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General Dodgen says he's honored to command this great organization

New Orleans native focuses on AMCOM mission, people

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Overcast skies brought the dawn of a new era at Redstone Arsenal.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen assumed command of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, in a ceremony Monday at the activity field. He succeeded Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander since July 1999, who retired with 31 years service. Sullivan will remain in the local community and work for Colsa Corporation.

"I feel honored to have been given the opportunity to command such a great organization that has such a broad impact on our Army and indeed our nation," Dodgen said.

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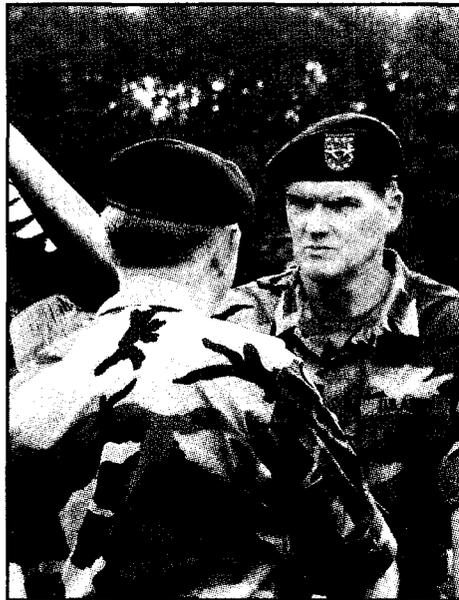


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ACCEPTING COLORS— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen receives the AMCOM flag from Gen. John Coburn, commander of the Army Materiel Command.

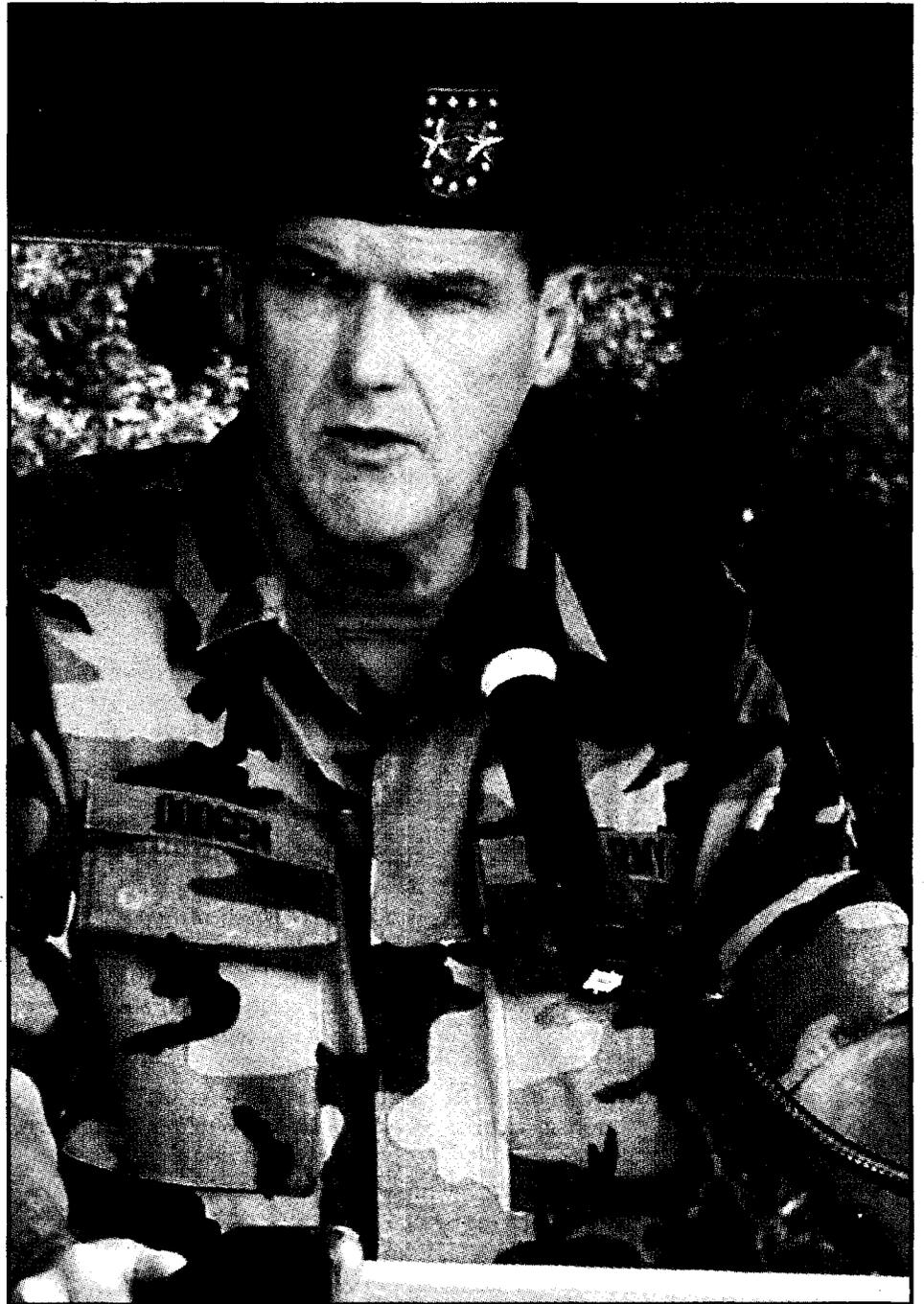


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OPENING REMARKS— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen addresses the audience after assuming command of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.



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PASS AND REVIEW— Troops march past the reviewing stand at the end of the change of command ceremony.

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Iguanas no longer Oktoberfest prizes

After last year's Oktoberfest, I was told that young iguanas were given out as "prizes" at one of the carnival games. Since I have a son who has two iguanas that are now 5 years old, I know the special care that these reptiles require. Thinking that the information I had received was incorrect, I made several calls to offices on the Arsenal. Eventually, I got an answer to my question: "Yes, we've done it before and you are the first person to complain about it." When I asked if the Arsenal vet knew about the iguanas, I was told: "I guess so." Wrong! A call to the vet confirmed that he did not know about any iguanas at the Oktoberfest. If he had known, he would have objected, especially since these reptiles can be carriers of salmonella, which is a definite health issue. In his capacity as a vet, the only animals he had been asked to examine were the ponies used

for the pony rides.

Common sense, along with the health issue involved, should have been reason enough to have eliminated the use of an iguana as a carnival "prize." Taking on the long-term responsibility of a pet, financially and physically, should be a well thought out decision, not one that is the result of winning the ring toss!

Please, whoever is responsible in the chain of command on the Arsenal, do not allow the carnival folks to offer iguanas or any other live animal as "prizes" at this year's or any future Oktoberfest.

Sue Phillip
wife of a military retiree

Editor's note: Jay Foster, special events coordinator for the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said there won't be any iguanas at this year's Oktoberfest, Sept. 13-16.

Terrorists launch deadly attacks in New York and Washington

All Redstone workers, except those designated as mission essential, were told to go home Tuesday morning after terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Two airplanes slammed into New York's World Trade Center and a third hit the Pentagon in Washington in a deadly wave of attacks that shocked America and brought air traffic nationwide to a halt.

A car bomb exploded outside the State Department, which was evacuated along with the White House and the Capitol. Wall Street was shut down as the twin 110-story CKK of the Trade Center toppled after the crash.

President Bush, breaking off a visit to an elementary school in Florida, called it a "national tragedy." "Terrorism against

our nation will not stand," he said, vowing to "hunt down and to find those folks who committed this act."

One of the planes that crashed into the Trade Center was American Airlines Flight 11, hijacked after takeoff from Boston en route to Los Angeles, American Airlines said.

All planes were grounded across the country by the Federal Aviation Administration. All bridges and tunnels into Manhattan were closed down, according to published reports.

Soon after the World Trade Center attack, an aircraft crashed on a helicopter landing pad near the Pentagon, a car bomb exploded outside the State Department, and the West Wing of the White House was evacuated amid threats of terrorism.

Soldiers obligated to financially support their separated spouses

Legal Assistance attorneys advise on responsibilities

By Capt. DOUGLAS W. MOORE
chief, Legal Assistance

Each year the Legal Assistance Office sees hundreds of active duty soldiers and military family members asking the same question: Do I have any financial obligation to my family if I am separated from them? If so, how much financial support is necessary?

Army Regulation 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity, requires that all active duty soldiers provide "adequate financial support" to separated spouses and family members. This requirement extends to all soldiers regardless of rank, job specialty, or excuse! In order to emphasize the importance of the Army's stance, any soldier who fails to provide adequate financial support can be ordered to comply with AR 608-99 by their commander or face some very unpopular alternatives — counseling, bar to reenlistment, Article 15, Memorandum of Reprimand, administrative separation, or a variety of UCMJ actions. Military service is not a means to elude family support responsibilities.

