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Veterans parade Monday honors Redstone's 60th birthday

Several activities planned to honor those who served

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Because of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 and heightened security of our military around the world, there was talk that Redstone soldiers would not be marching in the annual Veterans Day parade set for Monday.

"Our soldiers will participate in it in spite of world events, you could say," Ed Banville, veterans activities co-chairman, said. "We're going to be there, and march to defy those terrorists. This is a day to honor our military personnel who are now serving or have served this great nation."

Redstone contributed more soldiers, Marines and rolling stock in last year's parade than ever before. This year, with the addition of the newly arrived National Guardsmen, it promises to be even bigger.

Since Veterans Day falls on Sunday, events and activities are scheduled on Saturday and Monday.

Saturday's schedule includes the opening of the new Veterans Memorial Museum on Airport Road with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Later that evening the Redstone chapter of the Association of the United States Army will host a reception at 6 p.m. with a dinner following at the Huntsville Hilton.

Monday's activities kickoff with a VIP breakfast hosted by the City of Madison at the Hilton. At 10 a.m. in Big Spring Park, Congressman Bud Cramer, with the assistance of Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, will present the French Normandy Invasion medals to more than 100 Alabama veterans. Special music will be provided by Carol Kaye and Sheena Robinson.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. starting from Big Spring Park with a reading of the proclamation signed by Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Madison Mayor Jan Wells, and Madison County commissioners. Retired Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, former commander of Redstone, is the parade grand marshal. The theme promotes the 60th birth-



Courtesy photo

IN STEP— Redstone soldiers march in last year's Veterans Day parade in downtown Huntsville. Soldiers and Marines from Redstone are expected to participate in big numbers again this year. The parade will be Monday at 11 a.m.

day of Redstone Arsenal.

"We're very excited and grateful to the support of WAFF Channel 48 who this year stepped in and basically handled the parade setup for us," Banville said. "They are taking the applications for people to be in it and organizing the lineup. Not only are

they televising it live but they are taping it and selling copies with the proceeds going to the victims of the Pentagon fund. They've given us fantastic support."

The Hall of Heroes induction ceremony

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New commanding general's expectations of post exceeded



Photo by Beth Skarupa

HEADS UP— Although Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen is gradually replacing coins from his collection with aviation coins and others that are AMCOM-related, he says his LSU Tigers coin won't be moved from its prominent position. He assumed command of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal Sept. 10.

Dodgen appreciates community despite demands of first month

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

He may be a LSU Tiger at heart, but the new commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal is happy to make Alabama his home – no matter what happens on the football field.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, a native of New Orleans and a Louisiana State University alumnus, took command here Sept. 10. Despite a hectic first month due to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., he's already developed an appreciation for what he calls this "great and prosperous, caring community."

He admits that he and his wife Leslie had high expectations for Huntsville, spurred on by the high praise given by several former Redstone commanders and others who had been assigned here.

"My wife and I were very excited to get down here to Huntsville and I can tell you that all that excitement has been fully borne out with what we've seen and what we've

experienced here," Dodgen said. "It's a friendly city – a supportive city, county and friends – even at the roughest time, and there's no rougher time than what happened on Sept. 11."

Although they haven't been able to explore Huntsville and the surrounding communities as much as they would have if these had been "normal times," Dodgen said he and his wife love it here and were happy to get back to the Army after five years in Joint assignments.

He had served as deputy assistant secretary of defense for policy and missions from 1996-98 and director of the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization prior to this assignment.

Dodgen did have some firsthand knowledge of AMCOM before he came here. As a commander of an air defense battalion in Desert Storm, operating Patriot and Hawk weapon systems, he was familiar with the key role played by what was then the Missile Command in getting that technology and "know-how" to the field as soon as possible.

"I had the Patriot in Germany and didn't have missile

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Suggestion offered for gate security

One possible solution to the extended wait times at Redstone Arsenal gates is to have the newly deployed National Guard troops, security guards and soldiers assigned to Redstone, as their duties allow, survey arriving vehicles prior to their presentation at the gate itself.

