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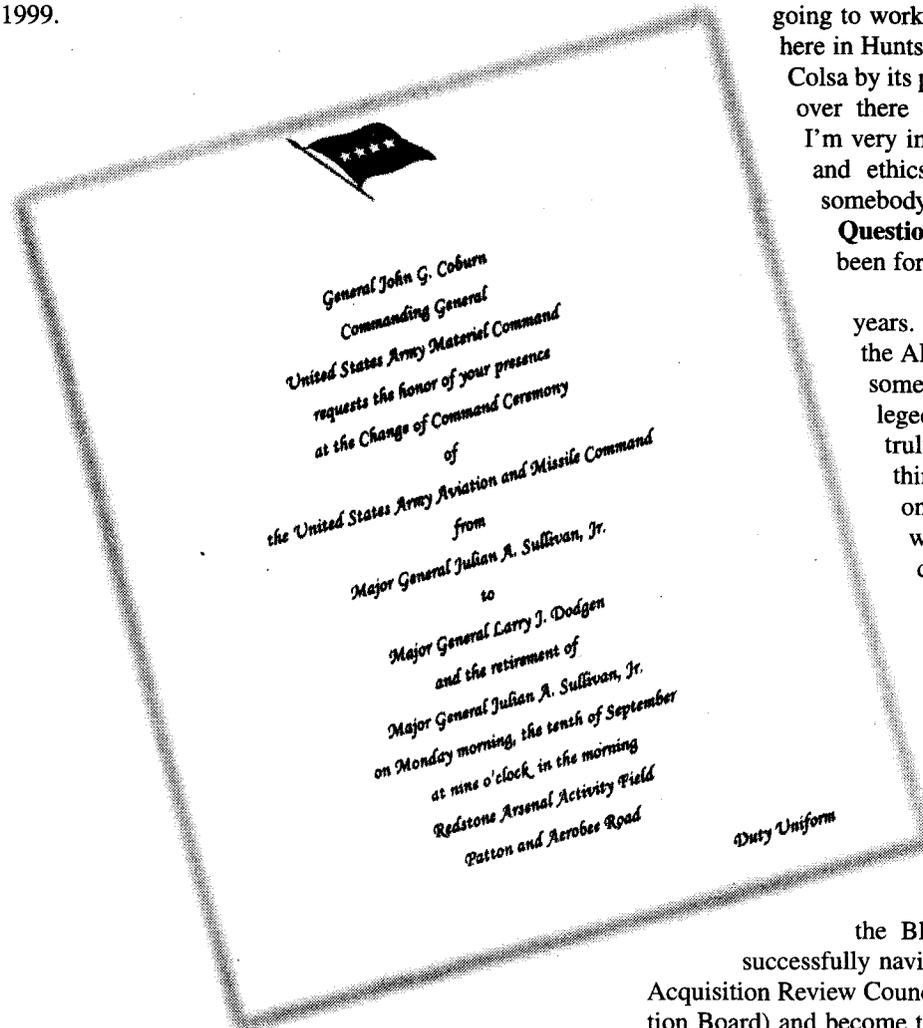
Thank you for your time, General Sullivan

Retiring commanding general sees bright future for AMCOM

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

It's a typical weekday morning in the command suite at the Aviation and Missile Command. Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, the commander, has a steady stream of visitors to his office.

As he prepares to relinquish command Sept. 10 to Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen and retire from the Army, Sullivan takes some time to reflect on his tenure that began in July 1999.



Question: What are your thoughts as you near retirement from the Army?

Answer: "Gosh, I don't know. I guess to a very large extent, I have not dwelt too much on retiring from the Army. I treat every day as if it were another business day. And when change of command comes (Sept. 10), I'll concentrate on my next life. But now that you've asked the question and I have cause to reflect, I guess the good fortune I've had to work with the people here and a lot of truly outstanding people over the last 31 years."

Question: What are your plans?

Answer: "I'll take a few days off, four or five days, spend some time with my wife and then I'm going to work for Colsa Corporation. They're here in Huntsville. Frankly, I was attracted to Colsa by its people. They're some great folks over there doing some exceptional work. I'm very impressed by their business ethic and ethics, and honored to work with somebody like Frank Collazo (the CEO)."

Question: How have the past two years been for you?

Answer: "It's been a great two years. We've enjoyed being a part of the AMCOM family, getting to know some of the people down here. Privileged to have worked with some truly outstanding people. And I think we've made some progress on many fronts. Two years ago we were faced with significantly downsizing the work force and instead we've done a fair amount of hiring. We've done over 1,500 permanent promotions and we'll finish off another fairly large number here over the next few weeks. Plus we've seen some funding, like spares, increase significantly.

We've seen some of our acquisition programs, like the Black Hawk M-model program, successfully navigate an ASARC (Army System Acquisition Review Council) and DAB (Defense Acquisition Board) and become the model for other programs in the Army. RDEC was chosen as Lab of the Year. And we've moved out smartly on recapitalization programs. And we took the depots over and have seen a significant improvement at both (Letterkenny, Pa., and Corpus



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ENJOYED TOUR— Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, retiring commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, decided to stay in the local community and will work for Colsa Corporation.

Christi, Texas). And lastly we've I guess expanded AMCOM's operations to all major Army installations in CONUS (continental U.S.) and OCONUS (outside continental U.S.)."

Question: What would you like to say to the AMCOM work force?

Answer: "Well done. They have taken every new challenge and have done what I think is an incredible job of delivering best value for our Army. I'm truly proud of the great work that they have done and challenge them to keep on the same track in trying to work solutions for the 'we' - for the AMCOM team."

Question: What are you most proud of in your tour as commander?

Answer: "I think that the thing that I'm most proud of is the way we have dealt with people and people issues and trying to ensure that the promotion processes and all of our personnel practices are fair and that we are using the best business practices not only of government but of industry as well."

Question: What regrets do you have?

Answer: "I can't think of any regrets at this point. I

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Retiring worker offers 'Farewell to Arms'

I know it's time to move on. Really, but my body isn't so sure. I mean I still have all my hair, my hearing is at least 80 percent, my glasses aren't that thick, and by looking down I can still see my toes. Still, my fundamental mindset is that at 37 years it is time to leave federal service and let others give support to the soldiers of our country.

My career journey was probably not typical because I was fortunate enough to meet and work with great people on important projects at numerous Army sites. I have no regrets about moving my family and feel they have only benefited by the experiences. I will not in detail review all my assignments but mention only the standouts: 15 years in the Pentagon was enough for anyone with stops at USAMSSA, DSCPER, ISSAA and DCSOPS; then followed years at TACMIS (Fort Belvoir), ALMC and TSA (Fort Lee); and concluding with a 15-year tenure at OMMCS and MICOM/AMCOM. While there are stories aplenty, I will relate the only truly outstanding one, which happened at the Pentagon.

While at DCSPER, I was summoned one day into the hallway on the first floor by a very young officer. Once there he proceeded to ask my name, security clearance and several other business related questions, none of which raised my concern. He then closely examined my badge, nodded, seemed satisfied with all the answers and proceeded to command that I follow him. Since my curiosity was now way up, away I went. At this point I should mention that I knew the intricacies of the Pentagon pretty well (10 years will do that to you) and he was leading where I previously couldn't go. I think we finally wound up on a floor that didn't exist to a room that wasn't there. What then followed was that I started being led into a large briefing room with rather distinguished participants; and I finally panicked. I said (and meant it) that "they" really did have the wrong guy and I wanted out with promises to never remember the way back (which was literally true). Realizing that I was absolutely adamant, a rather harsh looking person was called and he quickly realized mistakes had been made. I was summarily released with only the comment that I was mistaken for my "other" namesake. I, however, was on my way back to the good old first floor and didn't listen very well to any explanations.

Stories aside, when people "leave" they usually pass on a will that expresses their wishes. While the analogy isn't exactly the same, in my leaving I wish to pass on a will (of sorts) to various concerns at Redstone:

- Legal — Yes. (Spelling is everything.)
- Property Book Office — Change the procedures for turn-in/FOP; find a way to make it easier: a quick stop at building 3777 to fill out all the correct forms; and speedy disposition delivery of the items to building 8022, DRMO, (or wherever) by the HR. Require those that have HRs to do their own work....

- IMA Contracting — ... Make some allowances for things contractors will have to do in the future because of a shrinking work force. Driving a truck, van or government vehicle comes to mind. If "teamwork" is important, put in the contract that contractors can go not only to AMCOM sponsored activities but also to a center/directorate's once-in-a-year half-day picnic.

- Training — Always needed, minimally funded. I would like to see a return to some basic training, such as "How to Write." In the last years, several people have asked me to assist in writing for them resumes, letters of applications, and descriptions of their duties. As a result, it might be good for everyone to get this refresher course.... How about a Speaking program, too?

- Adverse Actions — Where's the beef? As downsizing takes effect, those that are truly not doing a job should be subject to discomfiting disciplinary action.

- Interviews — Whatever happened to entrance and exit interviews? In my career, and even at large commands, a significant government official conducted these interviews above a certain grade level.

And so a final curtain, at least on this part, falls and I must exit stage left. Through all, I have come at least half circle — from an all government environment to an (almost) all contractor one and, to be quite truthful, I am not sure how I feel about that

However, before exiting the stage, there is one final tribute I must render, and that is to thank all those who have been part of the good times at the many places I have been. It goes without saying that I cannot thank them all, because first of all I literally cannot remember all the names. A few, though, will live on and I will recite those that memory has not erased:

In the Washington, D.C. area, there were Jerry McFaul, Col. Bill Curtis, Col. John Guthrie, Bill Coxton, Rex Bolton, Rick Silva, and Maj. Bernie Shuttly. Somehow, I hope they see this and know that they played a memorable part in my career.

At AMCOM, there are really too many influential folks to mention and to do so would leave out many good friends; so I will mention only these few and apologize to everyone else: the lunch bunch (Pam, Connie, Rebecca, Karen and, more often than not, Richard.) It seems that among us we managed to solve an awful lot of problems and the two who provided so many insights and so much laughter through so many years — Benny Fiske and Marvin Knight.