The amount of adequate financial support that is required depends upon several factors. If there is a court order or a written agreement, the soldier is required to provide the level of support given in those documents. In the absence of a written agreement or court order, AR 608-99 obligates soldiers separated from their family to provide a support amount equal to the Army's BAH Table II with dependents rate. If the family resides in government housing, the amount of BAH is reduced to an amount equal to the difference between the with dependents rate and the without dependents rate. These rates can be found on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/2001bah2.htm>. Remember, soldiers are required to pay the required support even if they are living in government quarters and not receiving any BAH.

Common support examples

Scenario 1: A first lieutenant is sta-

tioned at Redstone Arsenal but his wife and two children are living in Ohio in non-government housing. No court order or written support agreement exists. What level of support would the first lieutenant be required to pay? Since his wife and children are living separate and apart from him, the first lieutenant is required to pay his wife BAH at the with dependents rate.

Scenario 2: A sergeant is stationed at Redstone. He has two children from a previous marriage located in Georgia to whom he provides child support by court order to his former spouse. No court order or written support agreement exists with regards to his current wife. The sergeant's current wife lives in Arizona in non-government housing without children. In essence, the sergeant has three dependents living in different households. Under these circumstances, the sergeant's current wife would be entitled to a pro rata portion of his BAH. The sergeant would pay his former spouse the specified amount of child support dictated by the court order and provide support equal to one-third of his BAH with dependents rate to his current wife.

Scenario 3: A chief warrant officer 3 has two children who live with him at Redstone and a wife who is residing and working in Kentucky. The chief warrant officer 3 earns less income than his wife. No court order or written support agreement exists. Under AR 608-99, a battalion commander has the discretion to release a soldier from spousal support when a spouse earns more income than the soldier. Assuming the chief warrant officer 3 has proof of his wife's earnings, his battalion commander may release him from his obligation to pay a one-third share of BAH to his spouse.

Timing and types of payment

All payments are due by the first day of each month. While a payment by allotment is preferred, it is not necessarily required. Automatic withdrawal from a soldier's pay allowance simply makes things more efficient for all parties involved. The supporter gets an accurate and timely record of payment and stays

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Oktoberfest offers taste of Germany

German food, beverages and chance to win vacation awaits festival goers

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Dreaming of oompah bands, schnitzel and imported German beer?

If you can't get away to Germany this year, consider going to the seventh annual Oktoberfest, Thursday through Sunday at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field off Patton Road. Not only will you get a taste of traditional German food and entertainment, you'll have the chance to win a trip to Frankfurt, Germany as well.

Oktoberfest officially kicks off Thursday with the "tapping of the keg" ceremony at 7 p.m. Local dignitaries and Oktoberfest sponsors will be on hand to celebrate the festival's opening. Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, the new commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, has been invited to serve as master of ceremonies but deputy post commander Col. Brent Swart

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Yvonne McGuire/MWR marketing

PARTY TIME— Dancing, entertainment, German food, crafts, carnival rides and a travel fair complement the seventh annual Oktoberfest on Redstone Arsenal, Thursday through Sunday.



Courtesy photo

Family class

Pvt. Joshua Trigleth, right, and his wife, Angel, join other couples from B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion at the Army Family Team Building Level I class held Sept. 4-6. The next Level I class is Oct. 2-4. For more information, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

DoD remains wary of 'Code Red' computer virus

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— DoD continues to monitor its fortified computer systems for the so-called Code Red "worm" virus and its variants, the Pentagon's chief information officer said Aug. 24.

John Stenbit, assistant secretary of defense for command, control, communications and intelligence, said Code Red denial-of-service attacks against DoD computer systems appear to have been mitigated for now.

"But, it has had its effect. There is no question about that," he remarked.

DoD's prophylactic efforts against information warfare threats presented by viruses such as Code Red are centered in Washington and at U.S. Space Command in Colorado, which has computer system defense as one of its missions.

"The general (Air Force Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart) who is in charge of Space Command has a second duty of information manager, (and) there is an operations center here in town," said Stenbit, who was sworn into office Aug. 7. He noted that DoD has bolstered its anti-information warfare efforts in recent years.

"The comparison with how the Pentagon deals with that kind of problem today compared with three or four years ago is enormously more positive," he added. "That is a good thing, because it is enormously more dangerous these days."

In dealing with Code Red, Stenbit said, DoD computer system guardians "discovered all the normal things that happen when you start to do defensive issues and you shut down certain gateways to protect yourself."

The virus first attacked July 19 and infected more than 250,000 systems in just nine hours. Known as a "worm," Code Red scans the Internet for vulnerable systems and attempts to infect them. The spread of the virus can shut down entire computer systems.

DoD officials identified the July 19 attack and directed publicly accessible military Web sites to cut their connections to the public. Defense computer network administrators also began installing special programs, or "patches," that prevent the virus from spreading. The network went back on line July 24.

The virus, which began mutating, attacked again July 31. DoD technicians had already patched systems in

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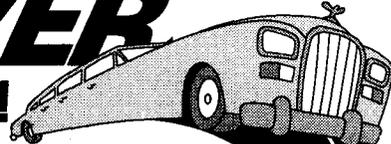
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German festival comes to Redstone

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will do the honors if he is not available.

"Actually, the gates open to the public at 5 p.m. that day and we'll have the rides going and food and beverages available. People can crowd into the tent and get in a good spot to view the ceremony," Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities, said.

Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express, an Old World oompah band, will be entertaining the crowds in the 14,000 square foot "Festhalle" tent each day. Expect cowbells, yodeling, an alphorn and a few unexpected twists to keep the evenings lively and full of surprises. The band has performed at Redstone's Oktoberfest for the past three years and at Disney's Epcot Center.

Once again, Redstone's Soldatenstube will be cooking up its famous schnitzel dinners and schnitzel, bratwurst or black pepper sausage sandwiches for the festival. German potato salad will come with the dinners this year and beverages will include both domestic and imported German beer, Paulaner, as well as Jack Daniel's Country cocktails. A separate wine tent will serve Liebrfraumilch, Liebrfraumilch Classic and Riesling by the glass or bottle. Traditional carnival

food such as Coney dogs and funnel cakes also will be available.

This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever with carnival rides, crafts vendors, a kid's area, travel fair and a Volksmarch and military displays on Saturday. The carnival rides by Interstate Amusements from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., will include the Fireball, Pharaoh's Fury, Rock 'n Roll and others. Half the rides will be for children 6 and under.

"It's a really clean carnival and its staff is well groomed," Ahern said. "Although Alabama doesn't inspect carnivals, they do in Florida and that's where this one is based. And of course our own Redstone Safety Office is out there big time, making sure cables aren't where they'll be dangerous and that kind of thing."

A travel fair coordinated by Carlson Wagonlit Travel will include representatives from several cruise and tour companies at the festival. The travel agency, which has a new leisure travel office at Redstone, also will give away two round-trip American Airlines tickets to Germany at the festival. All festival goers are eligible for the drawing.

Another first is the Volksmarch sponsored by the office of morale, welfare and recreation, the Redstone Wanderers and the Redstone chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association. Those interested in this 5K or 10K walk can start any-



Debbie Oldani/IMMC

Gift wear

Retiring Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan opens the golf shirt gift he received in a farewell reception Aug. 27 at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. John Chapman, right, executive director of IMMC, presented the token of appreciation to the outgoing commander of the Aviation and Missile Command.

time on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. Just show up in front of the Recreation Center near the Oktoberfest entrance and pay a \$2 registration fee. Pre-registration is available online at www.redstonewanderers.20m.com. Commemorative walking shields, mugs and German walking sticks will be available for purchase.

Last year more than 22,000 people attended Oktoberfest over four days and more than 6,000 schnitzels were sold. If the weather is good, this year's event is expected to be a big success.

"Again, as with the past six years, it's open to the public. It's a great community event and we want everybody to come out and have a great time," Yvonne McGuire, director of sales and marketing at MWR,

said.

"Really, it's the best entertainment value you'll find anywhere. For one low price you get to ride all the rides and have great entertainment. You don't have to pay to park and parking's convenient," Ahern added. "Most other places you have to pay for that, then pay to ride all the rides. It's very reasonable and the schnitzel is a very good deal."

Festival hours are Thursday 5-11 p.m., Friday 5 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday noon-1 a.m., and Sunday 1-8 p.m. Admission is \$6 on Thursday and Sunday, \$8 on Friday and Saturday. Carnival rides, entertainment and parking are free. Sponsors include *The Huntsville Times*, WHNT-TV 19, WDRM, WTAK and Chiropractic Care.

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anticipation of another Code Red foray.

Pentagon spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley advised reporters Aug. 2 of DoD's continued caution. "We're watching it very carefully. We don't think we're out of the woods, yet," he said at that

time.