Several teams of two or three individuals each could walk the backed-up lanes checking decals and appropriate identification. And for the vehicles that meet immediate entry criteria, they can mark the left front tire with a white chalk mark or some type of temporary sticker so that the vehicle could then move forward for entry. For autos that do not have a decal, but reasons for the occupants' entry are legitimate, they can quickly search under the hood, the glove box, the trunk, scan the undercarriage and issue a pass on the spot. For those vehicles and occupants that do not meet entry criteria, send them on their way.

I sat on Drake Avenue and Patton Road for three hours on Oct. 30 and as my morning coffee made my ears ring, 20 of the aforementioned teams could have made the queue disappear in 30 minutes. We as Americans are costing

ourselves millions of additional dollars in these trying times by not applying simple waiting line theory, as Kroger does, to this problem. Let's give it a try. This is going to be a long haul.

Eric B. Thomas
contractor

Editor's note: The Provost Marshal Office provided the following response. "The Provost Marshal Office would like to thank the concerned citizen for bringing the gate issue to our attention. As the sole law enforcement agency on Redstone Arsenal, the Provost Marshal Office strives to provide the best service possible to all who work and live here on the installation. The Provost Marshal Office plans personnel resources to cover the peak traffic hours onto the Arsenal. With the increase in the number of security requirements placed on the Provost Marshal Office and C Company, 1st 167th Infantry, we work security guards and soldiers in teams for each open lane of traffic. We continue to review our security procedures and determine lessons learned for future implementation. Lessons learned this week will help us better serve the Redstone community in the coming weeks."

Williams School appreciates help

Soldiers stationed on Redstone Arsenal have assisted Williams Elementary and Middle School many times during the past several years. The most recent participation with the school that serves the children in the military are the soldiers in the NCO Academy. Sgt. Matthew Parker arranged the volunteer day with me (teacher Patti McKee). On Oct. 20, soldiers, parents and children worked in the wildlife sanctuary,

"The Big Backyard," at the school, digging out dead trees, hauling and spreading mulch, tilling and cleaning out garden beds (which will now be ready for the school children to plant winter crops). Our school thanks these wonderful soldiers for their dedicated help at Williams!

Patti McKee
teacher,
Williams Elementary

Motorists thank Good Samaritans

We're grateful! We would like to thank the Rideout Road motorists who stopped to assist us on Oct. 29 when our car died suddenly. Special thanks to Dwight

Pope, who brought the wife on to work, and the host of others who stopped and asked to help.

Jimmy and Nita Lee

Gate force deserves driver courtesy

I heard today that some are being rude to the soldiers and civilians who are staffing the gates and I for one am deeply ashamed of such behavior.

Most of us have had to sit in long lines several times to get into the Arsenal, and I for one really hate waiting in line, and I share the frustration and anger about having to sit there.

The security force is there and doing the best job they can under very trying conditions, and they are going to be there a lot longer than any of us every day, so please don't take your frustration and anger out on them. They are out there trying to ensure that each and every one of us is safe while we are at our workplace. This last week the National Guard from Cullman has come in to provide additional security for Redstone Arsenal. Each of these soldiers has made significant personal sacrifices to do this. They have left their regular jobs, most often with significant

financial loss. They have left their spouses and families less protected to protect us in our workplace. They stand out in the elements for long periods of time, and all have been both courteous and professional while we at least have the protection and comfort of our vehicles. They didn't ask for this job, they didn't create the long lines and long waits to get into the Arsenal, they didn't want to leave their family, homes, friends and jobs, but they are doing what is asked of them in time of crisis and deserve to be treated with professional courtesy and respect. Rudeness and discourtesy to these soldiers does not reflect badly on them, but reflects badly on those who are rude and on all of Team Redstone.

