early morning Principals' Breakfast held at the Officers and Civilians Club, May 10.

"Never have I felt our partnership to be stronger than it is today," Dr. Mary Ruth Yates, HCS interim superintendent, said. "Redstone Arsenal provides support in so many ways— counseling and summer training for teachers for conflict resolution. And support for activities. We've been very, very lucky."

Yates commended the 80 some principals, administrators and staff in attendance, representing 48 schools in the sys-

tem, for an outstanding safety record this year— no major incidents— applauding their understanding of "the need to be alert," and enforcing the no bully zone. She presented Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, with a plaque of appreciation before introducing Dr. Ann Roy Moore, newly named superintendent of the Huntsville City School system.

During the course of the breakfast/business meeting, Yates also announced the retirement of Ollye Conley, principal, Academy for Science and Foreign Language, after 43 years in education, 34 spent in Huntsville City Schools.

"I've enjoyed working with military families," Conley said. "It is such a joy to work with the families of such wonderful students."

"We provide a lot of support to the

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Engineering executive receives posthumous award

Dr. Larry Daniel's legacy lives on with new facility

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Judy Daniel remembers how much her husband, the late Dr. Larry Daniel, loved his job.

"And as far as the people he worked with, Larry thought they were the best," she said.

Members of the Aviation and Missile Command felt the same about Dr. Larry Daniel, former director of Engineering Directorate at the Research Development and Engineering Center.

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, presented a certificate May 9 recognizing Daniel posthumously for his Outstanding Service in the Senior Executive Service. The award was signed by Louis Caldera, former secretary of the Army.

Daniel was killed the night of March 13, 2000 in a one-car accident in Huntsville. He was 59.

"Dr. Larry O. Daniel is officially commended for outstanding service in the Army Senior Executive Service since his appointment in February 1989," the certificate stated. "Throughout his career, Dr. Daniel has demonstrat-

ed the highest levels of initiative, competence and selfless service in the execution of programs supporting a total force of quality soldiers and civilians. These achievements reflect great credit upon Dr. Daniel, the Department of Army, and the Career Senior Executive Service."

"He will certainly be remembered by people here, and by many others, as an individual who stood head and shoulders above as a human being," Sullivan said.

Judy Daniel accepted the certificate in a ceremony attended by members of the family and command officials.

"On behalf of Larry's family, we truly appreciate this. We really do," she said.

Daniel was a longtime advocate of in-house prototype hardware development and proof of principle testing prior to acquisition. He didn't live to see his dream of a prototype integration facility come to fruition, but it did with the beginning of construction last November by B.L. Harbert of Birmingham.

The Dr. Larry O. Daniel Prototype Integration Facility, building 5405, is expected to accommodate approximately 80 people, including government and contract employees. It will be located near building 5400. The \$9.8 million facility includes office spaces, two high bays with built-in



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WORDS OF APPRECIATION— Judy Daniel talks with Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, after the ceremony honoring her late husband, Dr. Larry Daniel.

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Increased security worth the wait

I must admit that I get impatient some mornings trying to get to work when a gate guard is "doing his job." But I look at it the same as I do the inspection of carry-on luggage at the airport. I'd rather be late than not arrive because a hurried inspection allowed a bomb or gun to get through security. I do have a complaint though. One day last week I was driving a rental car while mine was in the shop. I was in line to get a temporary vehicle pass behind a large U-Haul rental truck (same size that McVeigh used in Oklahoma City) with the back door down. The guard took the driver's license and came around back to write down the license number and then gave the driver his pass and sent him on with-

out inspecting the inside of the back of the truck. It could have been loaded with 5 tons of fertilizer and diesel fuel (just like McVeigh's truck).

The next day the same thing happened. A pickup truck pulling a U-Haul type trailer with the back door closed was passed through the gate without inspecting the inside of the trailer. Either of these vehicles could have been filled with explosives enough to kill hundreds of AMCOM workers. I respectfully request that the gate guards inspect the inside of these type vehicles including 18-wheelers making deliveries to Redstone. Better safe than sorry!

Bob Usher
SAMD

Motorist appreciates gate guards

I totally agree with the letter written by Mr. Taylor (security guard) in the May 9 *Rocket* concerning negative comments about our security force; these ladies and gentlemen do deserve our respect and appreciation. My personal experiences with the gate guards have always been very positive; I have found them to be courteous and helpful. On one occasion I was reminded that I was not wearing my seat belt, on another that my decal was about to expire; both cautions were done in a spirit of helpfulness

and respect. I also had occasion to report a malfunctioning traffic signal which presented a hazard, and it was acted upon immediately.

I'm afraid Mr. Taylor and his fellow officers are the victims of a general disrespect for the law that seems to pervade this country. All one has to do is drive in Huntsville to observe what I mean.

I, for one, salute and appreciate these folks and the work they do.

Bill Bodden
Command Analysis Directorate

Asian/Pacific festival celebrates month

The 12th anniversary of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month will be marked by a festival Thursday 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.

Family subsistence allowance should replace food stamps

Soldiers may apply for Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance immediately.

FSSA is a program to assist eligible soldiers with up to \$500 a month for subsistence. Its intent is to increase the servicemembers' basic allowance for subsistence and to remove them from the Food Stamp program. A soldier must be receiving basic allowance for subsistence to be eligible.

The application form is on-line at the follow-

ing web site: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/fssa>. A soldier will use his name for identification and his social security number for password. The soldier should complete the information; and the web site will automatically calculate whether he is eligible for FSSA and the amount of subsistence.

Army Community Service will pre-screen and counsel potential FSSA applicants. For assistance or information on the program, call Juanita Adams or Ann Owens at Army Community Service 876-5468.

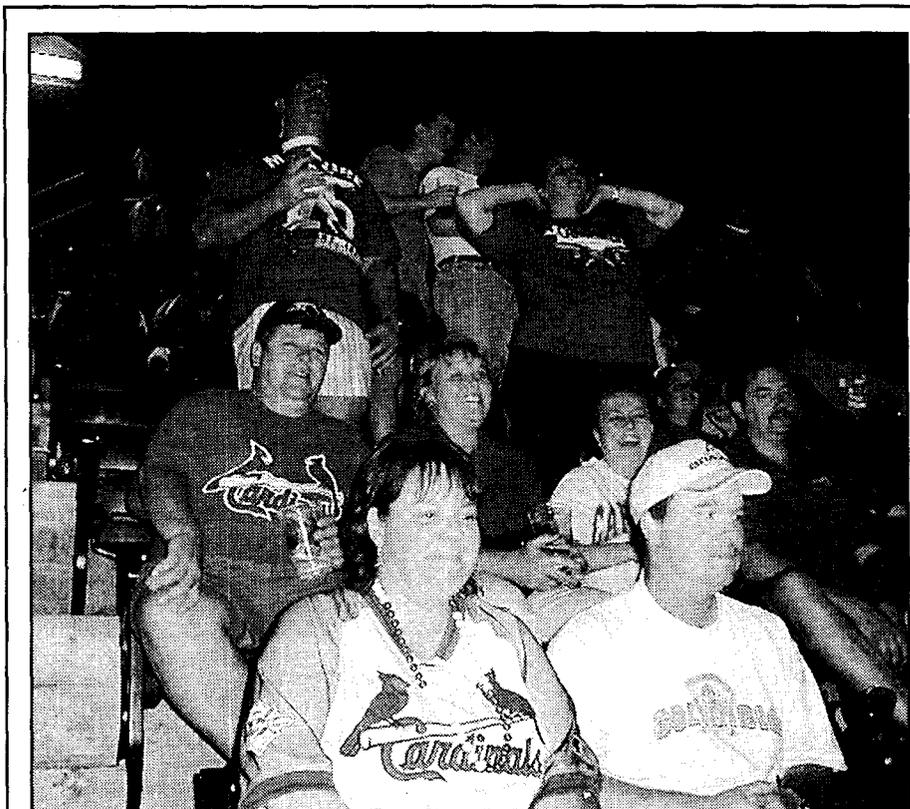


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Cardinals fans

Some 50 AMCOM, PEO Aviation employees and family members boarded a bus May 4 for a trip to Atlanta to watch the St. Louis Cardinals and Braves play baseball. They attended the May 4 game which the Cardinals won 4-2, and the May 5 game when the Braves beat the Cardinals 6-5. In the front row are Cindy Stevens and Tommy Tompkins. In the middle row from left are Larry Marvin, Mona Buneta and Debbie Willman; and in the back row are Mike and Carolyn Glazik.