Today's computer attacks are highly evolved compared to those launched by hackers years ago, Stenbit remarked.

"These are much more sophisticated," he added.

The assistant secretary of defense of C3I serves as the adviser to the secretary on information superiority, communications, and intelligence policy issues.



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Logistics manager is motorcycle king

IMMC employee elected president of BMW motorcycle owners club

By **BETH SKARUPA**
Staff writer

He may not have been "born to be wild," but Don Hamblin does like to get his motorcycle running and "head out on the highway, looking for adventure" as that old Steppenwolf song goes.

The newest adventure for this logistics manager is serving a three-year term as president of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America. He officially took over during the club's international rally in Redmond, Ore., July 19. So now when he's not busy working as matrixed support from the Integrated Materiel Management Center to the Apache program manager, he'll be busy as chief executive officer and member representative of the largest BMW motorcycle club in the world.

With more than 35,000 members, the club is the largest member-owned and managed single marquee motorcycle association in the world. It was established about 30 years ago "to foster communications and a sense of family among BMW motorcycle enthusiasts." As with most recreational organizations, there's a vast thirst for information and one of the main things the club does is try to provide it,

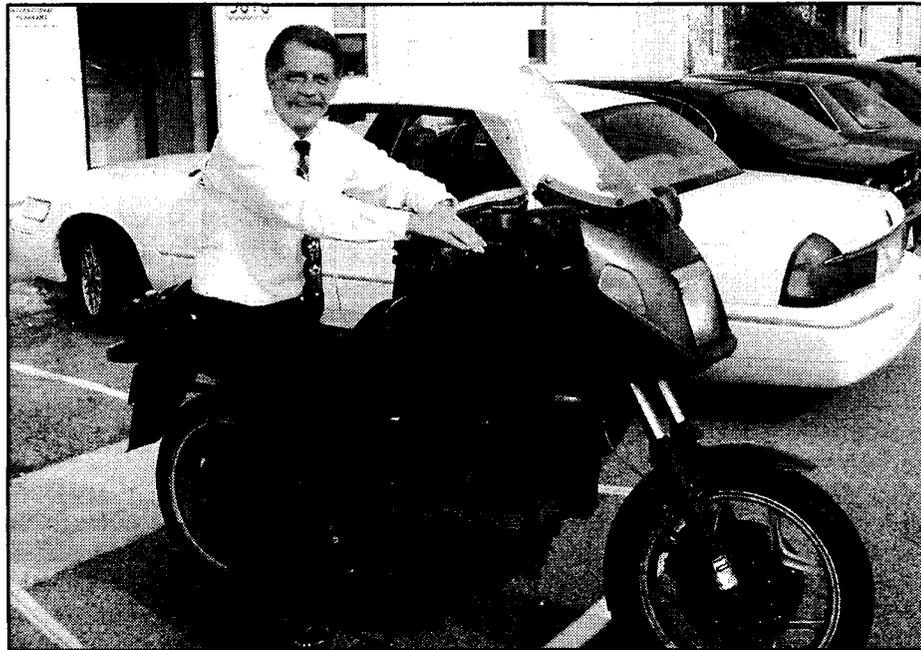


Photo by Beth Skarupa

BORN TO RIDE— Don Hamblin, a logistics manager for the Apache program, is the new president of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, a motorcycle club devoted to fostering communications and community among BMW motorcycle enthusiasts.

Hamblin said. That involves maintaining a web site and publishing a magazine, BMW Owner's News. The club also publishes a "helping hands book" that serves as a directory of those members willing to help others if they break down on the road.

"Status and prestige won't help if you have a burnt wiring harness, but friends do — especially if you're stuck out in the rain on a hot day," Hamblin said, admitting that he experienced this very situation in June.

The club also can act as a member's advocate with the manufacturer, especially since the manufacturer does not own this motorcycle club. Although the club's board of directors also discusses programs for insurance, rentals, hotels and other issues, Hamblin emphasized that primarily they work to foster a sense of community and communication among the members.

"It's the idea of everyone pooling their experience and knowledge to help everyone else out — a 'We're all in this together' kind of thing," he said.

Having had a motorcycle since he was 16 years old, Hamblin has a wealth of experience and knowledge himself. He has owned five BMW motorcycles so far, and plans to continue buying them instead of other brands. He bought his first one 25 years ago because he was wearing out other brands.

He admits that what first attracted him to BMW motorcycles was the mystique, but a lot of what he had heard turned out to be true in terms of their longevity and dependability.

"I remember when I was 4 years old, I was traveling on vacation with my family and I saw two motorcycles going down the road. My brother said, 'Those are BMW motorcycles!' and we were in the

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Ordnance soldier nabs hit-and-run suspect at Fort Gordon

High-speed chase leads to conviction

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

SSgt. Alan Baum didn't just sit there when he saw a crime being committed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Baum, of the 73rd Ordnance Battalion at Fort Gordon, saw a woman get run over by a car and did something about it. He gave chase.

"In front of me I saw a car pulling away from the shoulder at a high rate of speed, and the car suddenly made a u-turn and was driving back in my direction," Baum said. "The car maintained a high rate of speed and then crossed over the double yellow line and hit a pedestrian that was standing on the shoulder talking with someone in another parked vehicle."

Upon impact, the woman was thrown several yards.

"I couldn't believe it," Baum said. "All I knew was I couldn't let the driver get away with it."

Baum, an operations sergeant assigned to the 73rd which is part of the 59th Ordnance Brigade at Redstone, began a high-speed chase through the streets of Fort Gordon.

Winding through traffic, driving on shoulders and sometimes through fields, Baum and his Ford F150 Supercab stayed on the tail of the suspect's vehicle.

"I figured I had two tanks of gas; there was no way he was going to get away," Baum said. During the chase, Baum was able to connect with the 911 operator on his cell phone and relayed the suspect's license plate to the military police.

It was then that his cell phone cut out.

Unwilling to give up, Baum maneuvered his truck around post and was finally able to force the suspect into a construction area near Gate 5 on Avenue of the States.

"As we were approaching the gate, I leaned on my horn to get the MP's attention," Baum said. Because of construction congestion, the suspect finally stopped his vehicle 150 feet from the guard shack.

"He exited his vehicle and began to run," Baum said. "I jumped out and chased him." Baum caught up to him and forced him to the ground and held him there until the MPs arrived.

"He said at first it was an accident," Baum said. By this time another NCO who had witnessed the crime had arrived on the scene. "The suspect said, 'It was my wife, why would I want to hit her?'"

Baum and the NCO told him they saw the whole thing. "Then the suspect said, 'Yeah, I did it on purpose,'" Baum recalled.

The injured victim, identified by military police as S. Hammond, is a member of the Naval Detachment on Fort Gordon.

Baum said it was a bad situation that could have been worse. While other soldiers stopped and rendered aid to the victim, Baum pursued the driver.

"His quick reaction is to be commended, he wasn't satisfied with just being a bystander," Capt. Connie Shanholts, commander of C Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, said. Shanholts was Baum's supervisor at the time of the incident. "He's an excellent soldier who always goes above and beyond what is expected of him, this was no exception. If we ever go to war, I want him on the left and right side of me," she said.

The suspect, Spec. Nicholas Hammond of Fort Ben-



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

RUSH HOUR— SSgt. Alan Baum, of the 73rd Ordnance Battalion, part of the 59th Ordnance Brigade at Redstone, used his truck to help the military police apprehend a hit-and-run suspect at Fort Gordon, Ga.

ning, Ga., was convicted Aug. 8 of assault with a deadly weapon. He is serving four years and 184 days at Fort Knox, Ky. He also forfeited all pay and allowances and received a bad conduct discharge. Baum attended the trial as a witness.

Baum said he didn't fear for his own safety during the incident.

He and his wife, Felecia, have six children ranging from 18 to 2 years old. "But they thought I did the right thing," he said. "My wife and kids thought it was pretty neat."

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He said he will focus on two objectives: the efficient accomplishment of the mission and the fair treatment of the people of this command.

Since November 1999, he served as director of the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization in the Pentagon.

Dodgen, 52, is a New Orleans native who received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Louisiana

State University in 1972. He also holds a master's in public administration from the University of Missouri and a master's in national security and strategy from the U.S. Naval War College. From June 1989 to December 1991, he commanded the 8th Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery; and he led his battalion into combat in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.

"It's a great day in Alabama," he told reporters after the ceremony. "My wife, Leslie, and I are overjoyed to renew our association with this great state."

Gen. John Coburn, commander of the Army Materiel Command, served as reviewing officer for the ceremony attended by about 1,000 people. He presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Sullivan.

"Al Sullivan is a soldier," Coburn said. "He's a soldier who has served his country in both peace and war."

