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Levy briefing offers soldiers info for smooth move



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

LEAVING REDSTONE— To better prepare soldiers for permanent change of station moves from Redstone, Military Personnel conducts comprehensive levy briefings once a month, mandatory for all departing soldiers. Steve Penland, a mover with Hills Moving and Storage, a Redstone contractor, is working the "summer crunch."

Mandatory monthly sessions scheduled to begin June 28

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

When a soldier leaves Redstone for his next duty station, there's more to it than packing up a few boxes and saying good-bye to the neighbors. Clearing the post can be taxing and time consuming if you're not prepared.

Smooth moves is what the new levy briefing is all about.

"Military Personnel is spearheading the effort to make outprocessing as easy for the soldier as possible," Mary Breeden, relocation program manager, Army Community Service, said. "The levy briefing brings together all the major players involved in the moving process: transportation, finance, education center, housing, military personnel, Army Community Service. They give quick little briefs, points of contact, phone numbers so that the soldiers know what all has to be done before they leave and how to go about getting it all done."

The key to a successful move is planning ahead. Don't wait until the last minute

to talk to housing about packing and moving household goods. Do as much as possible as early as possible.

"We had a soldier come into our office and tell us he's leaving and his stuff has to be picked up tomorrow," Margie Frederick, supervisor, personal property section, post transportation office, said. "The day before you move is not the time to be making that request. We need as much time as you can give us, especially during summer moves. That's our real crunch time."

The new levy briefings are scheduled for the last Thursday of each month, at 1 p.m. in building 3447, the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity Development Center. This briefing replaces the one-on-one counseling previously offered by Military Personnel.

"We're getting things back on track, as per regulation, with these briefings," Maj. Ronnie McDaniel, adjutant general for Redstone, said. "We're giving permanent party soldiers leaving Redstone Arsenal and going to another assignment all the information they'll need to leave in an efficient manner and be prepared for arrival at

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Army credited with Huntsville's success

Former employee reflects on Redstone, Army way of life

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

A railroad tie from an old train track that used to run through Redstone Arsenal, several awards hanging on the wall of his home office dubbed "The Hawk Room" by his daughter because of his work with the Hawk missile system and a book of baseball's greatest pitchers with his picture and stats from his days as SES team pitcher pasted in are just a few of the mementos of Redstone that this former employee holds dear.

Ernie Young spent more than 40 years serving the Army and Redstone Arsenal, yet he can't stop talking about what they did for him. During his career he served as assistant deputy and then deputy to 18 different commanding generals at the Arsenal, each with his own agenda, but he still came away from the experience grateful for all the Army

did for him.

"When I came in as a second lieutenant, I had no intention of staying at Redstone. I wanted to get in and get out. Never at that time did I expect the Army to be my career. As a civil employee, it made my life," he said.

"I think an awful lot of the Army as an institution I get into arguments about it all the time," he said laughing. "Just the other day I was talking about how great it is. I was with some guys from the Navy and the Air Force because I do some consulting over at Intergraph. They were each saying the Navy and the Air Force were better than the Army. I had to remind them that the Army had to come along and rescue them when they couldn't put a satellite in the sky. Then they got quiet. I guess you really support your upbringing."

In the Army

Young arrived at the Arsenal in 1955 as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps. At that time, he said Huntsville had a "boom town atmosphere." No quarters

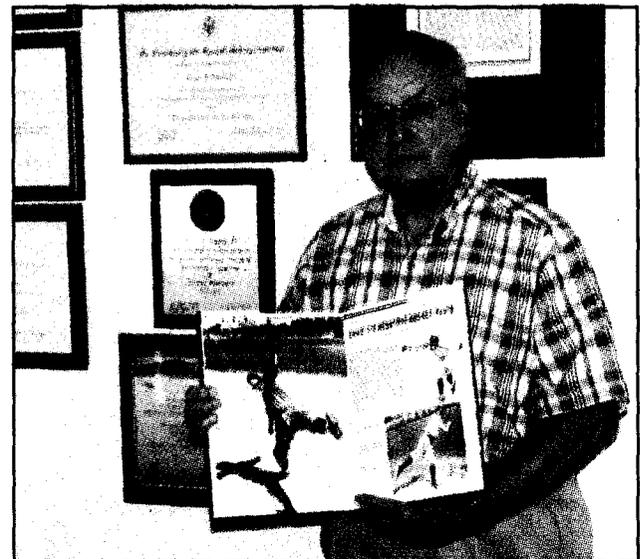


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GLORY DAYS— Ernie Young, a former deputy to the commanding general of Redstone, reveals his picture pasted in a book of baseball's greatest pitchers that he keeps in his home office along with other mementos of his days at the Arsenal.

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College diploma carries weight in job selection process

Everyone is concerned with fairness regarding promotions. But there is a forgotten/ignored/dismissed segment of the work force: those who for whatever reason don't have a degree. These people, even though they may be far more qualified than another applicant, will never make the cut—no degree. This means that no matter how many jobs they apply for, or how well qualified they are, they will never be selected—no degree.

This means that even if a developmental slot is announced, there is no way that anyone without a degree will ever get that promotion no matter how intelligent or what experience they had or how hard they work. There will never be a vehicle that will allow them to be promoted on the basis of their hard work, experience and knowledge.

If employees have proven themselves capable of performing an assignment and have the ability to learn, these employees should be given the chance to be slotted in a developmental program without a degree.

It seems to me that a lot more importance is being attached to a piece of paper rather than the person's abilities and experience. A degree doesn't make someone more intelligent than someone without a degree. Nor does a degree make someone more qualified for a job than a person who has performed that job competently while assigned to it.

If an employee has performed a job for several years, would it be fair to replace them with someone who has a degree simply because they have a degree?

It is like a witch hunt, and those of us without a degree are doomed.

You may say you had your chance to get a degree, but you don't know my circumstances.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "To be selected for promotions, candidates must meet the qualification requirements for the positions and be selected from among the best qualified candidates. Some positions have positive education requirements which means that a college degree is required. For most positions a college degree is not required; however, college education and degrees may still be used as factors in the competitive selection process.

"Competition for most positions, particularly developmental positions, is very keen. For example, more than 300 candidates were referred for consideration for recent para-trainee positions and over half had college degrees. Therefore, those employees who have invested the time in their own self-development and have pursued formal education and degrees will often have a competitive advantage in the selection process. It is recommended that employees with promotion questions ask

their supervisors for career counseling. Employees interested in entry into career program positions may wish to get further information from the career program managers or their representatives on criteria that is normally used for entry into those career programs. Then employees will know what actions they will need to take to become more competitive for advancement

into those positions. If employees have been unsuccessful in competing for advancement into positions where college education is used as one of the selection factors, they would be advised to pursue education to become more competitive. Your servicing CPAC civilian personnel specialist can also answer questions you may have on the merit promotion system."

Commands schedule activities to celebrate the Army's 226th birthday this Thursday

ARMY NEWS SERVICE RELEASE

WASHINGTON— Commands worldwide will celebrate the Army's 226th birthday Thursday with concerts, runs, balls and a variety of ceremonies.