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Information sharing is focus of newly formed council

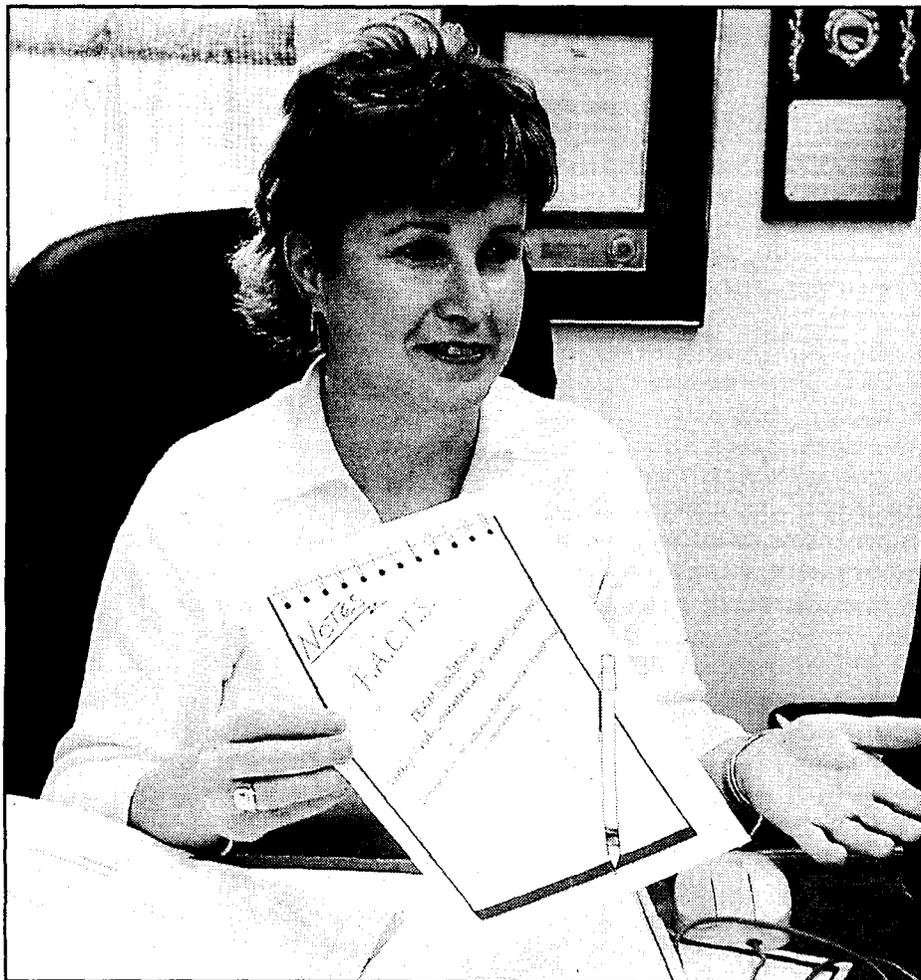


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JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM— The Human Resource Council and the Community Action Committee have merged and expanded to form a new council, Family and Community Team Session. About 80 members from across Team Redstone are expected to serve on the information sharing council.

AER fund-raising campaign heading down homestretch

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

The Army Emergency Relief campaign needed a late boost to make its \$50,000 goal.

Last year more than \$64,000 was raised; however, this year's total was \$48,887.79 by Friday morning. The campaign officially ended May 15 but there's still time to donate.

"We need more people to donate and participate," SFC Mairlyn Johnson, AER co-chairman, said. "You may not need (AER) now but some day down the road, you might."

Even if you don't want to make an allotment, there are still several fund-raising events planned. For example, the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity scheduled its annual "FUNdraiser Day" for May 15 (rain date May 17). Also other directorates/units are having a fun run/walk, a golf tournament, cookouts, and a plant sale. See your AER representative for details.

"We would like to match last year's

funds but it doesn't look like we are even going to get close," Johnson said. "I'd like to remind everyone that the majority of the money goes straight to the soldiers. By far the biggest amount goes to the soldiers assigned to the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

"Every single day there is a soldier from OMMCS applying for help, whether it's an AER loan or grant," she said. OMMCS is lagging behind last year's donations.

"Out of every dollar, 95 cents goes directly to AER," Johnson said. Only five cents per dollar goes to overhead and operational costs. "The majority of the money collected goes into the AER bucket; but we always pay out more than we take in."

Last year \$229,134.34 was paid out locally in assistance. Soldiers, Marines, retirees, widows/widowers and their family members received help.

"AER is there when you need it," Ann Owens, AER officer, said. "Just give a buck if that's all you can afford."

FACTS created by merger of two Redstone groups

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Despite the abundance of flyers, newspaper articles and e-mails announcing services, events and concerns at Redstone Arsenal, some people still aren't getting the word.

"A lot of times, people think there's a problem in the community or that a service is not being offered but what they don't know is that the answer's already out there," Cathy Ryan, Quality of Life program manager, said. "Our goal is to see that information about the Arsenal is shared throughout the community. How can people use a service if they don't know they're eligible or even that it exists? The new FACTS council should make a difference."

The Family and Community Team Session is an 80-member council that meets every two months to share information, address issues of concern from the community and fulfill the Army's regulatory advisory council requirements.

FACTS replaces the Human Resource Council and the Community Action Committee.

The HRC met quarterly with about 30 members, and was originally established in the early '80s to meet the soldiers' needs. Representatives from soldier units, activities and organizations on post gathered for briefings about services or events in the community and were then responsible to share the information with their respective areas. Topics included the Employee Assistance Program, Army Emergency Relief campaign, Army Family Team Building, and other programs available on the Arsenal.

"The problem was that it wasn't all inclusive," Ryan said. "We didn't cover all of Team Redstone. FACTS reaches out to everyone, including agencies that reside off post."

The Community Action Committee was formed about a year ago with 20 members who met quarterly to meet the Army's regulatory requirements for advisory councils for certain activities, including the Post Exchange, the commissary

and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"What happened was that the same people were serving on both committees, addressing many of the same issues," Ryan said. "It didn't make sense. The smart move was to streamline by combining the councils and having fewer meetings but reaching more people."

The FACTS committee incorporates members from the two former committees as well as adding representation from all other willing organizations. Members represent private clubs and organizations, leadership from agencies across Team Redstone, and people living in the community.

"We feel like we have good coverage but there's always a chance we've missed someone," Ryan said. "But we're willing to add new members. All they have to do is let us know they want to be a part of FACTS."

Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, serves as the council chairman. Meetings will be at the Recreation Center from 9-11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the scheduled meeting month and will follow a prearranged agenda, with about three minutes given to each presenter for briefings. Besides routine updates about MWR, Directorate of Environment and Public Works and community calendar events, each meeting will offer topical briefings. The May 17 meeting topics include information on Armed Forces Week, the Wellness Program, and final tallies from the AER campaign which ends May 15. Door prizes and refreshments will also be offered.