Please remember to tell them thanks and that we are glad they are here to help protect us.

Joseph Morton
IMMC

Grateful nation celebrates Veterans Day

On Nov. 11th, our nation pauses on Veterans Day to honor those American men and women who served our country in uniform. This year, two short months after suffering the most horrific act of war in our country's history, it is only right that we pay tribute to those whose sacrifices and selfless service purchased for us the privileges of freedom, democracy, and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United States — the greatest country on earth.

From the first battle of the American

Revolution through our ongoing war against terrorism, in conflicts that shook the foundation of civilization and in humanitarian missions that saved countless lives, our veterans provided the sword and shield that protected our nation.

Veterans Day also provides an opportunity for us to thank the soldiers serving in The Army today, continuing the great legacy of those veterans who marched

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Kudos for awards luncheon logistics

The 2001 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon/ceremony was held Oct. 30 at the Officers and Civilians Club with 147 attendees.

The nominees for the professional/technical category — Barry Beavers, Billy Blount, Theresa Dougherty, Denise Fuller, Larry Phillips, Jimmie Pittman, Terri Schwierling, Betty Stokes, Frank Tarpley and Terry Wheatley — were pre-

sented certificates by Ernest Young, former deputy to the commanding general.

Barry Beavers, Aviation Rockets and Missiles Project Office, was named the 2001 winner in the professional/technical category.

The nominees for the management/executive award — Walter Jones, Carlos Kingston, Ronald Lewis and Louise Ystuenta — were also presented certificates

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Ford has better idea about dealing with small businesses

Procurement analyst attains 30 years service

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Many small businesses are indebted to Lee Ford, according to his boss, Mit Merritt. Ford, a small business specialist and procurement analyst, has been with the

command's Small Business Office since 1984. He received a certificate from Merritt Oct. 31 for 30 years of government service.

"Lee has been a strong supporter of small businesses for over 17 years," said Merritt, chief of the small business office. "He's well known in the community and has been a help to a lot of emerging small businesses.

"AMCOM and Team Redstone led the

Army with over \$700 million in direct awards to small businesses across the nation in FY '01."

Ford, 55, a Huntsville native, is a Vietnam veteran. He began his civil service career in 1965 with the U.S. Postal Service in Los Angeles. He received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1974 from Clark College in Atlanta, and a master's in business administration in 1979 from Alabama A&M University. Ford has two grown daughters and four grandchildren who reside in Atlanta. He has worked at

Redstone since Oct. 29, 1980.

"It's nice but it went pretty fast," Ford said of attaining 30 years service. "Too fast. But I've been fortunate to work in an office where I've really enjoyed helping people. You know, you feel like you provide a service and you make a difference."

And how much longer does he plan to work? "It depends," Ford answered. "I might go four or five years, that'll be max."

"But we ain't pushing him out the door," Merritt quipped. "He knows too much."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS— Lee Ford, left, small business specialist and procurement analyst, is recognized for 30 years of government service by Mit Merritt, chief of the AMCOM Small Business Office.

Veterans Day activities include downtown parade

Although Veterans Day falls on Sunday this year, there are several activities throughout the weekend that are open to the public.

On Saturday at 11 a.m., the Alabama Center for Military History will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the Military Museum at John Hunt Park on Airport Road.

On Monday at 10 a.m., Congressman Bud Cramer will present the Normandy Invasion Medal to about 100 veterans who reside in northern Alabama. The ceremony will be held at the Eternal Flame in

Big Spring Park, across the street from the Hilton Hotel.

The annual Veterans Day parade will kick off Monday at 11 a.m. from the Eternal Flame at Big Spring Park. Soldiers and equipment from Redstone Arsenal will participate in the parade.

Following the parade, an induction ceremony hosted by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission, will be held at the County Courthouse to honor veterans who earned valor medals. Seven new inductees into the Hall of Heroes are expected to be recognized.

