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Approved bonus takers to leave employment rolls by October

Departures plus other actions should accommodate surplus

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Some AMCOM workers got good news Aug. 14. Others had their hopes dashed.

Applications for separation bonuses were either approved or denied based on the needs of the command to save surplus employees. Members of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center worked overtime to ensure the final decision letters were ready for distribution Aug. 14. And the letters went out as scheduled.

The final numbers were 66 approvals and 54 disapprovals. There were originally 144 applicants for reshape Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay. But 24 subsequently

dropped out, including 13 who were approved for special VSIP and 11 that withdrew.

"Managers have been asked to submit requests for personnel action on the 66 approval actions so these separations can be processed," Don Dixon, chief of Customer Support B branch in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said. "And we're in the process of working with management to identify the surplus employees that can be saved by moving them into the positions vacated by the VSIP takers.

"Remaining surplus employees will continue to receive consideration for vacancies that are currently being filled through the competitive merit promotion process. Surplus employees could be saved by getting promoted into an authorized position or by being reassigned to a vacan-

cy created by the promotion of another employee."

'I'd like to thank those employees who applied for VERA/VSIP in order to help save fellow employees who are surplus.'

— Don Dixon
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

Approved VSIP takers must be off the rolls by Oct. 3.

The Aviation and Missile Command has about 5,700 civilian employees at Redstone Arsenal. The command had 150 surplus employees as of Thursday afternoon, but that number was declining based on ongoing actions.

"The approval of these 66 VERA (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority)/VSIP applicants plus ongoing personnel actions will take care of the vast majority of the remaining surplus employees," Dixon said. "Since the VERA/VSIP and ongoing promotion actions will resolve the vast majority of surplus employees, it is not anticipated that a reduction in force will become necessary. However, the final determination won't be made by the commanding general until early October."

Using the numbers of surplus employees that needed to be saved in a given occupation, voluntary separation applicants were approved based on the window in which they applied and their leave service computation date. Members of the Civilian

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Minister plants seeds of hope for children of Zambia

General engineer is founder of Christian outreach mission

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Even though he can't speak Shona or Chichewa, it doesn't keep Russ Medley from sharing the salvation message with the children of Zambia. Love, after all, is the universal language.

Medley, a general engineer with the Space and Missile Defense Command, is the founder and president of Mustard Seed Ministries, a Christian organization with an outreach program to the African nation of Zambia.

"I've been a minister quite a while," Medley said. "I gave my heart to Jesus when I was 9. I was preaching in prisons during my 20s. I've taught Sunday school and at a Bible Institute but reaching out to the children in Africa... well, they touched my heart in a special way."

During his first missions trip overseas with a Baptist group in 1988, Medley met a minister, Terry Veazey, who had established missions teams in several African nations. Medley eventually accompanied Veazey on a missions trip to Africa. He preached to the children, saw souls reborn and hope birthed for the first time and knew this was his calling. After four trips with Veazey to Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe, Medley knew it was time to branch out on his own. Mus-

tard Seed Ministries was established in April 2000.

The ministry employs nine native preachers, equipped with bicycles for transportation and small portable sound machines used to preach the message loud and clear. Assemblies of school children in grades 1-9 are their target audience.

"We use a 'wordless book' presentation with colored pages to represent the different aspects of the Bible-centered spiritual message," Medley said. "When I preach, I preach in English with an interpreter. Our ministers speak the native languages, mainly Shona or Chichewa. We've seen 161,000 students trust Jesus Christ as their savior. Besides being eternally saved, it brings hope to a country that desperately needs it."

Zambia's impoverished population suffers not only the lack of clean water and adequate housing, but about 20 percent of their population, according to Medley, has AIDS, leaving thousands of children orphaned each year.

"We don't hand out clothes or toys," Medley said. "All the money that comes into the ministry goes to support the nine preachers in Zambia. We pay them about \$60 a month, which is about what a teacher over there makes. Our first trip over there under Mustard Seed Ministries, we spent \$8,500 to get set up and get the men equipped. I would like to get enough support

See Ministry on page 7



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

AFRICAN TREASURES— Russ Medley, general engineer with the Space and Missile Defense Command, shows a gift given to him by a minister in Malawi. Medley is the founder and president of Mustard Seed Ministries, a Christian organization providing outreach to the African country Zambia.

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Letters to the editor

Consideration of Others lesson should be applied everywhere

We at IMMC have CO2 (Consideration of Others) training. This of course is to help us in our dealings with one another and with our customers. The training is very good. However, it would be helpful if all would apply the training in their activities. This quarter the topic is "Office Etiquette." One of the items we discussed in our office was "bathroom" usage. We do have in the Sparkman Center very nice bathrooms. However, the men's which I am familiar with is like a pig sty. Newspapers as well as paper towels are on the floor. You even have to be careful where

you stand to avoid standing in you know what! When using the restroom and on washing our hands, some use the paper they dry with to open the door (which is a good idea as many do not wash at all). However, they then throw the paper in the corner on the way out since the disposal is not handy. It would be so helpful if all would try to maintain the facilities so that others would not try to avoid them due to the messy condition. Let's consider one another since our mothers do not work here to clean up behind us and more work is added to our custodians.

Name withheld by request

Vietnam vets advised on diabetes

On Aug. 8 the Associated Press issued an article, duly carried in many newspapers, reporting some research findings regarding Type 2 (Adult Onset) Diabetes. Basically, the article conveyed the message that losing weight and exercising moderately greatly reduced the chances of becoming diabetic. Additionally, the article reported some findings that taking one type of diabetes medication before onset of the disease showed great promise as a preventive measure.

However, it has long been suspected, and research is coming closer to confirming, that some people are just genetically pre-disposed to Type 2 Diabetes. More recently, the Department of Veterans Affairs has issued regulations that establish not only a presumptive link but a direct association between exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides that were used in the Vietnam War and Type 2 Diabetes. What this means is that any veteran who served in-country in Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 and who has contracted Type 2 Diabetes is presumed to have gotten the disease as a result of exposure to Agent Orange, which was sprayed in copious quantities and frequently in a seemingly indiscriminate fashion, and the veteran is very likely entitled to medical care for

the disease, as well as all of its manifestations, and compensation.

The VA has several web sites which can provide more detailed information, two of which are www.va.gov and www.va.gov/agentorange. Additionally, the VA maintains two toll-free hotlines. For information on benefits the number is 1-800-827-1000; for concerns about Agent Orange the number is 1-800-749-8387. Of course, any county veteran service officer is available to assist and advise. Any Vietnam veteran who has been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes is urged to immediately go to his or her veterans service office and file a claim. I also urge any Vietnam veteran who has not been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes to bring this information to the attention of their physician and be evaluated for Type 2 Diabetes.

While your attention has been gained, it should be noted that exposure to Agent Orange has also been presumptively linked to prostate cancer, Hodgkin's Disease, multiple myeloma, Non-Hodgkin's Disease, various respiratory cancers, and an assortment of other maladies.

Play it safe, get checked out.

Michael Davis
president, Chapter 511
Vietnam Veterans of America
Athens, Ala.

Spouses club helps build community

It has come to my attention that the activities and values I encouraged community groups to undertake in my recent column, "Building Community," are already in practice at Redstone Arsenal.

Open to all branches of the Armed Forces, the Enlisted Spouses Club meets at the Challenger Club in the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. — a perfect time for working spouses — and babysitters are provided. This is no group of "gossip mongers." The club aggressively raises funds for the American Red Cross, chaplains' programs, Family Advocacy, Army Emergency Relief, veterans

homes and its own scholarship fund. Further, I understand the club has organized into subgroups so that spouses can get involved in all kinds of activities that suit their personal interests.

Kudos to the Enlisted Spouse Club and president Evelyn Teats for building such a model community group. I wish every base was so lucky. Now there's no reason for Redstone spouses not to get involved and help build a community for themselves and their families. Spouses needing more information should call Evelyn at 722-8493.