FACTS meetings are open to the community and time has been scheduled to take questions from the audience.

"This isn't just a time to bring forth issues or concerns, it's also a time to bring up good things about what's happening at Redstone. It's a time to recognize the successes as well.

"The purpose is to share information and to help all the organizations feel like they belong," she said. "Some smaller groups feel like they don't have a voice. The command wants to pull everyone together in the true Team Redstone concept."

Ryan expects to have the minutes from each meeting available to the community through the Internet or possibly e-mail.

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Post soldier of month wins mouth-watering prizes

Hueter ready for steak dinner and night out on the town

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

It's going to be a wild weekend for Redstone Arsenal Soldier of the Month Pvt. Travis Hueter.

"I'm going to go out this weekend and have a great time," Hueter, B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said, eyeing the bundle of prizes he won in the competition May 10, including dinners to several fine restaurants. "First thing I'm going to do is eat a steak."

But first he has some phone calls to make—to his parents and to his girlfriend, Liz, back home in Michigan.

Hueter, 19, the oldest of six siblings, hails from Norway, Mich. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and arrived at Redstone last June as an Advanced Individual Training soldier studying Apache Attack Helicopter System Repair, which fits right in with his long-term goal of earning an electronics engineering degree.

Looking for money to pay for that education is what

led him to the Army. He jokingly refers to the food as the best part of the Army, then admits his true passion is playing sports. He enjoys soccer and football and loves to run.

"I was surprised I won," Hueter said. "This is my first really big board. The only other two I've done were to get here. It's been really great, though."

Guest speaker for the event, 1st. Sgt. Verge Matthews, 95th Maintenance Company, Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, spoke to the group about what it takes to be a success.

"It's all about attitude," Matthews said. "On the day of the boards, you have to go ready, with a positive attitude that nothing will go wrong; that nothing will stop me."

"I've spent a lot of years in the Army," he said. "Some soldiers display their positive attitude as badges on their uniform, like it's something to be proud of. Bad attitudes mean trouble; they are contagious, like the common cold."

"Having a positive attitude is only part of the combination that opens doors of success. Remember, great efforts spring from great attitudes."

Taking his cue from Matthews, Hueter declared with sincerity, "I'm going after post soldier of the year."

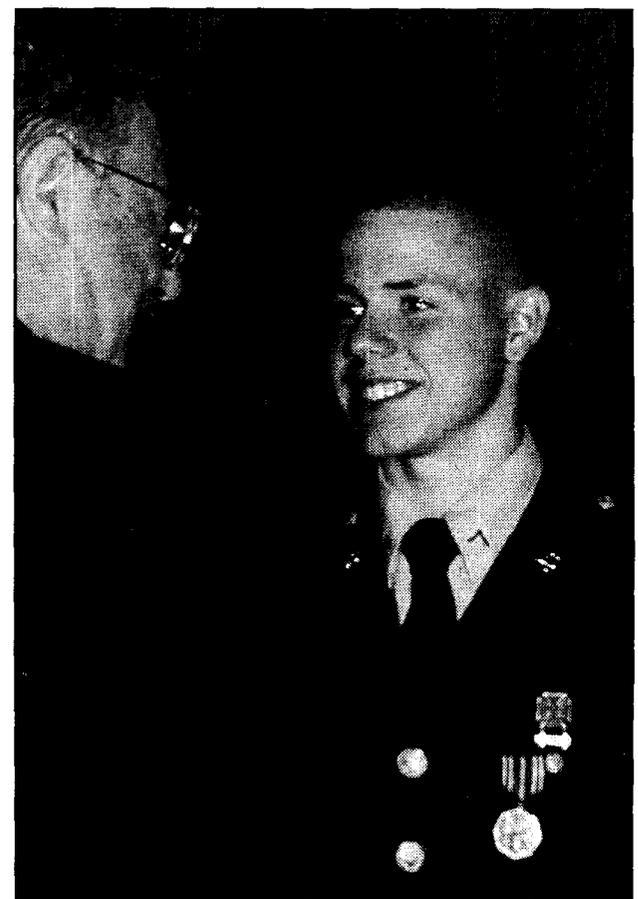


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BRAVO, SOLDIER— Pvt. Travis Hueter, B Company, accepts congratulations on winning Soldier of the Month at the May 10 luncheon.

Troop volleyball standings updated

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of Friday:
Eastern Conference— NCO Academy (5-0), Marines (4-1), Delta Company (2-2).

Western Conference— Bravo Company (1-3), Charlie Company (1-4) and Headquarters & Alpha Company (1-4).

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If your child was enrolled in fifth grade during the 2000-01 school year, he or she

will attend the School Age Services Summer Camp. The hours are 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

School Age Services summer campers will go on field trips to Carousel Skate Center, the Limestone Zoological Park, Southern Adventures, Space and Rocket Center, and more. They will also swim, bowl, do computer lab activities, arts and crafts and more.

Youth Center summer campers will go on field trips to Rock City, Carousel Skate

Center, Hollywood 16 Movie Theater, Space and Rocket Center, Lake Winnepe-saukah, Southern Adventures, and more. They will also swim, bowl, do computer lab activities, arts and crafts, and have a fine arts exhibit and talent show. Other activities include inline skating and extreme skating. But to participate, campers must attend a safety course. To register for the safety course, call 876-5437.

To participate in the Child and Youth Services summer camp programs, you must do the following:

- Register at the Central Enrollment Registrar at building 1500, Weeden Mountain, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 to register in a Child and Youth Services program. This fee covers all Child and Youth Services programs for one year.

- Bring your child's current shot record or blue card.

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Reserve strength helps missile school meet mission

Instructors from Reserve unit teach active-duty classes here

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

This year Redstone has had an influx of soldiers in training for their new military occupational specialties. This has put a strain on the missile school's resources and availability of instructors.

"We didn't know what we were going to do," Col. Stephen Taylor, commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, said. "We had a dilemma, and fortunately we came up with a solution. We looked to the Reserves to supply us with more instructors."

Instructors from the Ordnance Detachment 1, 100th Division (Institutional Training) came to the rescue. "The detachment is home to 90 instructors," Maj. Steve Shelton, detachment commander, said. "Our instructors are certified to the same standards as their active component counterparts and were therefore able to support OMMCS' surge operations in a rapid manner."

So seven Reserve instructors entered active duty for 120 days, which started in January and ended May 4 to help with the student overload. It was a mission that

wasn't too far from what they already do in the Reserves.

"The detachment is responsible for conducting maintenance MOS and NCOES courses across Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi," Shelton said. "On Redstone Arsenal we are charged with the national mission to train all Reserve component 55Bs or ammunition specialists."

But that's done on a part-time basis. These soldiers took time off from their civilian jobs to teach full time on the Arsenal.

"We are able to interact with the active component to create a seamless bond," SSgt. David Beier, a Reserve soldier from Madison, said. "In many cases, the students didn't even know we were Reservists. We showed our competency as professionals and I enjoyed teaching a lot."

"We learned a lot, too," said MSgt. Robert Pickers, a Reserve soldier from Albertville, said. "I spent five years on active duty, and it was interesting coming back and fellowshipping with active duty soldiers. And to see the bright eyes of our students, you know (that glint) when you can tell when they 'get' something? That was an opportunity I was glad to have."

And it's an opportunity that will be

extended to other Reserve instructors in the future. Since the partnership worked out so well, the program is going to be repeated soon.

"Next year's (student population) load is going to be similar to this year's," Tay-

lor said. "If we can work it out with your civilians bosses, we hope to have many of you back."

