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Citizen soldiers doing their part to keep Redstone secure

Cullman National Guard unit on active duty at installation

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Members of a Cullman-based National Guard unit augmenting the security force here say they are proud to serve this country.

Charlie Company, 1st Battalion of the 167th Infantry, Alabama Army National Guard deployed in military vehicles to Redstone Oct. 22. The 100 men include about 90 members of Charlie Company and about 10 from Headquarters Company.

Three companies in the battalion were activated Oct. 6 as part of Operation Noble Eagle, this nation's ongoing war against terrorism in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

"They're here to augment the security for the installation and they've been mobilized and integrated into the active component

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

INSURANCE PAPERWORK— SFC Eugene Newberry, a platoon sergeant with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion of the 167th Infantry, enlists in the Tricare insurance program for his wife and family during in-processing at the Recreation Center Oct. 23. The Alabama Army National Guard unit arrived last week to augment Redstone's security force as part of Operation Noble Eagle.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHECKING IN— Members of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion of the 167th Infantry await their turn during in-processing at the Recreation Center Oct. 23.

Redstone Arsenal harbors its share of Halloween ghost legends

Some areas and buildings have haunting reputations

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Ghosts, goblins, poltergeists and spirits — many people don't believe in such entities. But yet there are a lot of things that people see which they cannot explain. Many people think that stories about hauntings are pure fiction made up in Hollywood. Or are they?

"We have the right conditions here on the Arsenal for classic hauntings," Kaylene Hughes, AMCOM historian, said. Suicides, accidents, old graveyards, graves that have been moved because of construction — there's a history of events on the Arsenal that are synonymous with spooks, goblins, poltergeists and wandering spirits.

There are many stories of strange happenings. Are they real or fiction?

According to local lore, the Goddard House now on Redstone Road is at the apex of weird happenings.

Built in 1835, it has gone through extensive renovations



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

RESTING IN PEACE?— This old graveyard is the final resting place for several family members who owned a farm in the 1800s. Their land was acquired by the Army.

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Everyone entitled to r-e-s-p-e-c-t

This letter is about respect for one another in the workplace. I feel as though there is not enough respect for persons in the work field today. This subject is very personal and hits very close to home. First and foremost, respect begins within your home. The type of discipline that you instill from your parents, or your mentors should also be exercised within your place of employment for one another as well as your parents, friends, neighbors and relatives. If you feel as though you cannot exercise these values that are so important to us as a part of everyday living to us all then the saying is, "if you don't have anything nice to say

to anyone then don't say anything at all." This also keeps your work environment very pleasant if you just take the time out to think before you speak. This is just another example of what's going on in the world today. The terrorists did not have any respect for our way of living, and now there are consequences. But let's just remember to take one another's feelings into consideration before you speak, or act, and the workplace will be a much better place for both employee and employer. May God continue to bless America and look after our soldiers with the journeys ahead of them.

Cynthia Payne

Experience teaches value of friendship

Reluctantly write this letter but do so for one reason... to let people know that in spite of the momentary humiliation I experienced because of a despicable act meant to defame my character, I still walk with my head held high and a smile on my face. About three weeks ago, someone mailed out numerous letters to my neighbors and employees (some co-workers) at Redstone Arsenal with slanderous information about me. The letters contained a picture of me, (scanned from a photograph taken of me from a college scholarship dance in 1999) along with my address, phone number, a bogus social security number, and various derogatory statements. I am the first to admit that I am far from being

perfect, but I'm not at all the person portrayed in those letters. I don't just consider, but I know I am a respectable young lady; it is that respect which has allowed me to deal with this situation in a positive manner. I am a stronger person as a result of this lower than low, malicious act.

I want to mention that I learned many years ago the true meaning of friendship, and I am extremely grateful for that lesson. This experience has made me realize just how valuable a lesson I learned those many years ago.

Lastly, I would like to say to those who expressed sincere concern... "thank you."

Name withheld by request

Alternative Work Schedule raises question

References: a. Memorandum, AMSAM-PT-CP-CSC, Dec. 18, 2000; and b. Memorandum of Understanding-Alternative Work Schedule, signed May 15, 1999 by James Brothers, president of AFGE Local 1858, and LeRoy Daniels, (retired) civilian personnel officer.

Can you help me understand why IMMC (some areas) is the only directorate enforcing the Holidays and "In-Lieu-Of" Holidays policy, reference a., which states: "When a holiday falls on a non-workday other than Sunday, the preceding workday will be the designated 'in-lieu-of' holiday (5 United States Code 6103(b)). Therefore, if a holiday falls on a Monday and that Monday is a non-workday for an employee the preceding workday becomes the employee's 'in-lieu-of' holiday." In most situations under the current Alternative Work Schedules, Compressed Work Schedules, the preceding workday to a Monday would be a Friday (civilian personnel officer's interpretation).

The interpretation of the Holiday "in-lieu-of" Holiday (5 United States Code 6103(b)) by the CPO has created a dilemma. The person that usually takes the first or second Mondays for their non-duty day and the first or second Fridays for their 8-hour day, can no longer take them, if that Monday is a holiday.

The interpretation is also in conflict

with reference b. The following paragraphs are from reference b: "Paragraph a: Employees may request a 5-4/9 work schedule which provides for an 80 hour pay period, consisting of two basic workweeks, comprised of eight 9-hour workdays, one 8-hour workday, and one non-duty day. Use of the schedule, however, is subject to supervisor approval.

"Paragraph d: The employee may request any workday within the basic workweek as their non-duty day, and any workday within the basic workweek as their 8-hour day. Supervisors will review such request to assure adequate staffing through the workweek. If approved, the employee's non-duty day and 8-hour day will remain the same throughout the six-month period unless a change is further approved by the supervisor.

"Paragraph e: When a federal holiday occurs during any given pay period, the employee timecard shall show the employee's time as nine hours when the work schedule is scheduled to be a 9-hour day or an 8-hour day when the work schedule is scheduled as an 8-hour. All other holiday provisions shall be in accordance statute."

We have looked at the statute as interpreted by CPO and the MOU as signed; now for the dilemma. Please note and define for me, non-workday (statute) vs. non-duty day (MOU).

The 80 hour pay period started Oct. 7

and will end Oct. 20. In accordance with my approved request, my non-duty day (AWS) is the first Monday of the pay period, and my 8-hour workday is the second Friday of the pay period.

Oct. 8 was my non-duty day and a national holiday. As interpreted in the third paragraph of this letter, I would have to take my holiday "in-lieu-of" holiday on Friday, Oct. 5. The problem is Oct. 5 was the second Friday of the previous pay period and my 8-hour day. I had completed the required 80 hours of work for that pay period and the timecard should have been completed/certified to reflect work performed.

How can a supervisor change a national holiday from one 80-hour pay period to a previous 80-hour pay period when the required work hours have been completed?

My interpretation of reference b, paragraph e is that Oct. 8 should be recorded as a 9-hour holiday and my non-workday becomes Tuesday, Oct. 9. All other workdays as scheduled remain unchanged for the pay period Oct. 7-20. This procedure creates no conflict with the statute nor the MOU.

When supervisors require an employee to change their non-duty day from a second Monday to a first Friday (same pay period) to comply with CPO's interpretation, they create a conflict with reference b, paragraph d. "Supervisors will

review such request to assure adequate staffing through the workweek." When the supervisors require employees to change their non-duty day from the second Monday to the first Friday, they double the number of employees that normally have a non-workday scheduled for the first Friday.

Supervisors should know that most of the employees that have scheduled the first Monday or the second Monday as their non-workday are from other cities and states. These employees have requested this schedule because it allows them to spend the actual holiday with family members that reside in these other cities/states. The employees use the following Tuesday (non-duty day) as a travel day.

The schedules that have been requested and approved by the supervisor are very important to the employee. The schedules are used by the employee to plan their family gatherings and vacations; therefore, when a supervisor requires an employee to change their non-workday from Monday to Friday when Monday is a holiday, the employee will normally request annual leave for the Tuesday following the holiday.

AWS was supposed to improve the quality of life for employees, improve their work attitude and allow him/her

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Paper-chain flag constructed by Williams School students

Servicemembers join in class performance

WILLIAMS SCHOOL RELEASE

Friday was a momentous occasion for Williams School as the community and Redstone Arsenal came together for the unveiling of the paper-chain flag constructed by students.

Bobbie Carroll was the parent who presented the idea to the faculty and staff and suggested that we have students show their patriotism by making the flag. Many Redstone Arsenal parents and soldiers participated in the construction and hanging of the flag that covers the entire stage wall. Military personnel and other dignitaries included retired Maj. Gen. Al and Kathy Sullivan, Lt. Col. Max Carroll, Maj. Anthony Lee, Maj. Sean Wester,

SSgt. Jerome Doaty, SSgt. Donald Clipping, SSgt. Steven Hess and CWO 2 John Cage.

Without the assistance of our military families, we would not have been able to complete this project. We salute our military personnel and their families.

A patriotic ceremony was held in the cafetorium with all students, faculty, staff and special guests attending. Dr. Mary Ruth Yates and a group of third-grade students led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sixth-grade teacher Patsy Gray's volunteer choir sang "You're a Grand Old Flag," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and "God Bless the USA." Gray sang "God Bless America," accompanied with sign language by Sue Zupko's class.

The songs and the presentation were emotional and heart rendering.



Photo by Morton Archibald

SHOW OF PATRIOTISM— Adults and students perform patriotic songs Friday during the flag unveiling at Williams School.



First in line

Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

Pat McCrary, center, looks on as Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, buys the first tickets from Kelly Miller for this year's Team Redstone Holiday Party. McCrary and Miller are co-chairs for the event scheduled Dec. 7 at the Officers and Civilians Club. McCrary and Miller both work for Corporate Information Center, this year's sponsor for the Holiday Party. Tickets officially go on sale Friday and are expected to sell quickly. For tickets and reservation information, call McCrary at 842-9161, Miller at 955-7111, or Sarah Brazzel of Protocol at 876-7136.

Weapons prohibited from incoming vehicles

Motorists should be careful about what they bring onto Redstone Arsenal, particularly during these days of heightened security.

Guns and other weapons are prohibited from off post, according to Maj. Dave Dunn, the provost marshal. Drivers should have their security badge, an up-to-date decal, a military ID or military

family member ID.

"They shouldn't be bringing any weapons with them when coming onto the Arsenal because during searches they'll be confiscated," Dunn said.

Security at military installations increased after the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

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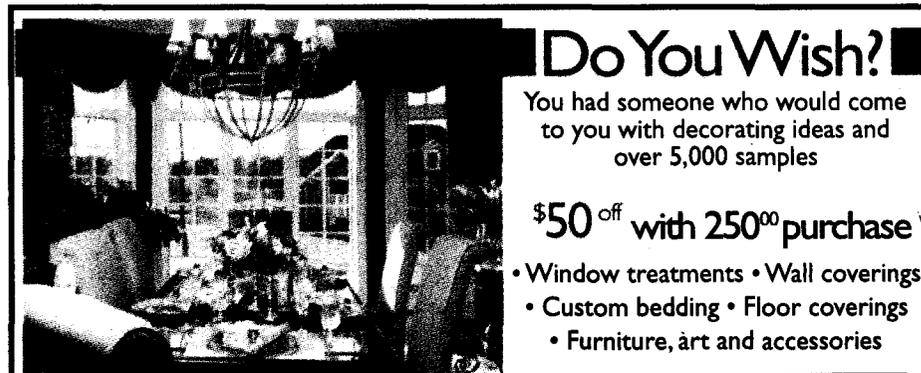
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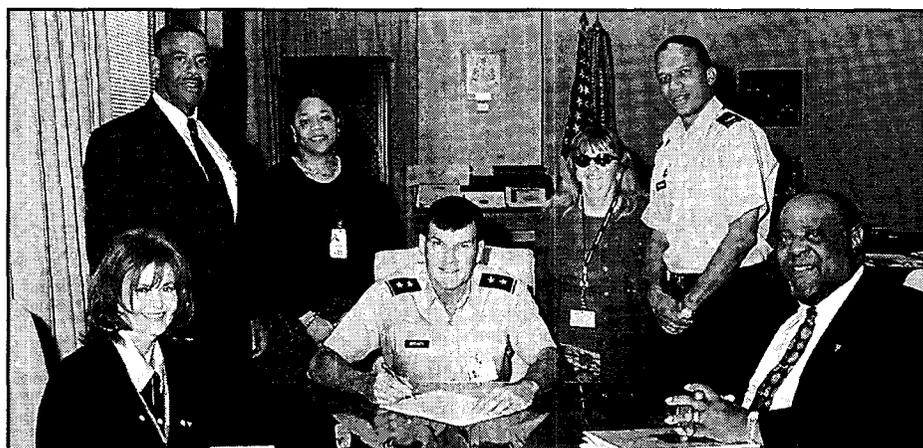
American Education Week celebrated Nov. 11-17

Luncheon, open house among center's plans

EDUCATION CENTER RELEASE

Army educators join educators from across the country to celebrate American Education Week. From Nov. 11-17, the Army again refocuses on strengthening its resolve to educate America's soldier students to meet the challenges of leadership today and tomorrow.