Meredith Leyva
CinCHouse.com

Correction

Reference the article about the upcoming Lynyrd Skynyrd concert on page 22 of the Aug. 15 *Redstone Rocket*, Yvonne McGuire, director of sales and marketing for Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said she was not instrumental in bringing the

show here. "In FY '00 an application package was sent from the Redstone Arsenal MWR to the Department of the Army Community and Family Support Center requesting to be considered for the FY '01 Army Concert Tour. I did not personally request this concert tour or talent and would prefer your readers know this," she said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Special Olympics support

Doris McHugh, area director for Special Olympics, presents a plaque to Lee Wainwright, the Commissary store director, for the Commissary's support of a Procter & Gamble promotion which raised \$704 for Special Olympics of Madison County. Looking on, from left, are Katrina Coleman, a retail merchandiser for Procter & Gamble; and Special Olympians Mary Davis, Lynette Wistoft and Baxter Mooror.

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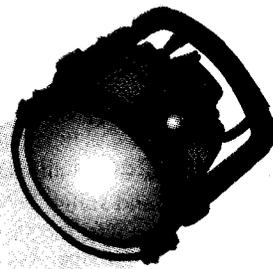
Command teams solicit feedback from employees

Many actions have been completed since the Booz-Allen & Hamilton report on personnel processes was released in late May. A Quick Hits IPT developed 12 recommendations that were approved by the AMCOM board of directors.

The last of those recommendations was forwarded throughout the command for action and implementation. A July 30 memorandum from Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, directs that all supervisory performance appraisal standards include an objective on personnel management.

Additionally, a Transition IPT was formed to build on the work of the Quick Hits IPT. Members of the Transition IPT were broken into four groups focusing on the application, selection, redress and training processes. This past week they have sought comments from ESC members, supervisors and employees about possible recommendations.

Throughout the entire process, the IPTs and the command leadership has sought employee comments, suggestions and feedback. There are various ways to



provide thoughts and comments:

- The Boss hotline — 2-BOSS (872-2677) — is a telephone hotline that is listened to by Sullivan.

- E-mail can be sent directly to Sullivan or other members of the Command Group (deputy to the commanding general or chief of staff).

- Web site comments — the Spotlight on Progress web site has a comment section. Questions or comments go directly to the secretary of the general staff so various functional elements of the command can be tasked to answer the questions.

- Letters to the editor — the Redstone Rocket publishes letters to the editor, with responses when appropriate.

The Communications IPT is studying additional ways that information can be provided and also ways in which feedback can be gathered. Suggestions can be sent to the following: al.schwartz@redstone.army.mil.



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Project manager of year

Col. Patrick O'Reilly, left, project manager for Theater High Altitude Area Defense, is congratulated after being recognized as the Army's project manager of the year. He was cited under the acquisition awards program for implementing a \$10 billion Life Cycle Cost Reduction Initiative and winning three of four Department of Defense Value Engineering Awards in fiscal 2000. Lt. Col. Ed Mullin, product manager for the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile program, was named product manager of the year.

AMCOM change of command scheduled for September

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan will relinquish command of AMCOM to Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen in a 9 a.m. Sept. 10 change of command and retirement ceremony on the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field, east of Patton Road.

Dodgen comes to Redstone from his current assignment as director of the Joint Theater Air Missile Defense Organization in the Pentagon.

Dodgen, who holds a bachelor's in chemical engineering from Louisiana State University, was commissioned in November 1972.

Sullivan was commissioned in 1969. He has commanded the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal since July 9, 1999. He and his wife, Kathy, plan to remain in the Tennessee Valley area.

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State auditor to help celebrate Women's Equality Day

Dr. Susan Parker speaks at Aug. 27 program here

On Aug. 27, Team Redstone will celebrate Women's Equality Day and the 82nd anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. constitution. This day is set aside by public law to commemorate the passage of the amendment giving women the right to vote and helps to remind the nation of women's continuing efforts toward equality in all spheres of society. Women vote and actively participate in all levels of government today because of the women's suffrage movement.

Local Army commands in the Huntsville community, the Office of Personnel Management, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Marshall Space Flight Center will sponsor a program at 10 a.m. Aug. 27 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Scheduled guest speaker is Dr. Susan Parker, the state auditor. She graduated from Athens State College with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's

degree in counseling from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Parker received her Ph.D. in administration of higher education from the University of Alabama. All of her degrees were obtained while working full time during the day and attending night classes. Parker has 25 years experience in higher education having served in several management positions including assistant to the president for external affairs and chief development officer at Athens State. She has been recognized with many outstanding professional honors which include being selected in 1987 by the U.S. Jaycees as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans. She was elected statewide in 1978 to her current position and is responsible for all property audit and inventory management for Alabama. Being fifth in line of succession to the Governor's Office makes Parker the highest ranking female officeholder in the state.

During the program, some local activities and installations will present awards

to women for outstanding achievements in their careers and to supervisory personnel for significant achievements in equal employment opportunity.

All federal employees and contractor employees are invited. For more informa-

tion on the program, call Billie Swinford, MSFC, 544-0087; Carol Toney, OPM, 837-1271; Becky Miller, AMCOM, 876-8946; Chris Gunter, DIA/MSIC, 313-7614; Mary Peoples, SMDC, 955-4275; or Demetria Cruz, Corps of Engineers, 895-1575.

Classes start in September for Army Family Team Building

ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING RELEASE

Army Family Team Building is a volunteer-led organization with a central tenet: provide training and knowledge to spouses and family members to support the total Army effort.

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The Army Family Team Building program recognizes that leaders in the Army have a responsibility to establish a partnership between the Army and Army families.

The Army Family Team Building program recognizes that leaders in the Army have a responsibility to establish a partnership between the Army and Army families. Numerous studies indicate that soldier performance, readiness and retention relate directly to family satisfaction with Army life. In support of this increased emphasis on family awareness and responsibility, courses developed for AFTB educate the Army family — active, Reserve component, DA civilian employ-

ee and family members — in a wide variety of knowledge, skills and abilities fostering personal and family preparedness to enhance Army readiness. There are three levels of training available through the program. The target audience for Level I training is family members new to the Army. For level II training, the target audience includes experienced family members who have begun to assume leadership roles within the community and unit/organization. Level III training is for senior community leaders.

The Redstone Arsenal AFTB staff is offering Level I classes Sept. 4-6 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491 on Honest John Road. The atmosphere is casual and the learning environment is always fun; plus free, on-post child care is available. Additional Level I classes will be held throughout the year. Call 876-5397 for more information and to enroll.

Here is the AFTB schedule:

- Sept. 4-6 — Level 1
- Sept. 18 — Team Success Seminar
- Oct. 2-4 — Level 1
- Oct. 15-18 — AFTB Instructor Training
- Nov. 5-7 — Level 1
- Jan. 8-10 — Level 1
- Jan. 28 — Relationship Building Seminar
- Feb. 5-7 — Level 1
- March 4-6 — Level 1
- March 25-28 — AFTB Instructor Training
- April 9-11 — Level 1
- May 8-10 — Level 1

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Black berets due to arrive at Redstone in September

Access Army web site for info on proper wear

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

After awaiting their arrival for months, the Central Issue Facility is tentatively scheduled to receive 1,500 black berets by September.

"That will be the initial shipment," Roy Hall, CIF manager, said. Another shipment will follow approximately three months later. "All the other major commands already have them."

In the meantime, units on the Arsenal that don't already have the berets must provide the following information to CIF: unit title, and members' names with social security numbers, and the sizes required.

"The berets are scheduled to be issued to soldiers assigned to the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and the 832nd Ordnance Brigade, the Army Aviation and Missile Command and the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity," Hall said. Each unit will have a scheduled day to pick up their berets.

Soldiers who are initial-entry trainees and cadets are not authorized to wear the beret. This includes soldiers who are in basic or advanced initial training.

"I think it's a good thing," 1st Sgt. Thomas Lettis of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said of the berets. "Some people are reluctant to change but it's going to happen. Change is good. Wearing the beret makes us more of an 'Army of One.' Everyone will have some type of beret."

Information about the proper wear and appearance of the black berets is now



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

ALREADY ON TOP— Some soldiers, including Capt. Jay Gautreaux of Program Executive Office for Aviation, received the Army's new black beret and began wearing it June 14, the Army's 226th birthday. Other troops are to receive the beret later.

available on the web; and soldiers are encouraged to log on before their initial issue. Soldiers can obtain information at www.army.mil. Once there click on related sites, Army Public Affairs, the "Soldiers" icon, then "Hot Topics."

Information on the site includes:

Question: What insignia should be placed on the beret?