Upon departure, each instructor was congratulated for a job well done and received the commandant's coin.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

TO THE RESCUE— Seven Reservists from the Ordnance Detachment 1, 100th Division (Institutional Training) filled in when the missile school needed more instructors. Col. Stephen Taylor, center, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School commandant, presented the instructors with his coin and asked them to come back to help with next year's student population.

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■ New superintendent attends breakfast meeting

Schools

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schools through various programs," Sue Paddock, chief of Army Community Service, said. "We have the Peer Helper Trainer, computer donation to schools, Mentorship program, the Speakers Bureau, Parent-Principal Night, and all the soldiers who help with Special Olympics. We have four major (Special Olympic) events each year—two bowling, one track and field and the special person's day at the fair."

Working with students from a military community provides special challenges for the students and the schools. The ACS Education Committee, chaired by Capt. James Bamburg, acts as a liaison between the Arsenal and the schools.

"Some of the issues of concern for military children are transfer of credits, grading systems and recognizing other

curriculums," said Bamburg, who works for the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, and has two children in Huntsville City Schools. "Our kids move around a lot and have to adapt to so many changes. Huntsville City Schools have been very responsive to our concerns and I think we work very well, supporting each other."

Bamburg is looking for parent representatives interested in serving on the ACS Education Committee.

"We need people who are involved in the schools to come to the meetings and keep us informed. Parents are a key source of information," he said.

Before closing the meeting, Yates asked everyone to stand and join hands as a symbolic gesture for the partnership they all share with one another.

"We've overcome obstacles, had good leadership and support and have been blessed... so very blessed."

■ Army honors late engineering executive

Award

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ceiling cranes, clean rooms, lab space, paint booth, shop assembly and engineering workspace, a tactical hardstand and other areas to complete the processes. The building is expected to be finished in August 2002.

Daniel began his government service as a co-op student at Redstone in 1959. After graduation, he worked as part of the NASA team during the first moon landing.

He became assistant project manager for production for the Patriot missile system, responsible for transition of the system from development to production.

Daniel served as special assistant to the commanding general of the then-Missile Command for total quality management, value engineering, and system engineering.

Before becoming director of engineering, Daniel's assignments at RD&E Center included director of System Engineering and Production Directorate and associate director for systems.

Daniel served as standardization executive for the Aviation and Missile Command and the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

He was a member of the Auburn College of Engineering Research Committee and Auburn Engineering Council; and he served as AMCOM liaison officer with Auburn University.

Daniel was an adjunct professor with the Florida Institute of Technology.

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Daniel received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Auburn University in 1964. He received a master's in industrial engineering from Oklahoma State in 1971, and a doctorate in general engineering from Oklahoma State in 1977.

Survivors include Judy, his wife of nearly 35 years; a son, Larry Daniel Jr., an assistant district attorney for Madison County; a daughter, Laura Cohron, a pharmacist in Nashville; his mother, Joy Daniel of Huntsville; a brother, Jedge Daniel of Huntsville; and a grandson, Larry "Trey" Daniel III, 3, son of Larry Jr. and Stephanie. Trey's birthday was May 9, the day of the award ceremony.



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Local community shares quality ideas with higher headquarters

Unresolved issues sent forward for further review this summer

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Members of the Redstone community are giving higher headquarters plenty of ideas on how to improve quality of life.

Many of the issues raised during the Redstone Arsenal Family Action Plan conference in February are being forwarded to headquarters Army Materiel Command for consideration. A back brief on staff analysis of those issues was held May 9 at the Recreation Center.

"These issues get forwarded to AMC for inclusion in the AMC AFAP conference that's scheduled later this summer and we're sending four delegates to that," Cathy Ryan, Quality of Life program manager, said. The higher headquarters conference is scheduled July 30 through Aug. 2 in Alexandria, Va.

Redstone officials presented their analysis of particular issues during the back brief. Responsible organizations included the Dental Clinic, Fox Army Health Center, Commissary, Post Exchange, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Directorate of Environment and Public Works, Defense Military Pay Office, Directorate of Logistics, and Personnel and Training Directorate.

"Again, my thanks to everybody who participated in this year's AFAP conference," Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said after the hour and 45 minute ses-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

STAFF MEETING— Sonya Morris, chief of military pay, talks with Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, after the conference back-brief session held May 9.

sion. Eighty-five delegates participated in the 13th annual conference Feb. 14-15 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Issues and staff analysis included the following:

- Dental Clinic— Free dental care for family members and retirees: Staff recommends referring issue to Department of Defense.
- Fox Army Health Center— Flexibility of Tricare

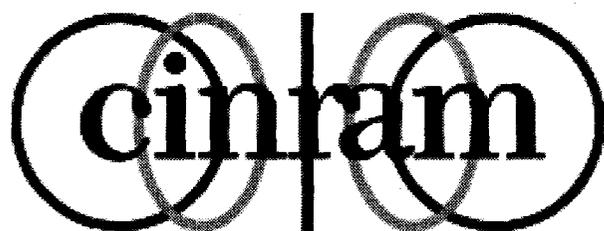
referrals: Staff recommends referral to higher headquarters at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., the Defense Department's lead agent for Region 4. Complexity of Tricare policies and procedures: Refer to higher headquarters.

- Commissary— Quantity and quality of produce: Implement suggestions with modification; the supplier, DSO, is to establish contracts with area growers to allow for purchase of locally grown produce on a regular basis beginning this summer. Uniform servicemember priority at the Commissary: Staff recommends implementation at a regular, non-express register (No. 4) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

- Post Exchange— Clothing items: Staff recommends adding to available selection. Better selection of teen merchandise: Implement with modification.

- Directorate of Community and Family Activities— Quality of food at the Youth Center: Staff recommends implementation and new items such as yogurt shakes, low-fat snack cakes and cookies have been added. Families on post should be able to choose the school their children attend: Implement with modification including working with the city schools to allow more flexibility. Inadequate track for physical training and PT testing: Implement with modification including improving the existing Tin City track. Inadequate hours of operation for Child Development Center: Staff determined that current hours are meeting needs, but the results of a Morale, Welfare and Recreation survey will be considered. Officers and Civilians Club membership expansion: Current

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No Chinese berets, fielding phased through November

Black beret distribution begins at some posts

By GARY SHEFTICK
Army News Service

WASHINGTON— Not all soldiers will don black berets June 14, officials said, adding that a phased fielding of the headgear will continue into November.

The delay in fielding berets is due to three companies defaulting on their beret delivery, officials said, and a policy decision not to issue berets produced in China.

"The Army chief of staff has determined that U.S. troops shall not wear berets made in China or berets made with Chinese content," said Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz in a statement May 1. "Therefore, I direct the Army and the Defense Logistics Agency to take appropriate action to recall previously distributed berets and dispose of the stock."

An order for about 618,000 black berets had been contracted to a British firm, Kangol Limited, that subcontracted to produce the berets at a factory in China. About half of those berets have already been delivered, officials said, but most have not yet been issued to soldiers. Those berets will be recalled and sold as surplus through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, according to a DLA spokesperson.

In addition, three contracts were canceled this week with U.S. companies that had beret factories in Romania, South Africa and India. "Quality was one of the issues," said a DLA spokesperson about terminating the contracts April 30. She added that the three companies had not met their delivery schedule.

Originally, 4.8 million berets were contracted to seven different companies for a total cost of \$29.6 million, according to DLA.

The three remaining companies producing berets that will be worn by soldiers are: Bancroft Cap Company in Cabot, Ark., Dorothea Knitting in Canada, and C.W. Headdress, a British company with a factory in Sri Lanka.

The Army's goal is still to get as many of the berets issued by June 14 as possi-

ble, according to Lt. Col. Paul Hilton, who is coordinating the fielding plan in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

Priority for fielding in the active component will go to large stateside installations with deployable units, Hilton said, and also to the Recruiting Command and the National Capital Region. He said a number of Army Reserve and National Guard units will also receive the berets prior to June 14.