At Redstone Arsenal, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will conduct a battle streamer ceremony with the Army flag and birthday cake cutting. The school will also conduct a retreat ceremony. Additionally, Team Redstone will unveil a new Army Transformation exhibit at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

Eighth U.S. Army, Korea, will have 28,000 soldiers simultaneously don their berets throughout the Korean Peninsula as part of the Army birthday observance. There will be a cake cutting and beret ceremony at every camp and installation in South Korea where U.S. Army soldiers serve, officials said. At Yongsan, a formation of 1,000 soldiers— led by Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen.

Daniel Zanini— will don black berets on command.

Headquarters, Department of the Army will honor the Army's birthday with a series of speeches recognizing the "American soldier" in the Pentagon's center courtyard. Scheduled to speak is Secretary of the Army Thomas White, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley.

There will also be an Army Birthday Ball sponsored by the Department of the Army at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The U.S. Army Soldiers Show and the U.S. Army Field Band will be the main entertainment at this annual event, which drew more than 2,000 soldiers, dignitaries and military family members last year.

This year's theme is "1901— Transforming the Army— 2001." The theme compares today's Transformation initiatives with similar steps 100 years ago, following the Spanish-American War under Secretary of War Elihu Root, officials said.

Fire training exercises planned in housing area

Things are going to heat up this summer at Redstone, a little more than usual. Redstone firefighters will be demolishing houses by fire as a training exercise several weekends throughout the summer.

On June 16 and 17, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Redstone Arsenal Fire and Emergency Services will have a live fire training exercise on quarters 1410 and 1411 in the 1400 housing area around the intersection of Nike Street and Spartan Drive. This exercise will allow the firefighters to train on suppression procedures and salvage methods. The street will be blocked from quarters 1408 west along Nike Street to quarters 1414 with fire vehicles and emergency personnel. There will be power and cable outages prior to this date to quarters 1400 through 1415 and quarters 1426 through 1437 for the rerouting of power lines and poles. Drivers and occu-

pants of that area should be observant to directions given by fire fighters. The houses are being demolished (by fire) and the area will be cleaned up starting on Monday. The area will be disrupted as little as possible during the demolition and training exercises.

For the remaining summer weekends, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Redstone Arsenal Fire and Emergency Services will have live fire training exercises in the 1400 housing area along Nike Street on eight other units. These exercises will allow the firefighters to train on fire suppression procedures, investigation techniques, and salvage methods. During these times, Nike Street will be blocked from the intersection of Spartan Drive and Nike Street and west along Nike with fire vehicles and emergency personnel. Drivers and occupants of that area should be observant to directions given by fire fighters.

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Spotlight on progress

Quick-hit process team
makes recommendations

By BOB HUNT
For the Rocket

Last week 17 AMCOM employees gathered to review operational improvement recommendations contained in the Booz-Allen & Hamilton study of the command's personnel management processes.

Known collectively as the Quick-Hit Integrated Process Team, the members included a supervisor and non-supervisor from the Deputy for Systems Acquisition, the Research Development and Engineering Center, the Acquisition Center, and the Integrated Materiel Management Center, as well as advisers from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, the Strategic Planning Office, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, the Public Affairs Office, and AFGE Local 1858. A representative from Booz-Allen & Hamilton served as the IPT's facilitator.

The IPT was given a simple mission: recommend to the AMCOM Board of Directors within one week those actions that could be implemented immediately to improve the selection, promotion and

redress processes.

"Maj. Gen. (AI) Sullivan wants to incorporate into AMCOM's currently impending promotions and selections those improvements that can be done immediately, with little or no cost, and that won't slow down the selection process," Booz-Allen & Hamilton facilitator Ginny Gibson said.

The IPT members, who met in the Electronic Meeting System facility in building 5309 June 4-7, first huddled over computers and individually brainstormed recommendations. Everyone then evaluated the recommendations to determine into which sub-process (Application, Review and Evaluation, Decision Making, and Appeal and Redress) each recommendation best fell. The IPT then split into four teams to review the recommendations in each sub-process to determine which recommendations could or could not be implemented immediately. Each sub-process team then briefed its findings to the IPT in a session that involved much critique, discussion and debate. Finally, three and a half sequestered days later, the IPT prepared a decision briefing for the Board of Directors meeting June 11. The board's decision will be reported in next week's *Rocket*.

AMCOM soldiers, civilians to receive superior unit award

Army honors commands
for transformation work

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

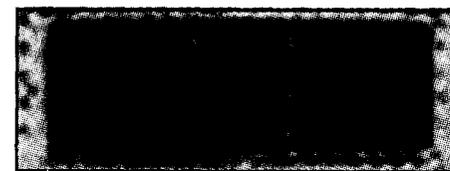
It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes more than that to transform the Army.

AMCOM soldiers and civilians are among the many recipients of the Army Superior Unit Award for their work in Army transformation from October 1999 to October 2000. The award effective Jan. 16 was approved by former Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera.

The Aviation and Missile Command was recognized as a subordinate of the Army Materiel Command, among the major commands honored.

"It's for all the efforts that all these elements have done in the transformation of the Army to better fulfill this role of national security for the 21st century," Maj. Ronnie McDaniel, the AMCOM adjutant general, said. "To include manning, organizing, equipping, training and sustaining the Army in a wide array of worldwide operational missions."

All soldiers assigned to AMCOM from



ARMY SUPERIOR UNIT AWARD

October 1999 to October 2000 are authorized to permanently wear the medal and have the award noted in their official personnel file. Civilians here during that time are authorized to wear the lapel pin and have the award also noted in their official personnel file. Civilian or military personnel need be present only one day during the designated period to be entitled to the award.

Soldiers and civilians assigned to AMCOM after last October can wear the award while here but not after they leave. And the recognition won't be reflected in their personnel file.

"This award goes to all the efforts of everyone around here in terms of everything that we do for our country," McDaniel said. "And it shows all our efforts are appreciated by leaders of the Army in terms of this award."

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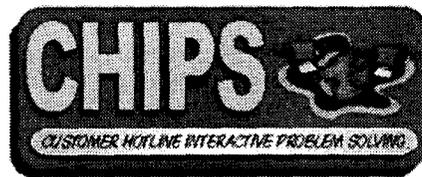
Command launches online hotline for customers worldwide

AMCOM leaders want the command to get more feedback from its customers.

As a result, the Aviation and Missile Command on June 4 launched a customer hotline web site: Customer Hotline Interactive Problem Solving. CHIPS began with the Corporate Information Center, Integrated Materiel Management Center, Intelligence and Security Directorate, and Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Customers on post can go to <http://chips.redstone.army.mil>. Off post the web address is: <http://chips.public.redstone.army.mil>.

After connecting to the web site, the customer will select a category and input their concerns directly to CIC, ISD, RASA and the IMMC. Organizations to



be added in about a month include the Personnel and Training Directorate, Acquisition Center, Research Development and Engineering Center, Resource Management Directorate, and Deputy for Systems Acquisition. The plan is to add four or five monthly until all the AMCOM organizations are on board, according to Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general.

The AMCOM Executive Steering Com-

mittee in August 1999 decided that the command needed a more direct line to its customers. Officials subsequently have been developing the concept of the web site and then programming and implementing it. As each organization goes online, there is a trained point of contact waiting for customer inputs. Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, the AMCOM commander, has directed that the customer will get an answer within 10 working days of submittal.

So, who are the command's customers? Customers are those who receive AMCOM products or services. This includes soldiers in the field and AMCOM employees who are customers of command organizations like Personnel, RASA and Intelligence and Security.