This year's theme is "An Army of One, an Educational Opportunity for Every Soldier" which underscores the philosophy that started AEW. Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 29 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the National Education Association and the American Legion met for the first time in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education. The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921 the NEA Representative Assembly called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. The first observance of American Education Week occurred Dec. 4-10, 1921. American Education Week is now always observed the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.



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IT'S OFFICIAL— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, signs a proclamation for American Education Week. Looking on from left are Laura Peck, education services officer; Joe Winston, chief of military personnel services and operations division; Valerie Beckham, administrative receptionist; Patricia Peake, education services specialist; Col. Micheal Coleman, director of personnel and training; and Sam Whitaker, education services specialist.

The Redstone Army Education Center celebrates AEW with a kickoff luncheon Nov. 13 at the Huntsville Hilton. The scheduled speaker is Ann Roy Moore, superintendent of Huntsville city schools. The luncheon will involve educational leaders throughout Huntsville and Madison County and will recognize the Redstone Soldier of the Year, Quarter and Month.

On Nov. 14, educators will provide selected readings to children at the Child

Development Center. On Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Education Center at 3222 Snooper Road will sponsor an open house with food, raffles and giveaways.

On-post colleges and universities will be on hand to share information about their respective programs, admission procedures, and tuition costs. In addition, there will be round-robin seminars taught by Force Protection on threat awareness, seminars taught by Red Cross on educating preschoolers on potential threats, and information from the Fox Army Health Center on diagnosis and treatment of anthrax. The Redstone community, including family members, is encouraged to attend.

The Army Continuing Education System offers a variety of programs to assist soldiers in obtaining their college degree. These programs take into consideration soldiers' busy careers and their personal time, whether leisure or with family. No longer tied to the traditional classroom type of education, soldiers can now earn their degree through a variety of distance learning programs sponsored through the Education Center. Stop by the Education Center in building 3222 for more information on ACES programs and services.

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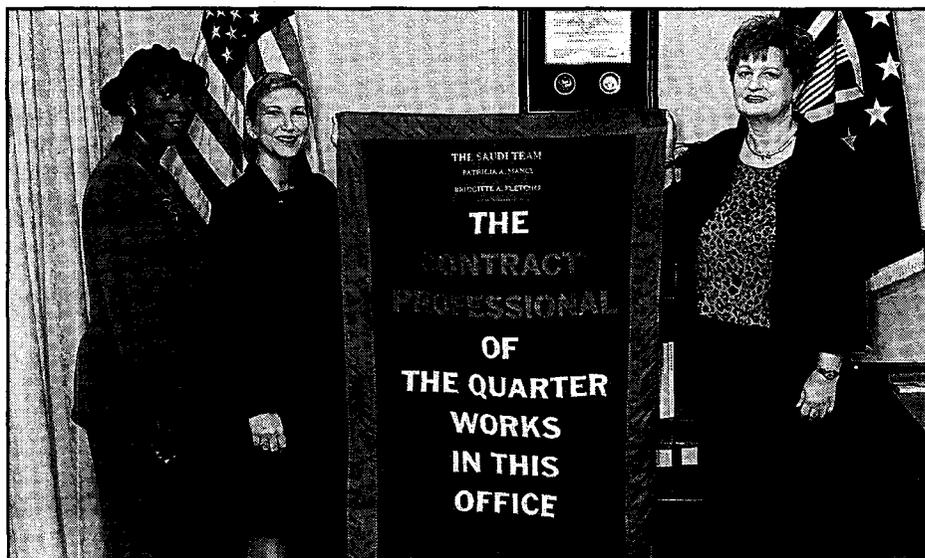
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Parents can check out resources for dealing with tragedy

Library offers material to help children cope

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

The war we fight on terror is different than any other in American history. Not because our homeland was attacked. Pearl Harbor was our initiation into horror first-hand. Not because our enemy is hidden and some are even yet unknown.

Until now, our children have been spared the raw violence of war — kept out of the line of fire with only pictures and snippets of news to keep them informed. The Sept. 11 attacks stole the innocence and security of our children. They were able to witness, either directly or by television, massive death and destruction caused by an unseen enemy. One cannot be witness to that and be left unchanged. The newest threat of anthrax drives into our homes and offices the deadly point that Americans are under attack.

"We are feeling the stress," Natalie Taylor, Exceptional Family Member Program manager, said. "Children are especially vulnerable right now. They see the news and the fighting and they wonder if they are safe. It's really tough on the children who have a parent in the military that has been called up. We, as adults, need to watch our children, talk to them and let

them talk to us about their feelings."

Watch for trouble signs in your children, Taylor said, which in great part mimic signs of extreme stress. Sudden personality changes, nightmares and a change in eating patterns are indicators that something could be wrong.

"Talk to your kids," Taylor said. "Let them know it's OK to be upset. Spend time with them. Reassure them that they are safe and that their school is safe."

Family meetings are a good time to bring up emotional issues, while the family is calm and focused. If your family doesn't have family meetings, Taylor suggests that now is a great time to build it into your routine.

"Family meetings used to be dinner around the table with the whole family," she said. "We've gotten so busy we've lost that. But we still need to have some time together to plan out family activities, keep schedules together and just to listen to each other. It's a good time to tell your children a little of what you're feeling and find out how they are doing. If you don't have family meetings, we have the resources here to help you get one started."

With the growing epidemic of anthrax scares, parents should be especially sensitive to children's fears.

"Again, talk about what's happening with your child," Taylor said. "Children need to hear the facts from you — to

know where it's happening and that they are safe. If there is concern, families can designate one adult in the family to handle the mail. Or, let children suggest ideas that would make them feel safer. Giving them a voice in decisions and family safety empowers them. Then let them know that these are the changes we are making to make our family safe."

The Army Community Service lending library has a variety of resources to help adults and families cope with the stress during this time, including a pamphlet created by the National Association of School Psychologists that list many things adults, parents and schools can do to help children. The information can also be accessed at their web site: www.nasponline.org.

Some suggestions about what parents can do include spending more time with children with one-on-one activities. Limit your child's television viewing of events. Maintain a normal routine as much as possible. Consider praying and taking your children to church, synagogue, temple or mosque. Let children draw pictures or write poems to express their feelings. Find out what community resources are available including books, videos and counseling.

"We have a lot of great stuff here at ACS," Taylor said. "We encourage people to come here and take a look. If you let us know what your need is, we'll find the resources to help."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

STRESS-BUSTING RESOURCES— Natalie Taylor, Exceptional Family Member Program manager, offers a collection of books, videos and pamphlets for adults and children on how to cope with their feelings after the nation's tragedy. The materials are available from the Army Community Service library.

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'Farmer's Ant Farm' harvests hazardous materials training

New facility simulates toxic confined space

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

A hazardous spill is bad enough. But in a constricted space, it's even worse.

The Technical Escort Division at Redstone is one of the few places that servicemembers, Department of Defense civil-

ians and international students can come to get training to respond to such hazards in confined spaces.

Earlier this year, funding was allocated to build a facility here that is the first of its kind. It looks, at first glance, like a piece of playground equipment with all its pipes and crawl spaces, but for those emergency response personnel who need the training it simulates what it's like to respond to a hazard in a tight space.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

INTO THE DEPTHS— SSgt. Robert Dautre, Technical Escort Division instructor, watches as student SSgt. Larry Brents, from the 61st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team in Arkansas, is lowered into the confined space training facility. The unique facility provides training for emergency response personnel.

"A confined space is classified as an area that has one way in and one way out," Capt. Dan Farmer, chief of the Technical Escort Division, said. He said there's also a potential for entrapment by converging walls or by sloping floors; places you definitely don't want to enter if you have claustrophobia.

Servicemembers from the Army Chemical School, other special operations units, the Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Army Technical Escort Unit all come to the Arsenal to get this unique training.

The facility is equipped with ropes, block and tackle, full body climbing harnesses, all of which are used to lower students into the tunnels and the dark bowels of the confined space training area, which has earned the nickname of "Farmer's Ant Farm," a phrase coined by Lt. Col. Craig Morehead, director of the Munitions Training Department.

"The instructors in the Technical Escort Division are some of the most qualified instructors in the Army," SSgt.

Aaron Glad, the primary instructor for the Confined Space Training, said. "The students attend the Technical Escort Course for three weeks and three days, which results in the additional skill identifier ASI J5, Hazardous Materials Technician, Environmental Sampling, and Confined Space Awareness certification."

"Afterwards, the students are capable of performing both military and domestic response operations," Farmer said. And with the threat of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism, both at home and abroad, the Technical Escort Division has been extremely busy.

"The first class of 25 students to get both the Technician Level and Confined Space Certification will graduate on Nov. 1," Farmer said. And there are many classes to follow.

Providing training close to home to respond to real world missions is what Farmer's Ant Farm is all about.

"So if we have a serin gas attack in the subways of New York," Farmer said. "we here at the Arsenal are training personnel who can deal with that crisis."

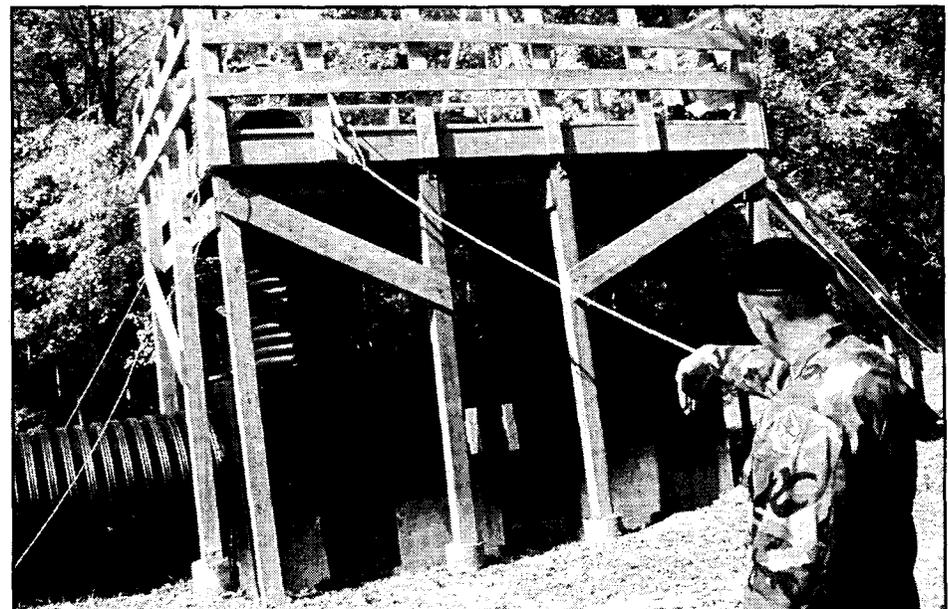


Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

NOT A PLAYGROUND— Capt. Dan Farmer of the Technical Escort Division explains the new facility that teaches how to respond to a toxic hazard in a confined area. Students are lowered from the platform using mechanical advantage devices and harnesses into the black tunnels below. They then must navigate through tight spots to perform their mission of responding to a potential hazard.

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For the Rocket

Col. Mary Fuller is one project manager who has enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing her program evolve from a science and technology program to a true acquisition program.