I will take my leave with a part of an old Irish saying: "May the wind be always at your back and the sun rise up to meet you. May the Earth be soft beneath your feet. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

William A. Sullivan
Corporate Information Center

Triathlon organizers thank Redstone

The Spring City Triathletes of Huntsville would like to thank AMCOM, RASA, Outdoor Recreation, the Provost Marshal's Office, the Marine Corps Reserve, and all others who helped us in having the eighth annual John Masterson Memorial Heart Center Rocketman Triathlon at the Col. Hudson Recreation Area on Aug. 26. More than 350 athletes from eight states along with their families were able to compete on one of the best venues in this part of the country, Redstone Arsenal. This event benefited Toys for Tots and many children will have a much happier holiday season. We are grateful for the Army permitting this event to be held annually on the Arsenal. We could not do it without the gracious help of all of the above and many others.

Bob Mulkey
race director
Dave Swinford
president, Spring City Triathletes

Redstone Arsenal thanked for AER fund-raising drive

The national headquarters for Army Emergency Relief has thanked Redstone Arsenal for the most successful AER drive ever here.

"On behalf of the president and the board of managers of Army Emergency Relief, please accept our appreciation for your outstanding support of the 2001 AER fund campaign as evidenced by your command's contribution of \$79,454," stated the expression of appreciation signed by retired Lt. Gen. Nathaniel Thompson Jr., director.

"In addition to raising funds that will provide emergency financial assistance to soldiers and their families, your campaign also improved the understanding of AER's mission and programs by all soldiers in your command. These significant achievements add substance and vitality to the phrase, 'Helping the Army take care of its own.'"

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Spotlight on progress

Board approves recommendations from application and selection team

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

The Transition IPTs continue to progress and develop recommendations to make process changes.

The AMCOM Board of Directors has voted to approve five Application and 17 Selection decision-making recommendations.

Among the application recommendations, the board voted to approve standardized application forms using resumes, as well providing supervisors and applicants training and updates on the new processes.

Among the selection decision-making recommendations, the board voted to approve establishing POE merit factor weights and administrative guidelines. For example, standard merit factors for experience, education and training will be established.

The recommendations follow the collection, development and analysis of data on processes as well as defining and justifying process improvements.

Redress and Training recommendations are being pre-

sented to the board for approval today. All of the Transition Integrated Process Team's approved recommendations are subject to further negotiations with union representatives.

The strategy for implementing the recommendations will be developed by the Transition IPT teams.

All recommendations, when final, will be posted on the Spotlight web site and in this column.

The teams, and their members, who have worked diligently on this effort include:

- Application Team — Don Dixon, CPAC; Ray Lewis, DSA; Linda Readus, SGS; Cindy Jolley, DSA; Jane Latham, SAMD; Melissa Brodersen, SAMD; Diana Blackman, AFGE; and Christine Temple, Booz-Allen & Hamilton.

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New commander

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen will assume command of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal in a change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 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.

C Company NCO honored for going extra mile for Red Cross

First sergeant supportive when case workers call

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

"We normally recognize organizations not people," Kaye Young-McFarlen, director of Emergency Services for the Madison/Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said. "But 1st Sgt. Mark Markham was an exception."

Markham, who hails from C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, is responsible for one of the largest populations of students on post. At last count, the "Wolf Pack" is 340 strong and growing.

As a result a lot of Red Cross messages come through at all hours of the day and night for Wolfpack students.

"He has an overwhelming number of soldiers assigned to him," McFarlen said. "The Red Cross felt that he was a big supporter not only to our organization but to the soldiers."

"When our case workers call, he is always polite and courteous no matter what the hour is," she said. "Sometimes it could be as simple as a mother who hasn't heard from her child in a while to a bonafide family emergency message."

No matter what, she said, Markham always responds

promptly and with the soldiers' welfare foremost in mind.

"1st Sgt. Markham was unanimously voted in by our case workers for this award," McFarlen said. On June 28, Markham received the Armed Forces Emergency Services Recognition Award from the Madison/Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross. "He's definitely a strong team player."



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

TOP NCO— 1st Sgt. Mark Markham talks with students at C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion during a break in training. Markham was honored by the local chapter of the American Red Cross for his efforts in helping soldiers.

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Black Hawks battle wildfires in west

AMCOM safety releases needed for helicopters to take flight

By **SANDY RIEBELING**
Staff writer

As the fires rage out of control in the northwest United States, firefighters from across the land converge on the area to battle the flames and minimize the tragedy. Everyone has a part to play in saving homes and lives, even the Aviation and Missile Command.

On Aug. 17, an urgent request came in to the Aviation Engineering Directorate from a National Guard unit in Washington. But before their CH-47 helicopters could hook up their water buckets and join the fight, they had to get an airworthiness release from AMCOM.

"Each aircraft has its own limitations," Timothy Hughes, deputy director, AED, said. "When you make any sort of change or modification, such as adding fire fighting equipment, we have to write an airworthiness release in accordance with Army regulations. We have to make sure the pilot and aircraft are safe to fly after changing the configuration. Safety is our priority."

For this mission, Chinooks needed to be released to fly carrying water buckets. Data on the various models of the bucket and on the aircraft had to be collected and



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IN ACTION—This Black Hawk helicopter uses the famous "Bambi Bucket" to dip into local waters and get back to the fire fight. Airworthiness releases are required for all Army helicopters when modified for special missions, such as fire suppression.

analyzed to construct a set of guidelines for safe operation. Air Speed limits are set, according to whether the bucket is full of water or empty. If the helicopter flies too fast with an empty bucket, it can loop back and hit the rotor possibly causing a crash.

Other aspects must be considered as well, including aircraft lift capabilities, weight limitations, and electrical power capacity. Environmental conditions are also a factor affecting aircraft performance. "Aviation is a key component in fight-

ing fires," Hughes said. "Helicopters using the buckets have access to local water. They can get to the water source quickly, scoop up the water while in flight and keep on the move. They don't have to land and refill. But they do have to follow procedures. They don't drag the bucket in the water while flying forward. They have to hover."

At least 12 states have National Guard units that use fire fighting buckets. Black Hawk and UH-1 helicopters are also commonly used in fire fighting. Any time the configuration of an aircraft is changed, in any way, an airworthiness release must be signed. Some releases are dated and allowed only for specific missions. Others are open-ended. If a piece of equipment used, such as a bucket, is changed or upgraded in any way, a new AWR has to be written or the current AWR must be revised. AED writes airworthiness releases on all Army aircraft.

"Without it, they couldn't fly. They would've been on the ground waiting while the fires burned," Hughes said. "This request came to us on a Friday and we were able to get the release signed the same day. It's a real testament to the kind of people working here. They're professional, intelligent and hardworking. And they always, always have the safety of the aviators in mind."

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Military retirees have their annual day this Saturday

By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

Military Retiree day is just around the corner. The big day is Saturday at the Bob Jones Auditorium; and the event will begin with coffee and snacks at 7:15 a.m. with the formal opening at 8.

The guest speaker this year is Max Beilke, retirement services, Office of the Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Retired Lt. Gen. Jim Link, co-chairman of the Redstone Arsenal Military Advisory Council, said the event is very important.

"It shows our commitment to all military — retired, reserve and active duty," he said. "We have a long tradition of

showing we care for those who have served. We need to make sure that they receive all available information about benefits and all activities."

Retired CSM Ernest Weir, also co-chairman of the council, says the big thing is that the retirees and their families can be updated on benefits and all of the things that are changing.

Representatives from various organizations will be there to distribute literature and answer questions about their services. The event is free and will be held from 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is \$7.

Individuals who cannot attend the event but have questions can call Phil Fredrich at 876-2022, or send him an e-mail at the following address: phil.fredrich@redstone.army.mil.

■ Sullivan proud of AMCOM's accomplishments

Commander

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guess there's a certain amount of regret that there are still some programs that we have not finished but I believe the command is in capable hands and we'll do just fine and that we are on the road to resolving all of them."

Question: How would you like to be remembered at AMCOM?

Answer: "As someone who cared about people. I mean frankly as I said at the change of command when I came in, people are the most important asset that we have. I believed it then, I still believe it today. And Job One is to take care of people who in turn take care of the mission. But it's the role of management to work people issues so that people are free to work mission issues. I mean the people do the work, but they're not going to do as much work if they're worried about themselves. You have an obligation, if you're a management official, to take care of people; that should be your first priority. People should be Job One."

Question: What was your happiest moment as commander?

Answer: "Gosh, I don't know. It's hard to single down to a single issue. I don't have the foggiest idea. I guess getting authority to hire against our reimbursable requirements and to win some of the funding battles."

Question: What was your lowest moment as commander?

Answer: "Frankly I don't recall any real disappointments that would be serious disappointments. Let's look back. We've managed to obtain funding for significant new construction on post — as an example, Von Braun Complex, Martin Road, a Larry Daniel Laboratory, just to mention a couple. We've secured additional program budget guidance to increase our authorizations. And we have significantly expanded our operational

reach. As I said before, we're now truly a global activity. It's kind of hard to look at that and say I'm disappointed. I think the people have done a whale of a job."

Question: What does the future hold for AMCOM?

Answer: "I think the future for AMCOM is bright. There are an awful lot of things that are in the mill today that will potentially impact on AMCOM. But I believe we will see AMCOM's importance to the Army grow."

Question: How was this tour different from your previous tours in the Army?

Answer: "Most of my time in the Army has been in field operating units. So as opposed to operating at Fort Bragg (N.C.) or an operation like Haiti, I've been dealing with different groups of people."

Question: How has your time at AMCOM affected you personally?