What may customers input? The answer is anything that relates to the products or services the customer receives from AMCOM. The selected organization is to respond within 10 working days and try to resolve the customer concern.

Each point of contact is responsible for marketing CHIPS to his or her customers. The IMMC will market the CHIPS web site to its customers in accordance with the following schedule: Korea (including Kuwait), June 6; U.S. Army Europe (including the Balkans), June 13; 18th Corps, June 20; June 27, III Corps (including National Training Center); and July 3, U.S. Army Pacific (including Alaska and Fort Lewis, Wash.).

Line-of-sight anti-tank missile has successful test

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M.— The Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank (LOSAT) Risk Reduction No.1 missile was successfully launched May 23 from White Sands Missile Range.

The RR 1 missile was remotely launched from a stationary LOSAT fire unit located on the LOSAT launch pad at the Small Missile Range, White Sands. The launch met all primary objectives and gathered critical design and performance data. RR 1 was the first of two planned RR flights for the LOSAT missile in the Advanced Concept

Technology Demonstration.

"The LOSAT system has successfully completed its first major step in development of the tactical system," Col. Jed Sheehan, Kinetic Energy Missiles project manager, said. "The entire KEM Team is extremely pleased with what we accomplished today as a result of the hard work and dedication exhibited by all those associated with the LOSAT Program. LOSAT will be a reliable, highly effective, and highly lethal tank-killing system which will provide overwhelming firepower for

our light forces."

The RR 1 missile flew a pre-programmed internal guidance trajectory using the missile's onboard software to control firing of the missile's attitude control motors (ACMs). The missile was programmed to engage a virtual aim-point target at a range in excess of 2.4 miles or four kilometers. A blackbody infrared target was placed in the Forward-Looking Infrared field of view to allow the capture of the maximum amount of FLIR and day TV imagery.

The RR 1 mission involved a series of first-time events for the LOSAT system, including integration of an Inertial Measurement Unit, new guidance electronic algorithms, off-axis launch, use of new ACMs, integration of a planned 7.5g maneuver late in the flight, use of a modified Optical Head Assembly, use of a single launch pod, and changes to the rocket motor case and missile structure.

The LOSAT program began as an

Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration in 1998. The Army accelerated the program by two years in late 1999 and the resulting innovative acquisition strategy is known as ACTD-plus. This strategy incorporates the design, testing, and evaluation required to enter limited rate production at the end of the originally planned ACTD, cutting development time by two years. The Risk Reduction flight series— in progressive steps — will demonstrate the fully tactical LOSAT hardware/software design prior to production of ACTD-plus missiles and fire units

Sheehan credited the success of the RR 1 mission to the LOSAT team, which includes members from the Kinetic Energy Missile Project Office, the Research Development and Engineering Center, Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control - Dallas, their subcontractors, and White Sands' National Range and Materiel Test Directorate support personnel.

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Teen volunteer lends a helping hand at Fox

Red Cross youth program gives medical experience

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Allison Dolloff takes her volunteer work seriously. Having been home schooled for the past seven years, this 16-year-old considers community service equal to one of her academic subjects.

She began working at Fox Army Health Center as a Red Cross youth volunteer last summer. Her schooling allows her to volunteer there throughout the year, unlike most of the other teen-agers that only volunteer during the summer due to school schedules.

"I felt it was very important for me to get an opportunity to help people. Also, I was looking into the medical field for college and I thought volunteering would be a good experience," she said.

Volunteering consistently has worked to her benefit. Since her main interest is working with children or newborns, she eventually found her way into the family practice area at the health center.

"When I first started, I didn't get to do a whole lot. It was more a paperwork kind of thing and I wanted to get more hands-on experience. Now they let me do vital (signs) and take height and weight," she said. "After they got to know me, they gave me more responsibility."

The experience she is gaining working in pediatrics is helping her decide on a career path. She said going into the medical field is "definitely still a possibility" and she "just loves" volunteering at the health center.

"It's a lot of fun. I think (the children) relate real well with younger people - with teen-agers - and I try to calm them down if they're getting a shot or they're



Photo by Beth Skarupa

SIBLING WARS— Red Cross volunteer Allison Dolloff, 16, tries to take the temperature of a reluctant patient, her brother Logan, 2, at Fox Army Health Center. They are the children of Maj. Scott and Lori Dolloff.

upset," she said. "The kids are pretty well-behaved too and the people in pediatrics are very friendly. I like to work with them and volunteer. I've enjoyed it very much."

The Red Cross youth program places teen-age volunteers throughout the health center to assist in clinics, the records room and other areas. Teen-agers must be at least 14 years old and hold a valid military ID card to qualify for the program. They also must attend training at the

Red Cross Chapter House in Huntsville

Those interested in participating in the youth program should watch for announcements in the *Redstone Rocket* beginning in April each year, according to Yvonne Quantock, volunteer coordinator at Fox Army Health Center.

Quantock explained that if an interested teen-ager missed last month's training session, he would probably have to wait until next year to participate in the program because most teens have to go back to school in August. The next Red Cross training session is scheduled for the end of June. "That would give them only about a month to volunteer and that wouldn't really be enough time to get involved," she said.

Teen volunteers are especially needed in the summer because many of the older volunteers go on vacations in June and July, according to Quantock.

"I think that they're a big help in the summertime," she said. "It's too bad most of them can't work year-round. It's a great opportunity for the kids because when it comes college time, it's good for them to learn a little discipline and have the experience too."

Dolloff will attest to that. She volunteers at Earlyworks museum and Alabama Constitution Village when she's not busy doing school work, playing the piano, taking care of her younger brothers or volunteering at the health center. She speaks highly of the Red Cross youth program.

"I definitely recommend this for any teen-ager whether they want to go into the medical profession or not. It's a really good experience to volunteer, to go into the community and help out," she said. "It's a lot of fun, plus you get a lot of high school credit for it. It looks good on your transcripts."

Dolloff is the daughter of Maj. Scott and Lori Dolloff. Her brothers are Jonathan, 12, and Logan, 2.

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Korea added to space available travel for family members

Before hopping the free flight get details on the hidden cost

By **SANDY RIEBELING**
Staff writer

Most soldiers stationed in Korea can't take their families with them. It's a 12-month hardship tour. A new policy in space available travel may make things a little easier.

Free flights to Korea are now available to non-command sponsored dependents of active duty soldiers serving an unaccompanied PCS overseas tour through Space Available Department of Defense flights.

"This is a good thing," Mary Breeden, relocation program manager, Army Community Service, said. "It's a quality of life benefit for the soldiers who have to be away from their homes and families for so long. Part of the reason people join the military is to see the world. These free flights can be a great opportunity, but there are things families need to know, need to plan for, before they start packing their bags."

While the flight from U.S. departure points to Korea is free, except for the purchase of a \$10 box lunch, getting to the departure point is the responsibility and expense of the dependent. Locations with space-A flights to Korea include St. Louis, Mo., Bangor, Maine, McChord Air Force Base, Wash., and Travis Air Force

Base, Calif.

Space-A flights are filled according to specific categories, ranging from top priority of emergency travel down to category 6, which is retirees. Non-command sponsored dependents are category 5. There is a possibility that once a dependent has arrived for a space-A flight, he can be bumped due to priority and have to wait for the next available flight. Flights from some locations are scheduled only three times a week so dependent travelers are responsible for food and lodging at the place of departure until the next available flight.