Coburn wished Al and Kathy Sullivan the best in retirement and welcomed the Dodgens to AMCOM and Redstone.

"I know of no one better qualified to assume command of this great organiza-

tion," Coburn said.

Sullivan expressed his appreciation to the many people with whom he has served throughout his career. "Let me say thank you to all of you. We have enjoyed our time and tenure here, and we welcome the Dodgens as well," he said.

Meeting briefly with reporters after the ceremony, Dodgen expressed his support for the Aviation Corridor of Excellence concept and his belief that Redstone's missions will remain important in the future. "Redstone, as I said earlier, is an enduring installation."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

JOB WELL DONE— Retiring Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, left, and his wife, Kathy, are recognized by Gen. John Coburn during the ceremony.

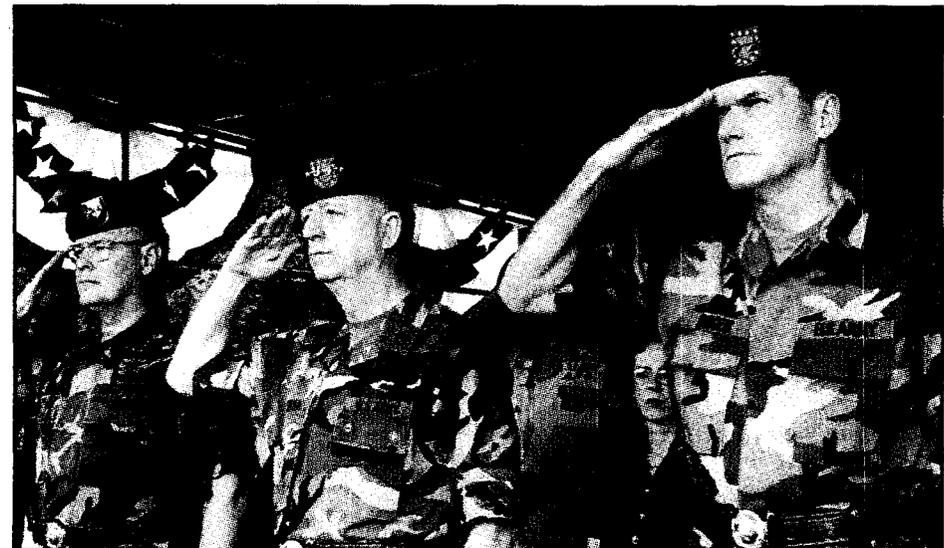


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RENDERING HONORS— Saluting during the ceremony are, from left, retiring Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, outgoing commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal; Gen. John Coburn, commander of Army Materiel Command; and Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, AMCOM's incoming commander.

Wright takes reins of ROTC battalion at North Alabama

Former Redstone officer joins college faculty

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FLORENCE — Lt. Col. John Wright of Huntsville accepted command Sept. 4 of the Lion Battalion at the University of North Alabama.

UNA vice president for academic affairs Dr. Kaylene Gebert passed the UNA colors from acting commander Lt. Col. Jose Atencio to Wright during the change of command ceremony in historic Wesleyan Hall. Wright is a native of

Atlanta who officially accepted the UNA command 20 years and a day after he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army at a Stone Mountain, Ga., ceremony.

Wright comes to UNA from Redstone Arsenal where he commanded the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. A much-decorated officer, he has held a variety of logistics command staff positions during his previous 20 years of military service. He has served with the 59th Ordnance Brigade in Germany; the 303rd Ordnance Group in Springfield, Ill.; the Armament Munitions and Chemical Command at Rock Island

Arsenal, Ill.; the 19th Theater Army Area Command and the 6th Ordnance Battalion in South Korea; and Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Washington, D.C.

Wright graduated with a bachelor's degree in industrial and systems engineering at Georgia Tech and holds a master of business administration degree from Babson College. He has attended the Army Combined Arms and Services Staff School and the Army Command and General Staff College.

He and wife, Tammy, have three daughters.

Lt. Col. Janice Berry, the commander of the 5th Brigade at Redstone Arsenal, participated in the UNA change of command ceremony.

Wright also presented the Lion Battalion colors to Cadet Lt. Col. John Nichols of Hoover who assumed command of the ROTC cadet battalion at UNA. Nichols, a senior, is a fourth-year military science student.

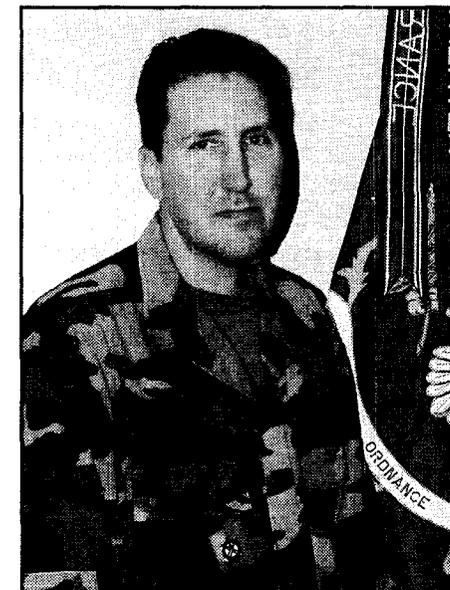


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The BMW MOA club is affiliated with more than 230 chartered clubs around the world. These smaller organizations help build personal relationships between members by sponsoring rallies and activities for members in their own hometowns. Locally, Hamblin participated in a motorcycle progressive dinner and garage tour July 4. He became a member of the club in 1977 and has participated in its social activities ever since.

"We brought the family in from day one," Hamblin said. His wife Paula never had to be a "motorcycle widow" because she rode with him as a passenger whenever she could. They included their children, Mark and Rachel, in the club's social activities through the years. They would follow Hamblin across the country with mom in their BMW sports van taking turns in the passenger seat as they trekked to rallies and other activities. Now Rachel is a senior at Sparkman

High School and Mark is an elementary school teacher in a suburb of Kansas City.

Despite the time commitment required from the president of such a large organization, Hamblin's position as BMW MOA president is voluntary — meaning he does not get paid. Since his children are older and his job demands less travel, Hamblin felt he had time to give something back to the club.

"It is significant that I've been a member since 1977 and that a couple of years ago I started to get more involved with the club's leadership," he said. "You take for so many years and you really do need to pay it back."

Although he says he's not a "big dog," he does put about 15,000-18,000 miles on his motorcycle each year. He enjoys being out on the road, seeing new things and experiencing the environment in a way you can't when you're in a car.

"Right now I have just one motorcycle but you can never have too many because a guy's gotta have transportation," he said laughing. "I've had four others and done a little over 200,000 miles on them. I've ridden in all but three states: Washington, North Dakota and Maine. That's why I do it — to see everything and experience it."

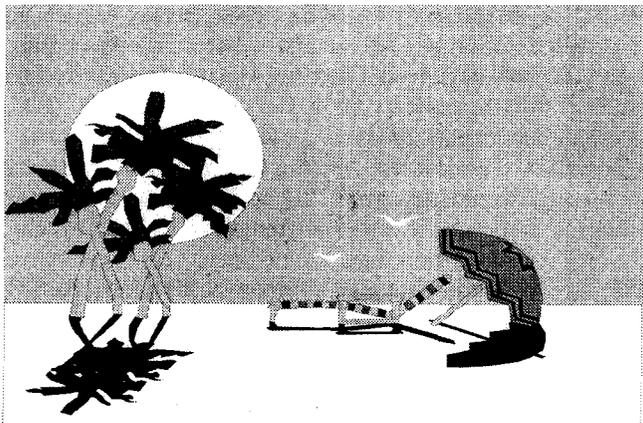
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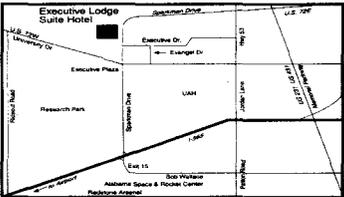
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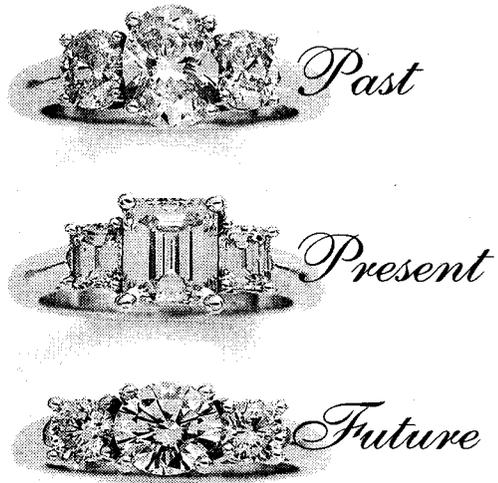
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Soldier sportsman slides into new career as Mr. Mom

All Army, six-time medal winner retires to enjoy more family time

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

When athletes talk about retiring, usually they mean from the sport. SFC William Kelly isn't anywhere close to putting down the ball and glove but he won't give a second thought to hanging up his BDUs forever.