Fuller heads up the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System, or JLENS. The system consists of sensor equipment mounted on highly mobile, tethered aerostats. There's probably not a person in her office who has not been ribbed about their "balloons," but that is technically what they are. The system is a low cost marriage of low technology and high technology, using a cheap, fast and easy way to deploy some of the world's most advanced sensors. When they are deployed, they will be behind the front lines and will provide information on incoming cruise missiles to air defense systems like Patriot.

When Fuller arrived at the JLENS office two years ago, the program was almost at the point at which it could move from a research and development program to a true acquisition program. Fuller received the mission of coming up with a



Courtesy photo

SHORT TIMER- Col. Mary Fuller, JLENS project manager, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. (promotable) Kurt Heine during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Nov. 13 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Fuller will go on to head up the Acquisition Corps Management Office in Crystal City, Va.

transition plan to move the program to a program executive office, but she was not told which one.

It's not like there's a regulation out there outlining how to write a plan for such a transition, so Fuller looked around for other plans, and based hers loosely on those.

"We did a justification for why and when (the move should occur) and I did

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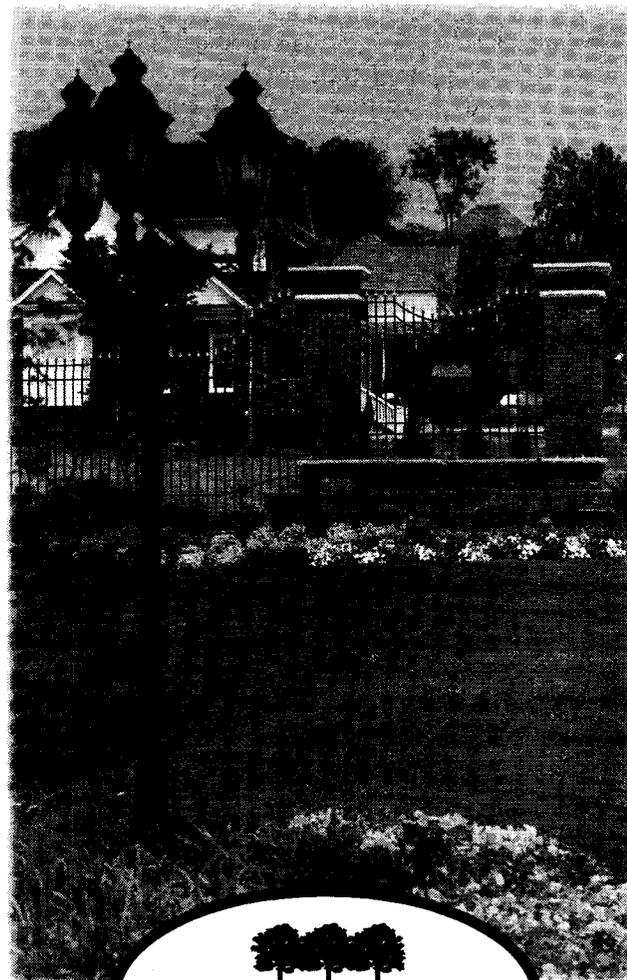
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Annual charity campaign has good first half

New software helps in tracking trends

The Combined Federal Campaign reached its critical midway point last week and all indications are that the campaign is doing well.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, has asked for and received weekly briefings from Gay Money, chairman of the CFC Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

"(Dodgen's) been very interested in the campaign," Money said. "He wants to ensure that every AMCOM employee has the opportunity to participate."

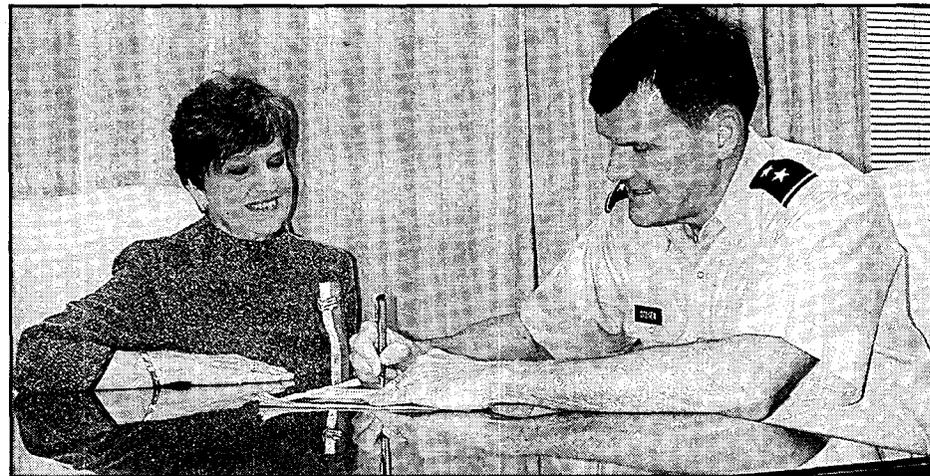
Though totals are incomplete, Money says that new tracking software

developed by the Corporate Information Center helps identify trends. "We can see which elements are sending in their cards and when. This helps us catch which areas might need assistance."

Anyone who does not have a pledge card or otherwise needs help can call the CFC Office at 876-9143 or they can go online to the CFC web site at www.cfc-huntsville.org for answers to many common questions.

While at the web site, they can also check out the CFC Silent Auction. The auction, with items donated from around the command and community, has more than 90 items and has to date bids worth over \$3,000.

The CFC campaign ends Nov. 19.



MAKING PLEDGE— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, fills out his Combined Federal Campaign pledge card while Gay Money, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, looks on.

Claus Martel/ CFC Office

Worker questions work schedule policy

Letter

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time off without having to take annual leave, while still completing the 80 hours pay period, consisting of two basic workweeks as agreed. It now appears that some supervisors are trying to take over and force an employee to take the non-

duty day they want him/her to take. This is in conflict with reference b.

There is an old saying, "If it ain't broken, don't fix it." This is a saying some supervisors should take into consideration. The pay period Nov. 4-17 serves as an example. Nov. 11 is the Veterans Day holiday. Nov. 11 is on Sunday; therefore the statute, "When a holiday falls on a Sunday that is a non-workday the subse-

quent workday will be the 'in-lieu-of' holiday" is in force; Nov. 12 is the "in-lieu-of." This has no adverse affect on the employee. He or she gets Monday and Tuesday.

It is just that simple. Why should an employee's non-duty day be changed to Friday, Nov. 9? Changing the employee's non-duty is a "No Valued Added" situation.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "United States Code does prescribe that when a federal holiday falls on an employee's non-workday or non-duty day (both terms synonymous) the employee must have a workday as an in-lieu-of holiday. As noted, the law prescribes that the in-lieu-of holiday should be the preceding workday unless the holiday falls on a Sunday in which case it is the following workday. Therefore, if the holiday falls on Monday and Monday is a non-workday the preceding Friday, in most cases, is the in-lieu-of holiday. Note that it is the holiday that moves, not the employee's non-workday.

"When there is a holiday or in-lieu-of holiday, in accordance with the law and negotiated agreement, the employee gets paid for the number of hours they would normally have worked that day. For example, if the preceding Friday was an 8-hour day the employee would receive eight hours of pay; if it was a 9-hour day they would receive nine hours of pay. The negotiated agreement allows an employee participating in the Alternative Work Schedule to select any workday as their

8-hour day and any workday as their non-workday. The existence of a Monday holiday in no way affects the employees' right to choose.

"The movement of the holiday to an in-lieu-of holiday is not at the discretion of the supervisor, but rather is prescribed by Title 5 of the United States Code. This requirement demands that supervisors and employees be aware of the upcoming holidays and which day will be the in-lieu-of holiday so that employees are not scheduled to work on the in-lieu-of holiday unless management requires it and are willing to pay the appropriate premium pay. When the employee's non-workday is a Monday, choosing another day, such as Tuesday is contrary Title 5, which prescribes that it be the preceding workday.

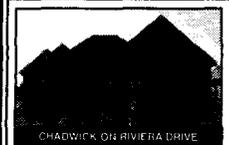
"An employee should never be required to change their non-workday because of a holiday. Remember, it is the in-lieu-of holiday that moves not the non-workday. Employees may be required to change their non-workdays to meet mission or staffing requirements. If an employee is required to change their non-workday, it must be done in accordance with the negotiated agreement.

"When the legal holiday falls on Sunday, as stated previously, the in-lieu-of holiday is the following workday. The legal holiday for Veterans Day, falls on a Sunday, Nov. 11, and the in-lieu-of holiday will be observed Monday for those employees for whom Monday is the following workday. For those employees working AWS and for whom the second Monday of the pay period is a non-workday, Tuesday will be the in-lieu-of holiday."

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■ National Guard unit augments post security

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Army," Maj. Dave Dunn, provost marshal, said.

"They'll be doing installation access control, installation perimeter security, and quick reaction force," he said.

The deployment resulted from an AMCOM request to higher headquarters. "We put up our requirements, we told them what we needed and then AMCOM submitted it to AMC and then it worked up through DA," Dunn said.

The Guardsmen's mission of providing 24-hour security here started Friday. "They're being integrated into the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity's security mission," Dunn said.

The unit received its deployment orders this month at Fort Rucker and traveled from there Oct. 22. Its soldiers are staying in barracks on post.

"We're a mechanized Infantry company," Capt. Danny Pugh, commander of Charlie Company, said.

Pugh, 30, of Tennessee, has been in the National Guard for nearly 13 years and the company commander for a year. He and his wife of three years, Karen, had their first child, Drake, Oct. 4 — the day after he was activated. Pugh, a 1994 Auburn graduate, is an investment officer with AmSouth Bank.

"These are civilian soldiers and they have left their full-time civilian jobs, you know, they've left their families, to come and serve at a time when our country needs us," Pugh said.

"I'm proud to be doing my part," he said. "And I think I can speak for the men of the company and say they're proud to be doing their part as well."

The soldiers, ranging from age 18 to over 50, represent a variety of experience levels and occupations. About 80 are prior enlisted and about 75 are married. "Some of the soldiers are self-employed, some of the soldiers are police officers, some are firefighters, some of the soldiers are even full-time National Guard," Pugh said. They include veterans of the Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War and Somalia.

They normally meet one weekend a month and for two weeks in the summer in Cullman. Much of their training occurs at Fort McClellan and they often travel to Camp Shelby, Miss.

2nd Lt. Roger Moss, a platoon leader, didn't have to travel very far for this deployment. He resides in Huntsville and works at Redstone Arsenal.

"Probably during shift work I'll be living in the barracks," said Moss, 32. "But when possible I'll be living at home."

He is on leave from his job as a systems analyst with contractor NCCIM, working at Army Management Systems Analysis Activity at building 7770. His wife, Brandy, is a program analyst at the Program Executive Office for Aviation. They have three children: son Samuel, 5, daughter Reilly, 3, and son Brandon, 10 weeks.

Moss, who grew up in Arizona, served in the Marine Corps from 1987-97 and is a veteran of the Gulf War. He has lived in Huntsville for six years and been with the National Guard for 4½ years. He became a member of Charlie Company in July 2000.

"I'm proud to be able to do something for the community, especially in the community where I live and work," he said.

SFC Eugene Newberry, 54, serves as a platoon sergeant. In civilian life he drives a truck for Russo Corporation out of



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POSITIVE SIGN— A welcome sign in the Recreation Center greets the newly arrived soldiers from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion of the 167th Infantry. The activated Alabama Army National Guard unit deployed to Redstone Arsenal.

Birmingham. He and his wife, Sudie, have three grown daughters, Traci DeBouse, Regina Macon and Michelle Dunn. He served in the Army from 1964-72, including a year in Vietnam, and joined the National Guard in 1988.

"I feel it's something they called on us to do and we've got to do," Newberry said of this mission.

Sgt. Terry Wilson, 36, is a team leader with the company. He normally works for Pennington Seeds Inc. as a truck driver and forklift driver. He and his wife, Tina, have three daughters: Katrina, 12, Rebecca, 10 and Adriana, 9. Wilson joined the National Guard in 1984.

"I feel like it's a good one," he said of this mission, "something that needs to be done."

The soldiers underwent in-processing and training Oct. 23-25 at the Recreation Center and Heritage Hall (the old post theater).

Pugh had previously visited Redstone to eat dinner at the German restaurant, the Soldatenstube, with some friends last spring. He had also been to the Post Exchange.

"I'm very impressed," he said. "I'm impressed with the facilities, impressed with the warm welcome that we've received since we've been here."