It's the same situation for dependents returning to the United States from Korea. They could get stuck in Korea waiting for a flight home for several days. Timing in this sense is crucial because visits are limited to 30 days. Extensions will not be authorized so dependent travelers should plan for some delay when leaving Korea to return within the time limit. Be prepared to purchase a commercial plane ticket back, just in case.

Dependents are also responsible for all expenses incurred, including lodging, while visiting.

"The Korean post commander may allow families to stay on post if the soldier resides in bachelor enlisted quarters or bachelor officer quarters," Breeden said. "While you're in Korea, plan to pay for room and meals because dependents

aren't entitled to housing or any benefits. It's great if it works out but be prepared to pay for hotel and meals, just in case."

July rates for the Dragon Lodge, a temporary lodging facility in Seoul, Korea, quoted last week are \$75 per night for one

person, an additional \$10 per person. Rates for hotels in nearby areas can be as much as \$110 per night. Breeden suggests that if you can't stay at the Dragon Lodge, ask the staff for a referral to another hotel. See Travel on page 13



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

FREE FLIGHTS— Army policy changes now allow space available flights to Korea for non-command sponsored dependents but families should be aware of what this free flight could actually cost. Soldiers from C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Pvt. Danielle Daniels, left, and Pvt. Reene Harger, check out some of the resource materials provided by Kristi Foster, assistant relocation program manager at Army Community Service.

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Corpus Christi Depot changing leadership

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas— Col. Thomas M. "Mitch" Dockens will relinquish command of Corpus Christi Army Depot to Col. James Budney at a ceremony to be presided over by Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, on July 3.

Dockens' next assignment will be deputy director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, AMCOM, which is involved in assigning depot workloads.

Budney's present assignment is chief of the Warrant Officer Study Group, with the Army Development Systems XXI Task Force, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army, in Alexandria, Va.



Dockens

Animal quarantine refund applications available

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HONOLULU— The governor of Hawaii has signed the rules that allow owners of dogs and cats that entered quarantine in Hawaii from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 to receive a partial refund of quarantine fees.

Regular fees are \$1,080 for the standard 120-day quarantine and \$655 for pets that qualify for the 30-day quarantine. The fee reduction would be \$120 for dogs and cats belonging to civilians and active duty military grades E-7 to O-3 and \$220 for active duty military grades E-1 to E-6. No fee reduction will be given to active duty military officers above grade O-3. The sliding scale reductions for military personnel were requested by CINCPAC to provide more assistance to lower ranking personnel.

Refund applications are available on the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's internet web site at: http://www.hawaii-ag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm or by calling the Animal Quarantine Station at (808) 483-7151 or by requesting by fax at (808) 483-7161. Processing of the appli-

cation and refund is expected to take four to six weeks. Reductions do not apply to pets that were in transit and did not complete the quarantine program, pets born in quarantine, and pets that did not enter quarantine during the specified period. The refund amount will be adjusted by any outstanding balances, not to exceed the amount paid to the state.

The fee reductions were mandated last year by the state legislature, which appropriated \$500,000 to provide temporary fee subsidies for military personnel until federal legislation would provide subsidies through the Department of Defense. Public hearings on the matter were held statewide in February and the proposal was approved unanimously by the board in March. Each year about 4,100 dogs and cats go through either the 30-day or 120-day quarantine.

Hawaii has strict quarantine laws to prevent the introduction of rabies into the state. All dogs and cats entering the state must complete quarantine unless they are arriving from rabies-free areas such as Australia, New Zealand and the British Isles. Hawaii is the only state in the U.S. that is rabies free.



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■ Ernie Young looks back on Army career

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were available on post for him and his wife, so they wound up living in a furnished apartment over what was then Gardner's Drugstore. It is a small brick building that later housed Glenn's Florist and still stands in the area where Whitesburg Drive meets California Street.

"Col. Paul Elias, the director of field services, and his wife gave us a courtesy call. In the typical Army way of doing things, it was the custom that the commander would visit newly arrived people," Young said. "My wife, June, was very concerned because of where we lived and the condition it was in, but it was the best we could do. I very well remember Mrs. Elias telling June, 'Don't you worry, when we were first married we had an outhouse out back.'

"At the time as a second lieutenant, the colonel and the general were looked at almost as God; you really looked up to and respected them as way above you in intelligence and you learned from them. I just remember that as very comforting. That was our first experience at Redstone in terms of the social aspects of it at the time."

The Arsenal had three major organizations that were all housed in building 5681, where PEO Aviation is today. Research and development occupied the south end of the building, industrial operations (equivalent to procurement) occu-

ried the middle and field services (equivalent to logistics) occupied the north end. Young worked in the logistics arena here for two years and enjoyed good relations with all members of the command.

"Back in those days, the Army community melded together in my opinion much better than they do today, but I may be biased," he said. "The Officers Club was on the south end of the Arsenal down in the general area of the Rocket Auditorium. It was behind the old headquarters building and it was a good arrangement as far as socializing was concerned.

"In those days we didn't have political correctness and all, we just did what we had to do. We had no choice, we had to be a member of the club and we went to events when they said they were having them. It just became a part of life and the Army experience when I was here."

Serving the command

Young left the Army and the Arsenal in 1957 and went to work for Schlumberger, an oil service company in Laurel, Miss. Although he never expected to return, he came back to the Arsenal in September 1958 after receiving a call from the executive officer to the colonel who had succeeded Elias. The new colonel was so impressed with the work he had done that when he interviewed him he offered him a job on the spot.

"That's when I started my true civil service career and I moved progressively upwards, just being in the right place at

the right time. You never know for sure how you do some things," Young said.

When he became a member of the Senior Executive Service in 1981, he said his career "took off in terms of responsibility." He became an assistant to the deputy to the commanding general and eventually the deputy to the commanding general.

"I served 18 CGs over my career there by the time I retired. They were all decent people. Some were more agenda-oriented than others, some had more influence than others, and some had a reputation of getting more done down at higher headquarters than others," he said. "But my biggest enjoyment was my association with the people themselves. There were an awful lot of people along the way who were supportive of me and hopefully I of them ... and all along the whole idea was to support the soldier in the field because that's what we were there for."

Coming home

Young retired in 1998, but he likes to return to the Arsenal every now and then. He keeps busy with consulting, serving on several boards in Huntsville and enjoying his family. But he uses the old railroad tie from the Arsenal's old track as a doorstep and he keeps many of his awards and pictures on the wall in "The Hawk Room" although many more sit in boxes up in the attic.

"I've been retired about two and a half years now. I really have missed it. You miss the people, you really do, and I still keep in touch with several of them. I go out to lunches and I get a lot of calls to come out for retirement celebrations of

other people I worked with," he said.

He claims that Huntsville wouldn't be Huntsville if it hadn't been for Redstone Arsenal. One thing that really bothers him is that both the media and the leadership in town do not give the Army enough credit for what it did for the community. The community support that the Army enjoyed through the years has dwindled.

"Things have changed the Army of those days and the Army of today are not the same. The fact is, the same respect for senior officers is not shown today ... There's a definite difference and it's with the whole society in general," he said. "There's a political correctness and so forth— in my opinion it's hurt the defense establishment. I was born in the beginning of World War II and I got to see patriotism being shown and the need for defense. Today's generation doesn't appreciate the fact that that type of patriotism is necessary.