"The Army's been good to me," Kelly said. "Huntsville's a great city. Alabama is beautiful and the people at Redstone have been great to work with, especially the civilians — very professional. But I think I'm ready to retire."

His career is marked in the sports he's played: football, basketball, volleyball and softball mostly. Everywhere Kelly was stationed during his 22-year career, sports championships followed. He's won more than 150 trophies; been named MVP at least 15 times and earned two gold medals as a member of the All Army softball team in 1994 and 1995.

Winning the gold medal in 1994 was unforgettable for Kelly. It was the first time in 18 years that the Army had taken the gold.

"It was a very emotional moment," Kelly said. "To say that the Army is the best is an accomplishment. To say that you participated in making the Army the best... well, there's no other feeling like it. When they put that gold medal around my neck, it was the ultimate."

Since 1990, Kelly was selected All Army outfielder in softball eight times, bringing home two gold and four silver medals. With a .750 batting average, he was selected



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

IT'S MR. MOM TIME— SFC William Kelly, NCO-in-charge, Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization, retires Oct. 31. During his 22-year career, Kelly earned more than 150 sports trophies in Army athletics including two gold medals as an outfielder on the All Army softball team in '94 and '95.

for the team again this year after putting in his application. But at the last minute, his chain of command deemed him mission essential and canceled his trip.

"That was really hard for me to swallow," Kelly said. "I put in the application with my chain of command's approval. They knew all about it and said, 'yeah, yeah, yeah — go for it' until an hour before the plane took off. Then they said 'no.' I was really excited about playing this year because they were bringing back all the guys from the team that won the gold in '94-95."

The Army's gold medal win this year was bittersweet for Kelly. He was happy for his teammates of course but

a little sad that he wasn't a part of it.

The glory of the field didn't come without trials. Kelly suffered several injuries. In 1996 he broke his left ankle playing basketball in January; his right ankle playing softball in June; and then broke his left ankle again in the fall during football. His worst injury was during a basketball game in Germany. His left arm was dislocated out of the socket 180 degrees. His doctors told him he'd never play again.

"I told a reporter who was writing a story about it that I would play again, and at that level," Kelly said. "And not to be funny or anything but when I started playing again, I think I got a little better than I was before."

All in all, looking back over his career, Kelly is satisfied. The Army gave him many opportunities, including a way out of a bleak situation after high school. With the recession in full swing and few career opportunities in the small town of Westmoreland, Va., Kelly joined the Army Reserves in 1979 then two years later re-enlisted as active duty. With three tours here, Redstone Arsenal served as the stateside anchor during his career as a TOW Dragon/Bradley weapon system repairman. He began his career at Redstone as a student and is ending it here Oct. 31 as the NCO-in-charge, Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

"We teach the instructors to teach," Kelly said. "I'm the mediator for the class — do some of the coordination, class schedules — make sure everything is right. I've moved around a lot in the last three years. Some of it depends on where my wife is assigned."

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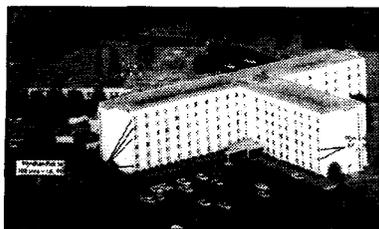
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■ Standout athlete finishing Army career

Kelly

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Kelly met his wife, 1st. Sgt. Renee Kelly, Delta Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, in 1984 while they were both stationed at Redstone.

"I was getting ready to get out," Kelly said. "In fact, I met her at my going away party. Back in '83 and '84 I was being wooed by colleges to come play ball for them. Instead, I got married."

The couple became adept at handling the challenges of a dual enlisted military family. During the Gulf War, the traditional roles were reversed. Renee went off to war while Kelly stayed behind in the states and cared for their infant son, Jeffery.

"I took a little heat about being the one at home with my wife over there but we had to take care of business," Kelly said.

Spending time with the family — being a good father and husband — are still pri-

orities for Kelly, who says he's ready to become Mr. Mom after retiring. Renee still has several years until retirement.

"This is a great time to be with my son," he said. "My wife and I talked about this and decided we would spend this time together. I'm really looking forward to it."

Kelly's time will be split between family, volunteering in the community and his favorite hobbies. Watching professional sports is nowhere on his list. He coached his son's basketball team to a Monrovia Parks and Recreation Association championship this year and plans to continue coaching as well as playing in the city leagues.

"Fishing is a necessity of life," Kelly said. "Jeffery and I both love it. We don't spend time watching games on TV. I can catch all the highlights and plays of the week on CNN. If anything, my TV is left on the outdoor channel. I think we're going to try hunting this year — squirrel and turkey. Jeffery's anxious to get out there and give it a try."

■ Soldiers advised on family obligations

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Bravo beats MEDDAC for softball title in rescheduled final

Bulldogs rally for 7-6 victory on two-run double in seventh

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Members of Bravo Company and MEDDAC finally agreed that championships should be won on the softball field.

Bravo Company did just that in the postseason tournament final Thursday.

The Bulldogs were initially awarded the title by forfeit when MEDDAC failed to show Aug. 23. MEDDAC had previously committed to leave that morning for a Medical Command tournament at Fort Hood, Texas.

But upon further review, the championship game was rescheduled for Thursday at Linton Field. And what a game it turned out to be.

Stanley Parker hit a clutch two-run double in the bottom of the seventh as Bravo rallied to beat MEDDAC 7-6 for the title.

"It was a good game, good sportsmanship," Tom Lettis, Bravo's winning pitcher, said. "Two good teams, either team could've won, we just pulled it out last inning. And that's the way it should be. We shouldn't win by forfeit."

Bravo finished at 13-1 overall including 5-0 in the postseason. The Bulldogs



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LUCKY 13— Bravo's Stanley Parker drives in two runs with his game-winning double in the bottom of the seventh against MEDDAC.

won the Eastern Division title for the regular season. MEDDAC finished at 9-5 including 3-2 in the postseason, with both tournament losses coming to Bravo.

"We had the game won," MEDDAC third baseman Stephen Billman said. "Just like last year. It just wasn't meant for us to win."

"(Parker) hit the ball down the line. I didn't make the play," he added. "The

championship game should've been played."

MEDDAC led 6-5 entering the seventh and last inning. There were two on and two out when Parker cleared the bases with his double past a lunging Billman.

"The pressure was on. Great pitching," Parker said. "Somebody had to do one for the team and that had to be me. But it was

an overall team win. And all I got to say is, 'Who let the dogs out!'"

Parker, the Bulldogs' cleanup hitter, finished with two hits and three RBIs. Eric Smith went 3-for-3 and scored a run. Henry Hayes had two hits, an RBI and a run. Derrick Crabtree and Travis Hulbert added two runs apiece for Bravo.

"We had a good team no matter if we got down," Lettis said. "We hung around. We didn't quit, we didn't fight, we didn't argue and that's how you win. Keep a positive attitude. That's how you're going to have success."

Bravo had plenty of success early. The Bulldogs led 4-0 after two innings but MEDDAC answered with five in the fourth, helped by three errors. MEDDAC added a run in the fifth for a 6-4 lead. In the bottom of the fifth, Hayes hit a two-out double and scored on a hit by Ricky Martinez.

Keith Kennedy went 4-for-4 for MEDDAC. Mario Gallardo and James McCool added two hits apiece. Wilfredo Rodriguez took the loss on the mound.

"We just had too many errors," Kennedy said. "Ump made some bad calls but it went both ways. It was a good game, it just came down to some key errors. Just like all the other games we played them, it came down to the last inning. We both have pretty solid ball teams."

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Skip's picks

Florida State still rules Atlantic Coast Conference

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

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Auburn at LSU - **LSU**
Houston at Georgia - **Georgia**
Tennessee at Florida - **Florida**
BYU at Mississippi State - **State**
Georgia Tech at Florida State - **FSU**
North Texas at Arkansas - **Arkansas**
Vanderbilt at Ole Miss - **Ole Miss**
UAB at Pittsburgh - **Pittsburgh**
Kentucky at Indiana - **Indiana**
Utah at Air Force - **Air Force**
Buffalo at Army - **Army**
Duke at Clemson - **Clemson**

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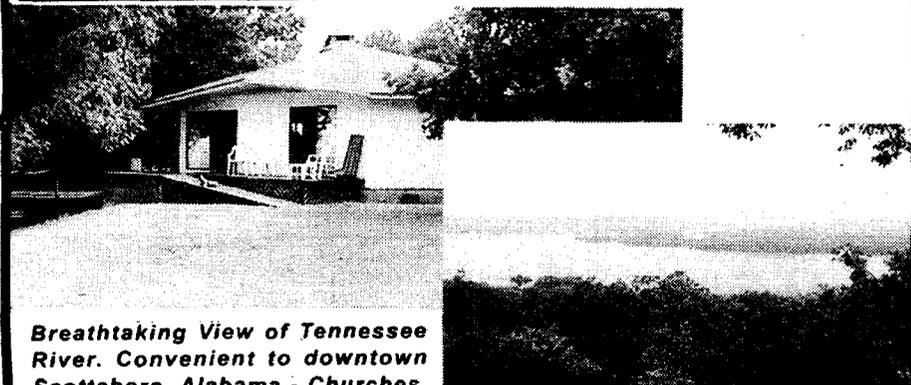
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Head lice leave their mark in schools unless precautions taken

Wingless insect pests thrive on contact between children

By **CHERIE MILLER**
Fox Army Health Center

They're as small as a pencil lead; yet just mentioning them makes people start to itch. What are they? Head lice! With school starting, these little pests will be moving through school age heads with a vengeance. Students, parents and teachers should know how head lice are transmitted and how to recognize and treat infestations.