Answer: Officers will wear their rank centered on the flash. Enlisted soldiers wear their distinguished unit insignia or unit crest.

Question: Should soldiers dampen,



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

SPACE AVAILABLE— Instead of rows and rows of protective masks Roy Hall, manager of the Arsenal's Central Issue Facility, will line these shelves with the new Army black berets. Soldiers are being told to expect their initial issue of the Army's new headgear in September.

shape or shave the beret prior to wearing it?

Answer: None of these steps is essential to wearing the beret properly. Army Regulation 670-1, "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia" cannot prescribe methods of preparation for wearing the beret that are not approved by the manufacturer or which might damage the beret. Soldiers should check with their chains of command for information on preparation, just as they might inquire about alternative methods for shining boots or brass insignia.

Question: When wearing the beret with the class A and B uniforms, do soldiers blouse their trousers and wear boots?

Answer: Only military police and soldiers assigned to air-assault coded position or ranger, airborne and special forces units may blouse their trousers and wear boots.

Question: May female soldiers wear the beret with a skirt?

Answer: Yes. Since the skirt is part of the Class A and B uniforms.

Question: What if female soldiers' hairstyles are not conducive to properly wearing the beret?

Answer: Hairstyle standards outlined in AR 670-1 remain unchanged. Styles are judged appropriate based on how they meet the requirements of proper wear, regardless of the headgear or the wearer's sex. Soldiers whose hairstyles do not allow a correct fit will have to alter their hairstyles. They may not pack their hair into the beret.

For more information on the proper wear of the beret, log on or see your chain of command. For more information on the initial issue of the berets, call Hall at 876-6850.

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■ Voluntary separations reduce surplus list

Separations

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Personnel Advisory Center briefed Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, and Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, the commander, who then approved the recommendations for voluntary separation bonuses of up to \$25,000.

Several CPAC workers were involved in the preparation and distribution of the decision letters to the primary organizations who in turn issued them to the applicants.

"It did require extra hours because we worked on the weekend before the letters were to be issued in order to meet the 14 Aug. date," Phyllis Conner, lead personnel management specialist in Customer Support B, said. Those involved included Dixon, Conner, Valerie Morgan, Mischa Walker and Aleck Hernandez. Summer

hires Jeremy Hawkins, of Alabama A&M University, and Mike Hill, of the University of Alabama, also helped.

"I'd like to thank those employees who applied for VERA/VSIP in order to help save fellow employees who are surplus," Dixon said. "Hopefully those who were disapproved will have another opportunity to be considered for VSIP in the future."

Peggy Patterson, a management analyst in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, was among the 66 approved for the separation bonus.

"I will have 38 years with the government (Aug. 22) and so I'm thrilled that I'm getting to go home," she said. "My husband's retired and has been for eight years."

"But I've enjoyed my government career. I've had good supervisors and good jobs but I'm ready to go home now."

■ General engineer preaches in Zambia



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SOWING SEED— Moses Musanda preaches the Christian message to school children in Zambia. Musanda is one of nine ministers employed by Mustard Seed Ministries, an organization founded and managed by Russ Medley, a general engineer at the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Ministry

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to set up teams in the surrounding countries. Zambia has a population of 10 million; Malawi has about 11 million."

Nearly 10 years ago, the president of Zambia declared the country as a Christian nation. Still, before Medley's ministers can preach at a school, they have to show proof of permission from Zambia's Department of Education. Once a minister comes and preaches, a Scriptural Union, commonly known as a Bible study group, is set up with a Christian teacher at the school serving as the leader. This enables the children to grow and learn in the Christian faith.

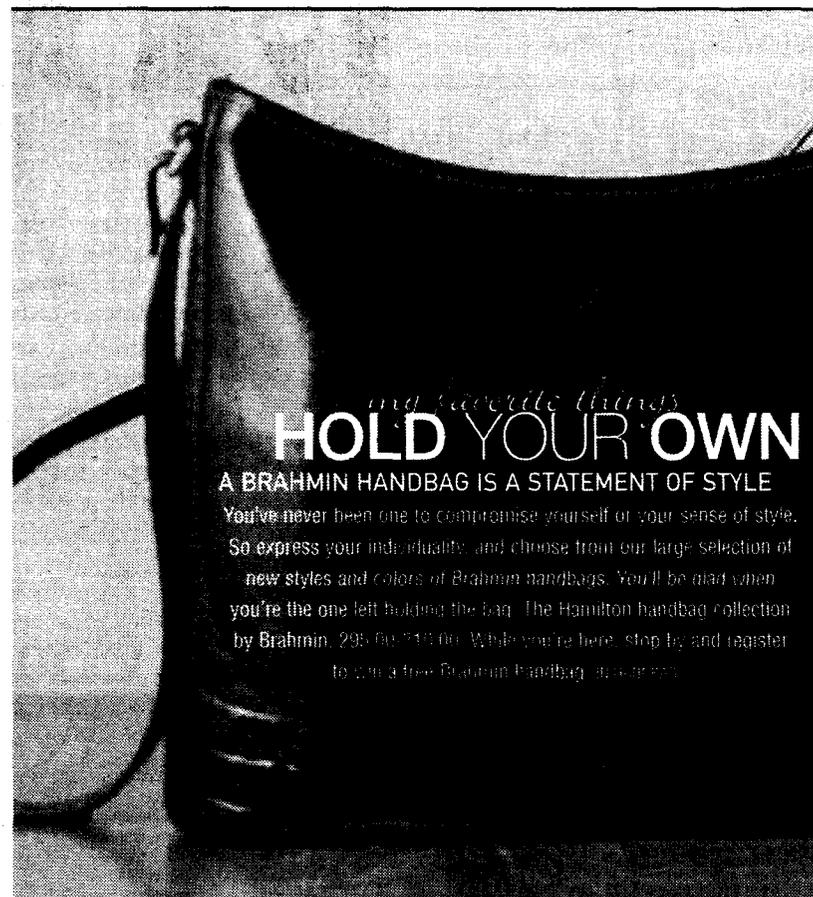
Medley, though, has a heart for all children and his ministry has given Christian

message assemblies at all but one of the Huntsville middle schools. His wife, Laura, has gone to Africa to assist with the missions work as well as supporting the ministry at home by typing and sending the Mustard Seed Ministries newsletter that goes out to surrounding churches.

"We tell people what we are doing and hope that they will support us," Medley said. "With volunteers for school assemblies here, with prayer support and of course, financially. We are a very efficient organization in terms of dollars and souls saved. It takes less than one penny to win a soul in Zambia. But why stop there? It's my dream to go into all the countries of Africa — to cover the world."

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Annual charity drive's loaned executives finish training

**Combined Federal Campaign
to open Oct. 2 with kickoff**

The Combined Federal Campaign season is usually associated with fall and football. However, members of Team Redstone and other local federal agencies have already completed a full week of training and briefings.

"It was almost non-stop!" said Gay Money, this year's local campaign chairperson and coordinator of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign.

"I'm really fortunate to have many talented and enthusiastic Loaned Executives this year. From what I've been told by my predecessors, that makes a big difference in the success of the campaign."

Loaned Executives, or LEs for short, come from different organizations within the Aviation and Missile Command and other local agencies. Their job, according to Money, is to assist the campaign where needed and to drum up support for the campaign.

"This year's LEs will assist with a number of tasks," Money said. "They'll be doing everything from proof-reading our brochure to coordinating the many activities associated with the CFC campaign season."

The LEs spent a week touring local charities and organizations supported by the Tennessee Valley CFC. They participated in hands-on activities, such as packing school kits for needy children at the Neighborhood Store, a Second-Mile Development organization. They served lunch at the Salvation Army and delivered meals to the elderly through the local Meals On Wheels at the Senior Center. And they received a briefing from the United Way of Madison County, this year's local CFC contractor.

"I think everyone, including myself, finished the week very changed," Money said. "There are so many people right here in the Tennessee Valley who really depend upon our support."

The campaign kickoff is Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.



Photo by Gay Money

MEALTIME— Linda Taylor, a loaned executive from the Research Development and Engineering Center, delivers a meal to a senior citizen.

Civilian Welfare Fund Council plans appreciation trip

By **JIM BOWNE**
For the Rocket

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has come up with a unique way to show its appreciation for its volunteers. The council is inviting members of Team Redstone to participate in the CWFC Volunteer Appreciation trip to the Jack Daniels Dis-

tillery on Sept. 22.