Answer: "Well, I think certainly the most significant way as we've come to this community, frankly we've liked it so much we've chosen to stay as opposed to taking another assignment someplace. I could've served a number of additional years as a general officer, but frankly we're so happy here we decided not to go somewhere else. I and my family agreed this is where we wanted to live, hence the decision to retire and stay here. Secondly, I believe my time here broadened my understanding of a number of issues."

Question: Anything else you'd like to say as you prepare to leave Redstone?

Answer: "I may be leaving Redstone Arsenal but I'm not leaving this community. I intend to play a role in the community and in any capacity that will help make our community a better place to live and work. And I will continue to be an advocate for the people of Team Redstone and for their programs. But I also look forward to the challenge and the opportunities in a civilian career and I'm very grateful to Mr. Collazo for the opportunity he has given to (my wife) Kathy and I."

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SHARING A SMILE— PFC Adam Gage of C Company shares a smile with Christy West while petting a bunny at the petting zoo

Volunteers share good time with special-needs citizens

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

The laughter and excitement were as heavy as the Alabama humidity as children and adults with special needs waved at soldiers from the windows of buses pulling into the parking lot at the Northeast Alabama State Fair.

This was their day and they knew it, as they excitedly exited the buses and met their new friends.

More than 250 soldiers from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, the Aviation and Missile Command, and the Dental Clinic Command volunteered to escort children and adults with special needs to the 25th annual Exceptional Peoples Day at the fair.

"It's a soft spot for me," Spec. Jarvis Clark, of Headquarters & A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "It's not a duty, I like spending my time like this. I have relatives who have special needs, and this is something I real-

ly enjoy doing."

Soldiers walked, talked and shared rides and laughter with handicapped persons from throughout the Huntsville area.

"I'm having a great time," Pvt. Steven Wallace of C Company said. "It's a good chance to help kids with special needs."

"It gives soldiers a different perspective," Darrell Brewer, executive assistant for Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, said. "They get to see other people who aren't so fortunate as they are."

Selfless service and community spirit — that's what it came down to for soldiers who volunteered their time Aug. 29.

"It's a great chance to show the local community what the Army is all about," Sgt. Jeanette Randall of D Company said.

"It's a good, positive thing for those of us in the military as well as the community," 1st Sgt. Willie Pullom of Headquarters & A Company said. "For a lot of these soldiers it's the first time that they have participated in an event of this sort. They can now see the magnitude of what they bring, as soldiers, to the community."



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

GIDDY UP— Spec. Josh Yorgey of C Company shares a ride on the hobbyhorses with Darius Turner at the Northeast Alabama State Fair.



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WHEEEE!— Soldiers from C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion share a carnival ride with exceptional people during Exceptional Peoples Day, Aug. 29 at the Northeast Alabama State Fair.

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Skip's picks

Michigan should survive tough test at Washington

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

There's only one place to go after a 3-0 start in predicting college football outcomes. Straight downhill.

With that in mind, here are Skip's Picks for the third week of the season:

Alabama at Vanderbilt – **Bama**
Ole Miss at Auburn – **Auburn**
Michigan at Washington – **Michigan**
South Carolina at Georgia – **Georgia**
Utah State at Louisiana State – **LSU**
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Kansas State at USC – **Kansas State**
Rutgers at Miami – **Miami**
North Carolina at Texas – **Texas**
Texas A&M at Wyoming – **Texas A&M**
Fresno State at Wisconsin – **Wisconsin**

Bravo Bulldogs lead Commander's Cup

Fresh off its softball championship, Bravo Company stands atop the standings for the annual Commander's Cup sports trophy.

The Bulldogs have 319 points so far in fiscal 2001. Seasonal sports completed include football, basketball, volleyball, golf and softball. Racquetball

and the 5K run remain.

The Marines are in second place with 295.6 followed by the NCO Academy (286.1), Delta Company (276.4), Charlie Company (247.2), Headquarters & Alpha Company (203.5), HHC 59th (168.1), MEDDAC (104.5), AMCOM (62.6) and ROTC (44).

Army men win armed forces softball tournament gold

FORT HOOD, Texas— It was a tough battle, but the Army men's softball team never let up on its quest for gold and went 8-1 in play to win the Armed Forces Softball Tournament, Aug. 15-17 at Fort Hood, Texas. The last time the Army captured gold was in 1995.

On the first day, Army beat Navy, 26-14 and the Marines, 8-6. Air Force kept pace by edging the Marines, 14-12 and dumping Navy 26-11. During evening games, the Marines beat Navy 18-6, while the Air Force handed

Army its lone loss, a close 4-3. The second day, the Army beat Navy, 19-16, the Marines, 9-7, and shot down Air Force 26-17. The Army and the Air Force entered the last day tied 5-1.

The underdog Marines and Navy played spoilers the third day. The Marines trounced the airmen, 18-9, and the sailors then snuffed Air Force's last hope with a convincing 11-6 win. Army swept its three, including a 12-10 squeaker against Air Force that ended the competition.

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Redstone worker wins Rocketman triathlon

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Every second counts when you're competing in a triathlon.

A Redstone worker brought that lesson home when he won the John Masterson Heart Center Memorial Rocketman Triathlon by just two seconds Aug. 26 at Redstone Arsenal.

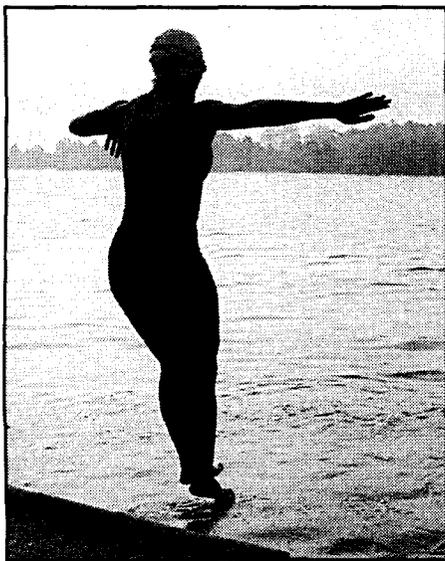


Photo by Beth Skarupa

SWIM— An unidentified female swimmer enters the Tennessee River during the swim stage of the Rocketman triathlon Aug. 26.

Chris Roberts, a 40-year-old engineer from the Research Development and Engineering Center, finished in 59 minutes, 28 seconds. He was just two seconds faster than the course record holder, Barry Knight of Paducah, Ky. The overall female winner was Aytrea Blalock, a 23-year-old graduate student at Alabama-Huntsville, in 1:09:28.

"I felt pretty good about winning because I used to do this pretty seriously about 10-15 years ago, then I got married and had kids. So being 40 and having won, it was pretty nice," Roberts said. "I never know when I wake up in the morning what body's going to show up. It's not like it was when I was in my 20s."

This was the eighth year the Spring City Triathlete Club of Huntsville put on the Rocketman triathlon. Triathletes had to swim half a mile in the Tennessee River, bike 12.8 miles and run 3.2 miles with transitions in the Col. Hudson Recreation Area.

"It was a good race. I know the guys that put it on and they really do a good job. I've done 5 or 6 triathlons so far this year and this one was probably my favorite," Roberts said. "They give away a lot of prizes and have a lot of good food afterwards and I always have a nice time with friends and family there afterwards."

Once again the race was a success,

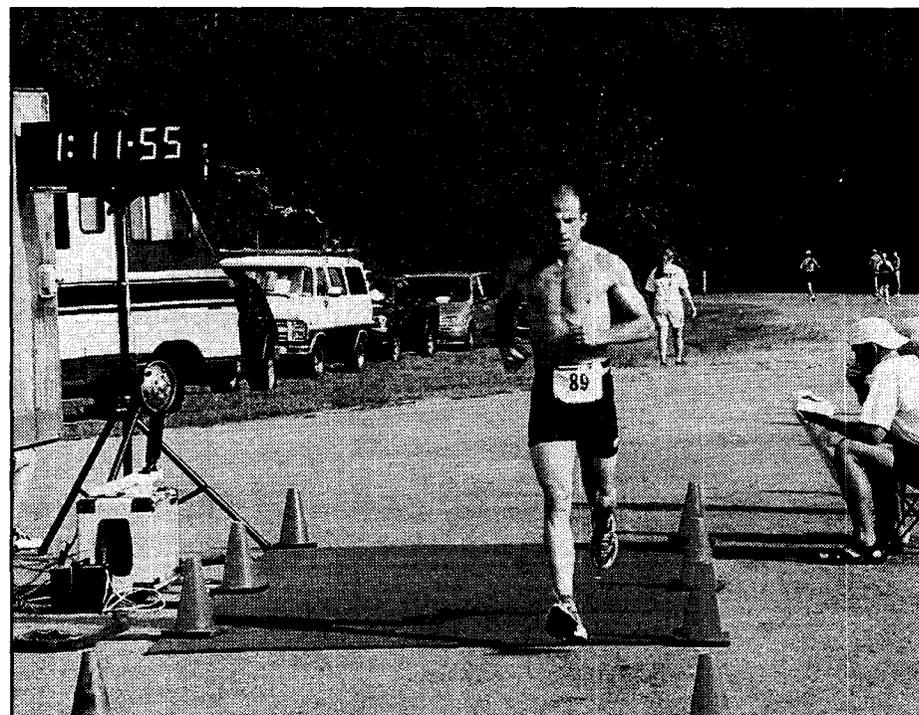


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RUN— Chad Davis, 35, of Huntsville, runs through the finish line during the Rocketman triathlon Aug. 26. He took first place in his age group in 1:05:14 and was ninth overall.

according to race director Bob Mulkey, with 327 individuals and 11 relay teams participating.

"I just want to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and racers who came out this

year," he said. "We had over \$5,000 in donations for Toys for Tots and a couple hundred toys, too. I look forward to seeing everyone next year at the Rocketman triathlon Aug. 25."



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Retiring civilian personnel officer has emotional sendoff event

Tearful ceremony marks end of era at Redstone

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will never be the same.

LeRoy Daniels retired Thursday in an emotional ceremony after more than 35 years of government service. He had served as the civilian personnel officer since 1984.