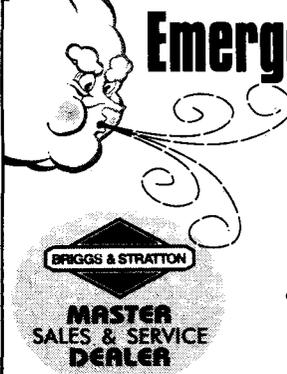
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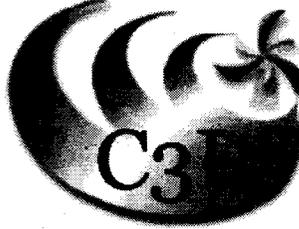
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Missile school hits target with NCO of Quarter winner

Sergeant spends prize money furnishing her animal house

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Knowing the who, where, what, when and why of any given situation concerning the missile school and its soldiers is a top priority for Sgt. Sharon McBride of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade. It's her job to keep the soldiers informed and ready for anything. But when it came to the NCO of the Quarter competition in September, she was the last to find out she'd won.

"I couldn't get any inside information on this one," she said. "What made it worse was that the winner wasn't announced until a month later."

It was a competition she'll never forget.

"Part of the board was being up on current events so when I got up that morning, I read the paper then turned on CNN and it was just in time to see the second plane hit the second tower at the World Trade Center. About an hour later, I was at the board."

It was because of the terrorist attacks and subsequent war that McBride was transferred from her position as liaison between OMMCS and the Aviation and Missile Command public affairs office, to the public affairs/command information officer for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

"I deal with all types of information, from how the

war affects the soldiers here at the school to our daily mission which is training soldiers and grooming leaders," she said. McBride also writes articles for the *Redstone Rocket* as part of her job. "People see me taking pictures and talking to people and they think my job is so easy. But they don't see the tough part. Some days it's really hard to crank out a story in an hour when you're on deadline — when the text isn't coming and there's all these other distractions. I can't get writer's block. I have to do the job."

Even though it's tough at times, it's a job McBride has wanted since she was in high school in Eagle River, Alaska. She got hooked on journalism by writing articles for the school paper. After graduation, McBride attended the University of Alaska, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism. Competition in the job market was tough in and around Eagle River. Job offers came from other states but she couldn't afford to pick up and move.

"So, I joined the National Guard," McBride said. "I'd been around Army posts and soldiers all my life. My dad was in the Army. I was born at Fort Bragg, N.C., and my older sister was born in Germany." McBride's father died while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, when she was 5. "I was with a public affairs detachment in Alaska when I got a job on a weekly paper about 30 minutes from Eagle River."

A few years later, McBride switched to active duty and has never regretted the decision, saying that although she liked being near family, Alaska is a tough place to live because it's dark so much of the time. After two stateside tours, she arrived at Redstone in May 2000.

"I like being a soldier," she said. "I love what I do. No two days are the same. I get to meet people I wouldn't ordinarily get to meet. I get to experience different MOSs, at least for the day. I've followed scouts in recon missions, flown in helicopters, done some rappelling — a little slice of every piece of Army life. It's been great."

To keep her life on track, she has to spend a lot of time running around the track. The physical training requirement is one of the few problems she has with Army life.

"I have to practice running a lot just to maintain," McBride said. "It hasn't been easy. I struggle with weight and PT. On the bright side, the Army helps me maintain a healthy lifestyle."

Life is starting to fall in place for McBride, who is at the halfway point in her career. This summer McBride was able to "adopt" her mother, Patsy, and bring her to Redstone to live on post with her. Fixing up their quarters and buying new furnishings is one of the things she is doing with her prize money from the competition.

"My mom has always been my biggest fan, especially during the competition," McBride said. "She's sacrificed a lot for me and now I want to give her a nice place to

live. She deserves that."

Patsy is only one of several occupants in McBride's quarters. There's Runt, the 6-pound Yorkshire Terrier, Chewie, the Chow mix, who keeps McBride in good running shape, Patsy's Pomeranian, Gizmo, plus several finches and a Beta fish.

"It's like animal house in there," she said.

Looking to the future, McBride has her eye on the NCO of the Year title and is working toward her master's degree in public affairs.

"I want to be a lobbyist when I grow up," she said. "I want to lobby Congress for better soldiers' and veterans' benefits."

■ Defense program makes transition

Manager

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make the recommendation to move to PEO Air and Missile Defense because that's a natural fit for JLENS. We are a missile defense program, including Patriot and MEADS. We're just another layer."

On Aug. 8, approval came for the project to move into the PEO AMD. The next job for Fuller was to take care of the people who worked for her. Many had always worked for the Space and Missile Defense Command, where the program developed, and some were unhappy with the prospect of moving to the PEO. By getting everyone to participate in the issues, she feels everyone is now satisfied with the decisions they have made regarding the move.

The program is still in the risk reduction phase, but Fuller already has ideas about what it could become in the future.

"I'm a signal officer, so I always think of getting the high ground. I see this as being the electronic high ground," she said. The JLENS system could carry payloads limited only by weight and imagination. Now a radar with a communication package, the aerostats could carry video cameras for reconnaissance, giving added protection to soldiers and becoming an extension of sorts to unmanned aerial vehicle assets.

Fuller will hand over direction of the project to Lt. Col. (promotable) Kurt Heine during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Nov. 13 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Fuller will go on to head up the Acquisition Corps Management Office in Crystal City, Va. Fuller, who received a direct commission as a member of the last Women's' Orientation Course class, has served in the Army for 24 years.

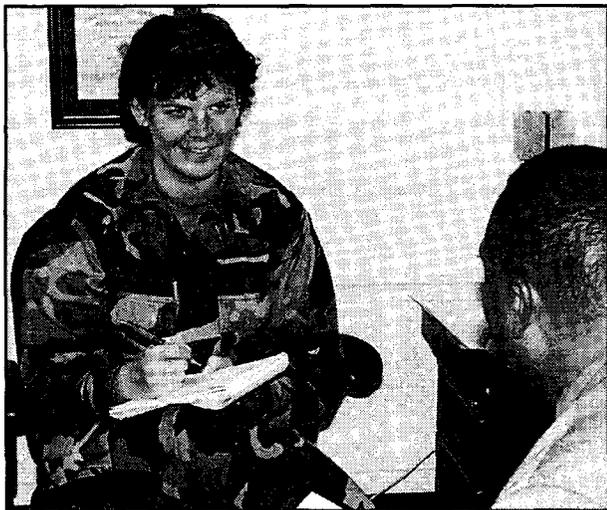


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MEET THE PRESS— Sgt. Sharon McBride, public affairs officer for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, won NCO of the Quarter in September. As part of her duties, McBride interviews and writes articles for the *Redstone Rocket*.

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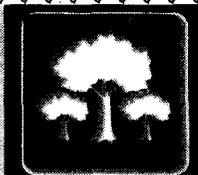
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Police officers witness spooky incidents

Hauntings

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and has been home to past members of the Arsenal's chain of command as well as transient quarters for VIPs. The first person to sign the guest book at the Goddard House was Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson, followed by Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker.

Although he never officially lived there, in May 1956 the house was officially named "Goddard House" in honor of Dr. Robert H. Goddard, the famous scientist generally recognized as the "Father of American Rocketry."

"I've been an MP since 1993," Officer Mike Nelson of the Redstone K-9 Detachment said. "I've heard stories of other MPs seeing strange lights at the Goddard House late at night. I myself have found it unsecured a couple of times."

"Once I went in to check things out after I found the door unsecured," he said. "The whole time I was in there I felt like someone was watching me, but there was no one there. The hair was standing up on the back of my neck."

Another time he could hear dogs barking in the attic, he said. There is no attic access.

According to a *Redstone Rocket* article by Pam Rogers of AMCOM Public Affairs, Nellie McAnally lived in the

house for several years during the 1920s, when it was known as the Chancy house. Back then it was located near what is now Gate 9. Her father was the overseer of the Chancy farm, part of which was rented out to tenants who grew cotton and corn and bought their supplies from a commissary located in the old kitchen at the rear of the house.

"One morning my mother and my sister-in-law were in the kitchen," McAnally said in the article. "My sister-in-law was churning and my mother was washing dishes. My sister-in-law said, 'Look Mrs. Russell, there's a dog.' It was standing right there, in the doorway of the kitchen, and it was soaking wet, even though the sun was shining outside. It had the body of a dog and the face of an old man. Leona (the sister-in-law) threw a stick of stove wood at it, but missed. It turned around and my mother followed it and it just disappeared."

Family members and visitors were awakened on several occasions by the sound of the huge folding doors between the living and dining rooms being slammed back, only to find them in their normal positions. When it stormed, the family could hear a baby crying outside the family room window. McAnally got so used to a ghostly hand turning the doorknob to her upstairs sitting room that she finally quit getting up to see who was there. She knew there would be no one, at



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride
DARK SHADOWS— The hallways in building 112, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity headquarters, are legendary late-night haunts.

least no one she could see.

Officer James Worrall of the Redstone K-9 Detachment has also seen some strange things at the Goddard House.

Late one night, he said, he drove by and it looked as though someone had a candle or some type of lantern lit in one of the upstairs windows.

"I got out to investigate," Worrall said. As he approached the steps to the front of the house, it was then his dog, Kelly, started to growl and the hackles rose on the back of her neck. "She wouldn't go up the steps."

According to local lore, several VIPs have spent the night in the house but have

refused to spend more than one night there. Among the complaints have been crying babies and barking dogs.

Building 112, headquarters for Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, is also known as a hot spot for paranormal activity. The building used to be the old post hospital, with the morgue in the basement. The current Fox Army Health Center was built in the 1980s.

"We used to have to take the MP blotter to the building and put it on the colonel's (the RASA commander's) desk after midnight," Worrall said. "One night I went up there and the elevator was broken because it took me to the attic. I came back down and the elevator opened on the right floor."

It was then that things got a little interesting.

"I heard what sounded like two women laughing," he said. As he looked down the hall he saw a light on in one of the rooms. He started to walk down the hall to see who was there.

"I saw what looked like a dark figure cross the hall and into an unlighted room," Worrall said. He searched the rooms and there was no one there.

Other people have strange stories to tell about building 112.

"Several years ago a young MP came into the office," Wendy Mitchell, secretary to RASA commander Col. Brent Swart, said. "He was kind of hanging around my desk with a strange look on his

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■ Girl's ghost reportedly seen at Gate 2

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face. I finally asked him what he wanted. At first he was hesitant, but he asked me if the building has any history of ghosts. I laughed and said, "Why do you ask?"

It was then that the young MP said that he had delivered the blotter the night before, and while in the building he thought he heard someone or something say, "hellooooo." He checked the building and found nothing, she said. "He looked like he was scared to death. I get goose bumps just talking about it."

To this day there are several officers

who refuse to enter that building by themselves, John Gaskin, civilian police officer, said. "There are several who still won't go into that building alone. A lot are thankful we don't have to deliver the blotter late at night anymore."

Terry Mann, a RASA supply technician, also has heard and seen strange things in the building. "The elevator runs by itself. And sometimes you can hear doors opening and closing and you know you are the only one there." And often doors that are locked mysteriously end up unlocked.

In order to explain the odd sights and sounds, Mann said that everyone who has worked in the building for a period of time just started attributing the strange occur-



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

THEY'RE HERE— The Goddard House, built in 1835, has been a focal point of local lore of paranormal activity.

rences to "George."

"I don't know if I believe in ghosts, but when things happen you can't explain you need to refer to it somehow," he said. "George has never harmed anyone. I figured if there was a ghost in the building, that I might as well be a friend to him."

"But I know a lot of people don't like to work late in the building," he said. "Maybe that's a good thing?"

Buxton Road at the south end of the Arsenal is also known for being a crossroad into the unknown.

Late one night, officer Nelson was at Gate 2 on Buxton Road. "I was talking to two Huntsville police officers on the other side of the gate," he said.

"One of the officers was looking over my shoulder and he had a strange look on his face. I turned to see what he was looking at. It was then I saw the little girl."

He said it looked like a little girl who was walking across the road. As soon as the officers saw her, she was gone. "I went to look and could find no trace of her."

The area along Buxton Road is mostly open field. An individual can see for miles in every direction.