"All CWFC members are volunteers and, during the past year, they have worked extremely hard to provide services to the Redstone community," Hal Dilworth, CWFC president, said. "So, to help say thank you to everyone, we're inviting all of Team

Redstone to participate by joining us in a fun-filled trip to the Jack Daniels Distillery."

The cost of the trip is \$30 per person, and participants must be 21 years old.

The cost includes everything — the round trip bus fare, a tour of the distillery, and a barbecue dinner with free sam-

ples of Jack Daniels products. It also includes dancing to a live band and partying "on top of the hill." Buses will leave at 12:45 p.m. Dinner will be served about 5 p.m.

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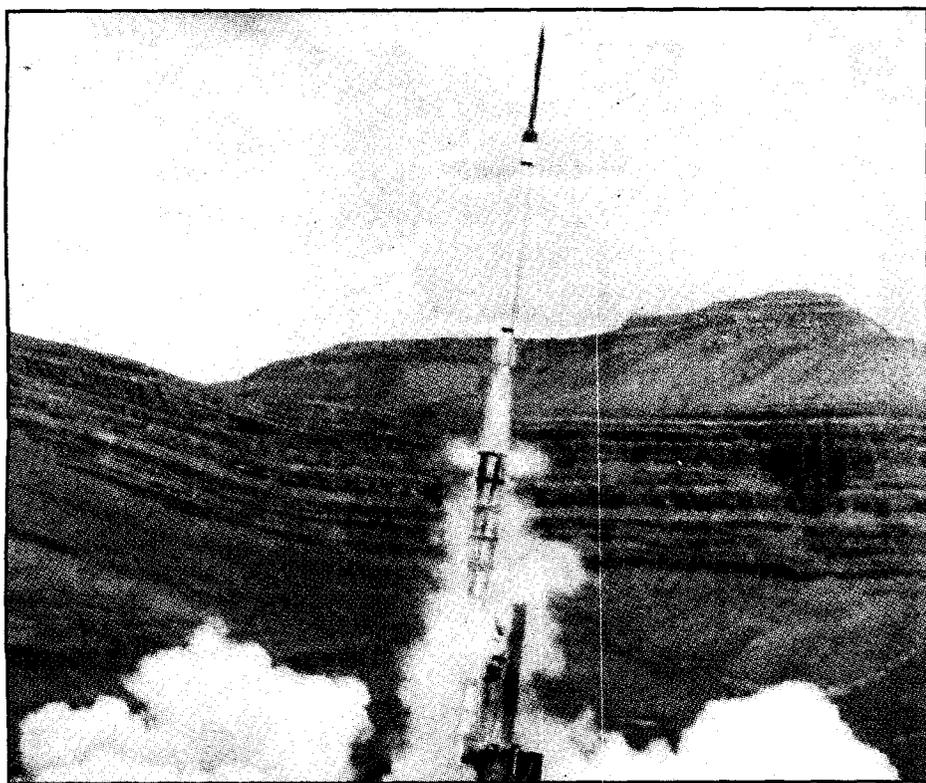
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Patriot units aim for new training target



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LIFT OFF— Excalibur, a tactical ballistic missile training target, is launched at McGregor Range near Orogrande, N.M., for live-fire training of a Patriot unit.

Office acquires Excalibur target system for Air Defense Artillery

By **BETH SKARUPA**
Staff writer

When the Army Air Defense Artillery needed a tactical ballistic missile training target, Excalibur came to mind — but instead of the sword used by King Arthur, this Excalibur is a new training target with an old name.

"It is a short-range, unguided ballistic missile that's used by Patriot units as a target," Don Barribeau, program lead in the Targets Management Office, said. "Units that have used it really like it."

The Excalibur target system is an unguided two-stage rocket with a "dart" that carries a Radio Frequency Signature Augmentation System. This RFSAS gives the target a Radar Cross Section that can be tailored to simulate various threats. The target's range is 55 kilometers with a 90 km AGL altitude. Its small impact area enables operation on small ranges.

Patriot units using the target are Air Defense Artillery units on Fort Bliss, Texas, and Foreign Military Sales customers. TMO signed a contract awarded March 16 for Boeing and Bristol Aerospace of Winnipeg, Canada to acquire the target system and to set up a permanent launcher on McGregor Range near Orogrande, N.M.

"The radar cross section makes it look bigger. A brigade S3 who's a Gulf War

veteran said it looks like a Scud coming in," Barribeau said. "It's appealing to the customer because it gives a Scud representation. It can be tailored to meet different requirements."

Excalibur has a one-hour or less turn-around time between flights on the same launcher and routinely puts two targets in the air within three seconds of each other. The target system is not considered a guided target because it uses software rather than a Global Positioning System to guide it to the impact point.

To date, the target system has been 100 percent successful at hitting the impact zone, according to Barribeau. It was used in the Roving Sands Air Defense Firing Exercise June 26 with two successful launches for the German Air Force and one for the Royal Netherlands Air Force. The 108th Brigade at Fort Bliss also used the target system for training March 29.

The target system will support the legacy, interim and objective forces since it can be used with both the PAC-1 and PAC-2. It is not approved for use with the PAC-3 at this time. The TMO is looking for more foreign customers and Patriot units that are interested in using the target.

"Our hope is to get other units as excited about it as our other customers," Barribeau said. "We're open for business."

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"Sponsorship does not imply endorsement"

Contracting personnel encouraged to sign up for club

Professional association offers certified training

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Everybody does it but is everyone good at it? Contracting, I mean.

"Think about it," Sharon Mueller-Myers, contract specialist for Redstone Technical Test Center, said. "If you buy a washing machine, or build a house, you are contracting."

The question is, are you getting the best deal that suits your needs?

As president-elect of the National Contract Management Association, Huntsville chapter, Myers believes the organization can be a catalyst to promote excellence and professionalism in the contract management field.

"To keep up with the changes and stay on the cutting edge takes training," she said. "NCMA offers education classes, seminars and the opportunity for certification at different levels. Certifications don't seem to carry much weight with government workers but they are very important in industry. It's what they look for when they're hiring."

Even though certifications aren't mandatory for federal workers, the Department of Defense is very supportive of the organization and the standards it establishes to improve and prove the skills of contracting personnel. Testing fees for certifications can be paid for through the continuing learning program within the government as well as earning continuous learning credits for time spent in study groups for certification.

NCMA offers two levels of certification: Certified Associate Contracts Manager and Certified Professional Contract Manager.

"Getting the certifications means you're well-trained and well-rounded in the contract arena," Myers said. "I would really like to see more government people get involved with the organization."

Besides working as an understudy to current president, Carter Bryant, Myers' main task is to organize the National Education Seminar held every spring. It's an eight-hour class, developed by the National organization to provide the latest and greatest information in the contracting world. Last year's topic covered "award-fee contracting."

She will be installed as the new Huntsville chapter president in June and then go on the following year to serve as a national co-director of the organization.

"They keep you involved for three years so that you can gain experience and then carry it over to continue building the organization locally and nationally," Myers said. Before serving on the membership committee Myers also chaired publicity, awards and certification committees.

"We had a 24 percent growth in membership last year which equates to 108 new members, thanks in part to Sharon,

who was the vice president of membership, and to the improvements in our web site that was launched last year," Joe Hidalgo, former chapter president and senior contracts administrator at Sparta Inc., said. "The web site has tremendously boosted communication among the membership. It shows in our attendance at the monthly luncheons and has been a major factor in the chapter's dynamic activity."

The Huntsville chapter has about 450 members and meets every third Thursday of the month. To get the specifics about meeting places, times and speaker topics, check its web site at the following address: <http://www.ncmahsv.org>.

"I really want to encourage government people to become a part of this organization," said Myers, who jokingly refers to her title at the Redstone Technical Center as Supreme Gopher. "I'm the only contracts person here so I end up doing a lot of outside work. I don't actually do contracts, I put together the requirements packages to send to the Acquisition Center who issues the contracts. And then I help out in a lot of other areas."