"It's going to all three components at the same time," Hilton said. "The chief is adamant about that."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki announced in October that soldiers would begin wearing black berets on the Army's birthday, June 14, as a symbol of the Army's transformation to a lighter, more-deployable force.

Soldiers in Ranger units, who have traditionally worn the black berets, will switch to tan berets. Soldiers in Airborne units will continue to wear the maroon berets, officials said, and Special Forces will continue to wear the green berets.

Fielding of the black berets has already begun, Hilton said. The National Guard has 148,000 at its distribution center. The Army Reserve already has 40,000 and another 32,000 were shipped this week, Hilton said. He said the first active-component units should receive their berets soon.

Berets were shipped from DLA to Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; the Military District of Washington and to Recruiting Command battalions across the nation.

The fielding plan called for berets to be shipped to Fort Campbell, Ky. On May 14, berets were scheduled to be shipped to Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Stewart, Ga., and Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

DLA is scheduled to ship berets May 21 to Fort Benning, Ga., and May 28 to Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Riley, Kan.; and Fort Sill, Okla. Berets are scheduled to be shipped June 4 to Fort Bliss, Texas and Fort Polk, La.

Berets will be shipped to other installations and units on a weekly schedule

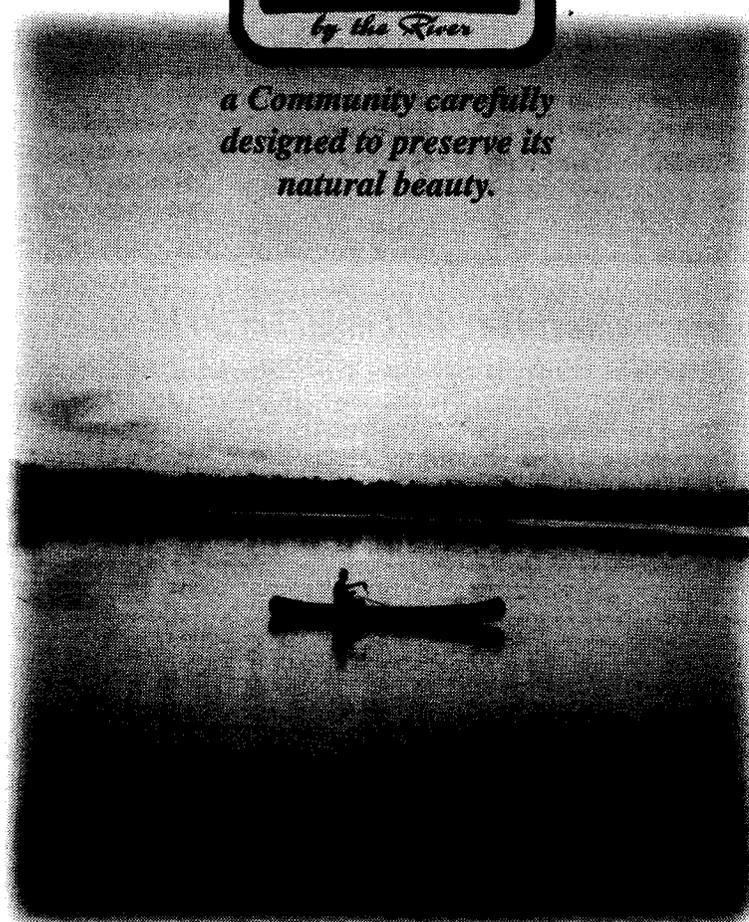
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Black berets fielded in phases Armywide

Berets

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through Oct. 29, according to the fielding plan.

"We do incremental fielding on every-



thing," Hilton said. "Soldiers will understand. Not everyone got the M16-A2 at the same time."

U.S. Army Europe will be the last to receive the berets, Hilton said. While the priority for fielding goes to stateside soldiers in large units, Hilton said if a division receives the beret—so will all soldiers at that installation.

"If you are on the garrison staff at Fort Stewart, you'll don it the same time as the 3rd Infantry Division," Hilton said.

"We are trying, to the maximum extent possible, to avoid mixed uniforms at the same installation," Hilton said.

Officials respond to quality of life issues

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membership requirements will continue. Child Development Center payment schedule: Implement suggested changes.

• Directorate of Environment and Public Works— Safety hazards in housing: Staff recommends revising checklist provided to potential residents during their in-processing stage. Funding for community and facility maintenance: Refer to higher headquarters. Availability and quality of family housing: New housing is programmed in accordance with Army

regulations.

• Defense Military Pay Office— Basic Allowance for Housing is deemed inadequate for military families: Refer to higher headquarters. Soldiers need an increase in Temporary Lodging Expense from 10 days to 30 days: Refer to higher headquarters.

• Directorate of Logistics— Transportation needed at 6 a.m. to sick call at Fox Army Health Center: Implemented with a 44-passenger bus effective May 7.

• Personnel and Training Directorate— Laws governing sick leave: Refer to Army Materiel Command. Amend sick leave contribution to Federal Employees Retirement System annuity: Refer to AMC.

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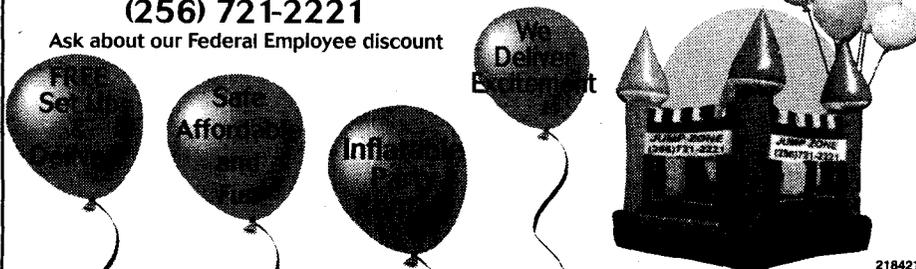
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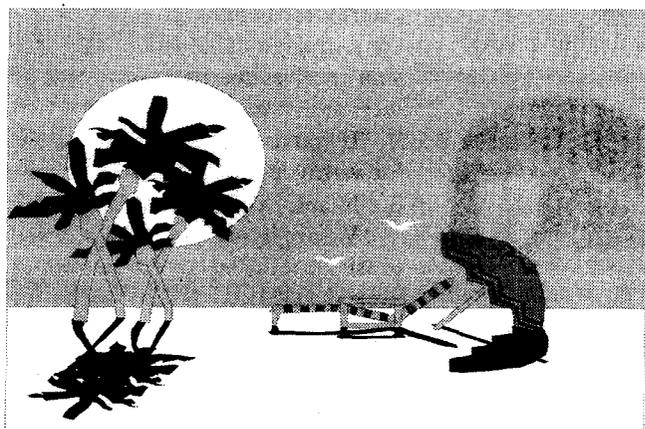
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New menu being cooked up for today's warriors

Researchers test improvements in combat feeding program

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— Military food has had a bad rap through the ages.

In the Revolutionary War, the menu at Valley Forge, Pa., left much to be desired. During the Civil War, many Union soldiers received rancid pork and corn meal as their only issued rations. During the Spanish-American War, soldiers and Marines called desiccated rations — essentially dried vegetables — “desecrated rations.”

More recently, servicemembers called the initial Meals, Ready-to-Eat menus “Meals Rejected by Everybody.” Anyone who has gone to the field lately will admit that military chow has gotten much better. The folks behind the effort to improve rations are in the DoD Combat Feeding Program.

“The scientific and technological focus lately has been on reducing the weight and volume of the rations and the fuel needed to heat them,” Gerald Darsch, joint program director, said.