According to local history, the little girl that Nelson saw that night might have been Margaret Ann Timmons, who died at age 2 in the early 1800s here. The Timmons family had a farm back then, and later their land was acquired by the Army. Felicia Garrett is another civilian police officer who has seen and heard some strange things near Gate 2. She attributes

them to Margaret playing pranks or one of Margaret's many relatives that are also buried on the Arsenal.

"One night I pulled in to use the portapotty located at Gate 2," she said. While in there, she said she suddenly heard police sirens go off.

"Every time we get out of our cars, we have to lock the doors," she said. "So I thought another officer had pulled up and turned on the siren to get my attention. I remember thinking, 'Can't they hold on a minute until I'm done?'" She then reached for the door to exit. Suddenly the sirens stopped.

"I came out and there was nobody there," she said. "There wasn't another police car, and you can see for miles out there." And the doors were still locked.

But that's not all. On another occasion, she had an unusual visit while pulling duty at Gate 2.

"I was inside the guard shack," Garrett said. "The blue lights on my vehicle suddenly came on." Once again the car was locked, and the lights stopped just as mysteriously as they started.

Garrett said she no longer likes to pull duty out there if she can help it.

Are these stories fact or fiction? No one really knows for sure. Happy Halloween, Redstone.

Editor's note: While investigating and interviewing for this Halloween article, Sgt. Sharon McBride says she saw strange lights coming from inside the Goddard House.

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Halloween safety tips should take fear out of celebration

Trick-or-treating on post slated from 6-8 tonight

By SANDY RIEBELING
 Staff writer

Just the mention of Halloween conjures up images of ghouls, ghosts and goblins but there should be no real fear when it comes to trick-or-treating.

With the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, anthrax scares and rumors of more attacks on Halloween, parents are left to wonder if celebrating the holiday is a risk worth taking. Redstone officials believe there's no reason for worry and have scheduled trick-or-treating tonight from 6-8.

"Based on what we've seen so far, concerning anthrax, the threat is only associated with the mail and potentially crop dusting," Mike Hooley, deputy director of Intelligence and Security Directorate, said. "I do not see it as a problem (for Halloween). We haven't seen a single thing to associate anthrax with food stuff."

Bryan Lorge, chief of Installation Safety Division, agrees.

"I have no problems with trick-or-treating," he said. "I'm going to take my kids out. People should be more concerned with following safety rules and using good common sense."

The following are safety tips offered by the National Safety Council.

Costume design

Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes. Costumes should be large enough to fit warm clothes underneath but not so long or confining to cause a tripping hazard. Strips of reflective tape should be attached to the costume. For young children, somewhere

on the inside of their costume parents should attach personal information such as name, address and telephone number in case the child gets lost. Masks can obstruct vision so try makeup instead of a mask. Makeup should be laboratory tested, meet federal standards for cosmetics and be non-toxic. If masks are worn, be sure they have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes. Costume accessories such as knives and swords should be made from cardboard or flexible materials — no sharp objects.

Parents

Make sure that an adult or older, responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under 12. Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow and a return time. Instruct children to go only to familiar, well-lit areas and to never enter a stranger's home. Review all pedestrian/traffic safety rules and fire safety. Tell youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home and all candy has been inspected for tampering.

On the way

Never trick-or-treat alone. Children should travel in groups and carry flashlights not only to see better but to be seen by motorists. Walk, do not run, from house to house, using sidewalks when possible. Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks. Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with reflective tape. Do not accept rides from strangers.

Healthy Halloween

Serve kids a healthy dinner before trick-or-treating so they won't be as tempted by the candy. Hand out something other than candy such as pencils, stickers, large erasers or decorative shoelaces. Set a number of days candy can remain in the house before it is thrown out and limit daily intake of sweets. Parents of young children

should get rid of choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies or small toys.

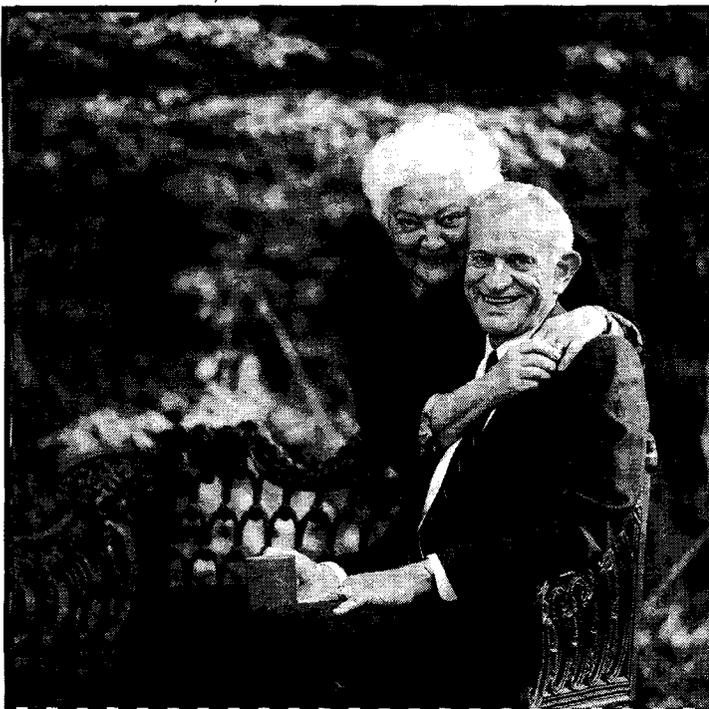
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Photo by Beth Skarupa

Trick or treat?

It may look like Betsy Ross and Paul Revere are alive and well and living on Redstone Arsenal with an Arabian princess and a horse, but they're really just kids trying to trick you. These Redstone residents just couldn't wait to start trick-or-treating. From left, Elisabeth Hope, 4, digs into a bowl full of candy that her mother, Tracy Hope, offers to Jordan Teats, 7, Erin Hope, 8, and Jacob Teats, 4. Elisabeth and Erin are the children of SFC Daniel and Tracy Hope. Jordan and Jacob are the children of SFC Dan and Evelyn Teats.



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FALL FESTIVAL FUN— Preschoolers from the Child Development Center don their favorite costumes for the Character Parade scheduled for today at 10 a.m. From left are Lilly Higdon, 4, daughter of Keith and Lolita Higdon; Ronald Truesdale, 3, son of SSgt. Ronald and Marilyn Truesdale; Ashley Parker, 3, daughter of Michael and Norma Parker; and JuWan Washington, 4, son of Sgt. Albert and LaShonda Washington.

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Decorating tips

Make sure all pathways to your home are well-lit by porch lights and other exterior lighting. Clear the yard of hazards such as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones. Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should be kept clear of doorsteps and landings. Consider using flashlights instead of candles for lighting.

Motorists

Avoid all unnecessary travel on Halloween evening. If you go out, drive slowly and be alert for small children crossing streets or darting out into traffic whose vision may be obscured by masks. A study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that during 1975-96, the number of deaths among young pedestrians was four times higher on Halloween evening when compared with the same time period during all other evenings of the year.



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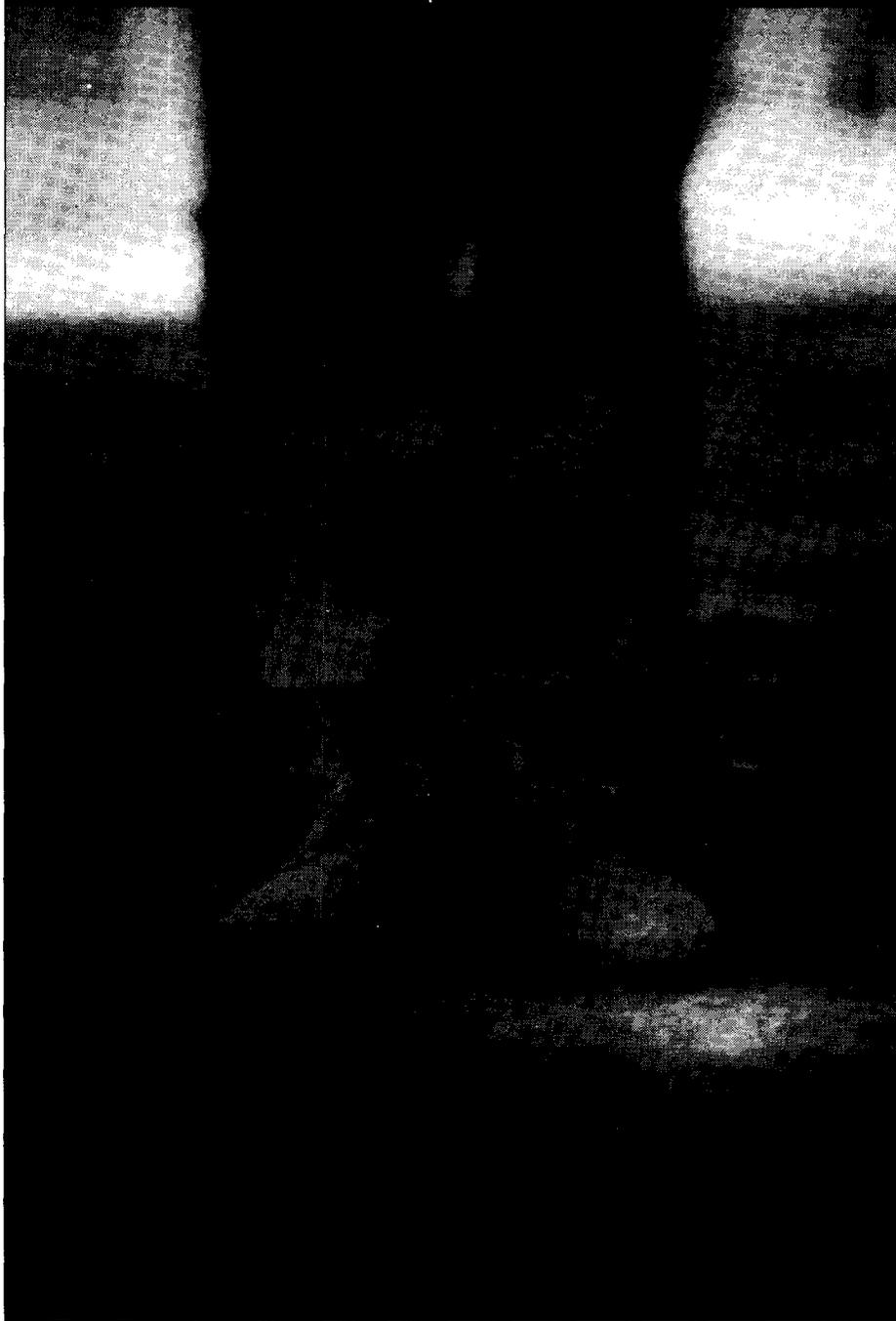
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Mayor's program celebrates first birthday

Volunteers improve quality of life for Redstone residents

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

What do you do if you want the playground equipment in your Redstone Arsenal housing area updated? What if you want to encourage more residents to recycle or you want to organize a neighborhood Halloween party? Who do you call? Your mayor.

Thanks to a little planning and a lot of hard work by volunteers, the mayor's program celebrated its many accomplishments at its first birthday this month. The program's main purpose is to improve the quality of life for people living on Redstone Arsenal.

"Basically, it provides a direct line of communication between housing occupants and the leadership of Redstone Arsenal," Evelyn Teats, mayor of the Apollo Landing housing area, said.

Eleven residents volunteered to represent their housing areas as mayors and vice mayors during the year. Mayors attend meetings chaired by Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, once a month and are invited to attend other community level and council meetings as their schedules permit.



Photo by Beth Skarupa

TEETERTOTTER TALK— Evelyn Teats, left, mayor of the Apollo Landing housing area at Redstone Arsenal, discusses plans for a new playground with fellow resident Tracy Hope.

"The mayor's meetings are always fun. It's not time-consuming," Teats said. "It's time well spent, an investment in the community. You can put in as many hours as you want."

During its first year, the program was responsible for naming the housing areas, placing signs in those areas with the mayors and area coordinators names, renovating the playgrounds, refining the fall and spring plant pickup and organizing a bike rodeo in conjunction with the annual

block party.

The mayors also organized social activities for their areas, helped update the housing residents guide, re-energized the area coordinator program, attended town hall meetings and provided customer input to the housing office, the post exchange, the commissary and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities.