Of the three types of lice — head, body and pubic — head lice are the most common in the United States and are most prevalent in school age children. Contrary to popular belief, infestations are not related to poor hygiene or lower socioeconomic status. Head lice are equal opportunity nuisance pests that happily use any human as a host. Their presence is

more an indicator of interpersonal contact than cleanliness.

Head lice are wingless insects, about one-tenth to one-eighth inch long, with piercing and sucking mouthparts used for feeding on human blood. They are flat in shape, white to gray in color, and have short legs with large claws that grasp and hold onto hair. They are most common in school age kids grades K-8 due to head to head contact during play and sharing personal items such as combs, brushes, hats, hair bows, etc. They can also be transmitted through close placement of coats, scarves and other items in lockers, coat racks, etc. Human head lice cannot be acquired from animals or birds and they do not transmit diseases.

The lice burrow themselves onto the scalp usually behind the ears and at the back of the head. They may also be found in the eyebrows or beard. The female lice will feed on human blood about every four hours and then produce one egg.

Approximately six eggs are produced per day. The lice glues the eggs (or nits) to the hair shaft about one-fourth inch from the scalp. The eggs hatch in about one week and feed within 24 hours. Mature lice live approximately 30 days during which time the females can lay 50-150 eggs so that a single infestation may involve hundreds of nits.

While there are no outward symptoms of lice infestation, parents and teachers should be aware of children with persistent itching of the scalp. Identification of lice is enhanced with a magnifying glass and sufficient light to view the scalp. Closer inspection will reveal the small, silvery nits attached to the hairs. There may also be infected scratch marks or a rash-like appearance where the adult lice are attached.

It is not usually necessary to visit a doctor unless secondary infection has occurred due to scratching. There are numerous over-the-counter lice treatments (or pediculocides) available; your pharmacist can recommend one for you if you need assistance. These products are pesticides approved for human use so it's important to use them exactly as directed on the package. Generally, an initial treatment is followed by an additional treatment in about 7-10 days to kill any newly hatched lice. The cement holding the nit to the hairshaft is not dissolved with the

treatment, so the nits need to be removed using the nit comb that comes with the package. Removing nits is easier if the hair is wet and if a conditioner has been used on the hair first. Clothing should be changed after the treatment and nit removal is through.

Wash clothing, bedding, towels, etc., which were in contact with the infested person, in hot water and dry in a hot dryer about 20-30 minutes. Items may also be dry cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for 30 days. Soak combs and brushes in very hot water or treatment shampoo for 10 minutes. You may also vacuum carpets, upholstery and mattresses used by the affected individual, though this is not necessary.

To help prevent lice infestations, discourage children from sharing coats and personal items with other children. Ideally, separate hooks at least 12 inches apart; "cubbies," or lockers should be assigned to each child. If this is not possible, have children hang coats on the back of seats, and keep coats and scarves at the child's desk. If itching is noticed, check the child right away, as well as family members, for the presence of lice.

For more information on lice, call the Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center at 842-0196.

Editor's note: Miller is the environmental health and safety manager at Fox Army Health Center.

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Dying to be thinner not worth health risk

*Soldiers should check with doctor
before trying dietary supplements*

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Army health officials warn soldiers to check with their health provider before taking a supplement to help them bulk up or slim down.

"Never assume that natural means safe," Capt. Farrell Adkins, chief of public health and education at Fox Army Health Center, said. "Poison ivy is natural, but it's definitely not safe."

There's a risk because a lot of supplements on the market today aren't standardized. Even if the label states it contains 30 grams of "whatever," it can vary widely from batch to batch, Adkins explained. "You aren't guaranteed that what you read is what you're buying. Just because the label says it contains two grams, it could really contain 37 grams."

But some people are willing to try anything to lose weight or add muscle and that is a health risk. Some people are more susceptible to shady marketing schemes. That's why servicemembers should educate themselves before trying anything that promises rapid weight loss or muscle gain.

Most supplements — to include herbs, vitamins, minerals, proteins and amino acids — aren't regulated by the Food and Drug Administration to the same extent as medical prescriptions. Under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, the dietary supplement manufacturer is responsible for ensuring that a dietary supplement is safe before it is marketed. Manufacturers do not need to register with the FDA nor get FDA approval before producing or selling dietary supplements.

Some supplements when taken in conjunction with prescription medicine can cause side effects or interactions. "It's always good to check with your provider first to head off any potential problems," Adkins said.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

JUST EAT RIGHT— Capt. Farrell Adkins, chief of public health and education at Fox Army Health Center, references the food pyramid when talking about losing weight. Adkins says that servicemembers can get better results by just following a healthy food and exercise program instead of taking many supplements that are offered on the market. Many products offer rapid weight loss but can cause health problems.

And there are risks even if you aren't taking prescribed medicine. Some supplements can significantly raise your blood pressure and heart rate. Servicemembers who have a family history of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or asthma should definitely consult with their provider before trying any supplement.

"There is no magic cure for weight loss," Adkins said. "You can get positive results without supplements by just following a good exercise and eating program. It just takes more discipline."

For more resources on health and supplement information, soldiers and commanders can log on at the following web site: www.apgea.army.mil. Servicemembers are also eligible for referrals to the Public Health and Education Center at Fox; just check with your provider.



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Take precautions against mosquito-borne West Nile Virus

By **CHERIE MILLER**
Fox Army Health Center

The new "buzzword" in the Public Health arena is West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne disease quickly making its presence known throughout the eastern and southeastern states, to include north Alabama.

West Nile encephalitis is an infection of the brain caused by WNV, which is typically found in Africa, West Asia and the Middle East. It had never been documented in the western hemisphere prior to 1999, but is closely related to St. Louis encephalitis that is common in the United States. WNV is transmitted to humans by the bite of a mosquito that is infected with the virus. Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on birds that carry WNV in their blood. Infected mosquitoes then transmit the virus to humans and animals. Symptoms occur from 5-15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito and range from mild flu like symptoms to severe illness affecting the central nervous system and in 3-15 percent of cases, death results.

During the summer of 1999, there were 56 human cases of presumed St. Louis encephalitis in the state of New York. The unusual death of some birds in the same area promoted an investigation that revealed the outbreak to be West Nile encephalitis. Public health officials began

a proactive program of surveillance among bird and mosquito populations along the eastern seaboard states expecting the virus to migrate state by state. The discovery of WNV among birds in Florida and Georgia earlier this summer caught public health officials by surprise and prompted intensive efforts among neighboring states to increase surveillance.

Health departments, vector control agencies, and veterinarians at Redstone Arsenal, and throughout Alabama, perform surveillance for WNV to detect and control infected mosquitoes and birds as early as possible. In addition you can implement control measures minimizing the risk of exposure by reducing or eliminating breeding sites and harborage.

Since mosquitoes breed in standing water, a good control measure at home is to eliminate such sites. Old tires are the favorite breeding area for mosquitoes and should be completely removed from your property. Empty stagnant water in birdbaths and other receptacles where mosquitoes may breed. Empty all water from cans, jars, buckets, wading pools and other unused containers or turn them over when not in use. Drain and clean saucers under outdoor plant containers, pet watering dishes and birdbaths at least once a week. Clean clogged roof gutters and repair leaky pipes and outside faucets so that water doesn't collect.

Ensure windows and screens are in good repair so that mosquitoes can't enter the home.

For personal protection, avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes will be looking for blood meals. If you must be outside, cover up exposed skin and use a good mosquito repellent. Recommended repellents contain 20-50 percent DEET; apply it lightly

and evenly to exposed skin. It is not necessary to put it underneath clothing. When using an insect repellent, always follow label directions.

Editor's note: Miller is the environmental health and safety manager at Fox Army Health Center. For more information on West Nile Virus, call the Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center 876-0196.