The Combat Feeding Program is for all services but comes under the Army Sol-

dier and Biological Chemical Command in Natick, Mass.

One new meal is the first-strike ration. Its intent is to allow servicemembers to eat on the move. “Warfighters won’t have to stop to use even a spoon,” Darsch said. The ration prototype consists of shelf-stable pocket sandwiches, and pouches of carbohydrate-enhanced “Zapplesauce” product and Ergo high-energy drink powder.

“What we envision is the Zapplesauce being consumed directly from the pouch using a nozzle,” he said. A fitting on the Ergo pouch would connect to a troop’s ‘camelback’ water carrier — soldiers would fill the bag with water, shake it and then drink from a nozzle.

“Everything would be complete to ‘eat on the go.’ They wouldn’t have to stop in a (mobile operations in urban terrain) environment and eat in a stairway or roof when there are snipers around,” Darsch said. The ration is about half the weight and volume of a typical MRE, he said.

New rations don’t mean that DoD is forgetting the old. “Our combat ration improvements are as aggressive as ever,” he said. “Everything that goes into our rations is warrior-tested, warrior-selected and warrior-approved.”

New items are being added to the MRE

ration line for 2001. Servicemembers will start seeing seafood jambalaya, beef enchiladas and mashed potatoes. Pork chow mein and “smoky franks” are toast.

In 2002, servicemembers will see beef-

steak with mushroom gravy, multigrain cereal, cappuccino and hamburger patties. Beefsteak and chicken with rice will disappear.

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Photo by Gerry J. Gilmore

FOOD TASTING— Michael Acheson, left, DoD food technologist, and Army Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Moody, veterinary liaison, sample the beefsteak with mushroom gravy entrée in the 2002 line of Meals, Ready to Eat.

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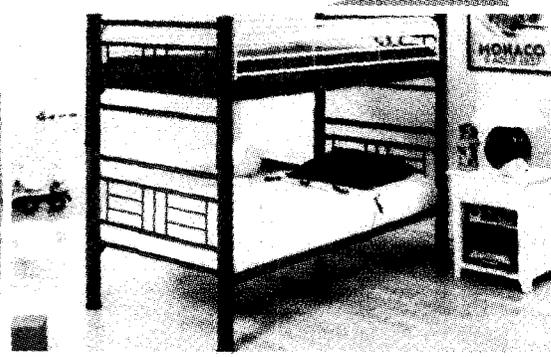
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The Missile Guidance Directorate of Aviation and Missile RDEC is sponsoring a Redstone Arsenal shirt sale to help in the Army Emergency Relief campaign. This year the sale includes three different types of shirts: Men's (three button) short sleeve 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.

Fund-raising events

Upcoming fund-raisers for Army Emergency Relief include the following: Aviation Systems Plant Sale, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at northeast corner of building 5309, parking lot, call Ms. Rice 313-

1642. SHORAD Project Office's Fund-raiser Cookout, today at 11:30 a.m., minimum donation \$6, call 876-8037. Command Group Fun Walk/Run, today in front of building 5300; registration fee \$3, T-shirts for sale, call Ms. Dye 876-2029. IMMC Golf Tournament, Friday at Redstone Golf Course, call Mr. Walton 876-4336 for more information.

Prayer breakfast

The May Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, will be held May 22 at 7 a.m. in the Sparkman Center, building 5308, room 8124 (conference). "No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own or come and feast on the spiritual food that will be served," a prepared release said. "Everyone is welcome and invited, so join us for prayer, praise and fellowship." For information call Clifton Canady 955-7224.

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.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel will celebrate Confirmation at 7 p.m. Friday with Bishop Francis Roque. A community dinner will follow. Korean mass will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday. Weekend mass is 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Concert band

The Twickenham Winds will present its annual Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Huntsville High School auditorium. Admission is free. The Twickenham Winds is a community concert band consisting of a diverse group of volunteer musicians ranging from high school students to professional musicians, including members of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra. Dr. David Spencer, band director at Huntsville High, conducts the group. For more information, call 534-3834.

Class reunion

The J.O. Johnson High School Class of 1976 will hold its 25-year reunion on the weekend of June 30 in Huntsville. For more information, call Brian Godsy (256) 233-6249.

Car sales lot

Beginning June 1, the U-Sell car lot in the Post Exchange parking lot will be operated by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Committee. As of that date, there will be a charge of \$10 per month to park your vehicle in the lot. You may register your vehicle and pay your fee at the Recreation Center (building 3711) from 1:30-8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, or at Outdoor Recreation (building 5129) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Money collected will be used by the BOSS Committee to enhance social and recreational activities for single soldiers on Redstone Arsenal.

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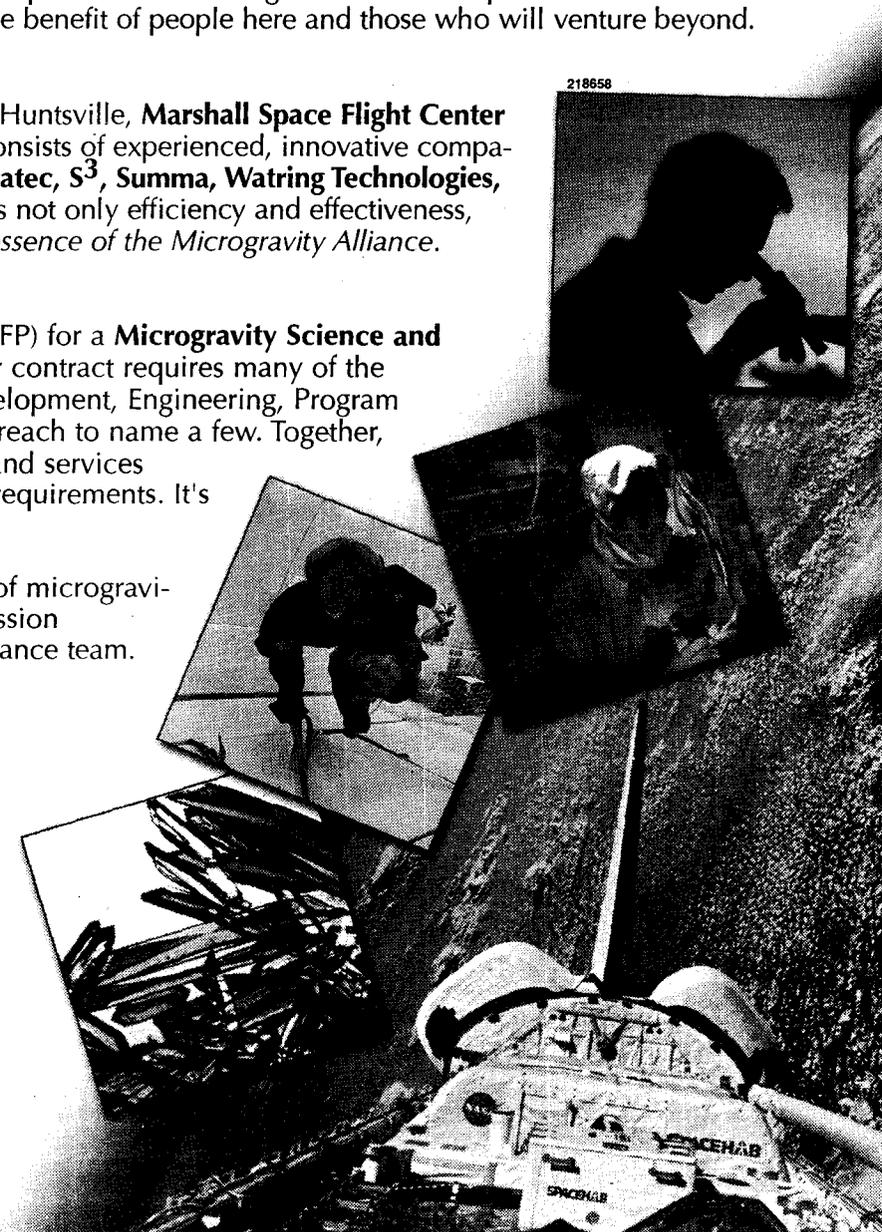
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Volleyball league

The Wednesday Night CWFC Coed Volleyball League is in full swing for the summer session. As of May 9 the standings are as follows: The Heat (9-3), S&S (5-4), Shuka (4-5), Hellcats and LOGSA (3-6). The Civilian Welfare Fund Council will be looking for a few more teams for the next session which begins July 11. For more information, call Mary Ann 313-5924.