"We've had great support from Col. Swart and all leadership to include the PX, the commissary, DPW (Directorate of

Public Works), MWR, DOL (Directorate of Logistics) and the provost marshal," Cathy Ryan, quality of life program manager, said.

She added that she and the mayors just want to continue their good working relationships with the different activities and continue to be a voice for Redstone Arsenal residents. Also, they will be seeking new mayors for the new housing areas when they become occupied.

"One thing I wish is that more people would get involved in their community or in the different projects," Teats said. "I've always liked the input from the residents on the issues but there's always room for more volunteers."

Ryan agreed, saying "the more the merrier." She explained that vice mayors are always needed and new mayors will be needed to replace those that are due to leave for other installations next year.

"The whole goal of it is to continue to make improvements for the residents so when they leave it, they're leaving it better than it was when they got here," she said.

So what do the residents think of the program?

"I like it. It seems like a good program and a good way for people to get their issues out there," Tracy Hope, a resident of Apollo Landing, said.

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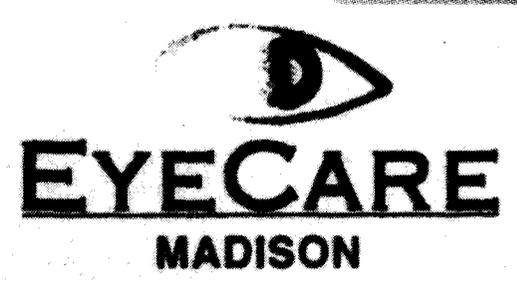
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Redstone employee named chief clown

Clown president gives 100 percent for Shriners Hospitals for Children

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Gordo the Clown had a little trouble getting through the Arsenal gates on his way to work the other day. The guards hassled Gordo – aka Gordon Keene, the supply management officer for Logistics Support Activity – despite being forewarned that he'd be dressed up for an interview.

"Yeah, they gave me a hard time," Keene said, "but it was all in good fun."

He doesn't usually arrive at work dressed as Gordo, but Keene doesn't mind being laughed at – after all, he is a clown. He claims he's always a little goofy no matter where he goes or how he dresses. Sometimes his family gets a little irritated with him because of it, but that's just the way he is. Fun is a big priority in his life. "You must have fun," he said. "You know, Jesus had a sense of humor. Just look where he put us."

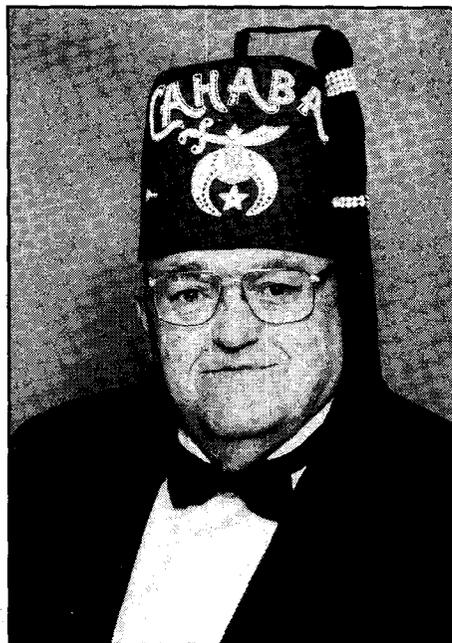
Fun is one reason Keene got into clowning. Another reason is his generous spirit, the same one that led him to become a Shriner in 1974. He was already a member of a Masonic order, an international fraternity that adheres to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. It was only natural for him to become a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

"It's the greatest philanthropy in the world. I mean, all of our work is for children, and it doesn't make any difference what their ethnic background, religion, race is – the Shriners are committed to helping children from everywhere," he said.

Shriners Hospitals for Children help the children by providing them with free medical care for orthopedic problems, spinal cord injuries or burn injuries. The pediatric specialty hospitals also serve as research and teaching centers. Shrine clowns raise money for these hospitals and often visit them to brighten the children's days.

"I've been clowning going on eight years now and it's always enjoyable to watch a child smile ... when you can ease the pain of what they're crying about for a second or a few minutes," Keene said. "It's one of the greatest rewards we get, when we go to the hospital and get to be with the children – talking, laughing and crying – we always hope we'll bring a smile to a face."

He credits George Stewart, Fred Moffitt and Marvo Thomas, also known as Shriner clowns GeeGee, Muffitt and Marvo, with steering him into the clowning business. They taught him things like how to make balloon animals, do his makeup and put together an appealing costume.



Courtesy photo

HEAD CLOWN— Gordon Keene, supply management officer for Logistics Support Activity, was elected president of the Southeastern Shrine Clown Association in March.

They must have taught him well, because he's won several awards for his clowning over the years, including a Children's Choice Award from the Dixie Shrine Clown Association in 1998. He also now serves as president of the Southeastern Shrine Clown Association.

"My main duty is to be the head clown, the boss clown," he said, laughing. "No, really I'm a figurehead within the organization. I'm there to solve problems and talk with people if they need someone to talk to. When we go to conventions, I attend and ensure things go well."

According to Keene the Southeastern Shrine Clown Association has about 700 clowns in 31 Shrine centers or temples, similar to club chapters. The association has two annual meetings: their "midwinter" when they take care of association business and their makeup and costume competition when they "judge and see which clowns are looking best."

"The clowns are the best in the Shrine," Keene said. "I've never seen any dress out better, coast to coast, border to border, across the whole world – plus, we are the largest group, we have the most people of all the Shrine clowns."

Although he has enjoyed the competitions and the fellowship of the Cahaba Shrine Temple in Huntsville, Keene's most rewarding experience came when he went to the Greenville hospital in 1997 to celebrate 75 years of the Shriners hospitals working for children.

"A young child came running up to me and he wanted to be held. I put my hands down to grab him, but he had no arms, just shoulders. So instead of the normal under the arms lifting, I put my arms around his waist to lift him.



Photo by Beth Skarupa

CALLING ALL CLOWNS— Although he doesn't usually come to work dressed as Gordo the Clown, Gordon Keene enjoys making people laugh.

"He was laughing, I was laughing, and I gave his parents some candy to give him. All he wanted was a hug and to thank the Shriners for giving him two new arms," he said. "The hospital there will fit him and fix him up and he'll be able to use them to do so many things – and as he grows the Shriners will fit him with new ones, too."

Although there are 10 units including the clown unit that Shriners can join to help raise money for the hospitals, Keene tries not to spread himself too thin. He'd rather give one unit 100 percent than join

several and end up shortchanging everybody.

Giving 100 percent has made being a clown into a family affair. His wife Irma, who works for the Research Development and Engineering Center, also "dresses out" as a clown. Their four grown children and two great-grandchildren occasionally dress out with them and walk in parades.

"Once you start being a clown and you see the joy of it, you never want to stop. It's like being Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, but in a good way," Keene said.

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Louisiana State Tigers prove too hard to hold

By SKIP VAUGHN
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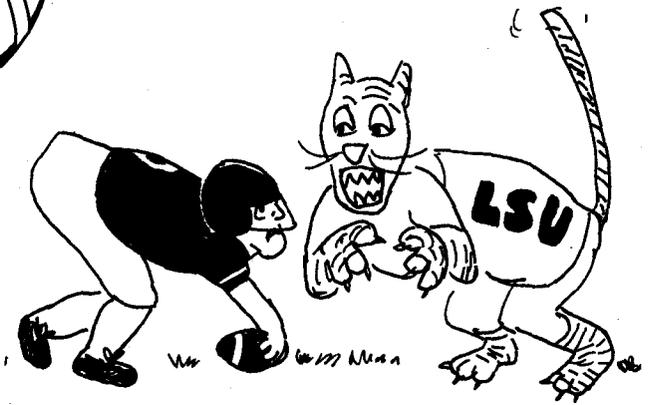
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 Arizona at California – **Arizona**
 Arizona State at Oregon – **Oregon**
 Texas at Baylor – **Texas**
 Colorado State at Brigham Young – **BYU**
 Missouri at Colorado – **Colorado**
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 Florida State at Clemson – **Florida State**
 Rice at Fresno State – **Fresno State**
 North Carolina at Georgia Tech – **Georgia Tech**

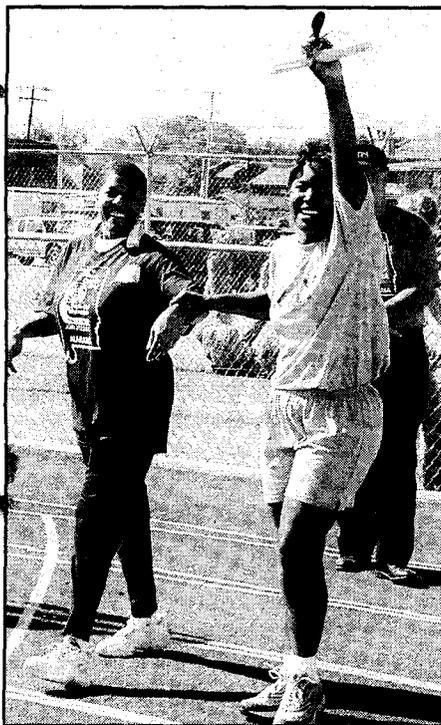
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Photos by Sgt. Sharon McBride

WINNING SMILE— Spec. Nicole Hopkins, right, of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion celebrates with Karen Moore after she crosses the finish line. Hopkins was among the soldiers who volunteered to escort Special Olympics athletes.



Photos by Sgt. Sharon McBride

READY, SET, GO!— PFC Bill Perez of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion pushes special athlete Goteti Gayetri during a race in the Special Olympics Track and Field event Oct. 23 at Milton Frank Stadium. More than 200 soldiers from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and the Aviation and Missile Command volunteered to help out with the special day.

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Soldier kicks up heels in New York's Hispanic Heritage parade

Dancers carry American flags as sign of respect, reverence

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

A Charlie Company soldier recently showed that she's not letting current world events get her down. On Oct. 14 she took a break from 55B, ammunition specialist training, here to participate in New York City's annual Hispanic Heritage parade.

Donning her traditional garments, she danced down the street just 10 blocks away from the demolished World Trade Center.

"We toned down the dance moves a little and carried American flags as a sign of respect and reverence for the events that happened on Sept. 11," Pvt. Andrea Espinoza said. "We wanted to bring cheer to the people there, give them a happy dis-

traction."

She danced with the "Caporales de San Simon" dance group that gets its origins from Bolivia. Bolivian herself, Espinoza joined the group as a little girl to honor her heritage and to follow in the footsteps of her mother.

"The dance has always been in my family," she said. "I learned it from my mom."

Mom was the first to dance in parade; I followed when I got old enough."

The dance she performed is steeped in a very rich tradition and carries a story about the Bolivian people.

"It is called 'Caporales,'" she said. "The dance originated in the slave era when the slaves would be punished by the 'capatses' or slave owners.

"At that time the slave owners liked to wear high boots with bells on them. As the slave owners would march, the rhythm carried by the bells would announce their

arrival to the town. The capatses would also carry whips, which were used to punish the slaves."

So when this traditional dance is performed, the men imitate the capatses by doing these harsh, strong movements as they stomp their feet creating a rhythm to follow the music.

"The women dancing represent the maids that would perform for the capatses and try to lessen the slaves' punishment," she said. "The women's movements are more delicate with a little bit of flirtation."

Espinoza was born in Dallas, and her family moved to New York when she was a little girl. At 17 she can speak both Spanish and English with ease.

"I remember speaking both languages simultaneously as a little girl," she said.

"There are people from Bolivia in New York," she added. Currently there are six different dance groups that carry on the tradition of Caporales dancing.

"I love dancing," she said. "I love expressing my culture."

Espinoza joined the Army because she was looking for a challenge.

"I was out of school and didn't have any money for college," she said. "I wanted to do something for myself and didn't want to depend on my mother who is a single parent."

She said she's interested in maybe seeking a degree in criminal justice or maybe becoming an FBI agent.

"I would like to try to make a difference," she said. Espinoza graduates from the 55B course Dec. 6. She currently holds a 90 percent average, and has a



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

STILL SMILING— A member of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Pvt. Andrea Espinoza participated in New York City's annual Hispanic Heritage parade Oct. 14.

good chance of making honor graduate.