"He clearly is an individual who has stood among all of us and has certainly made us better for having been here," Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said.

Daniels received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and several letters of recognition during the well-attended ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium. His wife, Sandra, received a certificate of appreciation.

Daniels presented a bouquet of roses to Sandra, embraced her and cried. He paused several times during his remarks to wipe away tears with a handkerchief.

"I really didn't want to cry this long," he quipped, drawing laughter from the audience.

He received a standing ovation before he began talking and another standing ovation when he finished.

"I don't know where I'm going but I do know there is more required," Daniels said in closing. "I'm just going to love trying to find out what it is. Thank you."



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BEST OF LUCK— LeRoy Daniels, civilian personnel officer, is congratulated after his retirement ceremony Thursday.

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Lynyrd Skynyrd and 38 Special rock Redstone Arsenal

Army concert tour draws thousands

By LINDSAY VAUGHT
For the Rocket

Clear skies and a perfect half moon greeted concertgoers Saturday, Aug. 25 as the Army Concert Tour came to the Redstone Arsenal Parade Field. Fans carrying

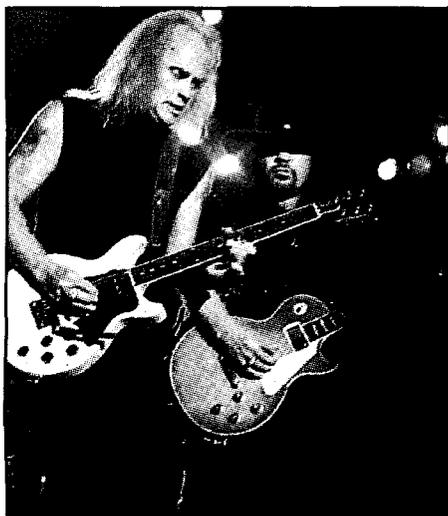


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JUST JAMMING— Founding member Gary Rossington, right, jams with Ricky Medlocke. Rossington and Billy Powell survived the 1977 plane crash which killed Ronnie Van Zant, Lynyrd Skynyrd's founder.

folding chairs and blankets began claiming the best spots shortly after the gates opened at 6 p.m. The massive rented stage went up that Friday; and with the help of dozens of Redstone soldiers, the parade field was transformed into an open air arena.

Organizers were thankful for the nice weather after the 38 Special/Lynyrd Skynyrd concert planned for the previous night at Fort Stewart, Ga., had to be canceled when a thunderstorm struck the area 45 minutes before showtime.

"We had some lightning strikes near the area, a lot of rain, some power outages, and it was just too dangerous to go on," Scott Radosevich, the special events coordinator for Army Entertainment, said. "We had a big presale of tickets down there, a lot of people from Florida had come up for the show. The bands came up to Huntsville last night and have been here all day."

With the parade field nearly full, Donnie Van Zant of 38 Special kicked off the show shortly before 8 p.m. with one of the band's biggest hits, "Caught Up In You." An hour and a half later, with fans still coming in, Lynyrd Skynyrd took the stage. The veteran rockers brought the house down with hits like "Gimme Three Steps," "Another Saturday Night," "That Smell," "What's Your Name," and "Sweet Home Alabama." But the band saved its



Photo by Lindsay Vaught

NAME BAND— Lynyrd Skynyrd frontman Johnny Van Zant sings crowd favorite "What's Your Name" early in concert. The band played for just under two hours and returned to sing their hit "Free Bird" in an encore.

best for the encore. Emerging from the faux pas smoke and camouflage, projected on big screens on either end of the stage, rock anthem "Freebird" began with a piano solo by Billy Powell and ended with a superb guitar finale.

Fans went away pleased. Larry Stoltz of Huntsville has been going to Skynyrd concerts since 1975. "This may have been the best one I've been to. If you missed

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Skunkworks helps grounded helicopters return to air

Prototype Engineering Directorate replaces defective blade pins

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Helicopters aren't very effective on the ground. So when 155 Black Hawks were grounded in June — the result of an inspection on a defective main rotor blade expandable pin — the Army had to find a solution, and fast.

Corrosion discovered on several handles of blade pins made by the contractor, APEX, was a cause for alarm. The entire fleet of 1,524 aircraft was grounded for inspection. If the unit found an APEX blade pin, it was to be removed. There are eight blade pins per aircraft. As a result of the inspection, the Army had an immediate requirement for 1,264 blade pins for 155 grounded aircraft.

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■ Skynyrd rock concert deemed big success

Concert

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this show, you missed one of their best," Stoltz, who founded New Millennium Technologies, said. He watched the show with a friend and brought his daughter, a freshman at Auburn and some of her friends. "This may have been the best Skynyrd show I've ever been to, their sound was right, their lighting and song selection was great. The first song they played, 'Working for MCA' was their traditional opening song."

Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials estimated the crowd at around 5,000 and concessionaires reported a brisk busi-

ness. A VIP section with complimentary food, beverages and seating proved to be extremely popular.

"It was just awesome," Yvonne McGuire, the sales and marketing director for MWR, said. "It was very well attended by the community and everybody had a good time. I am still getting calls and e-mails and have heard nothing but positive comments. We're extremely pleased and are applying for the 2002 Army Concert Tour."

McGuire also lauded the Military Police, HEMSI, and AMCOM Public Affairs Office. "It was a very well coordinated effort, I didn't hear of any problems or complaints," she said.

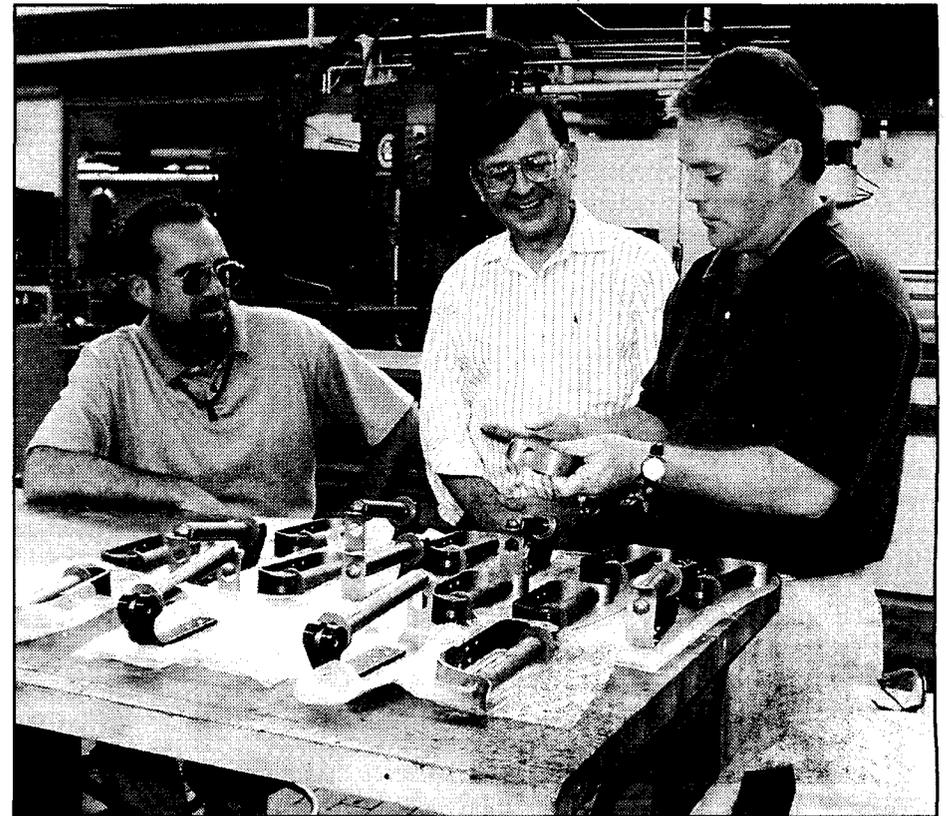
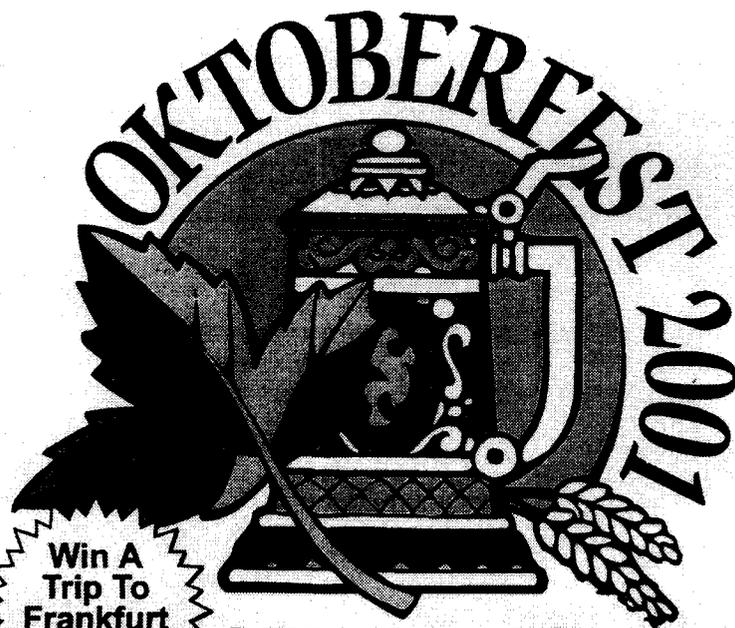


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LAST SHIPMENT— When 155 Black Hawks were grounded due to defective blade pin assemblies, the Prototype Engineering Division stepped in to fix the problem no one else could. Workers on the project include from left, Jack McIntyre, fabrication foreman, Prototype Engineering Directorate; Willis Lucero, aircraft component manager, Integrated Materiel Management Center; and Wes Patterson, project lead, Prototype Engineering Division.

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Army rewards contractor's heroism in emergency

CPR training, quick action helps save life of Redstone employee

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Three times Bill Smithson was called upon to be a hero; each time he answered the call without hesitation. Each time he was in the right place at the right time to try to save someone's life. The last two times he was successful.