"I think the future of Redstone is sound provided somebody doesn't screw up. In terms of missions, I don't think Redstone would be on the closure list— it would stand to gain rather than lose," he said while showing off his Redstone mementos. "The people on the Arsenal are gung-ho, intelligent self-starters and they understand that patriotism. They're loyal and patriotic. They believe in what they're doing and they believe in what Redstone Arsenal is doing."

Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal will celebrate its 60th anniversary in July. The celebration will be part of Armed Forces Week July 23-27.

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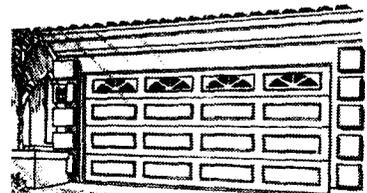
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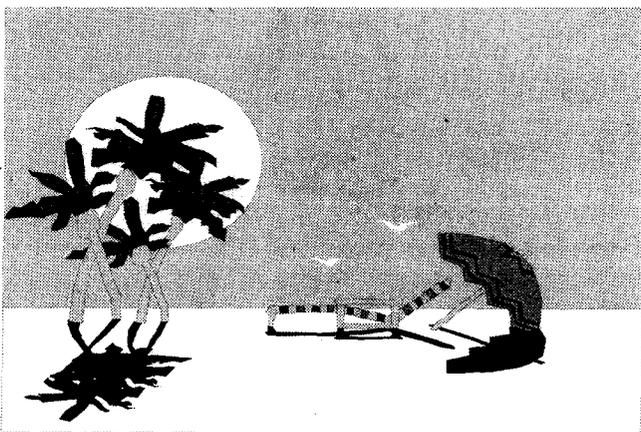
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Patriot PAC-3 safety test goes down without a hitch

Crane drops missiles in simulated mishap

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

Consider this imaginary scenario: It's sometime in the near future. A crane operator is loading canisters containing Patriot PAC-3 missiles onto a ship for transport to a theater of war halfway around the world. For a moment his attention is diverted. His hand slips, he loses control of the crane and a two-ton canister falls from 40 feet and crashes onto the deck of the ship. What would happen? Would the missiles detonate, killing those close by? Would the canister break in half? Or, most frightening of all, would there be no visible damage, tempting workers to just go ahead and load the canister onto the ship? Luckily, this imaginary accident hasn't happened, but what if it did?

It was just such an accident that was simulated during a safety test at the Redstone Technical Test Center on May 30. A crane dropped a "four-pack" canister that normally holds four PAC-3 missiles from a height of 40 feet onto a three-inch thick plate of steel that had been placed on a concrete slab inside a special safety cage.

The test went off without a hitch, according to Pat Vittitow, a system safety engineer for the Space and Missile Defense Command, who directed the test for the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office. The preparation and execution of the test was flawless, due to the hard work and dedication of the RTTC test crew, led by Phil Lambert and Jerry Webb.

"It was very successful. This was the largest article RTTC has dropped from this height, and also the first non-metallic article," Vittitow said. The four canister tubes are made from a graphite-epoxy composite and

secured together with two titanium stackframes.

When the canister, containing one energetic round and three inert rounds, was dropped, it bounced 2 to 3 feet and then came to a rest "in a cloud of dust," she said. The forward and rear covers popped off, and there was significant damage around the outside of the canister, but it retained enough structural integrity to be lifted up and put onto a truck, in accordance with safety guidelines. The test didn't stop there. The canister was transported to Test Area 1, where the 722nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal detachment from Anniston Army Depot destroyed it, to validate their field destruction procedures.

This test was required before the system can be fielded, and a failure would have had "devastating consequences" to the program, Vittitow said.

Billy Varnon, who led the team in the PAC-3 product office to design the canister, said the item "out-performed expectations all the way around." As preparations for the test continued, speculation of the test outcome varied. "The possibilities ranged from the canister breaking in half, to no visible damage—the most dangerous scenario of all," he said. Without visual damage, soldiers may attempt to load and fire damaged missiles from a PAC-3 launcher, creating a potentially deadly situation. As it turned out, there was significant visual damage, resulting in a successful test with all test objectives being met.

The PAC-3 missile product office is led by Lt. Col. Ed Mullin, managed by the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office of the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense, and is funded by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Army. The PAC-3 system has achieved unprecedented developmental testing success with seven consecutive intercepts and is quickly being recognized as the most successful hit-to-kill program within the Department of Defense.



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READY FOR TEST— A crane holds the PAC-3 canister over a safety cage before the drop.

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Marine Corps recruits learn ropes in inaugural field meet

Tug-of-war, other events promote camaraderie

By Sgt. BRYCE PIPER
Marine Corps Recruiting Station Montgomery

MONTGOMERY— Marine Corps Recruiting Station Montgomery held its first annual Delayed Entry Program (DEP or pool) Field-Meet at the Gunter Annex of Maxwell Air Base, May 5.

The event was the first of its kind on this scale in the area, with approximately 400 men and women from Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi attending.

The purpose of the field meet was to foster camaraderie between Marines and members of the DEP, promote friendly competition between Recruiting Sub-Stations and to practice military skills while preparing men and women for Marine Corps Recruit Training.

"One of the objectives of the field meet is that the poolees can see there are hundreds of other kids that have made the same commitment they have," Maj. Mark Costello, commanding officer of Recruiting Station Montgomery, said. "They're not making this giant step in their lives all by themselves. Bringing them in from all of Alabama, North Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi shows them that there are a lot of kids from this area who are doing the same thing they're doing."

"The meet was outstanding. Obviously



Photo by Sgt. Bryce Piper

PULL— Members of the Delayed Entry Program from Troy, and SSgt. Christopher Thornton from Recruiting Sub-Station Troy (black shirt) strain on the tug-of-war rope during Recruiting Station Montgomery's Field Meet. The meet fostered camaraderie between Marines and members of the DEP, promoted friendly competition between Recruiting Sub-Stations and practiced military skills while preparing men and women for Marine Corps recruit training.

it was the first field meet for a lot of these young people, their first exposure to a Marine Corps field meet. We did everything from the dizzy-izzy to the deciding factors of tug of war. I think it went smoothly and there was high motivation amongst all the poolees. So it hit its mark."

Paul Estep, a member of the DEP from Recruiting Sub-Station Vestavia Hills, agreed with Costello.

"It was a competition and the more points we got, the more we came into unison," Estep said. "Especially during the tug-of-war we won, we kept on working as a team, pulling. It was just great. We

came together as a group."

Members of the Vestavia DEP came out on top, taking home the first place trophy.

During spare moments of the meet, Montgomery's Recruiter Instructor team verified the shipping readiness of each poolee.

"Another thing it did for us," said Costello, "was it gave us the opportunity to screen at the command group level every one of our poolees we're shipping to recruit training in the next six months. We got eyes-on each one of the poolees and that gives us a good feeling as to shipping readiness."