"The Army is the best thing that has happened to me," she said. "I feel that I've proved that I can do something; I've proved that I'm not a failure to my family."

"Back home I was headed nowhere," she explained. "I was hanging out with a bad group of people. I look back now and realize all the grief that I caused my mom."

"I just want to thank her for her love and always supporting me."



Courtesy photo

DANCE TROUPE— Pvt. Andrea Espinoza, center, poses with some of the other Caporales de San Simon dance group members. While in New York, the group danced just 10 blocks from the demolished World Trade Center.

'Pride of Huntsville' Saturn rocket program turns 40

First launch boosted national space effort

U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER RELEASE

Forty years ago this month, Oct. 27, 1961, the largest known rocket to date shook the ground and punched a hole in the atmosphere paving the way for man to walk on the moon.

It was the first attempted launch of the massive Saturn-1 rocket, the precursor for the Saturn V vehicle that later in the decade would propel humans into lunar orbit.

Launched from the Atlantic Missile Range, the SA-1's eight clustered engines developed 1.3 million pounds of thrust at launch, hurling water-filled dummy upper stages almost 85 miles into the sky and more than 214 miles down range.

Former NASA Administrator James E. Webb called the flight "a splendid demonstration of the strength of our national space program."

Just five months earlier, President John

F. Kennedy had proclaimed the United States would send a man to the moon and safely back to Earth within the decade; and it was the highly successful Saturn rockets that made the lunar flights possible.

Once considered the pride of the Marshall Space Flight Center and the NASA program, the massive Saturn vehicles enjoyed an unprecedented 100 percent record of success, including 10 flights of the Saturn-1: flights SA-1 through SA-10 on July 30, 1965.

Even while NASA was building and flying the Saturn-1, just 90 days after that first flight the space agency announced the next generation of vehicles would be designated the Saturn-V, producing five times the amount of thrust at launch as the Saturn-1.

A cornerstone of Rocket Park at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center is an actual Saturn 1-B rocket, with its slightly larger payload area than the 1-A. It's a remarkable experience to stand under this 19-story tall device with the knowledge that it once flew.



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Sports & Recreation

Bowling event

Redstone Lanes is having the "Bowl Hog Wild" event through today. 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.

Youth basketball

Youth Services basketball registration, for ages 5-16, is under way through Nov. 9 at Central Registration, Challenger Community Center in building 1500. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.



Conferences & Meetings

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup Jr. 881-0652.

Acquisition symposium

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is sponsoring its annual symposium on Government Acquisition, Nov. 14-15 at the Huntsville Hilton. Applications will be made for 12 hours of CLE credit, including one hour of ethics, to the states of Alabama and Tennessee. To request a brochure or for more information call 313-1295, 842-0543 or 842-0528.

Helicopter society

The American Helicopter Society, Redstone Chapter, will hold a professional luncheon meeting Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Lt. Col R.A. "Ozzie" Osborn, V-22 plans officer assigned to the Aviation Plans, Programs and Budget branch of Headquarters Marine Corps, is to speak on V-22 Development and Lessons Learned. Social begins at 11 and the luncheon at 11:30. Cost is \$10 at the door. Make reservations by close of business Thursday by calling Ann Baskett 876-3033.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will have a joint luncheon with the Army Aviation Association of America, Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau, DSA. Cost is \$9 for members and \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Mary Ann Green 313-0561.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly

meeting at 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the union office, building 3202. All employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Officer and civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its November luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Renee Lewis from TARGET. Choose from a luncheon menu of roast beef, tossed salad, glazed potatoes, and green beans almondine, or a chef salad, and pumpkin cheesecake for desert. Call for reservations (A-L) 534-4015 or (M-Z) 772-4223.



Miscellaneous

Halloween bingo

A "Halloween Bingo Party" will be held today at the Challenger Community Center. Buy a game pack and get the second one free. Attend in your favorite costumes for a costume contest, door prizes and refreshments. Call Connie 837-0750 for more information.

Masquerade ball

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy will hold a Masquerade Ball, Friday night at 7 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$50 for couples or \$30 singles. The academy's goal is to re-mediate students (grades K-5) who have learning disabilities and/or are performing below grade level. After accelerating them to grade level, they will be prepared and equipped to return to their regular schools. The Isbell Academy is located in the New Shiloh Church Ministries' Youth Building at 5101 Mastin Lake Road. For more information call Patricia Hill, executive director, or Augustus Smith Jr., principal/administrator, 746-9206.

Education for soldiers

Servicemembers have until today to make an irrevocable decision to convert from VEAP to the MGIB, according to the Education Center. To be eligible for this conversion, a soldier must: serve continuously on active duty from Oct. 9, 1996 through April 1, 2000, be a VEAP participant on Oct. 9, 1996, completed requirements for a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate) or have successfully completed the equivalent of 12 semester hours in a program of education leading to a standard college degree, make a lump sum payment of \$2,700, or have \$2,700 reduced from pay within 18 months of signing DD Form 2366. This program is open to all U.S. Military Academy and ROTC scholarship graduates, Section 903, Enlistment Bonus, and Loan Repayment Program participants who meet the aforementioned eligibility criteria. Section 901 recipients are not eligible. Reserve/Guard members serving on active duty may be eligible. The VA will not authorize benefits to any individual while the \$2,700 is being reduced from

pay. Visit the Education Center, building 3222, to sign up for this conversion. For more information, call 876-9761.

Marine Corps ball

The Marines of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, invite you to the Marine Corps 226th Birthday Ball, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For tickets (\$31) call SSgt. Gregory Hearn 876-8963/8964 at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3506 South Memorial Parkway. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 31.

Marine birthday event

The Marine Corps Detachment will celebrate the 226th Marine Corps Birthday with a ball Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For invitations call Gunnery Sgt. Richard Quinn 876-1749.

Post restaurant hours

Beginning Thursday, the Sparkman Cafeteria will extend operating hours until 5 p.m. for take-home meals. Featured menu items will include: barbecue ribs (slab, half slab or plate); roasted style chicken (whole, half chicken or plate); and daily chef special. All items will be available in microwave-able containers. Side orders will include mashed potatoes, green beans, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, potato chips, and daily featured items. Quick Shot Bingo tickets will also be available for purchase until 5 p.m. The November Special is: Buy 10 Quick Shot Bingo tickets (after 2 p.m.) and receive a free fountain drink. Phone or fax ahead to have your order ready for pick up. Call 876-8929 or fax 882-6441.

Community volunteers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers needs volunteers to work with CASA to winterize three homes for the elderly and handicapped Saturday. The deadline to volunteer is today. For more information or to volunteer, call Geri Crabb 842-7716.

Apprentice program

The Department of Defense initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, at the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is the pairing of students with university and professional research and engineering mentors. The high school program is designed for students who are U.S. citizens and 15 years old by the beginning date of the program, June 10, 2002. The College Apprentice Program is designed for undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP and are enrolled in a scientific or technical college major. Other criteria are stated on the

applications. Both programs are fast paced and require disciplined professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers gain additional experience by serving as mentors through the process of guiding first time students through interactive research processes. The points of contact for applications include the senior counselor at all public, private and parochial high schools and the college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Aviation and Missile Command include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31, 2002. If the student is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the high school senior counselor, or college placement service, call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Customer Support C, Betty Duke located in building 5308, at 313-4790.

Tae Kwon Do classes

Youth Services will host Tae Kwon Do master Jeffrey Davis every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., and Saturday from 7-8 a.m. or 8-9 a.m. Age limit is 5 years to adult. Class members may attend one to three classes per week. Classes will be held at the Youth Center, building 3148. Cost is \$40 per month for first family member, \$33 for second member, and \$28 for the third family member. Anyone interested must first register through Central Registration, building 1500, for \$15 per person or \$35 per family per year. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

Spouse badges

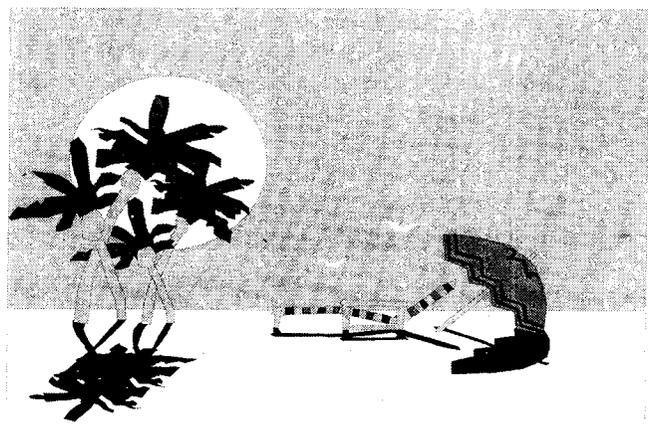
Effective Oct. 15, a spouse who frequently brings their wife or husband to work, and then picks them up at the end of the duty day, is eligible for a Redstone Arsenal identification badge which will expedite their gaining access onto the installation. For the spouse to receive the RSA identification badge, the employee must complete AMSAM Form 1116, then accompany their spouse to the Badge Office, building 3423. The employee will be responsible for the safeguarding, and proper use of the RSA ID badge. To help ensure timely access, please have all spouse's badges by Friday.

Badge policy

Effective Nov. 30, the only badges that will be accepted to gain entry to Redstone Arsenal will be RSA badges, MSIC badges, SMDC badges and MSFC badges. Authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons do not have to possess one of the aforementioned badges for access to Redstone but, they are required to have an up-to-date MWR Patron Card, two forms of valid identification and at least one of the forms of identification has to be picture identification. All organizations who require a RSA badge are required to complete AMSAM Form

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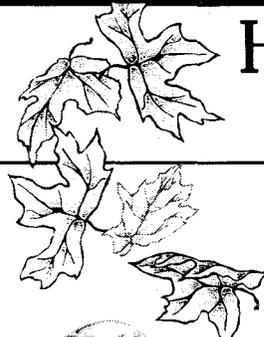
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1116, Personnel Identification Badge Request, for their government and/or contractors employees by Nov. 30. The employees who require a badge will take the AMSAM Form 1116's to the Badge & Decal office located in building 3423 to obtain their badges. The Badge and Decal Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fox health center

Fox Army Health Center may now be reached by one central telephone number. Dial 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 and listen carefully to the new menu. Extension numbers may be dialed immediately without listening to the recorded menus. Extension numbers will be published soon when fine-tuning of this new system is completed.

Commissary on holiday

The Commissary will be closed for Veterans Day, Nov. 11 and will reopen Nov. 13.

Health insurance season

The 2001 open season for health insurance is Nov. 12 through Dec. 10. The Aviation and Missile Command will hold a Health Fair, Nov. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 8:30-noon at building 3711. A representative from various vendors will be available to answer questions. The participating health vendors have extensive web sites for your familiarization or infor-

mation as needed. It is requested that you go to each site for comparative information needed to continue your choice of health vendor or to consider a different health vendor. The web sites are as follows: Blue Cross Blue Shield, www.fep-blue.org; National Alliance and Postal Health Care, www.ahbp.com; Postmasters, www.postmasters.org; Mailhandlers, www.mhbp.com; NALC, www.nalc.org; GEHA, www.geha.com; and APWU, www.apwuhp.com. For more information about the health fair, call Norma Worden 842-9058.

Army family team building

Army Family Team Building Level 1 classes will be held Nov. 5-7 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491 on Honest John Road. "The Army Family Team Building Program has proven itself as a reliable source of valuable information for new military members and their spouses," a prepared release said. Level I courses include: Military Customs and Courtesies; Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation; Chain of Command/Chain of Concern; Family and Military Expectations; Impact of the Mission on Family Life; Military and Civilian Resources; Basic Problem Solving; Army Family Action Plan; Operation Ready; and Supporting Your Child's Education. Space is limited and child care is free. Call 876-

5397 by Thursday to enroll.

Whitesburg festival

A "Fall Fun Festival" will be held this evening from 5:30-8 at the New Whitesburg Center, 7300 Whitesburg Drive. This event for youngsters - infants through eighth-graders - will include games, giveaways, candy, food and a free moon bounce. "Only happy costumes please," a prepared release said.