Fresh out of an Army Materiel Command internship at Rock Island, Ill., Myers came to the Acquisition Center in 1987, with her husband Chuck Myers, industrial specialist, Foreign Military Sales, Preci-

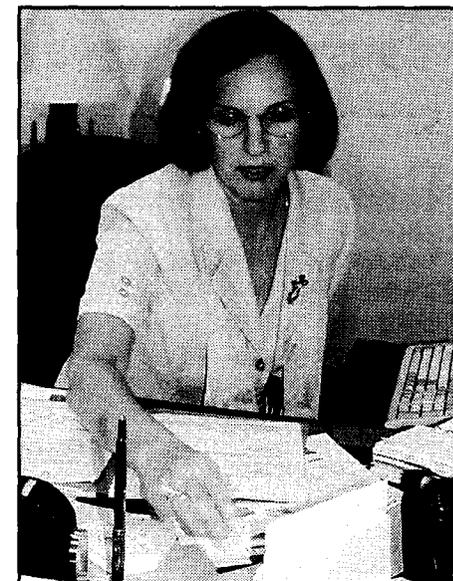
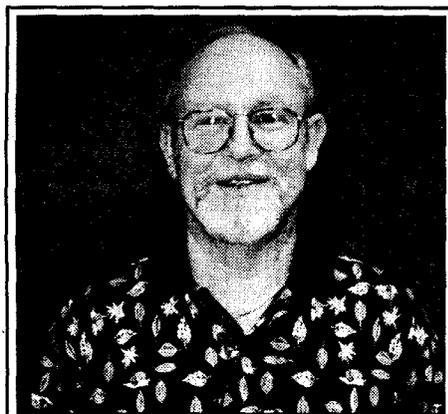


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PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM—As the president-elect of the National Contract Management Association Huntsville chapter, Sharon Mueller-Myers, contract specialist for Redstone Technical Test Center, hopes to garner more members among the government contracting ranks.

sion Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office. The couple have two daughters: Tiffany, 23, computer science graduate of LaGrange College in Georgia; and Nichole, 22, student at Mississippi State.



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Management track

Owen Henry, an intelligence specialist (operations) for B Company, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion, 902nd MI Group, Redstone Arsenal, graduated Aug. 10 from the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management program at the Army Management Staff College, Fort Belvoir, Va. Henry was board selected to attend the 12-week resident program. That selection, made after a careful screening of all applicants, was based on his potential to assume top-level leadership and managerial roles in today's Army.

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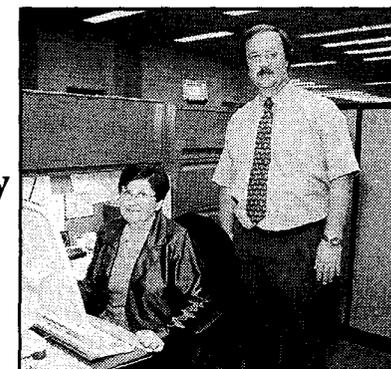
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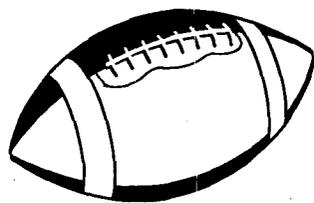
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Skip's picks



Georgia Tech should wreck Syracuse in Kickoff Classic

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

It's time again for college football and that means "Skip's Picks."

Each week during the season, I'll be making predictions on who I think will win what games in major college



football.

An effort will be made to select the top games each week without dodging the tossups in which the teams are evenly matched. Tie games will be counted as ties in my record, too.

Bowl games don't count against my percentage at the end of the year. It's just too tough to pick all the bowl game winners; and besides, I'll need a break. So, I'll just be picking the bowl games for fun.

There's plenty of football to be played before January. I'm eager to get started with my predictions, so let's go...

Here are Skip's Picks for this week:
North Carolina at Oklahoma - Oklahoma
Virginia at Wisconsin - Wisconsin
Georgia Tech at Syracuse - Georgia Tech



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Look who's 40

Carolyn Crawford, chief of airframes and central workloading section, Integrated Materiel Management Center, was surprised Aug. 15 with decorations for her 40th birthday. The culprits were her husband, Joe, and her co-workers in building 5302. "I think it's wonderful, unbelievable," she said.



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Two local students win scholarships from admin professionals

IAAP REDSTONE CHAPTER RELEASE

The International Association of Administrative Professionals, Redstone Arsenal Chapter has presented two scholarships to a local high school student and college student.

Aimee Seanor and Ruth Woodham each received a \$500 scholarship. Fourteen members and five guests attended the awards luncheon June 19 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Thirteen students completed applications this year to compete for the two scholarship awards.

"We are pleased to assist these ladies with the furtherance of their education in the business field," Arnita Lee, the awards chairman, said. "The selections were

based on academics, activities, financial need and an essay."

Woodham, a student at Athens State, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business, management of technology, and thus received the scholarship for a college student. Woodham serves as a procurement technician with the Army Engineering and Support Center. She and her husband have raised three daughters while supporting military, church and elementary school activities. Woodham and her husband spent a great deal of their careers overseas.

Seanor, a graduate of Huntsville High School, will attend Sanford University this fall and major in business administration. Among her accomplishments are

Huntsville High School Homecoming Court Senior Maid, Huntsville High School Prom Queen, Friendliest of Junior Class, Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications, Academic Achievement Award and ninth-grade English Student Award. Seanor is employed in the child care arena with her mother, Angela Seanor.

"Hopefully our scholarships will help these young ladies succeed in obtaining their educational and career goals," Lee said.

For information regarding the IAAP

scholarships for next year contact Lee, the awards chairman for 2000-01, at the following address: arnita.lee@redstone.army.mil.

The Redstone Chapter's officers for 2001-02 include Jenny Glazner, president; Susan Douglas, president elect; Ellen Mahathey, treasurer; Gladys Richard, corresponding secretary; and Julie Manning, member-at-large.

For information on IAAP membership, call Mahathey 876-4396 or Jacqueline Kenner 876-8131.

SMDC contract team receives recognition

The Space and Missile Defense Command's Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance Contract Team was selected for the Defense Acquisition Executive Certificate of Achievement for fiscal 2000 by David Oliver, acting under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics.

This certificate recognizes organizations, groups and teams for exceptional contributions in reducing life-cycle costs and improving the Department of Defense's acquisition systems and pro-

grams.

The SETAC Team was awarded the certificate for using standard templates when receiving or issuing new or revised requirements, as well as when receiving proposals and task order management plans. Team members include Lynne Washburn, command support services branch chief; Susan Rogers, SETAC team leader; Carol Meenen, program analyst; Kenneth Bragg, Amy Greer, Astrid Lahiere and Michele Williams, contract specialists.



Photo by June Pockrus

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS— From left are Ellen Mahathey, Ruth Woodham, Aimee Seanor and Arnita Lee. Woodham and Seanor each received a \$500 scholarship from the International Association of Administrative Professionals, Redstone Arsenal Chapter.

A "Cure" for Shingles?



Dr. Gene Corfman

If you have ever known someone with shingles, you know that they suffer greatly with a stinging or burning pain either in the face, neck or on one side of the back and torso. The skin lesions usually follow the course of a nerve and are the result of a viral infection and nerve pinch. The skin will have little blisters of redness that will cause sleepless nights and distracting periods of time at work or play. The medical approach is to give the patient prescription drugs that usually are helpful in relieving some of the pain and occasionally some of the causes of the viral infection. We have treated a number of these patients from age 14 to 75 or older. My own daughter once had shingles as a teen was able through chiropractic treatment to get well very quickly. Presently, at this writing I have a fairly new patient with shingles. After her first treatment here for that condition, she told me today, "after 30 minutes, I felt 50% better". We had adjusted her mid back and her neck and told her what vitamins to take along with the treatment. While we do not guarantee a cure for anything, we have seen that when pinched nerves are a part of the cause of shingles, the only real lasting relief is through adjustments to the right areas of the neck and back. Once my wife, Barbara, was helping me in my office and an older patient with shingles came in after being referred to us by her M.D. She asked me how I was going to expect to help this lady. Barbara is an R.N. and we had been married only a short time, so she did not realize how successful we are with things other than musculo-skeletal problems. She and the patient were pleasantly surprised by the results. If we can help you, call us today at 650-0051.