Telethon helpers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, jointly with National Contract Management Association members, helped at the local Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon by performing such duties as answering phones and taking pledges. From left are Cathy Foster-Allison, Theresa McBride, Debbie O'Neal, Lisa White, Doyle McBride, Amy George (WHNT-TV 19 News anchor), Robin Winkler, Rhonda Clemons, Patricia Vail, Myung Hee Harness and Tim Harness.



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Army engineer gets back in the race

Competing in area triathlons keeps team leader in shape

BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

You may have seen Chris Roberts' picture in the newspaper or heard his name announced on local television. He's somewhat of a celebrity to those who compete in triathlons and road races around town. Although this Redstone Arsenal engineer often wins the races he enters, he's modest about his success.

"The main reason I do it is to keep in shape. I like the training more than the racing - you keep the weight off," he said. "Most of these races I'm in now, I ask myself 'Why am I doing this?'"

Roberts works for the Research Development and Engineering Center. He is a team leader in the navigation and control branch of the missile guidance directorate and has worked at the Arsenal since 1982. He says he "started right across the hall from (his office) and been here ever since."

When he first began racing in 1983, he enjoyed the challenge of training with friends and competing against them. He devoted himself to working out, aiming for the top three amateur positions at races. He swam and cycled at least five days a week, covering 25,000 yards in the pool and 150-180 miles on his bike. He also ran 18-20 miles a week with several track workouts.

"I lived with my parents for a few years after graduate school, so I had it pretty easy. All I had to do was go to work and train," he said.

His training paid off as he started winning race after race. He even considered turning professional when he made it to a U.S. triathlon series championship at Hilton Head Island, S.C. He finished third amateur overall, placing 22nd overall in this Olympic-distance triathlon consisting of a 1.5K swim, 40K bike and 10K run.

"I probably beat about 60 percent of the pros in that competition," he said. "One of my friends and I thought we could do this professionally, but it doesn't pay well and we both had good jobs. It's hard to give up a good living just to have fun doing something for two or three years."

Once he got married and started a family, he had less

and less time for training because he wanted to spend more time with them. He continued to work out to stay in shape, but he wasn't as interested in competing. He and his wife, Betsy, have two children: Christopher, 6, and a daughter Riley, 3. Now that they're older, Roberts is back in the race.

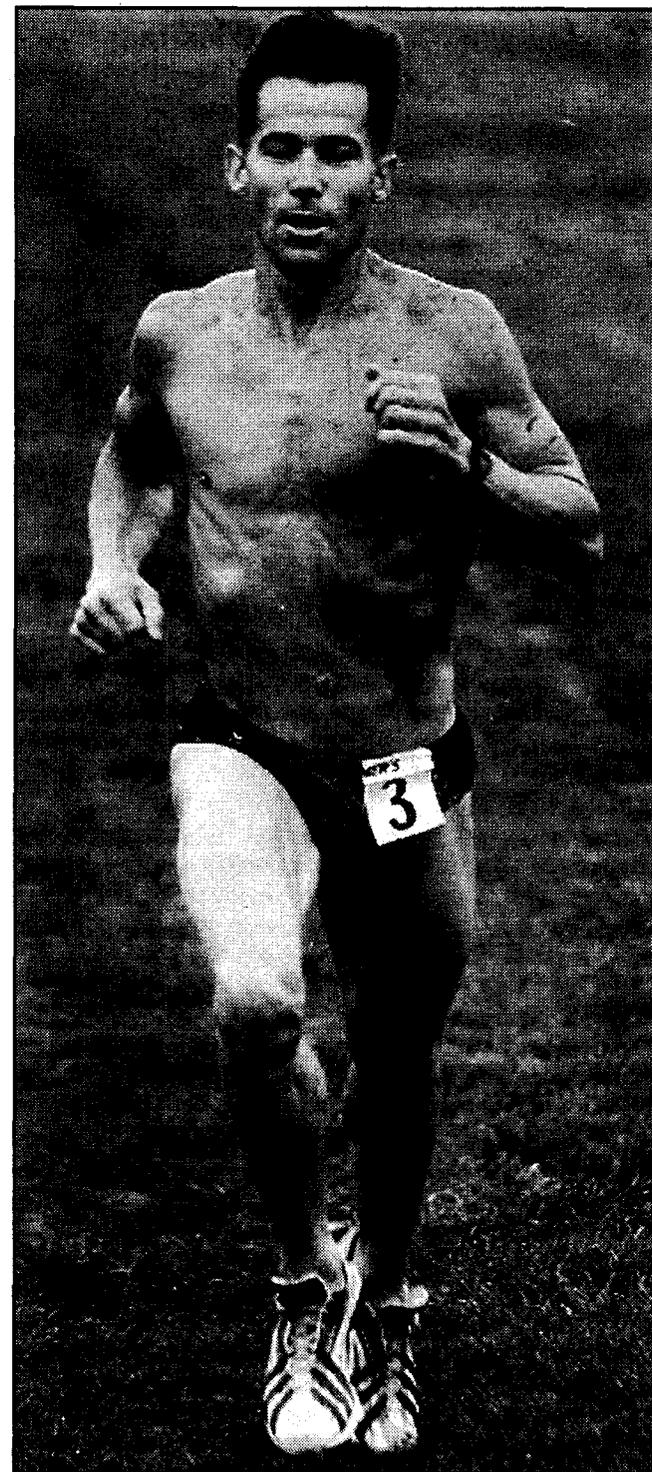
So far this year, Roberts has won 3 of the 5 triathlons he entered including the HiWAAY Huntsville Sprint Triathlon Aug. 18 and the Rocketman triathlon at Redstone Arsenal Aug. 26. He also won both the Monte Sano Road Race Sept. 1 and the Frantic Frog Triathlon in Scottsboro Sept. 8.

Although he's doing well, he doubts he'll ever work out as much as he did when he was in his 20s. Now his workouts are shorter, less frequent and more intense. He swims 6,000 yards, cycles 60 miles and runs 15 miles per week with 3 runs, 3 swims and 5 bike rides lasting about 30 minutes each. He usually alternates swimming and running during lunch and then cycles after work.

"If I didn't have my family's support, I definitely wouldn't be doing this. My wife's real nice to me and lets me work out a lot," he said. "They're very supportive. The kids get really excited when I win, too - that's kind of hard after a triathlon sometimes because they come over to hug me when I'm tired and sweaty! But it's great. If I didn't have my wife's support, I definitely wouldn't do this."

His advice to those new to the sport or struggling to keep up is to "just take it slow and easy and realize that you may not be the best at first." Set realistic goals and be consistent, especially with your workouts. Sometimes it's best to just go through the motions rather than miss a workout "because once you've skipped a workout, it's easy to skip another one." For a triathlon, work on your weakest area first. "Some people will be best in one event and they'll spend a lot of time training for that but then the other two will suffer," he said.

Roberts plans to continue racing for a long time, but he doesn't know if he'll ever try to do an Ironman or run another marathon. He completed Huntsville's Rocket City Marathon in 1991 in 2 hours, 52 minutes, but remembers it as being "very painful." Most of all, he hopes that when his children see him training and not skipping workouts, they'll learn the value of self-discipline.



Mike Mercier/ The Huntsville Times

WEEKEND WARRIOR— Chris Roberts, an engineer at the Research Development and Engineering Center, competes in triathlons and road races in the Southeast. He won both the HiWAAY Huntsville Sprint Triathlon Aug. 18 and the Rocketman triathlon Aug. 26 at Redstone Arsenal.