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Logistics achievement award winner no longer a runner-up

Management/executive honoree wins in third year as nominee

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Carlos Kingston had a good time during his lunch break the other day. And he wasn't even jogging.

Kingston, an avid runner, was announced as one of the two winners during the 2001 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Awards luncheon Oct. 30 at the Officers and Civilians Club. A supervisory logistics management specialist in the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, he won in the management/executive category.

Barry Beavers, a logistics management specialist in the Aviation Rockets and Missiles Project Office, won the professional/technical award. Both honorees are Integrated Materiel Management Center workers collocated with a project office.

"I'm very proud," Kingston said after the luncheon. "It's an honor. Just to have yourself associated in a way like that with Mr. Young is very special, with his leadership and his values through the years. Just having your name associated like that is really an honor."

The 11th annual awards were presented by Young, retired deputy for procurement and readiness, and announced by John Chapman, executive director of IMMC.

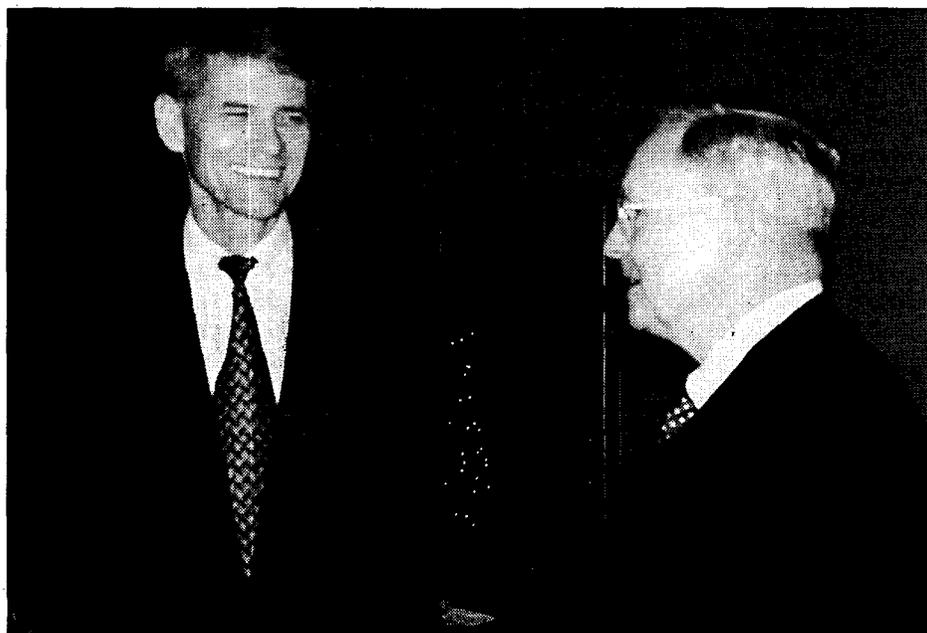


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WINNING SMILE - Carlos Kingston, winner in the management/executive category for the 2001 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award, talks with Young after the luncheon.

This marked the first time there were two categories. Kingston won for the first time after being nominated three years.

"This is certainly an honor and very much appreciated," he told the other 146 attendees.

Nominees for the management/executive award included Kingston, Walter E. Jones,

Ronald B. Lewis and Louise Ystueta.

The professional/technical nominees included Beavers, Theresa Dougherty, Larry W. Phillips, Terri Schwierling, Frank Tarpley, Billy Blount, Denise Fuller, Jimmie Pittman, Betty Stokes and Terry Wheatley.

"Certainly the contributions and achieve-

ments that many of these nominees have made are already bearing fruit and providing vital support to our military now as we're engaged in conflict," said 2000 winner Michael Hartwell, IMMC's associate director for missile systems.