Golf championship

Redstone Golf Course will hold a Men's and Women's Handicap Golf Championship, June 2-3 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senior division (50 and above) will play from the gold tees. Prizes will be awarded for "closest to the pin" and "long drive" contests in all divisions on both days. The

number of flight prizes awarded will be determined by the number of participants and door prizes will be given at the awards ceremony (must be present to win). A meal will be held immediately after play that Sunday. There will also be free beverages and soft drinks on both days. Total cost per player is \$45 and golfers must be registered by close of business May 28. For more information or registration, call the Redstone Golf Course 883-7977.

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 from 6:30-7:30 Thursday 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.

Command town hall

The AMCOM Quarterly Town Hall Meeting — with Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, AMCOM commander — will be held at 9 a.m. May 22 in the Bob Jones Auditorium and feature updates on QDR reshape, cross leveling and the special work force buyout, and a report by Sullivan on the Booz-Allen & Hamilton personnel practices independent study. Badges must be worn by all attending. The town hall will

be broadcast on Team Redstone television Channel 42. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium.

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.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Mullins Restaurant.

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Case closed

1st Sgt. Teresa Maguire, left, holds the Charles Melvin Price Support Center flag as Lt. Col. Deborah Williams, CMPSC commander, and Col. Brent Swart, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity commander, case the colors during an inactivation ceremony at CMSPC on May 1. CMSPC, located in Granite City, Ill., is an AMCOM subordinate installation. It will be turned over to the Tri-City Regional Port District later this year.



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Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Golf scramble

Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will hold its annual charity golf scramble Saturday. 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 most 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 today 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.

Bass tourney results

Army Aviation Association of America, Tennessee Valley Chapter held its semianual Bass Tourney on May 5 at Wheeler Lake. There were 20 boats competing for

the "Big Fish" and the total weight. Big fish went to Dave League and Jim Hawkins for a 3 pound bass. The first through third place winners for total weight were: Dan Runyon and Walter Viall with five fish weighing 8 pounds; Jim Roberts and George Jones, five fish at 6.7 pounds; and Keith and Jean Rose with four fish at 5.6 pounds.

Golf benefit tournament

Teledyne Brown Engineering will sponsor the fourth annual Golf for Kids Classic on June 13 at the Hampton Cove Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. Registration is 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit The Caring House, a children's bereavement program under Hospice Family Care. The entry fee is \$100 per player and includes greens and cart fees, prizes, golf shirt, driving range and balls, dinner, and a \$50 tax deduction. For registration forms or additional information, call Dave Roesler, Teledyne Brown Engineering, 726-2929 or Bill Bodden, Command Analysis Directorate, 313-0373.

Atlanta trip

CWFC and AAAA are planning a bus trip to Atlanta for a St. Louis Rams vs. Falcons football game, Dec. 1-2. This will be

an overnight event, departing Dec. 1 around 11 a.m. and returning after the game Dec. 2. No children. Estimated cost is \$125 per person based on double occupancy. Stay tuned for more details on the CWFC home page or in the *Rocket*.

Nashville tour

Join the Recreation Center on a tour to the Nashville Flea Market, May 26. The May Flea Market is one of the biggest of the year with hundreds of vendors both indoors and outdoors. You can find just about anything you want and the price is usually negotiable. The tour departs from the Recreation Center, building 3711, at 8 a.m. and returns about 6 p.m. Cost is \$12. To sign up, stop by the Recreation Center Wednesday through Friday from 1:30-8 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 876-4531 during operating hours.

Health fair

In conjunction with National Employee Health and Fitness Month, the Wellness Center invites you to the 10th annual Health Fair. The Health Fair will be held May 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705 on

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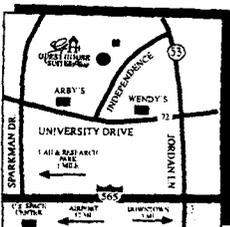
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Volunteers of year

Redstone Arsenal's Volunteers of the Year include from left Evelyn Teats, Stacie Bonner, Dede Busk, Betty Chesak, Glen Long, Lorraine Kraus, Martha Brouse, Don Kraus and Mickel Wilson. They were recognized April 18 at the RSA Volunteer of the Year luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Information Meeting and Open House

Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program

6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Sparkman Center Auditorium

A presentation about recent findings
of a comprehensive groundwater flow study
will be made at 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Posters and experts on a variety of topics
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will be available at 6-6:45 p.m. and 7:15-8 p.m.

Redstone Arsenal is hosting a public meeting and open house to inform the public about its efforts to clean up old hazardous waste sites.

The Army has performed an 18-months-long study of the bedrock geology to determine where groundwater is flowing and where it might be surfacing both on and off the Arsenal. Because the geology greatly affects the movement of contaminants in the groundwater, it is important to understand this complex system. The study centers on the groundwater flow patterns around the former Thiokol North Plant area.

Additional information will be available about:

- the ongoing cleanup at the former Thiokol North Plant area (Operable Unit 10) and the former open-burn and detonation grounds (Operable Unit 14)
- the fencing of some former landfills and sites containing unexploded ordnance and chemical warfare material
- a contaminant found on the Arsenal that currently is being reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its effect on human health and the environment.

Directions to Sparkman Center: Enter the Arsenal through Gate 10 on Patton Road. Follow Patton Road through Gate 4. Tell the guard you are going to the Sparkman Center for the environmental public meeting. Follow Patton Road and turn right at the second light after Gate 4 into the Sparkman Center. Turn left at the road leading around the parking lot. The auditorium is on the right between Buildings 5304 and 5307.

For more information contact

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Ticks

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tear off the body parts and leave them imbedded in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouthparts like you would remove a splinter. Consider saving the tick in alcohol or freeze it in a pill vial or plastic bag. In case symptoms appear, identification of the tick may be important.

After removing the tick, wash the wound site with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Avoid crushing the tick with your fingers as this will transmit any dis-

ease organisms to your hands. Also, wash your hands with soap and water after removing the tick and clean the tweezers with alcohol.

Ticks, unfortunately, are here to stay. But by following these preventive measures, you can make sure that ticks are one thing that won't be "bugging" you this season.

Editor's note: Miller is the environmental health and safety specialist at Fox Army Health Center. For more information on ticks and tick-borne diseases call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196.



Photo by Karen Moore/ ASMC

Picnic agenda

Members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers enjoy their food and the first round of bingo during ASMC's annual picnic May 10. More than 270 people attended the event in the NASA picnic area.

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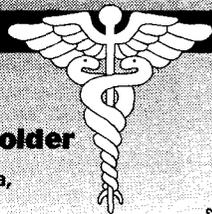
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Don't let ticks bug you this summer

Health center officials prescribe taking steps toward prevention

By **CHERIE MILLER**
For the Rocket

With summer around the corner, Tennessee Valley residents should be prepared for the annual onslaught of insect pests including ticks. These insects can carry diseases which are harmful to both humans and animals. Ticks are already prevalent and are of major concern due to the numerous diseases they can transmit.