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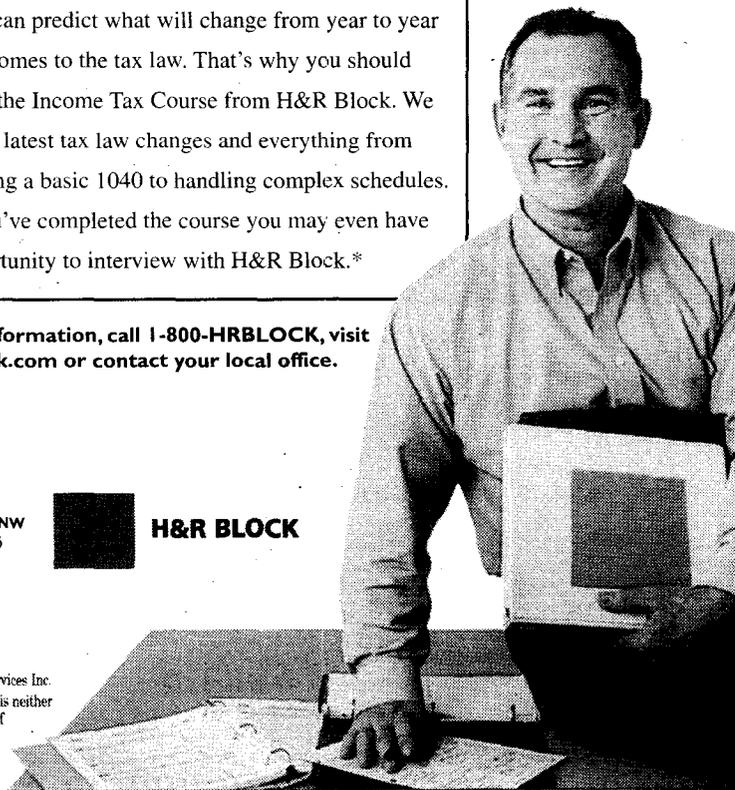
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Post NCO of Year has full regimen of training

Academy small group leader finds tough job rewarding

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

SSgt. Robert McNeely has every right to say, "Follow me."

McNeely, a small group leader at the NCO Academy, stands out among the proud noncommissioned officers here as the Redstone Arsenal NCO of the Year for 2001.

"Our day basically starts at 4:30 a.m.,"

said McNeely, a SGL for the 55B (ammo specialist) basic noncommissioned officer course. His typical schedule is packed with physical fitness, giving inspections, teaching, doing classroom work and supervising special projects. His Saturdays and Sundays are full, too.

McNeely said he finds his job both rewarding and demanding. "I have to be a mentor, a coach and teach NCOs how to be professionals.

"But the best part of the job is to watch NCOs develop," he said. "They come here and I help them get better. They improve

on their strengths as well as their weaknesses."

During his time off, McNeely likes to bowl, collect coins and rocks. When his job allows him, he spends as much time as he can with his wife, Mary Lou, and his 7-year-old daughter Sarah.

"Without them, especially my wife, I probably wouldn't have done so well," he said. "(My wife) is always in my corner, and she never complains. Even when I work a lot of hours and on the weekends."

For example, right after he was announced as the winner of NCO of the

year competition July 23, he had to go directly to the field with his class.

But his family also gets to see some of the fringe benefits of him earning the title of NCO of the year.

For example one of the many prizes provided by community sponsors was pizza from a local restaurant and McDonalds for a year. "Sarah thought that was cool," he said.

And for soldiers who might have aspirations of becoming NCO of the year:

See McNeely on page 1

Enlisted Spouses Club serves local community



Photo by Beth Skarupa

SHARING THE WEALTH— From left, Pat Deermer stands with her daughter Jennifer, a freshman at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, as she accepts an Enlisted Spouses Club scholarship from Dessie Johnson, scholarship committee chairperson, at the club's monthly meeting Aug. 9.

Members enjoy social interaction, volunteering for service organizations

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Dessie Johnson has been a member of Redstone Arsenal's Enlisted Spouses Club for close to 20 years because she likes helping the community. That generous spirit is evident in the club's other members as well.

During the past year, the club raised more than \$18,000 to give back to the community in the form of charitable donations and scholarships. They provided volunteers in support of community service organizations and charities such as the American Red Cross, Total Tots, veterans homes, Child and Youth Services and Army Emergency Relief.

"I think they are amazing ladies. They do so much for being such a small group — they do so much for the community," Chris Swart, the club's honorary adviser, said. "They focus on soldiers and families. They definitely focus on Redstone and what's best for the community here. When they cast their votes, they're always concerned with how it will affect the Redstone community."

The club is an officially sanctioned non-profit organization that promotes social relationships, activities and mentoring programs, as well as conducting fund-raisers and providing volunteer efforts to support several organizations in the community. Membership is open to both active and retired military spouses.

"The Army has changed and most people have to work now. So some of the working wives don't want to join the club because they're too tired," Johnson said.

Although the club began in 1955, it has changed through the years to reflect the needs of military spouses. Meetings and activities are designed to accommo-

date all potential members, whether they are single, married, with or without children, working or not, according to club president Evelyn Teats.

That considerate spirit is what convinced Linda Rogers, the club's hospitality chairman, to join the club in April. With four children to care for at home she says she looks forward to the meetings and truly enjoys talking to new people and participating in the club's social and volunteer activities. Best of all, she feels like she really belongs.

"I like the people in here, I like this little group. Sometimes people think of us as a NCO wives club, as people who get together and gossip. Maybe that was the experience somewhere else, but with this group there's none of that. It's all about helping the community, raising money and giving. This is a great thing we have going on," she said. "This club is going to grow and grow for the better — we're going to put ourselves on the map because this club does so much for the community."

Two military dependents benefit from the club's fund-raising efforts this month when they received scholarships at the club's Aug. 9 meeting. Jennifer Deermer, a freshman at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, was awarded a \$6,000 scholarship. She is the daughter of Sgt. Maj. Ron and Pat Deermer. Stacie Furia, the daughter of the club's parliamentarian Sue Furia, was awarded a \$3,000 merit award. She attends Vanderbilt University. Johnson and Diane Garcia benefited from the scholarship committee.

The club regularly meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Redstone room at the Challenge Activity Center. However, the September monthly meeting will be Sept. 6. The date has been adjusted to accommodate the club's support of Oktoberfest. For more information, call publicity chairman Sonya West at 726-9394.

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McNeely has some advice.

"Come to the Academy and learn how to be an NCO," he said. He explained that a lot of the knowledge that was covered during the competition is taught at the academy. "And we always need instructors."

"As a SGL he's one of the best," SSgt. Ronald Morton, one of McNeely's BNCOC students from Fort Carson, Colo., said. "He's very knowledgeable, and he knows his job."

"He's done a variety of missions that he can relate to us here," SSgt. Kevin Bearden, another BNCOC student from

Fort Carson, said. "He brings that real-life Army experience to us here in the classroom."

"We were really lucky to get SSgt. McNeely as our SGL," SSgt. Jarrett Roemer, a BNCOC student from Fort Hood, Texas, said. "He's the best instructor I've seen in my Army career so far."

And McNeely's first sergeant agrees.

"SSgt. McNeely is the type of soldier you want working at the NCO Academy," 1st Sgt. Victor Blade, BNCOC first sergeant, said. "Not only is he a good person he's an outstanding leader to train leaders. He's a great asset to this organization."

Editor's note: Spec. Tracie Steed, formerly of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, the 2001 Soldier of the Year, has departed for Airborne School.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

TEACH ME— SSgt. Adam Burton, right, a BNCOC student from Fort Carson, Colo., gets some pointers from his small group leader, SSgt. Robert McNeely. McNeely was named Redstone NCO of the Year.

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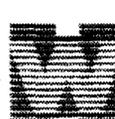


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Professional hockey

Tickets for the National Hockey League preseason game between the Nashville Predators and the Columbus Blue Jackets are now on sale from the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. The game is to be played at the Von Braun Center, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. The Predators will also be on Redstone Arsenal for a demonstration and meet the fans day Sept. 8; time for that event will be announced at a later time. Tickets can be purchased by calling Randy Bigler (Sparkman Center) 955-0505, Melanie Klinner (SMDC) 955-5816 or Jerry Campbell (OMMCS) 876-8138. Only a limited number of tickets are available, so call soon.