Kingston, 45, has worked for the government for 21 years. He did his undergraduate work in agriculture science at Texas A&M University and his graduate work in management at Florida Institute of Technology. He began his career as a GS-5 materiel maintenance management specialist in the intern program, and then spent seven years at Red River Army Depot, Texas. He transferred to Redstone in 1987 as an equipment specialist. He and his wife, Debra, have two children: Kevin, 20, a junior at Southern Methodist University; and Ashley, 15, a sophomore at Arab High School.

"I'm getting ready for the half marathon and then the marathon," Kingston said. "I run about 40 miles a week right now."

An honorary award was presented to Anne Hughes, who coordinated each year's luncheon until she retired from IMMC Oct. 3.

"She did a lot of the work this year," Debbie Oldani, the current coordinator, said. "In fact she practically had it all done."



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Honored cadets

Courtesy photo

The staff and officers of the Redstone Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol honored several of its cadets in a meeting at the Redstone Airfield. From left are Cadet Christine Bloom, Cadet Erik Oleson, Cadet Cody Klinner, Cadet Nathan Noel and Cadet William Waller. The Civil Air Patrol is the official U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. There are more than 277 cadets in Alabama; and Redstone Composite Squadron was honored as the Alabama Wing Squadron of the Year for 2000.

Redstone's birthday honored in veterans parade

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will be after the parade at 1 p.m. at the Madison County Courthouse. At 2:30 p.m., there will be a dedication ceremony at the Tut Fann Veterans Home.

Banville, retired chief warrant officer, works at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and said that this

year more than ever he expects participation in the parade as well as a good turnout at all the events.

"I expect to see a lot of people wearing red, white and blue," he said. "The American spirit has been rekindled as this nation reunites in the face of adversity and comes together to simultaneously celebrate the 60th anniversary of Redstone Arsenal and the love of freedom symbolized by our American flag."

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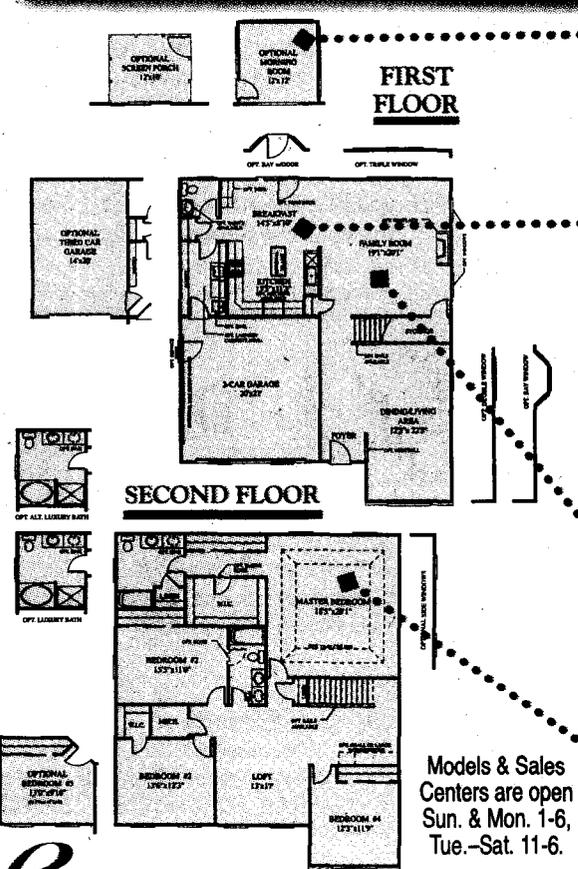
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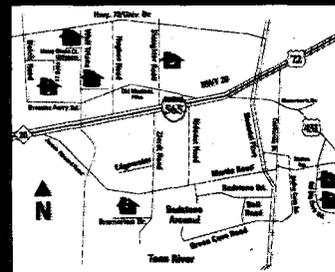


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Sneak Preview!