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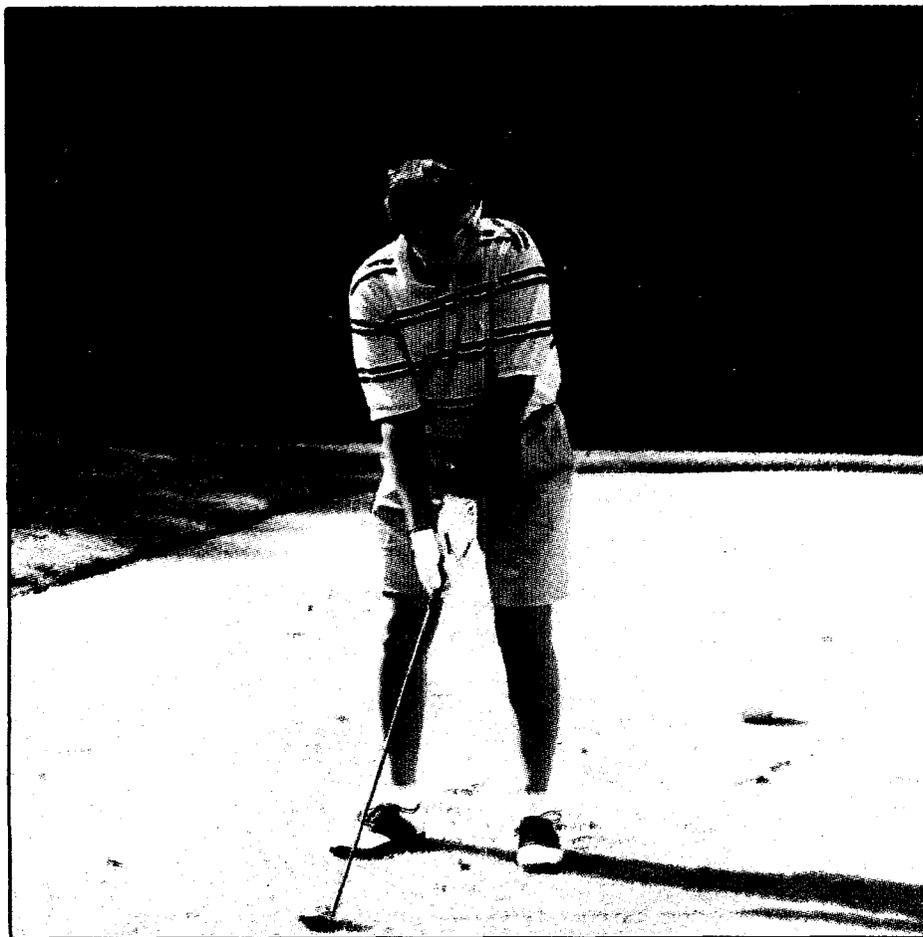
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Parting shot

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Announcements



Sports & Recreation

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. 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.

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.

Tournament volunteers

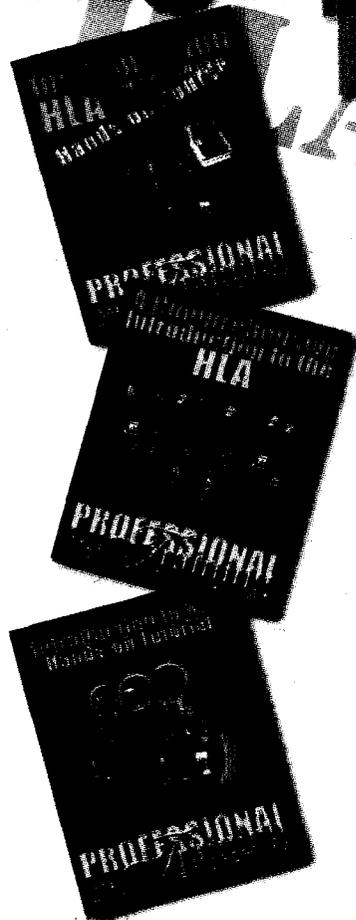
There are immediate volunteer opportunities for the seventh annual Pineapple Open Golf Tournament. No experience necessary; no golf knowledge needed. Positions include registration personnel, hole watchers (sit under tree in lawn chair and watch the golf balls fly), drink cart drivers, and scoreboard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

Hunter safety briefing

The mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held 4:30-6 p.m. 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

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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.

Golf benefit

The Grissom High School Softball Booster Club is sponsoring a Golf Tournament, Oct. 27 at the Municipal Golf course to raise monies for the 2001-02 softball season. It will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start with lunch and door prizes following. The cost is \$50 per person (includes fees, driving range balls, barbecue lunch and cart). Individuals or teams may sign up by calling Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Conferences & Meetings

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 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.

Women accountants

The American Society of Women Accountants will meet Sept. 17 at the UAH Tom Bevell 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 Friday by calling 830-0377.

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.

Administrative professionals

Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Officers and Civilians Club. This event is open to all IAAP members and non-members. For more information call Jenny Glazner 313-9803, June Pockrus 842-9888 or Jackie Kenner 876-8131.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup Jr. 881-0652. TROA's monthly luncheon meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Edgar Welden, sports enthusiast, traveler and author. For more information, call retired Navy Cmdr. Matthew C.F. Boenker 885-4274.

Miscellaneous

Oktoberfest

The seventh annual Oktoberfest is Thursday through Sunday 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: Thursday, from 5-11 p.m., \$6; Friday, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$8;

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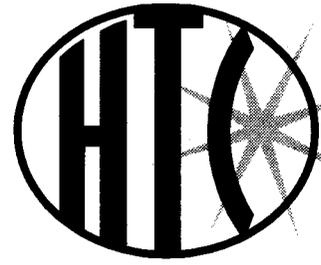
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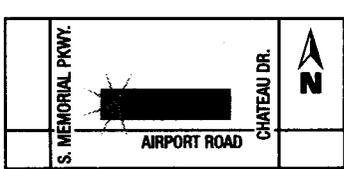
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Jack Daniels tour

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.

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 mission at AMCOM and meet the awards criteria. The awards will be presented to the winners at a luncheon/ceremony Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information and awards criteria, call Anne Hughes 876-1757 or Debbie Oldani 842-6783.

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.

Acquisition seminar

Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week is scheduled for Sept. 10-14. Headquarters, Army Materiel Command A&LE stand-down will be held today. During this period, organizations are encouraged to cease their normal operations for one day for the purpose of sharing acquisition and logistics successes and determining what can be done to continue the excellence. The theme for this year's event is "From Acquisition Reform to Acquisition Excellence." The Aviation and Missile Command will conduct activities in support of this event today. The seminar, from 8-10:30 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium, will feature such speakers as M.J. Lumer, Space and Missile Defense Command, Contracting and Acquisition Management Office; Maxine Maples, AMCOM, Acquisition Career Management Office; and Col. Barry Ward, AMCOM, Command Group Office Personnel in the AMCOM community along with industry are encouraged to participate. Government employees will receive 2.5 continuous learning points for their attendance. There is no registration requirement, however, space is limited.

Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

International festival

The International Cultural Alliance of Alabama will hold an international festival Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Madison Square Mall. With the theme "Diversity Makes the World Go Around," the festival will feature cultural displays, programs, fashions, music and a parade of nations. For more information, call Demy Robley 882-6064.

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.

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.

Designers show house

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.

Kids day

Chiropractic offices worldwide will participate in the seventh annual "Kids Day America/International," a health, safety and environmental awareness day, Sept. 22. Dr. Jacqueline Richards will sponsor the free event locally in her office from noon until 3 p.m. at 519 Jordan Lane, corner of Jordan Lane and Holmes Avenue. For more information, call 837-5930.

Pet first aid

The American Red Cross will offer a Pet First Aid class Sept. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$25 and includes a book. The course includes skills practice for rescue breathing and CPR on lifelike dog, cat and puppy mannequins. To register call 536-0084, ext. 321.

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Children's behavior workshop

A workshop on "Dealing with the Difficult Child" will be held Sept. 17 from 6-8 p.m. in the ChildWise Facility, building 1413 on Nike Street. This class is for parents of children of all ages. Learn how to manage the difficult child and how temperament affects behavior in your children. Free childcare is provided to those who register early. For reservations or more information, call 876-2798.

Facts of life speaker

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center's Deaf and Disabled Persons Employment Program Council will hold its celebration of National Disability Awareness Month, Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Richard C. Shelby Center for Missile Intelligence, building 4544, Fowler Road. The theme for this year's celebration is "Technology and the Disabled: Emerging Equality in the New Millennium." The scheduled speaker is Geri Jewell, known as "Cousin Geri" from the NBC sitcom "The

Facts of Life." She was the first person with a disability to become a regular performer on a national television show. Jewell is an actress, comedienne, and motivational speaker who is known for her ability to captivate the hearts of her audiences by using humor as a means of facilitating attitude change. Jewell, by sharing her own experiences, challenges individuals to open doors to new and healthier ways of perceiving themselves, others and the world they live in. A sign language interpreter will be present for the program. You are invited to attend this event in the MSIC auditorium. It is sure to be entertaining and educational. For more information, call Dorothy DeLoach 313-7388 or Marilyn Tarvin 313-7276.

Abandoned vehicles

The Provost Marshal Office said the following abandoned vehicles will be disposed of within 45 days: 1979 Ford LTD, gold, vehicle identification number 4U6311137734, originally located at the Auto Craft Center and impounded Jan. 17; 1984 Pontiac Bonneville, beige, VIN 1G2AN69A7EB218084, originally located at the Housing Area and impounded Aug. 8; 1985 Chevrolet Van, gray, VIN 1GCEG25Z29K7173398, originally located at the Auto Craft Center and impounded Aug. 20; and a 1985 Ford Thunderbird, red, VIN 1FAPP6042KH188398, original-

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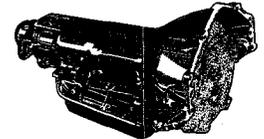
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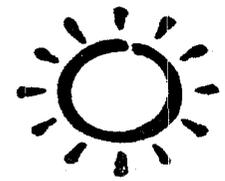
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