After retiring in January from the Aviation and Missile Command with 38 years of government service, Smithson became a contract employee supporting the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office. Although employed by System Dynamics International Inc., he continued to work with the same people he had known for years. One of those people was Randy Wood of the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

The two men were scheduled to conduct Hunter system inventories at Fort Hood, Texas in March, but since they no longer worked for the same employer they were booked on different flights and had cars reserved through different rental agencies. Rather than drive separately to Fort Hood from the airport in Austin, they decided to share Wood's rental car. That decision would prove to be a lifesaver.

On the second day of conducting inventories with the Alpha Company, 15th Battalion military intelligence division in their motor pool parking lot, a call came in that they were needed to help unload Shadow system assets at north Fort Hood. So they finished up for the day and hurried to their rental car parked about 100 yards away.

Wood unlocked the car and Smithson got into the front passenger seat. Then he looked over to where Wood was



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LIFE'S REWARDS— Bill Smithson, left, holds the **Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service** he received for performing CPR on Randy Wood, right, after he went into cardiac arrest while the two were on a government business trip March 6 in Texas. Smithson, an employee of System Dynamics International Inc., and Wood of the Integrated Materiel Management Center both support the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office.

still standing by the driver's side, holding on to the door. He leaned over and asked, "Are you OK?" Wood replied, "Bill, I don't feel so good."

Smithson quickly got out of the car and went over to Wood. He was unresponsive and his knees started to buckle, so Smithson struggled to keep him from falling.

Some of the soldiers noticed his trouble and rushed over to help him. They helped him lay Wood down on the ground and called 911.

'I'd like to impress upon folks to take CPR training and don't ever take life for granted because you never know when something is going to happen and you will be called upon to help.'

— Bill Smithson,
System Dynamics International Inc.

"I pulled his legs up to get blood flowing to his head. I thought he might have fainted. I kept watching his breathing and feeling his neck. He was gradually getting worse and breathing erratically as I tried to get some reaction. I was feeling his pulse and as his breathing got slower and slower, his pulse got less and less," Smithson said. "I pulled his legs back down and watched the look on his face. He took a last breath, his lips turned blue and he dumped all his bodily fluids."

That's when Smithson started CPR. He said he would do mouth-to-mouth, then start compressions again, checking to see if he could feel a pulse in between each set. After about 10-15 minutes, he felt a faint pulse and saw that Wood was starting to come around so he stopped.

"After a minute he opened his eyes and looked at me. I was holding his hand with my right hand and I was just shaking all over because it scared me. He asked me, 'What happened? Why are you shaking so bad?' He tried to get up, but I wouldn't let him," Smithson said. "I told him he had had a problem and got him to lie back down." Then they waited for the ambulance to arrive.

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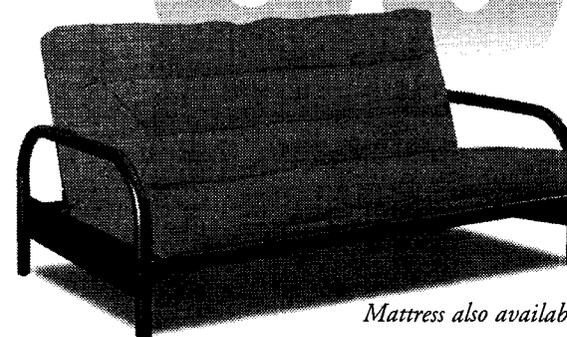
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Smithson

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Later, Wood's cardiologist in Huntsville told him that it was a miracle he had even survived and that there was no reason that CPR should have brought him back to life. His heart had almost shut down because a main valve had gone bad and wasn't functioning properly. Wood had the valve replaced with a mechanical valve during surgery and came back to work after a few months' recovery.

"It really makes you feel like, that for some reason you were at that place at that time, and I know God works miracles. That was the first time we traveled together in a long time ... It was just a miracle that I was there and it happened when it did," Smithson said. "It puts a lot of feeling into your soul. You feel like you're more worthy than you thought you were - that you are worth your salt. A lot of times you go through life without recognizing the things that are important like family, loved ones, fellow workers and friends."

The Department of the Army rewarded Smithson's efforts with the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service. It was presented Aug. 6 by Edward Bair, program executive officer for intelligence, electronic warfare and sensors, at a ceremony in the TUAV project office.

"The project office was so good about going out and getting (the award) for me. Usually it's only given to a government employee, never a support contractor," Smithson said. "I really appreciate the level they had to go to to get that award for me, and for all that Col. Hamilton did too."

In June, Smithson found himself in a situation similar to the March 6 incident. He was in the conference room of the TUAV project office when calls for help

came from the break room across the hall. Dan Cheatham of the Research Development and Engineering Center was having convulsions after falling and hitting his head on a chair. Smithson rushed to his aid, trying to control the bleeding, doing compressions and watching his breathing until an ambulance arrived. It turned out that Cheatham had had a diabetic attack. He recovered and is doing well now, Smithson said.

"I'd like to impress upon folks to take CPR training and don't ever take life for granted because you never know when something is going to happen and you will be called upon to help," he said. "I would like to say too, if anything like that ever happened to me I would hope someone who knew CPR was there."

The first time Smithson was called for help, he jumped right in. He had been traveling to Rogersville with his wife in 1973 when a car plunged off the bridge and into the water right in front of him. He tied a rope to the bridge and secured the car with it, then dove down to get the man out of the car. It was difficult, but he was able to bring him up out of the water. Unfortunately, the man had had a massive heart attack before losing control of the car, so Smithson could not save him. He received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his valiant efforts.

"A lot of folks at my daughter's church shook my hand and called me a hero when they heard about what I did (to save Wood's life), but you just have to do what you have to do. You don't really know how you're going to react until you're in the situation yourself. I've had a lot of folks say they want to travel with me now, though," he said with a laugh. "They say, they want to be with me in case something happens to them."

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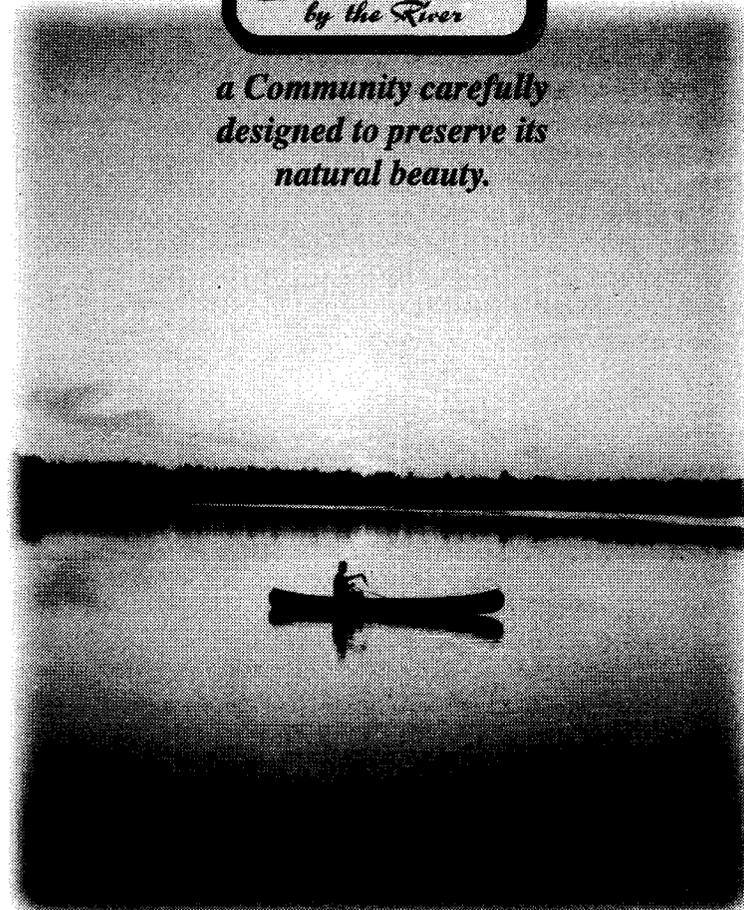
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Higher headquarters announces NCO, Soldier of the Year

AMCOM's SSgt. Roy Ubiles chosen from six candidates

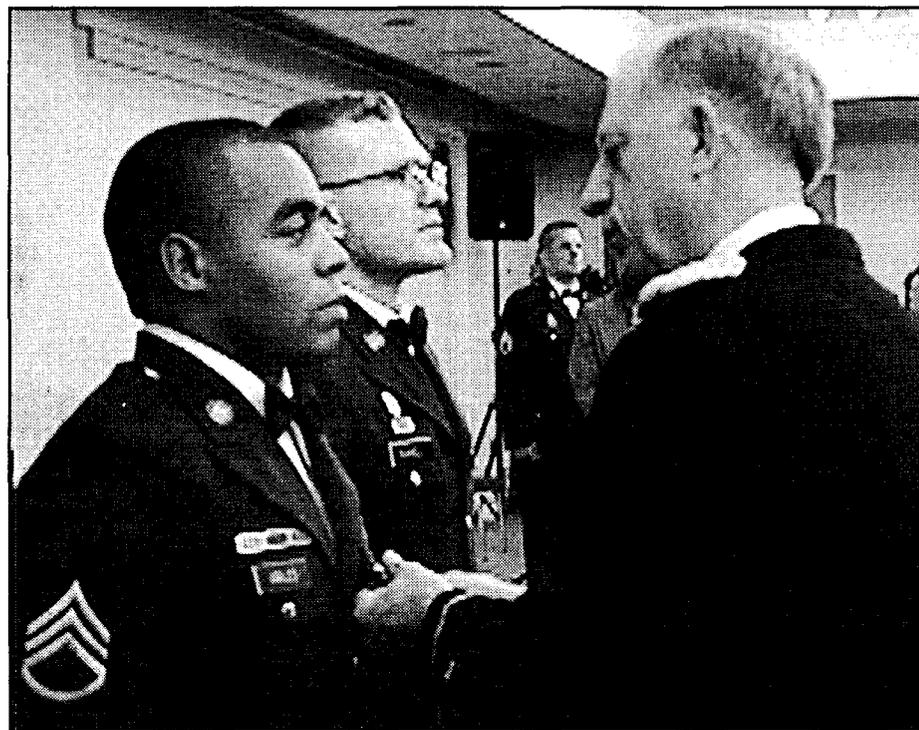
By MELISSA BOHAN
AMC Public Affairs Office

ARLINGTON, Va.— The winners of the Army Materiel Command's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year awards were announced at a formal banquet ceremony Aug. 24 at the Doubletree Hotel.