Nashville bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a Christmas In Nashville/Opryland bus trip Dec. 16. The package includes round trip bus transportation, refreshments, tickets to the Fantasy In Ice at Gaslight Theatre and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes. Cost is \$60 per person. Bus departs the Arsenal at 9:30 a.m. If interested call the CWFC travel coordinator, Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, 313-5924. But don't delay; only 50 tickets are available.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel will hold All Saints Holy Day Vigil tonight at 6. Healing Mass on All Souls Day is 3 p.m. Friday; "all of our close family members who have died between Oct. 15, 2000 and Oct. 22, 2001 will be remembered," according to a prepared release. Korean Mass is canceled for October. Weekend Mass is held 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Fox health center hours

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Nov. 9 and Nov. 12 to observe Veterans Day. Advice Nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments for the Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic. All other clinics and the pharmacy will be closed.

Musical comedy

The Madison Community Chorus will present the musical comedy "Nonsense," Nov. 16-18 at Bob Jones High School in Madison. Performances are 7 p.m. Nov.

16, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 17, and 2 p.m. Nov. 18. All tickets are \$18. Seating is reserved. For tickets call Mike Wassell 722-8179 (home) or 876-8607.

Woodcarvers

The North Alabama Woodcarvers Association will have its 20th annual Mid-South Show and Competition, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10-5 at the Old Huntsville Depot Roundhouse, 320 Church St. Admission is free.

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Dance of the dolls

Dancers with the Ballet Concierto de Puerto Rico performed a mixed repertory program in the Bob Jones Auditorium Oct. 22. The company performed at the Von Braun Center earlier in the week. In this dance called "Munecos," dancers Katherine Morey and Robert Rosario are dolls in a shop that come alive under the light of the full moon and fall in love.

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Sorority marketplace

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Zeta will present the Delta Zeta Marketplace, Nov. 16-18 in the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. The hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. that Friday and Saturday and noon-5 Sunday. Admission to this crafts show is free.

Singles dance

United Christian Singles will have its Fall Fling, Nov. 16 from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Jaycee's Building on Airport Road. Cost is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. For more information, call Paul Ambuehl 837-7414 or Mary Stedman 650-5616.

New Year's Eve gala

The Officers and Civilians Club will have a New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31. You can choose between three events. The Ballroom Gala will have dinner served 7-9 p.m. and live music by "The Usual Suspects." Cost is \$35 per person or \$65 per couple. Ticket price includes dinner, entertainment, full breakfast, party favors, and champagne for toasting. (Limited seating of 336.) The Big Spring Lounge Party will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Continental breakfast is 12:30-1:30 a.m. The \$15 ticket includes DJ, cash bar, party favors, and champagne for toasting. (Limited Seating of 60.) The Firehouse Pub will be in full swing from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$15. There will be

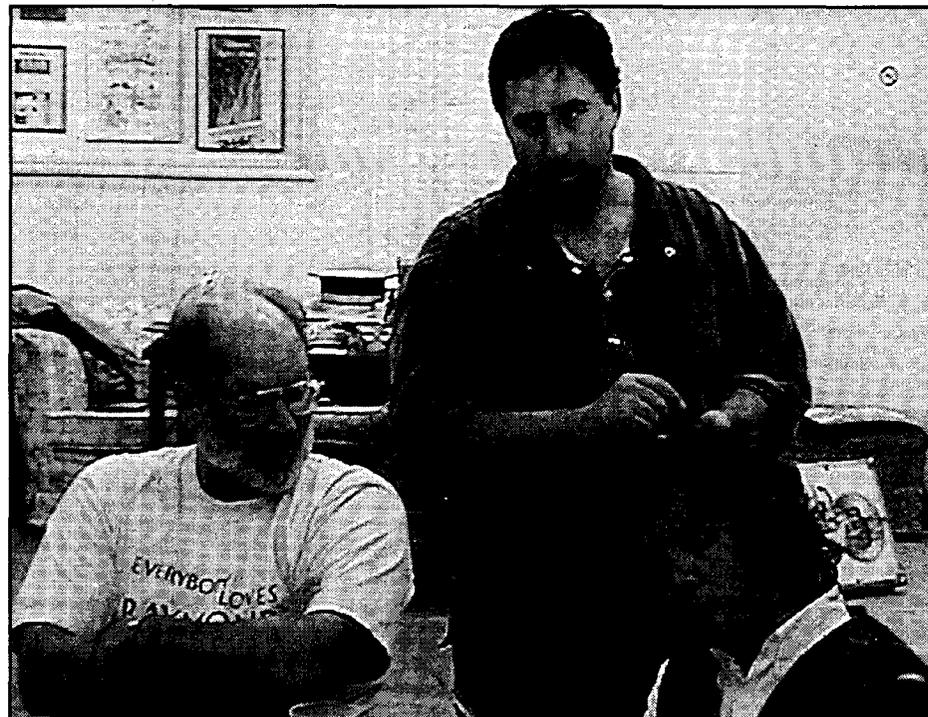
karaoke, hors d'oeuvres, and champagne for toasting. (Limited seating of 100.) There is also an all-inclusive on-post lodging package available. For tickets call 830-CLUB or call Redstone Lodging 837-4130 or 876-5713 for the New Year's Eve Gala Package.

Postal advisory

In recent weeks numerous anthrax reports to law enforcement agencies across the country have focused on a fine powdery substance found on magazines and other paper products shipped through the mail. Recipients should be aware that a common practice in the publishing industry involves applying a light coating of cornstarch to the cover and pages of glossy magazines and other printed materials. This process prevents the pages of these products from adhering to each other during shipping. The fine white or light brown powder produced during this process, called printers' spray powder, is not toxic and poses no health risk, according to officials.

Barbershop chorus

This year's Christmas concert by the Rocket City Barbershop Chorus will be Dec. 8 and will benefit Toys for Tots. "We invite the men from this community willing to learn and perform some favorite Christmas carols with us," a prepared See Announcements on page 26



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Just practicing

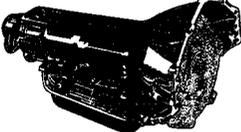
Redstone contractors John Hancock, seated left, and Phil Thames, standing, rehearse a scene from Theatre Huntsville's production of "Terra Nova" with fellow cast member Kevin O'Brien. From the Academy Award-winning screenwriter of "Silence of the Lambs," the show portrays the true story of the men who risked everything for glory: to be the first to reach the South Pole. This dramatic story was taken from the journals of the men who marched to the pole. Performances are in the Von Braun Center playhouse Nov. 1-3. For tickets and other information, call the Theatre Huntsville office 536-0807. There are special discounts for groups, military as well as police and firefighters.

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RO1-01BK0024434B4DW	Training Specialist	3-Nov-01	OMMCS	GS-1712	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
01BK0033385DB1	Pers Financial Readiness Manager	5-Nov-01	RASA	GS-0101	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X																
01BK0028796DC1	Procurement Tech (OA)	5-Nov-01	ACQ Center	GS-1106	5	5	23,729 - 30,852	X																
S01CE0032490KJ5	Training Technician	5-Nov-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-1702	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X												X				
01BK0013907MR2	Supv Prog Support Spec	5-Nov-01	PEO AMD	GS-0301	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X																
01BK0035774DB1	General Engineer	7-Nov-01	RASA	GS-0801	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X																
01BK0035753DB1	Housing Manager	7-Nov-01	RASA	GS-1173	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																
01BK0032654FM2	Aerospace Engineer	7-Nov-01	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
S01CE0024599LM5	Admin Support Asst (OA)	8-Nov-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0303	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X												X	X			
01BK0023311AC2	Prog /Acq Mgmt Officer	9-Nov-01	PEO Aviation	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X																
01BK0012218B4DW	Logistics Program Manager	9-Nov-01	OMMCS	GS-0340	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X																
01BK0032141JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	5	5	23,729 - 30,852	X												X				
S01CE0024846LM5	Admin Support Asst (OA)	9-Nov-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0303	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X												X	X			
01BK0032616JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X												X				
01BK0032257JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X												X				
01BK0030752DC1	Secretary (OA)	9-Nov-01	ACQ Center	GS-0318	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X																
01BK0032663JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X												X				
01BK0032674JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	8	8	32,552 - 42,321	X												X				
01BK0032704JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	8	8	32,552 - 42,321	X												X				
01BK0030767POA1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0080	12	12	52,138 - 67,776	X												X				
S01CE0008679CM5	Architect, Chem Engr, Civil Engr, Elec Engr, Envir Engr, Mech Engr, Land Arch	19-Nov-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0808-0893-0810-0850-0819-0830-0807	12	13	52,139 - 80,607	X												X				
01BK0030969FM2	General Engineer	19-Nov-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	73,268 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WCPC-DCIPS-0013	Intelligence Specialist	22-Nov-01	902nd MIG	GG-0132	11	12-13	43,503 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
S01CE0031398SL5	Intelligence Specialist	26-Nov-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0340	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
AG02046150	Interdisciplinary, Supv Engr (Human Factors), Supv Indu Engr, Supv Engr Psyc.	30-Nov-01	ARL	DB-0000-0801-0896-0180	4	4	67,765 - 103,623	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
AGM1426759	Medical Officer	1-Dec-01	MEDCOM	GS-0602	11,12	14,15	50,964 - 114,251	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
01BK028214DB1	Electronics Engineer	4-Dec-01	STRICOM	GS-0855	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0850	9,11	12	42,091 - 65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	51,650 - 65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
00BK032894ES2	General Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	3	29,392 - 38,209	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
01BK0001385ES2	Aerospace Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,392 - 38,209	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
AGM92700	Medical Technologist	12-Jan-02	Army Intern	GS-0644	5,7,9	11,12	23,633 - 73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
01BK000012JH3	Equipment Spec (Air)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
01BK000002JH3	Equipment Spec (Gen)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
AGM1428029	Counseling Psychologist Social Worker	8-Mar-02	MEDCOM	GS-0180-0185	9,11	12	35,818 - 73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
AGM93436	Pharmacist	26-Apr-02	Army Intern	GS-0660	9,11	12,13	35,808 - 80,279	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
AGM1427198	Nurse	30-Apr-02	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-12	12	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
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X-SP-02-3119-JB	Environmental Engineer	31-Oct-01	RASA	GS-0819	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Civil Engineer	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0810	11	11	45,600 - 57,669	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Environmental Engineer	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0819	11	11	45,600 - 57,669	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Geologist	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-1350	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Physical Scientist	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-1301	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-SP-02-3228-JB	Supv Log Mgmt Spec	2-Nov-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0346	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-BL-02-3249-JB	Firefighter	6-Nov-01	RASA	GS-0081	5	5	22,913 - 29,784	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-BL-02-3248-JB	Health System Spec	7-Nov-01	MEDDAC	GS-0671	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-02-3256-EL	Admin Support Asst (OA)	7-Nov-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0303	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-SP-01-2826-JB	Electronics Engineer	16-Nov-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-SP-01-3215-JB	Prog/Acq Mgmt Officer	16-Nov-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-TM-02-3241-EL	Program Manager	24-Nov-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0340	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
ACU101345	Interdisciplinary, Supv Engr (Human Factors), Supv Indu Engr, Supv Engr Psyc.	30-Nov-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0000-0801-0896-0180	4	4	67,765 - 103,623	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-BL-01-3022-JB	Electronics Engineer	31-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	2	2	23,729 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0645	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Pharmacy Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0661	5	5	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Health Technician	28-Oct-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0640	4	5	21,123 - 30,726	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Instrument Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0649	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Diagnostic Radi Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0647	5	8	23,633 - 42,149	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Dental Hygienist	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0682	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-CP-01-NURSE	Clinical Nurse (PT)	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0610	9	11	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. Citizens are eligible to apply for Army Positions)																								
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																								
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																								
C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																								
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																								
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																								
F - All Federal Employees																								
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																								
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																								
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																								
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																								
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																								
U - All U.S. citizens																								
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																								
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions. Please call their job vacancy line at 876-7772.																								
NOTE: Include Cashier, Food Service, Waiter, Bartender, Custodial Work, and CDC, Youth Center, Flying Activity, and other MWR Activities POC: July 876-2496																								

release said. "Help us and lend yourself to making this a joyful holiday for those less fortunate. Are you willing to give up your Thursday evenings to practice for a few weeks?" If interested call John Gonzalez 852-2408 (home) or 955-6713.

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