Ticks are blood-feeding parasites of birds, animals, and humans. There are more than 850 species of ticks of two distinct types: hard ticks and soft ticks. Soft ticks have tough, leathery, pitted skin with no distinct head. They are uncommon but may be found in caves and on birds. Hard ticks have a hard smooth skin and an apparent head. These ticks are found in the woods and on humans and animals. Hard ticks are associated with most tick-borne diseases in the United States. Common hard ticks in the Tennessee Valley are the dog tick, black-legged tick, lone star tick, and the brown tick.

Ticks can carry disease germs in their bodies which they transmit to humans and animals when they bite. Ticks stay attached to the host by using a dartlike anchor with backward curving teeth which grip into the skin. They also secrete a cement that hardens and helps hold the tick onto the host. The tick slices open the skin with the anchor, inserts the head under the skin and engorge themselves on the blood. Hard ticks are slow feeders and can take several days to finish a blood meal. They can extract up to 8 milliliters of blood during a feeding and can take up to 100 times their body weight in blood. They concentrate the blood during feeding and return much of the water back to the host.

Not all ticks carry disease organisms, so getting a tick bite does not mean that disease will follow. However, you should look for signs and symptoms of tick-borne diseases following any tick bite. The common tick-borne diseases include Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Human Erlichiosis.

Common diseases

Lyme Disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the U.S. It has

spread rapidly with an increased number of cases in the southeast where it is usually transmitted by the black-legged tick and the lone star tick. The common symptom of Lyme Disease is a "bull's eye" rash around the site of the bite which appears three days to three weeks following the bite. The rash will have a clear center with a red ring outside that. Other symptoms include fever, chills, headache and fatigue. Rarely fatal, Lyme Disease can cause significant pain and discomfort if allowed to progress.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, despite the name that describes its origin, is now abundant in the southeast where the main vector is the dog tick. RMSF symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, bloodshot eyes and headaches with onset about 3-14 days after the tick bite. A spotty rash may occur on the feet and hands in 2-3 days. RMSF can be treated with antibiotics, but can be fatal when left untreated.

Human erlichiosis was identified in 1986 and has been found predominantly in the southeast where its vector, the lone star tick, is prevalent. Symptoms appear in 1-21 days (average 7) and resemble

RMSF without a rash. Symptoms can be mild to severe; and several deaths have been reported.

Prevention is the key

Prevention is the key to avoid tick bites. Ticks like long grass and brush where they can attach to humans and pets as they walk by. Keep lawns mowed and remove brush and other vegetation near your home. Discourage wild animals from coming on your property as they are often vectors for ticks. If you must be out in wooded areas, use a commercial insect repellent effective against ticks. In addition, wear long pants with the legs tucked into socks or boots and a long sleeve shirt tucked in. Light colored clothing will allow you to spot ticks more easily. Check every few hours for ticks if you are in the woods for a long time. After returning, remove all clothing and check your body carefully, paying special attention to hairy or warm, moist parts of the body.

If you do find a tick, remove it by using a tweezers to grasp the tick's head and pull back slowly and steadily. Avoid pulling the tick out sharply as this may

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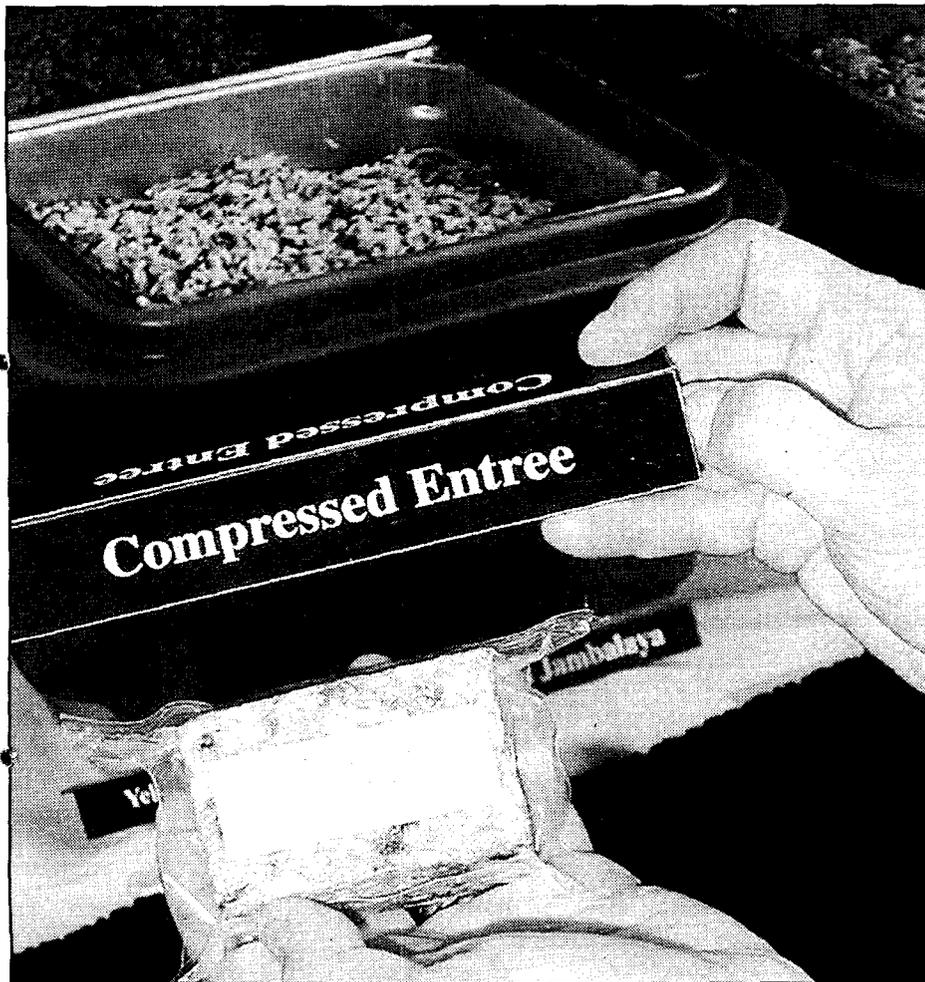


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LIGHTWEIGHT— New, air-dried compressed entrees are a quarter the weight of conventional field food service meals.

Rations

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Darsch said Natick's future test menus include a vegetarian manicotti and clam chowder. "My condolences to the folks from Manhattan, there's no tomato sauce in it — it's New England style," he said in his broad Massachusetts accent.

Another technology the program is examining is compressed entrees. The menu of 25 different entrées would cut the current weight of rations by 66 percent and their volume by 75 percent. "Compressed entrées also cost 75 percent less to make than freeze-dried items, and you get an A-ration quality product in 4 percent of the time," Darsch said.

The Natick crew is also examining improving the quality of regular food. Regular canned food is steamed until it is sterile. All that cooking changes the taste and texture of the food.

Researchers have found that pressure will sterilize food — packers can kill

pathogens by exposing unsealed pouches, cans and other primary containers of food to 120,000 pounds per square inch of atmospheric pressure. The pressure only affects living organisms, Darsch said, leaving the food fine. Because there's no high heat, the chow tastes closer to fresh.

Researchers are also looking at using electric pulses to sterilize food. Cooks will also benefit. Recently introduced unitized group rations allow the services to feed troops A-ration quality food anywhere.

"Among our recent developments is a polymeric tray to replace metal 'tray-cans,'" Darsch said. "Now, the cooks don't have to call the Red Cross for blood transfusions after they try opening the cans. We're also expanding the number and variety of menus available.

"We'll continue working in all aspects of rations to ensure servicemembers get the best, most nutritious food they can," he said. "Stand by. We always have something cooking."

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