SSgt. Roy Ubiles of AMC's Aviation and Missile Command and Spec. Von "Andrew" Bunnell of AMC's Communications-Electronics Command beat out five other NCOs and two other soldiers to win the coveted AMC awards by competing in a PT test, answering "soldier skills" questions in front of a board (Ubiles also taught a first aid class in front of the board), and participating in a uniform review.

"What an honor! I was very hopeful that I'd win this. My mom will be really proud. This accomplishment is very meaningful to me and will be very important to my family," Bunnell, 24, said.

"I want to thank the other NCOs for the stiff competition. We are all winners and I'm very proud to have been part of such a worthwhile experience. Also, thanks to



AWARDS CEREMONY— From left SSgt. Roy Ubiles of Aviation and Missile Command and Spec. Von "Andrew" Bunnell of Communications-Electronics Command receive their awards from Gen. John Coburn, AMC's commanding general.

my family for their constant love and support," Ubiles, 30, said.

Ubiles and Bunnell were showered with gifts in front of an audience of 110

people. Each received a seven-day trip to Orlando for two, the choice of their next assignment, a \$1,000 savings bond, four new tires and \$250 from the Army and Air

Force Exchange Service, and a plaque of excellence signed by Gen. John Coburn, AMC's commanding general. Ubiles also received a Meritorious Service Medal and a NCO statue and Bunnell received an Army Commendation Medal and a soldier statue.

Other military sponsors gave the winners gifts such as a gold Army watch and \$100 (Association of the U.S. Army, Fairfax-Lee chapter), engraved eagle statue and coin (American Military Society), a military excellence plaque and coin (NCO association), and a watch and money (Government Employee Insurance Company).

The winners' photos and biographies will also be displayed on the command sergeant major hall of fame wall display at AMC headquarters.

The other five NCO of the Year candidates were Sgt. Doris Wyatt, CECOM; Sgt. Kira Wharton, AMC's Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; SSgt. Calvin Lucas, AMC's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command; SSgt. Robert Barlow, AMC's Operations Support Command; and SSgt. Timothy Williams, AMC's Army Research Laboratory. The other two Soldier of the Year candidates were Spec. Sergyei Pasechnikov, AMCOM; and Spec. Dion Edwards, SBCCOM.

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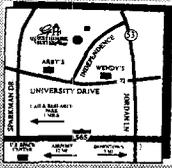
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■ Blade pins replaced on grounded Black Hawks

Pins

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"The problem was, we didn't have any replacement parts and no assets due in until late September," Michael Counts, maintenance logistician, Spares War Room, IMMC, said. "We couldn't find a source able to supply the parts without leaving the aircraft grounded for an extended period of time. We needed the parts right away."

The Air Force pulled the APEX blade pins from their UH-60s and immediately started to manufacture and replace the defective handles but they didn't have the capacity to solve the Army's problem.

"Then I called Skunkworks," Counts said.

Also known as the Prototype Engineering Division, Skunkworks is part of the Research Development and Engineering Center.

"We took a look at the problem and thought it was something we could do," Dave Elder, division chief, Prototype Engineering Division, said. "We agreed to do 300 in six weeks initially but then it went up to 1,000 in eight weeks and we ended up doing even more than that."

Working off Army drawings and having visited the Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia where the Air Force repair was ongoing, the division ramped up quickly, working their crew 18-hour days in those first weeks.

Locating and acquiring the proper type of corrosion resistant aluminum to form the new handles was tricky; and at one point, they ran out and had to halt production until more material could be located.

Shipments of APEX assemblies arrived daily at PED from the units. Handles from the old assemblies had to be removed by milling out rivets holding the handle in place and a pivot stake, connecting the handle to the blade pin. Tracking records were meticulously kept, so that when

possible, they could return the blade pin assembly to the specific helicopter from which it was removed.

Just like the contracting world, the process and materials had to be tested, treated, approved and certified to meet Army specifications.

"We had a pace of 150 a week," Eddie Woodard, engineer, PED, said. "When we ran out of aluminum, we only made 100 that week but we made up the difference the next week. We also had other jobs and commitments we had to make, which we did."

"We're not a production facility," Elder said. "We're not trying to displace parts manufacturers. We were responding to an emergency requirement a vendor couldn't respond to. That's what we do. We solve problems."

"This isn't the first time they've come through for us," Counts said. "It's the biggest order but we've worked together very well in the past. Skunkworks was instrumental in getting the helicopters back in the air more than a month sooner."

Elder was quick to point out that making it happen was a team effort between the Integrated Materiel Management Center, the Research Development and Engineering Center, units that shipped the parts, the PED materials lab, Warner Robins AFB and several other organizations.

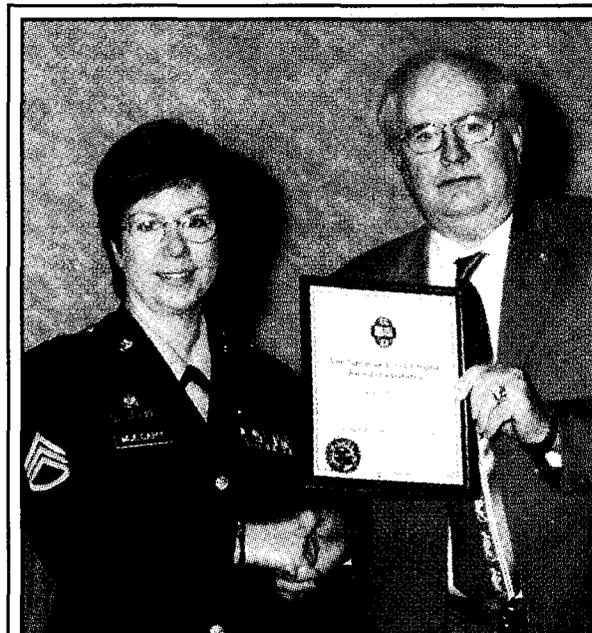
"It was successful," Elder said. "I think we did a pretty good job of bringing the team together. But the real success story is the people here. The workers are very dedicated. There was no hesitancy in committing to this job."

The last shipment of blade pins for grounded aircraft was sent Aug. 16. The remaining pins are for inventory until the chosen vendor delivers its first shipment. PED has a crew of 31, including contractors and government workers.

"We're hoping to grow our customer base as we grow

our capabilities," Elder said. "Our whole philosophy is to broaden our capabilities to more thoroughly be able to do this type of work. We aren't just missiles anymore."

The new Dr. Larry O. Daniel Prototype Integration Facility is expected to be complete in February.



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Logistics award

SSgt. Jean Mulcahy, 95th Maintenance Company, OMMCS, receives the Tennessee Valley Chapter Award of Excellence from James Sharp, Society of Logistics Engineers district director. Mulcahy, a 17-year veteran, is also a certified professional logistician.



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Creativity takes shape at Multi-Crafts Center

Redstone community members have place for artistic expression

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

"A lot of active duty personnel have forgotten we exist," Charles "Ski" Shalansky of the Multi-Crafts Center said.

But there is a wealth of learning oppor-



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

PRETTY STUFF— Charles "Ski" Shalansky holds up an art piece that a patron created at the center. Servicemembers and their families can get a jumpstart on creating projects for the holiday season.

tunities available at the center for servicemembers who want to get a jump on their holiday gift giving, or just a chance to express themselves artistically. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation program sponsors the center for all active duty personnel, retirees, DoD civilians and their family members.

Oil painting, watercolor, basket weaving, woodworking, matting and framing artwork, stained glass and metalworking are just a few examples of the artsy stuff available to servicemembers and their families for creative expression.

Most classes have a one-time fee. After the initial cost of the class for instruction, servicemembers in many cases may only have to pay a \$1.75 per hour shop fee plus for whatever supplies they need.

For example, if a soldier wants to take an oil painting class, he or she should expect to pay anywhere from \$30 to \$50 the first time. That includes \$10 for the class, plus supplies.

"It can cost towards the upper end of that estimate if you have no supplies at all, and depending on the scale of the project," Terre Corley, recreation assistant, said.

Basket weaving kits start off anywhere from \$15 to \$25. And the metal working starts at about \$75. "Some beautiful pieces have been created here," Corley said.