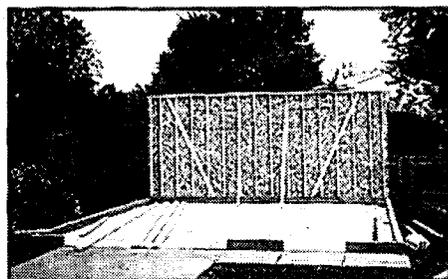
The meet consisted of the dizzy-izzy, 100-yard Humvee push, 1.5 mile run, close order drill competition, tug of war, lunch, and awards presentation. One of the highlights of the day was a visit by SSgt. Melissa Breckenridge and SSgt Dwayne Derouen, drill instructors from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Paris Island. Breckenridge and Derouen ensured that each member of the DEP got a full dose of what to expect at Marine Corps Recruit Training.

"I learned that it's not as easy as I thought it was going to be," Estep said. "But it's going to be fun, I learned that. Most people have the idea that when you're going to be a Marine, you're going through hell. I didn't see hell. Even when I was up there with the drill instructors, they were all in your face but that's just part of it. I enjoyed it. I thought this was a great event. I think they should always do it. I hope I survive the Marine Corps!"

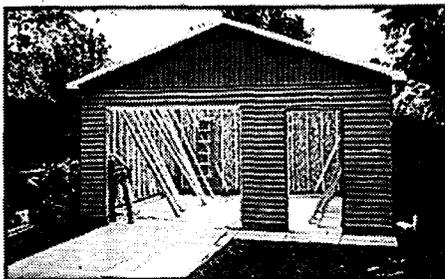
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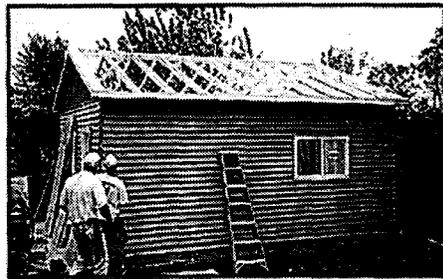
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NCO Academy aces final to win post volleyball championship

Team overcomes graduation losses to finish with perfect 12-0 record

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The NCO Academy volleyball team faced its biggest test after an unbeaten regular season.

On the day after the season ended, graduation took all but two of its players: William Kelly and coach Edward Sasan. Four starters and two substitutes graduated and left; and the NCO Academy had to find replacements for the postseason tournament.

The NCOs passed the test.

Kelly led the way as the NCO Academy finished 12-0 and beat the Marines 25-20, 25-23 in the final last Wednesday night at Pagano Gym.

"There was only two of us left at the end of the season. And the class that graduated, they were determined to win this trophy," said Kelly, who had four kills in each of the two sets against the Marines.

"This team has been outstanding," Sasan said. "You can't ask for a better bunch of guys than this."

And Kelly was the key. "He was the motivating factor," Sasan said.

Dan Munn added three kills in the second set. Other members of the NCO Academy team included Brian McArthur, Larry Krieg, John Clem, James Brantner, David Gomez, Christopher Essex, John Kirk and Robert Casella.

Mickey Lay had four kills in the second set for the Marines (11-6). Jonathan Hill added two kills.

"We gave it our all," Tom Neis of the Marines said. "We just ran into better competition tonight; that's the bottom line. Considering we came from the losers bracket and played them tight both times, that speaks highly of our competitiveness. So we're not ashamed at all."

Other members of the Marines team included Brian Crawl, Red Hodges, Mike McQuiston, Brad Hollifield, Kesia Davis and Mike VanValkenburgh.

The NCO Academy went 2-0 in the

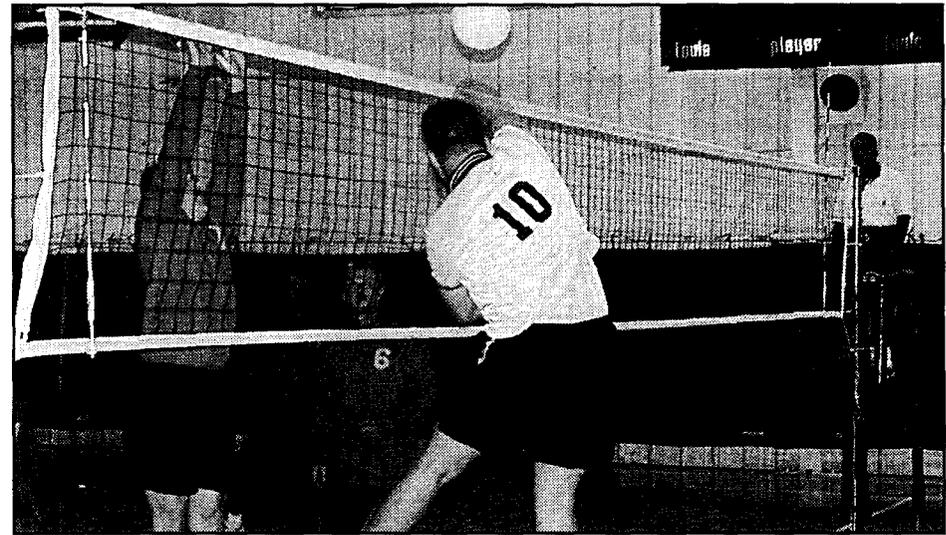


Photo by Skip Vaughn

SPIKE TIME— Dan Munn (10) makes a point for the NCO Academy during the first set of the post championship. The NCO Academy beat the Marines 25-20, 25-23 for the title.

tournament by beating Bravo Company and the Marines. The Marines were 6-4 in the regular season— finishing behind the

NCO Academy and defending champion Delta Company in the Eastern Conference — but rallied to go 5-2 in the tournament.

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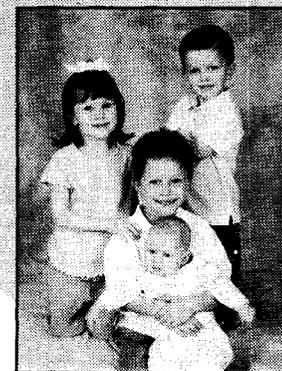
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Exhibit showcases logistics support to Army transformation efforts

The Logistics Support Activity flexed the Army Materiel Command's logistics muscle at a recent showcase.

AMC tasked LOGSA to be the project management lead for the command's Army Transformation Exhibit at the Association of the U.S. Army's "Army Logistics Transformation Symposium and Exhibition" in Richmond, Va.

The resulting exhibit answered the question, "What is AMC's role in Army Transformation?"

In providing insight, the Logistics Support Activity followed the lead of Gen. John Coburn, commander of the Army Materiel Command.

"Logistics is not just a combat multiplier," Coburn wrote in a recent AUSA publication. "Rather, it is an absolute war-stopper, a critical part of the Army's muscle. As we transform the Army, we must flex our logistics muscle and continue to strengthen it."

The exhibit showed how AMC is strengthening this logistics muscle through the following ways:

- Information and decision support systems such as the Logistics Integrated Data

Base which provides near real-time logistics information in supply, maintenance and transportation from the retail decision-makers view.

- Wholesale Logistics Modernization Program which will update existing database management systems and processes.

- Recapitalization to update the Army's weapon systems through rebuilding and upgrading.

- Post Fielding Support Analysis which links electronic data for a weapon system in a single interface to functional areas such as problem reporting, logistics information, logistics analysis, standard reports and a query wizard.

- PS magazine and electronic technical manuals which support transformation by providing the latest information on preventive maintenance of Army equipment.