Triathlon

Registration is under way for the eighth annual Rocketman Triathlon, Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. For more information, call Bob Mulkey 883-7399 (evenings).

Pineapple Open

Register now for the seventh annual Pineapple Open Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. The tournament is a four-person scramble (A, B, C, D players flighted by

handicap), Sept. 28 (rain date Oct. 12) at the Redstone Golf Course. Entry deadline is Sept. 24. Registration begins at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30. Prizes include a \$5,000 hole-in-one, flight prizes, longest drive, most accurate drive, closest to the pin, and door prizes. Lunch, prizes and awards will follow the tournament. Registration is \$45 for members, \$60 nonmembers, lunch \$8. Fees include golf, cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. For more information call Diane Davis, Pineapple Open chairman, 772-2471.

Tournament volunteers

There are immediate volunteer opportunities for the seventh annual Pineapple Open Golf Tournament. No experience necessary; no golf knowledge needed. Positions include registration personnel, hole watchers (sit under tree in lawn chair and watch the golf balls fly), drink cart drivers, and scoreboard posters (no math skills needed). Apply today. Applicants will be accepted for immediate employment on Sept. 28. Call Diane Davis 772-2471.

Bowling event

Redstone Lanes is having the "Bowl Hog Wild" event through Oct. 31. This is open to all MWR patrons of legal drinking age and does not preclude their immediate family members. Participants may complete the entry form at Redstone Lanes; and after 20 games, local prizes are

awarded, your promotional card is stamped, and you are entered to win the Grand Prize 2002 Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle to be given away at the end of the event. For more information, call 876-6634.

Bowling leagues

The Redstone Lanes 2001-02 Sunday night mixed bowling league and Wednesday night mixed bowling league are now forming. Everyone is welcome. The Sunday night season begins Sept. 9; a league meeting will be held at 5 p.m. with bowling to follow at 6. The Wednesday league meeting is Aug. 29, with bowling to begin Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. If interested sign up at Redstone Lanes or call Harry Evans 883-7084.

Basketball league

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is planning a 35 and over, 4-on-4, "short court," basketball league. The league is tentatively scheduled to begin Sept. 11 with games played on post one night per week. The team fee has not been established, but will be approximately \$100. The following are eligible to participate: military personnel/spouses, civilian personnel/spouses, and contractor personnel with Redstone badge. The registration deadline is Sept. 7 with a team meeting/practice night Sept. 11. If you are interested in playing or forming a team, call Bob Olson 876-4993.

Farewell golf tournament

The IMMC will hold a Farewell Golf Tournament for Maj. Gen Al Sullivan on Sept 7 (no rain date). It will be a four-man scramble with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Entry Fee is \$2: for members, \$40 for nonmembers. This includes greens fees, riding cart, lunch and prize monies. Deadline for entry is Sept. 5. Organizers need your established handicap. If interested call Ron Walton 876-4336, James Dabbs 842-0170, Ron Steinbecker 313-14721 or Mike Count 955-8029.

Post softball team

Tryouts for the post softball team will be held Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the main softball field (Linton Field off Patton Road). Active duty soldiers are eligible. For more information call SSgt. Tim Rodriguez 313 2682 or contact him via e-mail at the following address: timothy.Rodriguez@redstone.army.mil.

Recreation tours

The Recreation Center offers the following tours: "Eternal Egypt" at the Pyramid in Memphis, Sept. 8; the tour, open to the entire Redstone community, will depart the center at 6 a.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m.; cost per person is \$34. The Factory in Franklin, Tenn., Sept. 27.

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Conferences & Meetings

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 2-9416.

Directed energy symposium

The fourth annual Directed Energy Symposium will be held Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the Huntsville Marriott, Space and Rock Center. This symposium will bring together government, industry and academic leaders to present papers and discuss the future of directed energy including basic research, technology efforts, current programs and systems. The symposium will include a forum for national and technical policy makers to discuss

their visions for directed energy. The symposium chairman is Dr. Randy Buff, randy.buff@smdc.army.mil. For general information on the symposium and short courses call Jeanne Weaver, symposium coordinator, 533-6365.

Federal bar association

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present Peter Joffrion, Huntsville city attorney, at its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:15 a.m. Aug. 30 at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 6000 South Memorial Parkway. Joffrion is to discuss issues of concern to Huntsville citizens. Call Laura Owens 842-0543 for reservations.

Officer and civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have its Fall Membership and Activities Signup Coffee, Sept. 11 from 10-noon at the Officers and Civilians Club. Light refreshments will be served. All active duty and retired officers and their spouses, as well as all active and retired federal employees, grade GS-9 and above, and their spouses are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. For information or if you would like to teach a class/activity, call Elaine Macedonia 837-4833.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will

hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Aug. 29 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The scheduled speaker is Walter Buck, Shriners Hospital. For more information, call retired Navy Cmdr. Matthew C.F. Boenker 885-4274.

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club monthly meeting will be changed to Sept. 6. "We will be supporting the Oktoberfest and need to adjust our meeting date for this month only," a prepared release said. "It will be at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Challenger Club. Everyone is invited to visit and see if this club would be an organization you may be interested in supporting." For more information, call Sonya 726-9394.

Relic seekers

The Madison County Amateur Relic Seekers will meet at 7 tonight in the small Conference Center Room of the Huntsville Public Library. For more information, call John Adams 880-8691.

Retired eagles

Retired colonels/captains, with their spouses and widows of retired colonels and captains, are invited for cocktails and dinner Sept. 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Reservations are required. For more information or an invitation, call 880-6701.

Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Aug. 28 at the ChildWise Center, building 1413, second floor, Spartan Drive. Parents with children in the Child Development Center, Youth Services, and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. As a reminder, parents earn PAC participation points for attending. For more information, call Anita Epps 895-4483.

Miscellaneous

Lynyrd Skynyrd

Don't miss the hottest concert of the summer. MWR is selling tickets for the Lynyrd Skynyrd/38 Special concert, open to the public, Saturday at the Redstone Activity Field. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 8. All tickets are general admission; and ticket prices are \$25 advance or \$30 at the gate. Tickets are on sale at Sparkman Cafeteria building 5302; PX cashiers window; all Papa John's Pizza locations in North Alabama; CD Warehouse locations in Huntsville and Decatur; Information, Ticket and Registration Office, building 3711 on Patton Road, call 876-4531 (Wednesday through Friday from 1:30-8 p.m., or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); or you can charge

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Army family team building

Think you know it all? The Redstone Arsenal Army Family Team Building program needs you! AFTB is a volunteer-led organization with a central tenet: provide training and knowledge to spouses and family members to support the total Army effort. The program is in need of a few good volunteers to instruct and/or augment the office staff. The next AFTB Instructor Training seminar will be held Oct. 15-18 - but don't wait until then to get involved. No teaching background is required, just a genuine desire to help Army families succeed. For more information, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Team success seminar

The Army Family Team Building staff will hold a Team Success Seminar at 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18 at Army Community Service, building 3491. The seminar and childcare are free. The program includes 30-minute blocks of training, information for the success of any team. To enroll call 876-5397.

Virus screening program

The Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center is cooperating with Auburn University in a screening program to detect the presence of West Nile Virus in local populations of crows, pigeons, and blue jays. If you find sick or dead birds from these species on Redstone Arsenal, with no apparent trauma, call PHEC at 876-8837 for assistance.

Military retirement

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony for military retirees will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 20 at Youth Services, building 3148. Retirees who wish to participate in the ceremony should call MSgt. Loew, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819 by Sept. 5.

Real estate workshops

First time home buyers can learn about real estate issues by attending free workshops scheduled for August and September. The classes are open to the Redstone

community. Tips for buying and selling a home will be offered at 9 a.m. Aug. 28 and Sept. 25, building 3447. The class will be presented by Jim McWhorter, certified real estate broker. Workshops on how to apply for a mortgage will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 29 and Sept. 26, building 3447. Darlene Hornsby, mortgage loan officer, will detail the paperwork needed to apply for a mortgage. To register for classes call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at Army Community Service, 876-5397.

Jack Daniels tour

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council invites you to participate in the CWFC Volunteer Appreciation Trip to the Jack Daniels Distillery, Sept. 22. The cost is \$30 per person which includes the round trip day bus, the distillery tour, a barbecue dinner with free samples of Jack Daniels products, and dancing under the stars. Participants must be at least 21. For more information call the CWFC trip coordinator, Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, 313-5924.