After that, those who are interested in

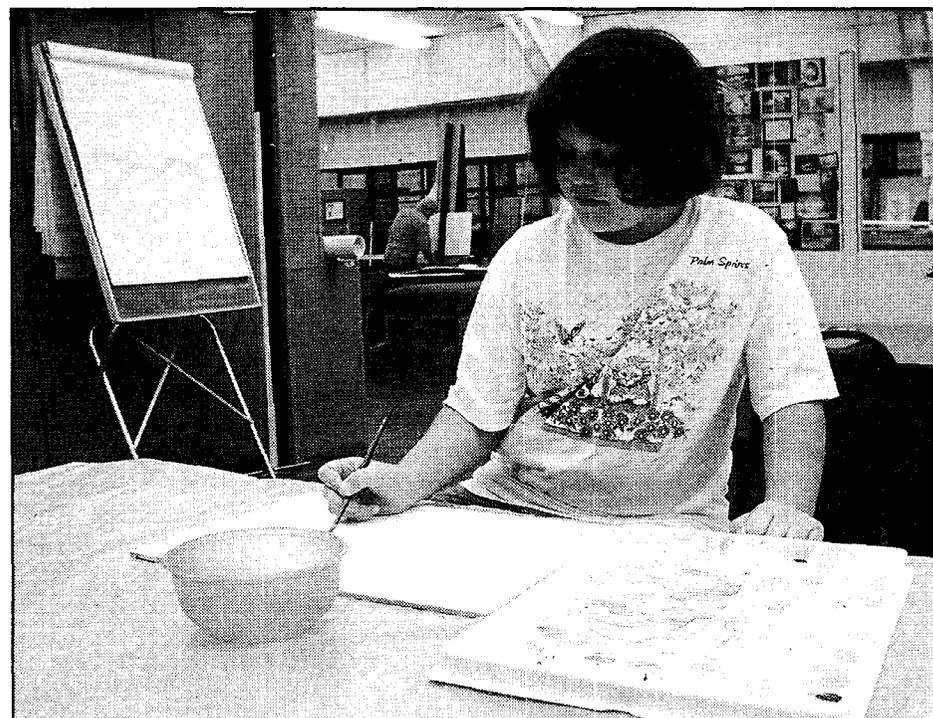


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COLORFUL THOUGHT— Amanda Corley, 9, tries her hand at watercolor. This is just one of the many classes available at the Multi-Crafts Center.

continuing in developing as artists can come in and work on more projects at their own pace. Then the \$1.75 per hour shop fee would apply. Most classes are held in the evenings and on weekends.

Servicemembers who are interested in learning how to mat and frame a piece of artwork can attend a class on Saturday; \$25 gets you a first class. After that initial class, servicemembers receive a qualification card that entitles them to work at their own pace on other projects. Those interested in matting and framing must call for an appointment.

For those who want to express them-

selves on a slightly larger scale, the wood shop is just the place. "People have created some beautiful furniture here," Seiford Schultz, woodshop instructor, said. If you can get a picture of it, you can re-create it, he said.

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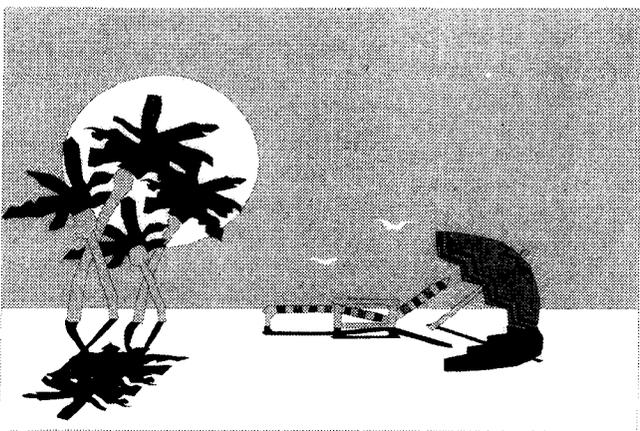
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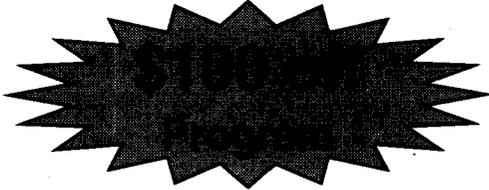
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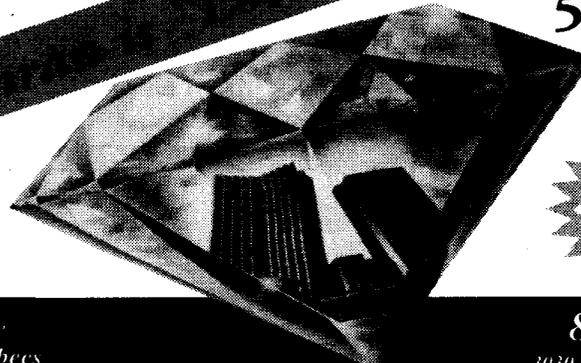
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Foreign relations

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The 2000 Division III South Champion Huntsville Rugby Club seeks interested players for 2001 fall 15-man rugby season. Practice begins at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at Rick Cooper Memorial Park, the south end of Triana Boulevard. First match is Sept. 22 at home. No prior experience necessary. For more information, call Barry Dunnivant (256) 961-9349 or contact him at the following e-mail address: www.huntsvillrugby.com.

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 only \$8. Fees include golf, cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. For more information call Diane Davis, Pineapple Open chairman, 772-2471.

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. Two players from the Predators will visit Redstone Arsenal to sign autographs and demonstrate their hockey skills 2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Inline Rink on Goss Road. Tickets to the game 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.

Hockey opener

The CWFC has obtained 50 tickets to the Nashville Predators opening game against the St. Louis Blues on Oct. 6. Cost is \$60 per person which includes the ticket and bus. Seats are in Section 117. Departure time from the Arsenal will be approximately 2 p.m., but the actual time will be confirmed at a later date. For reservations call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-5924.

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 need-

ed). Apply today. Applicants will be accepted for immediate employment on Sept. 28. Call Diane Davis 772-2471.

Hunter safety briefing

The mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Sept. 6, Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Persons (including guests) hunting on Redstone Arsenal must attend one of these classes to hunt on the Arsenal. Active duty personnel assigned to Redstone must have a current Alabama drivers license, or a copy of PCS orders assigning them to Redstone in order to obtain a resident Alabama hunting/ fishing license. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

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.

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 Friday 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 Friday (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 \$25 for members, \$40 for nonmembers. This includes greens fees, riding cart, lunch, and prize monies. Deadline for entry is today. Organizers need your established handicap. If interested call Ron Walton 876-4336, James Dabbs 842-0170, Ron Steinbecker 313-14721 or Mike Counts 955-8029.

Recreation tours

The Recreation Center offers the following tours: "Eternal Egypt" at the Pyramid in Memphis, Saturday; the tour, open to the entire Redstone community, will depart the center at 6 a.m. and return at

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approximately 10 p.m.; cost per person is \$35. The Factory in Franklin, Tenn., Sept. 22; the tour, open to the entire Redstone community, will depart the center at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m.; cost per person is \$12. Call Diane Campbell or Joe Ruffner at 876-5492 or 876-4531 to reserve your seats. Visit the ITR Office in the Recreation Center, building 3711, for ticket discounts to Six Flags Over Georgia, Dollywood, Point Mallard, U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Disney World, Universal Studios Orlando, Sea World and more.

Volleyball league

CWFC Volleyball League will open play Sept. 12. An organizational meeting will be held today at 4:45 p.m. to discuss the new USVBA rules and establish league rules. Schedules should be available at that time. Cost for the league is \$85 per team. Games will be played Wednesday evenings at 5, 6 and 7 depending on the number of teams participating. If interested call Mike Todd 876-9088 or Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-5924.

Special Olympics volunteers

The Community Projects Committees of American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) and National Contract Management Association (NCMA) have joined together to work the Special Olympics. Volunteers are wanted to help with the Special Olympics Track and Field, Oct. 23 at Milton Frank Stadium. Deadline to volunteer is Sept. 20. You don't have to be a member of ASMC or

NCMA to volunteer. Times are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will be assigned jobs such as being a timer, getting the runners in line, working the softball throw, measuring the long jump, working the judge's table, giving out awards, working communications, being a spotter, etc. Call Theresa McBride 955-2402 for more information or to volunteer.



82nd Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association meets on the third Saturday of each month. Membership in the association is open to anyone who is airborne qualified, as well as anyone who has served in a unit assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. Anyone interested in the association or attending the meetings can call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

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.

Directed energy symposium

The fourth annual Directed Energy Symposium will be held Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the Huntsville Marriott, Space and Rocket Center. This symposium will bring

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Photo by Demy Robley

International festival

The International Cultural Alliance of Alabama will present "Diversity Makes the World Go Around," an international festival, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 15 at Madison Square Mall. From left participants include Tom Ross, vice president and Redstone worker; Jessica Rigsby and Iris Liaw. The festival will feature cultural displays, songs and dances, fashions and a parade of nations. For more information, call Demy Robley 882-6064.



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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.

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.

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club monthly meeting will be changed to Thursday. "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.

Women accountants

The American Society of Women Accountants will meet Sept. 17 at the UAH Tom Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. John Kenney, senior vice president, AON Insurance, Accountants' Underwriting & Administration, is to present a Risk Management Seminar which qualifies for one hour CPE credit. Reservations and cancellations are necessary by noon Sept. 14 by calling 830-0377.

Retired eagles

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

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting and annual election Sept. 20, from 6:30-7:30 a.m., at Redstone Golf Course. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Bob Furia 842-9770.

Marine Corps league

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment of the Marine Corps League meets the second Tuesday of each month with the next meeting Sept. 11 at the American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with the business meeting at 7. Maj. Adam Arnett, commander of the Marine Corps Reserve Inspector and Instructor Staff, is scheduled speaker. All former and current Marines are invited. For more information, call Jim Putnam 876-0057.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8 a.m. Sept. 15 at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup Jr. 881-0652.

Plastic modelers

Huntsville Plastic Modeler's Society meets at 7 tonight at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call Tom Clark 851-6842.

Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Scheduled speaker is Larry Robey, Madison County health officer. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m., and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 881-3168.

Toastmasters

The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Piccadilly Restaurant, Madison Square Mall. "Come visit with us at our next meeting, Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. and learn how you can develop self-confidence and better speaking skills," a prepared release said. "Our program includes leadership training, impromptu speaking, prepared speaking, and evaluation techniques. You can progress at your own pace and will receive friendly feedback from fellow toastmasters to help you accomplish your goals." For more information, call Anne Hughes 881-8707 or Noel Donlin 859-0034.

Miscellaneous

Change of command

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, AMCOM Commanding General (CG) will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen in a change of command and retirement ceremony at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 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. The Military Personnel Office will not be open for business Sept. 10 until 11 a.m. Also, Patton Road - from Aerobee to Hercules - will be closed during the ceremony, with traffic being detoured to Zeus. A number of aviation and missile weapon systems will

be on display at the activity field.