- Web-based logistics which can be reached at <http://weblog.logsa.army.mil>.

- And the Asset Visibility Computer-Based Training tool which should help logisticians meet the needs of a transforming warfighter.

Editor's note: Information for this article was provided by Logistics Support Activity.

Spouses encouraged to attend levy briefing

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their next duty station. We don't want soldiers getting down to the last day and saying, 'I didn't know I had to do that.' We're trying to be more service oriented and supportive to the soldiers."

Once Military Personnel receives notice of an enlisted soldier's change of station, they cut orders, call in the soldier, hand over the orders and schedule him for the next levy briefing. Attendance is

mandatory.

"Soldiers and their families have to think ahead," Breeden said. "Time goes so quick when they get reassigned. We're really excited about this briefing and getting the information out. We strongly encourage spouses to attend; so much, in fact, we offer free child care so they can sit in and get the information, too."

The first levy briefing will be June 28. For more information, call Breeden at 876-5397 or Tamara Williams at 842-0884.

Family members can fly for free to Korea

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Because visits are limited to 30 days, visas are not required but all visitors must have a passport. Passport pictures for dependents can be made free at the Photo Lab, building 4489 but dependents must pay for the passport and allow enough time to get it back before traveling.

Other documentation needed includes a commander's letter of permission from the home station for the visit; military

identification and medical records. Make sure to hand carry an abundance of any prescription drugs needed during the visit.

"If you're thinking about going to Korea, you should come by ACS and check out the SITES (Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service)," Breeden said. "It gives you all kinds of tips about living in Korea, customs, money exchange, and we even have tourist magazines.

"It's important that you're not surprised when you get over there," she added. "It can be a great deal, if you're aware and prepared for the hidden costs."

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Sports & Recreation

Stars baseball

The Huntsville Stars invite veterans and their families to a night of Stars baseball June 23 at 7 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium. Free tickets for "Korean War Veterans Night" are available through local veterans organizations. Sponsors include Lynn Layton Chevrolet of Decatur and WDRM radio.

Water safety

A "Water Safety for Toddlers" class will be offered 6-6:45 p.m. June 25 at the ChildWise building, 1413 Nike St. This is an informal class for parents of children nine months through 3 years old to help build water confidence in both parent and child. Some of the topics covered include water safety at home and at the pool, games to play and "tricks of the trade," progression to "self swimming," and a question-and-answer session. To register or for more information, call 876-2798.

Recreation tours

The Recreation Center plans the following tours: June 16—Tour to the Moonpie Festival in Bell Buckle, Tenn.; the tour departs the Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 6 p.m.; cost is \$12 per person. June 30—Tour to Graceland in Memphis; tour departs the Recreation Center 6 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m.; price includes transportation and admission to the house, planes

and museums; cost is \$38 per person. Call Diane Campbell or Joe Ruffner 876-5492 or 876-4531 to reserve your seats.

Martial arts

Adams' Academy of Martial Arts and Christian Center will open in July at 3700-K Blue Spring. Classes offered include martial arts, self-defense, gospel aerobics and kick boxing, anger and stress management, financial management, bible study, biblical counseling and more. Pre-registration is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Master Ed Adams 746-9790.

Vipers football banquet

Dinner on the Turf II is a high profile community event to celebrate the excitement created by Arenafootball2 honoring the Tennessee Valley Vipers during their second season. The June 22 event at the Von Braun Center Arena is sponsored by Mutual Savings Life Insurance Company and Tenders and Turner Universal Construction Company. Proceeds from the dinner will support 9,000 young people in nine counties with practical economic and math education programs through Junior Achievement organizations. Dinner with Vipers players will be served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person; \$100 per couple and \$400 for a corporate table. The event also includes Vipers presentations, passing and kicking contests and door prizes. For more information, call Junior Achievement of Huntsville 533-4661 or Junior

Achievement of Decatur (256) 353-3573.

Hunter education

A federal regulation requires individuals to take and pass a comprehensive accredited hunter education class before being afforded the privilege of hunting on federal property. Outdoor Recreation has set up an accredited class July 9-10, from 6-9 p.m., with final examination July 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Class availability is limited and pre-registration is required. Classes will be held at the Post Theater, building 3712. You may pre-register at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-6854/4868.

Conferences & Meetings

Drug-free community

Partnership for a Drug-Free Community will hold a membership luncheon June 22 at the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For an admission charge of \$20 for adults and \$1 for children, attendees will get membership to the organization, lunch and entertainment by the Tennessee Valley Jazz All-Stars. Children's activities will include face painting, sidewalk chalk drawing, a moonwalk and train rides. There will also be a raffle for adults' and children's prizes. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information about the luncheon, call the

Partnership office 539-7339.

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.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting June 21, from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway.

Resource managers

American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly luncheon Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Barbara Leiby, AMC deputy chief of staff for resource management, is to conduct installation of officers. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Lisa White 955-6806.

Test and evaluation conference

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency, Washington, D.C., has chosen Huntsville as its site for the Army Test and Evaluation Days Conference for 2001. The conference will be held July 11-12 in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center, with the theme "Test and Evaluation in the Face of Army Transformation." Two short courses will be offered in conjunction

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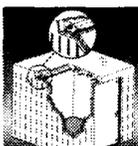
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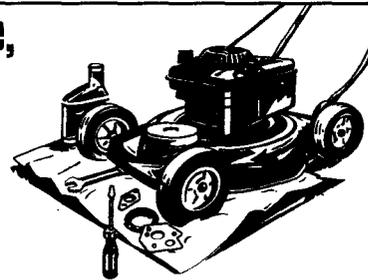
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with the event: Aviation Flight Testing and Managing Electromagnetic Effects. Courses, \$100 each, will be held in Salon 1A and 1B above the North Hall at the Von Braun Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Point of contact is Sherry Hilley 842-6715. For information regarding the preliminary agenda, registration fees, hotel accommodations, the golf scramble, exhibit information, etc., view the conference web site: www.testevaldays.com or call the host office, Test and Evaluation Management Office, 842-6715 or 876-3462.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold a town hall meeting June 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bob Jones Auditorium. Topics include merit promotions/Booz-Allen & Hamilton survey results and impacts, status of the new AFGE-AMCOM labor agreement, and information on other ongoing union actions. All bargaining unit employees are invited.

Space and missile defense

The fourth annual Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition, presenting "Missile Defense Capabilities Beyond 2010," will take place Aug. 20-23 at the Von Braun Center. A golf tournament will be held Aug. 20 at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Hampton Cove course. The conference is sponsored by the Space and Missile Defense Industrial Association, the National Defense Industrial Association Tennessee Valley Chap-

ter, and the Air Defense Artillery Association-Huntsville Chapter. For more information, visit the web site at www.ndia-tvc.org/smdc2001. You may also call 533-5923 or fax 534-9899.

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Challenger Club. For more information, call Sonya 726-9394.

Federal bar association

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present Laura Hall, Alabama District 19 representative, at its monthly luncheon at 11:15 a.m. June 19 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Hall is to bring news from the state capitol and listen to the audience's concerns. Call Laura Owens at 842-0543 for reservations.