Logistics achievement awards

Starting this year, the IMMC will present two Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Awards - the Management/Executive Award for GS-13s and above (or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award for GS-13s and below (or mili-

tary equivalents). Eligible population of the awards includes all Team Redstone personnel who contribute to the logistical mission at AMCOM and meet the award criteria. Nominations for the awards will be accepted through Aug. 31. The award will be presented to the winners at a luncheon/ceremony Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Redstone Officers and Civilians Club. For more information and awards criteria, contact Anne Hughes 876-1757 or Debbie Olds 842-6783.

Investor fair

The Alabama Chapter of National Association of Investor's Corporation will sponsor an Investor's Fair, Aug. 24 -25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Huntsville Marriott. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. The fair will feature educational seminars on Friday and presentations from corporate sponsors on Saturday. For more information, call Carla Knight 842-846

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Annual parish registration and an ice cream social will follow mass, Aug. 25-26 in the fellowship hall of the chapel. The chapel will be closed Aug. 31 for training holiday. Weekend mass is held 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

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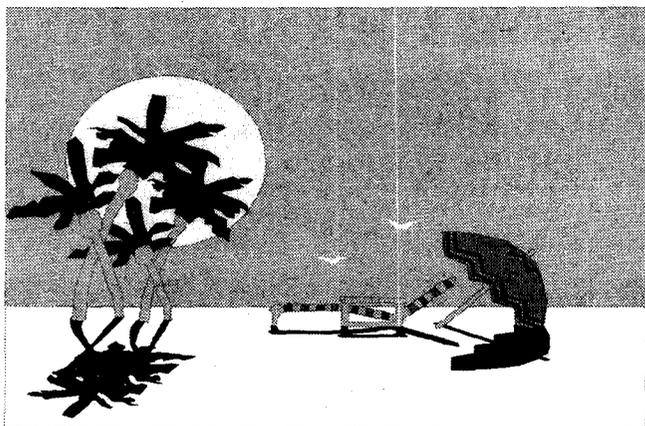
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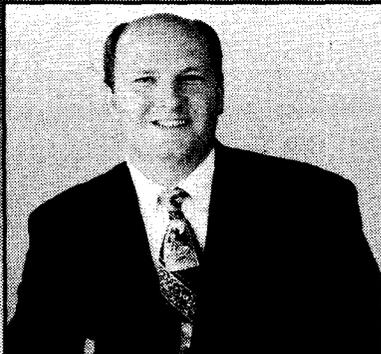
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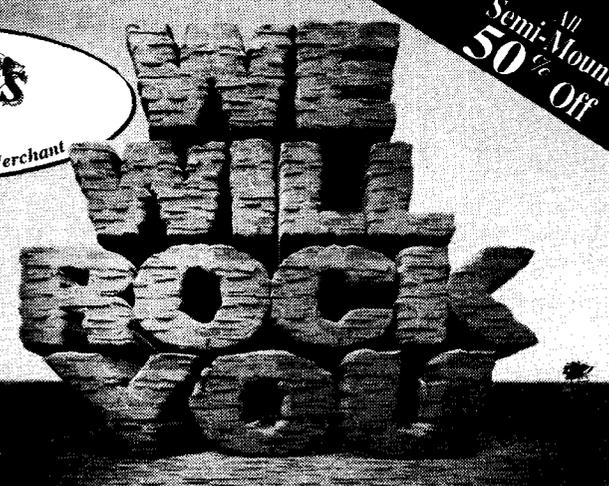
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Announcements

Thrift shop

The Redstone Thrift Shop is accepting applications for donations in support of Arsenal and local community activities. All requests must be from charitable organizations with federal tax exemption status. Requests must be in writing and received by Oct. 10. Send your request to: Redstone Thrift Shop, Attn: Mary McCarthy, welfare chairperson, building 3209, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University offers a master of business administration program with classes in Huntsville. An information meeting will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101E, 102 Wynn Drive. For information call 800-672-7223, ext. 5039.

Case lot sale

The Commissary will have the "World's Biggest Case Lot Sale," Sept. 6-8. For more information, access the following web site: www.commissaries.com. Rake in more savings throughout the Commissary during its "Falling Leaves, Falling Prices" promotion, Sept. 3-16.

Levy briefing

Make your next move a "Smooth Move" by attending the monthly Redstone Arse-

nal Levy briefing Thursday at 1 p.m. at building 3447. Attendance is mandatory for all permanent party military who are being assigned to a permanent change of station. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care will be provided at the Child Development Center, building 3145. The child's shot records are required to use the facility. For free child care or more information, call Mary Breeden of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Commissary jobs

The Commissary is accepting employment applications for a sales store checker and a store worker. Both are under the Student Temporary Employment Program. Each applicant must be at least 16, a student enrolled in an accredited school with at least a half-time course load, a U.S. citizen, and have an overall grade average of at least "C." For more information call Sandra Patrick or Evelyn Hayden at the Commissary 876-8429, extension 3143.

Craft show

The Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's Association Fall Craft Show - 150 craftsmen and artists, from Alabama and many states - will be held 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 21-22 and from noon-5 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Von Braun Center. Admission is free. For more information, call 882-0725.



Photo by Jack Lundy

Parked bird

An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior landed July 23 in Big Spring Park to directly support the Concert in the Park during Armed Forces Week which honored the 60th anniversary of Redstone Arsenal. The helicopter, furnished by the 1st/185th Army National Guard, was piloted by Lt. Col. James Young and CWO 3 Jerry Wade, stationed in Tupelo, Miss.

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1999 Dodge Neon GT, 4 dr coupe, 35K mi., loaded, exc cond., warr. remaining. Must Sell! \$9500 OBO. 830-2661

1997 Cougar, red, auto, loaded, new tires, like new, 54k miles, leather, PS, PB, cruise, etc.. \$11k. 256-233-4649

1997 Mustang GT Red, leather, premium wheels, all power, 71k miles, auto, \$12,000. 256-586-4015

1997 Chevy Blazer LT, 4WD, auto, fully loaded, leather, exc cond., ext. warranty. 837-0302

1997 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT Ramie, 4x4, ext cab, long bed, 5.9L loaded, exc cond., warr. remains, \$18K 830-2661

1997 Buick Riviera, one owner, 15K mi., loaded, extra clean, \$14,200 OBO. 880-9160

1996 Mercedes C280, loaded, silver, like new, 85k miles, retail \$22k, asking \$18k. 83-6894

1995 Ford Taurus; full maint. records, below NADA @ \$4500. Eves or leave msg @ 882-5450

1995 Infiniti J30, Pearl w/tan leather interior, like new, fully loaded, heated seats, all power, 63k miles, \$12,000 obo. ready driven. Bought new car. 32-3190

1995 Olds 88 LSS One owner, low mileage \$7,995... 772-8327

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1993 Harley Davidson Sportster XLH 883, 14.4K mi., many extras, mint cond., \$6500. 882-9053

1993 Saturn SW2 5 sp AC, PW, PL, tilt, cruise, ABS. great condition, 124K, \$3195. 772-5078

1991 Explorer Eddie Bauer pkg., leather, sunroof, 4WD, 138k mi. \$5000. 883-8059

1990 Buick LeSabre, 20k, A/C, PS, PB, new tires, exc. cond. 881-5360 lv msg

1989 Z28 Camaro, Red, auto, ac/ pb/ ps, excellent motor/trans. \$4,500. 430-0495

1987 Chevy Cavalier Black Convertible auto., \$1650. 852-3223 859-6056

1978 Ford Fairmont, 6 cylinder, auto., very good shape. \$900. 895-9289

Wanted: Reese Fifth Wheel Hitch. 16K 527-1307.

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Infant carseat w/ base, \$30. Men's 10 kt gold band w/ diamonds, \$50. obo 852-2145.

Janome Memory Craft 9000 computer sewing/embroidery machine, \$1500. 883-2082

1981 Kawasaki 750 for parts or rebuild Pickup required \$200. 895-9330

Kenmore powermate canister vacuum cleaner, perfect cond., \$150. 837-6268

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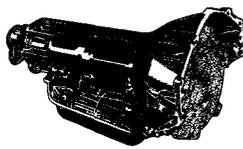
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