Oktoberfest

The seventh annual Oktoberfest is Sept. 13-16 at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field. Your favorite German foods will be sold by Redstone's Soldatenstube German Restaurant. Also planned is German music by Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express, 5K and 10K Volksmarch, static military displays, Carlson Wagonlit Travel Fair (grand prize of two plane tickets to Frankfurt, Germany); Kid's Area featuring Moon Bounce, games, face painting, and bell ringer; and arts and crafts vendors from across North Alabama. The schedule and gate admission include: Sept. 13, from 5-11 p.m., \$6; Sept. 14, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$8; Sept. 15, from noon to 1 a.m., \$8; and Sept. 16, from 1-8 p.m., \$6. Gate admission includes parking, entertainment and carnival rides. Oktoberfest 2001 is open to the public. For more information, call 876-5232.

Jack Daniels tour

The CWFC Jack Daniels Tour is Sept. 22. Pickup points and times for the bus trip are as follows: Redstone Arsenal, Goss and Bomfort Roads, 12:45 p.m.; Hazel Green, strip mall area at Bobo Section (Diannes Wallpaper and Michaels Sports Bar), 1:15 p.m.; and Fayetteville, McCauley Funeral Home Parking Lot, 1:45 p.m. Please be at the designated location at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. This trip is open to the entire Redstone community. The event includes the bus to and from the Jack Daniels Distillery, a tour of the distillery, barbecue dinner, samples of Jack Daniels products and dancing under the stars. The cost is \$30 per person. To join in this event, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-5924.

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.

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.

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 military equivalents). Eligible population for the awards includes all Team Redstone personnel who contribute to the logistics.

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Young Marines

The Young Marines of North Alabama, open to boys and girls ages 8-17, will hold Recruit Training beginning Sept. 27. Parent's orientation is Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3506 South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Amy Wisdom 536-2054.

Intelligence jobs

Positions vacancies with the Defense Intelligence Agency, Missile and Space Intelligence Center are posted on the DIA web site. Applications for employment in MSIC are accepted based on open job announcements. The web site address is as follows: <http://www.dia.mil>. Click on "Careers," "Current Vacancies"; and then the type position desired. You must then select pdf or html for the format desired to view selected vacancy. Position vacancies with MSIC will reflect "MS" in the announcement number and the location as Redstone Arsenal. Applicants should click on "Application Instructions" and review all the links and guidance listed on that page prior to applying under a job announcement. There is currently one MSIC vacancy posted on the DIA web site. It is Vacancy Announcement No. 01-MS-002657-CT, for a senior systems administrator, GG-0334-14; this announcement closes Sept. 11. For more job information, you may call the DIA recorded vacancy announcement line 1-800-526-4629, or the MSIC Job Information Hotline 313-7879. DIA vacancies are also posted on OPM's web site as follows: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

Industrial security seminar

The North Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security will sponsor a seminar with a focus on high technology security concerns Oct. 17 at the ADTRAN

Conference Center (East Tower). A registration fee of \$45 includes continental breakfast, lunch, breaks and all seminar materials. For more information, call Jackie Albrecht 535-5905 or Stan Miller 772-8718.

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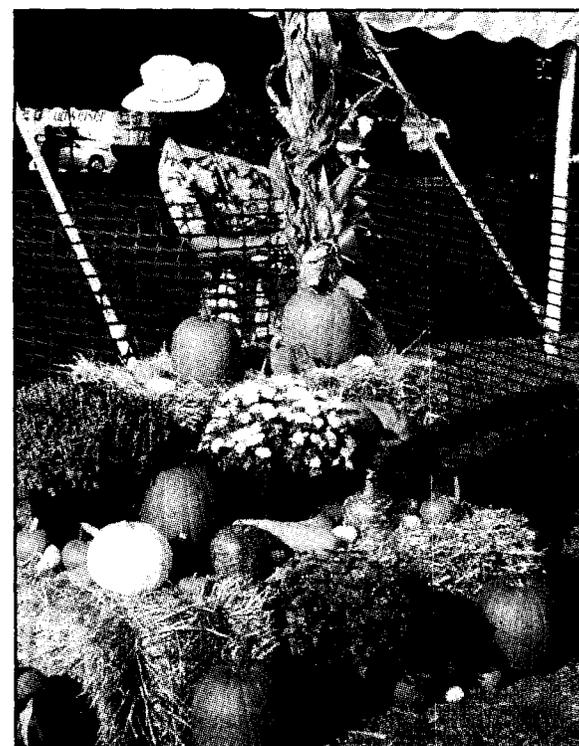
Women's Guild of the Huntsville Museum of Art and ASID will present the 2001 Designers Show House, Sept. 8-23 at the Ledges of Huntsville Mountain, southeast Huntsville off Carl T. Jones Boulevard. Admission to the cottage-style home is \$15 per person; groups are welcome. Proceeds will benefit the Huntsville Museum of Art. For more information, call Kay Eastin 551-0055.

Latin night

The Challenger Club will hold Latin Night, Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. "We'll have a deejay playing your favorite Latin rhythms and lots of fun," a prepared release said. "Come see why Salsa music is the fastest growing sound in America today." Cover charge is \$5 per person; and many prizes will be given away. For more information, call 837-0750.

Big Spring Jam tickets

Your Civilian Welfare Fund Council (CWFC) has advanced Big Spring Jam Weekend Passes for sale until Sept. 25. The advance price is \$25 vs. \$30 at the gate. You save \$5 per pass. Payment is by check only, made payable to Big Spring Jam. Children under 12 years old are admitted free with a paid adult pass. (Single day passes are available only at the BSJ gates at \$15 per day.) Check out the BSJ web site at www.bigspringjam.org for the schedule of events. You can purchase weekend passes from your CWFC representative, or call Charlie Urban 955-7662.



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Preparations

Steve Tate of Tate Farms, a local sponsor, puts the finishing touches on the entertainment tent entrance for a past Oktoberfest with fall foliage, flowers and pumpkins. The seventh annual Oktoberfest is Sept. 13-16 at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field. For more information, call 876-5232.

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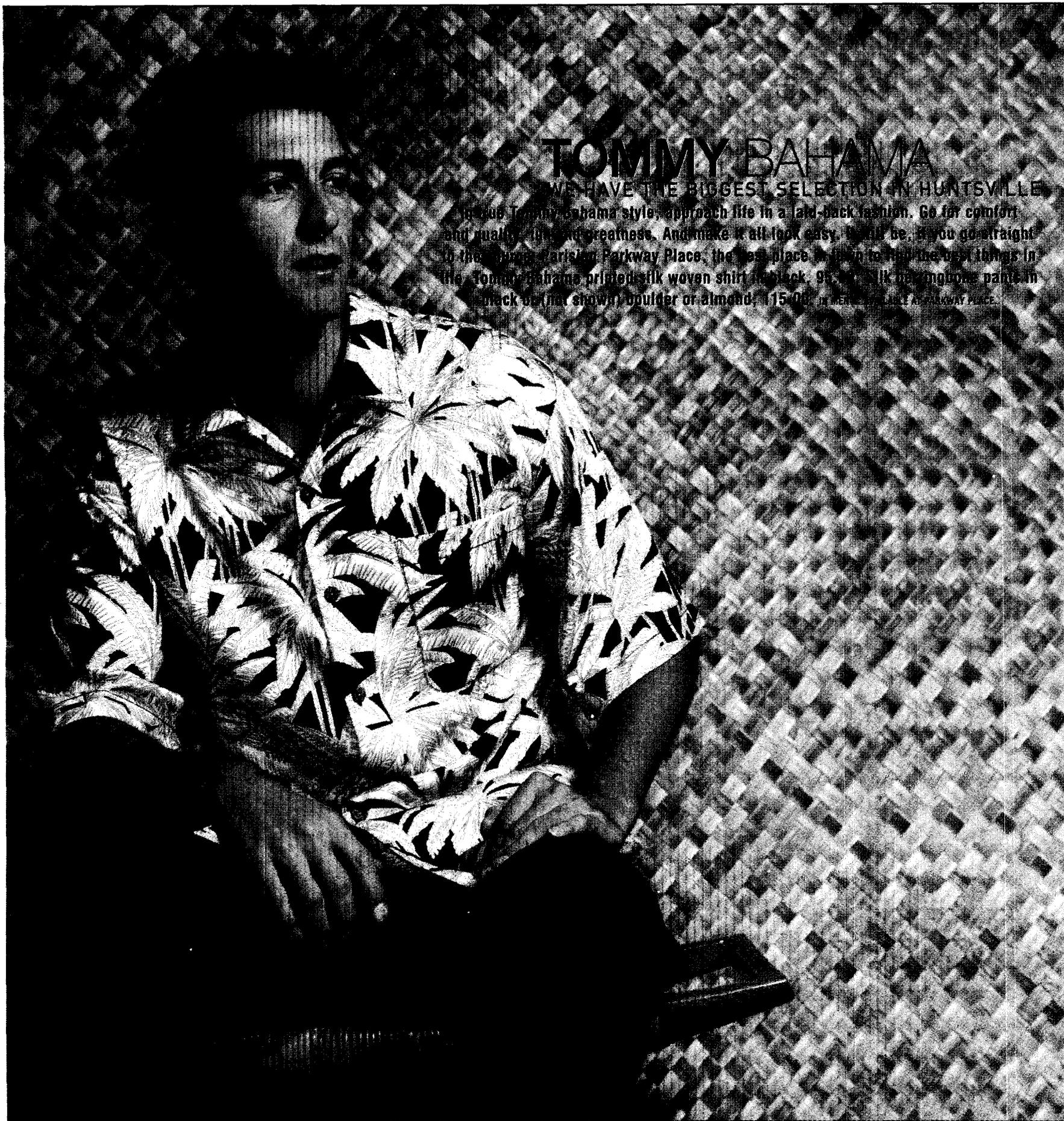
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