Miscellaneous

Education for soldiers

Soldiers eligible to receive benefits under the Veterans Educational Assistance Program are now able to convert these benefits to the Montgomery GI Bill. The Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 established under Public Law 106-419 allows former VEAP enrollees to make this change. Soldiers who have served continuously in an active duty status from Oct. 9, 1996 through April 1, 2000 and were VEAP participants

Oct. 9, 1996 are eligible for this program. A decision must be made by Oct. 31 to enroll in the MGIB. Once the change has been made, the decision is irrevocable, according to the Education Center. For more information, call the Education Center 876-9761.

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.

Farewell tea

A farewell tea honoring Mrs. Stephen C. Taylor will be held June 23 at 2 p.m., sponsored by the Ladies of OMMCS and the 59th Ordnance Brigade. Anyone interested in attending should call Michelle Hoffmann 864-8038.

Retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held June 28 at 2 p.m. at the Youth Services gymnasium (building 3148). For more information call MSgt. Loew, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819.

Combined federal drive

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is searching for individuals who will share their stories about how a participating agency has made a difference in their lives, family members, etc. For information call Gay Money, CFC chairperson, 876-9143 or e-mail to

abbie.money@redstone.army.mil.

Day camp

Kindergarten graduates through sixth graders are invited to join a weeklong, day camp titled "Summer Stars" at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. For five weeks, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the camp will introduce activities and programs that will involve children in learning about a variety of interesting things— from transportation to the Solar System. Lunch, afternoon snack, swimming and all activities are included. Cost is \$200 per week; and a \$50 nonrefundable deposit is due at registration. Registration deadline is Wednesday prior to each session start date. Session dates are June 18-22 (k-6) and June 25-29 (1-4), July 9-13 (1-4) and July 16-20 (1-4), and Aug. 6-10 (1-4). Each session has a different theme. Call 721-7200 to register or for more information.

Prayer breakfast

The June Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, will be held June 19 at 7 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5308, conference room 8124. "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.

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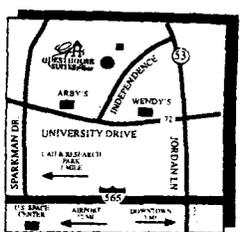
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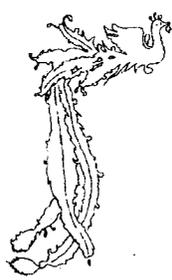
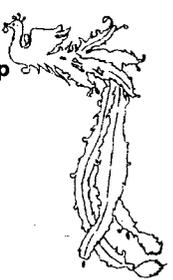
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Corvette summer

June 29 has been designated "Drive Your Corvette to Work Day." In celebration of the Corvette birthday June 30, 1953, Corvette owners nationwide are driving their cars to work on the closest work day. And in case you haven't noticed, the Arsenal is full of Corvettes, so plan to meet the owners in the PX parking lot at 11:30 that morning for an impromptu show and shine. Bring your camera, as they may stage the cars for a photo op. Around noon they plan to fire the cars up and caravan through the post on a short cruise ending at the Sparkman Center.

Father's Day buffet

The Officers and Civilians Club will celebrate Father's Day with a prime rib buffet Saturday from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Twickenham Dining Room. The buffet is open to ROCC club members and their guests. Reservations are required, so call 830-CLUB.

Doll show

The Twickenham Doll Club of Huntsville will hold its annual Doll Show and Sale, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jaycees Building, Airport Road. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12, and children under 6 free. Proceeds will benefit HEALS, the building fund for the Downtown Rescue Mission's Women and Children's Shelter and the Make a Wish Foundation of Alabama.

Catholic community

Religious education classes for CCD and CYO will resume in September, according to Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel. RCIA classes will continue through Pentecost. CYO will continue to have recreational activities throughout the summer; and those in grades 9-12 in the upcoming school year are encouraged to call Karen Sundry 883-5937.

Calhoun graduates

Calhoun Community College listed the following president's and dean's list graduates from Redstone for the spring semester: President's list (12 or more semester hours with a 4.0 gpa)— Todd Griego, Daniel Teats and Enrique Sosa. Dean's list (12 or more semester hours with a 3.5-3.99 gpa and no grades of "C")— Yolanda Gonzalez.

Arts and crafts center

The June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Activity has a new schedule of classes for June. Most classes are self-paced and last 3-4 weeks. However, you can come to any class as a beginner. The instructors can teach several skill levels at once. As a result, you are never rushed or back in any class. Stop by

building 3615 on Gray Road or call Terre 876-7951 for more information.

Single soldiers

Join the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) and help community organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and Special Olympics. Members also enjoy parties, outings and tours. "We're all about the business of having fun while making our community a great place for single and unaccompanied service members," a prepared release said. BOSS meets bimonthly at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Recreation Center, building 3711. BOSS is open to all single or unaccompanied servicemembers stationed on Redstone Arsenal. Call Diane 876-5492/ 4531 for more information.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will hold a program June 19 at 11:15 a.m. in building 5302, Sparkman Center, room 2142 (Executive Dining Room). The program will include a panel of local Army EEO officers who will address the topic "Affirmative Action in the Workplace." A question and answer period will follow. For more information, call Hugh Lacy 895-7441 or Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Mr. Man Premiere

SB Productions has begun its campaign for the 11th annual Mr. Man Premiere. Selected contestants will compete in the areas of style, finesse, performance and personality for the honorable title of Mr. Man. Screenings for prospective contestants, model escorts and entertainers are under way. The event will be Aug. 18 at the Von Braun Center. Proceeds will benefit the Madison Community Action Team in its efforts to build a center for teenagers of northern Alabama. For more information, call Samuel Brown (256) 233-4702 or 650-7736 pager.

Award ceremony

The Army Emergency Relief award ceremony will be June 26 in the Bob Jones Auditorium at 10 a.m.

Section dinner

AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) Alabama-Mississippi Section 49th annual Installation and Awards Dinner will be June 22 at the Von Braun Center North Hall, second floor, Salon 1. Registration begins at 6 p.m.; dinner is served at 7. Admission is \$20 (\$10 for full-time students). For reservations call Dr. Arloe Mayne 881-7124 or e-mail ArloeWJr@cs.com. Make reservations by 4 p.m. June 19.

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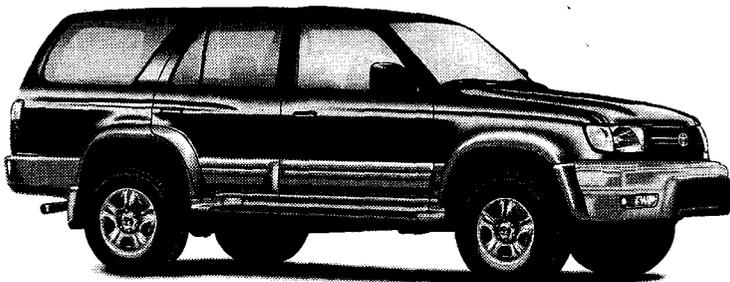
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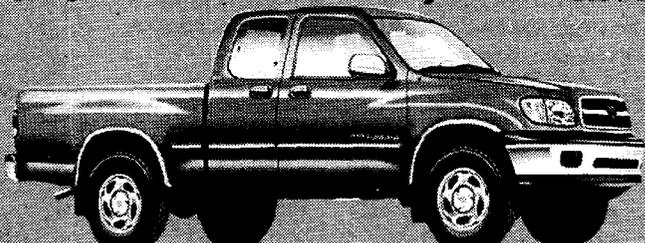
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