Kern becomes new commanding general of AMC

New Jersey native gets fourth star

By MELISSA BOHAN
AMC Public Affairs Office

FORT MYER, Va. — Gen. Paul Kern was promoted to four-star general and



Army Materiel Command photo
NEW COMMANDER— Gen. Paul Kern addresses audience upon taking reins of the Army Materiel Command.

became the commanding general of the Army Materiel Command in a change of command ceremony here Oct. 30.

Kern, formerly the military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, brings vast knowledge and operations experience to his new position.

"I am excited to join the AMC team and am honored to serve in a command that is so critical to supporting soldiers," Kern said.

Kern, a native of New Jersey, was commissioned in 1967 following graduation from the U.S. Military Academy. In 1973 he earned master's degrees in both mechanical and civil engineering from the University of Michigan.

Prior to assuming duties as the military deputy, Kern served as the commander, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), the Army's Experimental Force. He was also the senior military assistant to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense; military staff assistant, Defense Research and Engineering for Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and director of requirements (support systems), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. Kern also served as team chief, Light Combat Vehicle Team, Office of

the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition, and as the program branch chief, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems, Warren, Mich. He taught weapon systems and automotive engineering at the U.S. Military Academy and was the department's research officer.

Kern served two tours in Vietnam with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as a platoon leader and troop commander, and was a battalion operations officer with the 3rd Armored Division in Germany. He also commanded the 5th Battalion, 32nd Armor, 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.; commanded the 2nd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division at Fort

Stewart and during Desert Storm; and was the assistant division commander of the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (with oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Purple Heart (with two oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

Commissaries have scholarship program for military youngsters

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY RELEASE

FORT LEE, Va. — Don't be like those holiday shoppers who wait until the last minute. Applications and fact sheets for the 2002 Scholarships for Military Children program will be available Nov. 1 at your local commissary and at www.commissaries.com. The deadline for filing completed applications for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 5 so try and get yours in early.

"The response from military families to the 2001 program was fantastic," said Defense Commissary Agency director, Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert Courter Jr. "Over 5,000 students applied for the scholarships, and through the generosity of our industry partners nearly 400 scholarships were awarded."

"At Redstone Arsenal, we had 58 applications turned in," said store director, Lee Wainwright, "and we were able to award three scholarships. We anticipate receiving even more applications this year and awarding even more scholarships."

The \$1,500 scholarships are funded through industry donations and the program is administered by the Fisher House

Foundation through a professional scholarship evaluation company. Fisher House is known for building and donating fully furnished comfort homes near military medical facilities where families of patients receiving medical care can stay at a reasonable cost.

Sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders, to include active duty, retirees, Guardsmen and Reservists may apply for the scholarships. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DoD ID Card Directive. Applicants may be college-bound high school seniors, or students already enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program.

Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and write an essay that describes how his or her activities have enriched the community.

A permanent link with details on the Scholarships for Military Children program has been added to www.commissaries.com at the "What's New" link. The scholarship application and Frequently Asked Questions can be accessed and downloaded from the web site.



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Community impresses post commander

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defense capability a month before I deployed to Desert Storm," he said. "And in that month, trainers and technical people came out and installed our capability and showed us how to use that capability. I think that's a pretty powerful example of how having this command and its relationship to operations can be very, very important and valuable to our nation."

Now that he's been commander of AMCOM for more than a month, he said his view of the command has only been enhanced. The events of Sept. 11 did turn his attention away to security issues, but now that his schedule is balanced again he's had the chance to concentrate on the command and its mission.

"I'm just really excited and very pleased with the quality of the work force that's at AMCOM. I've met a lot of people that really know their job, know what they're doing, and are doing that job and working hard - and that's, for a guy that's spent a lot of his career out in the field, that's pretty gratifying to tell you the truth," he said.

He sees AMCOM's biggest challenge as maintaining the readiness of the Army with various levels of funding. His chief concern is the level of funding needed to do the materiel management work that AMCOM needs to do, making sure the Army has all the repair parts needed for the helicopters and the aviation and missile systems that are out there.

Another big challenge he sees for AMCOM is being the research and development base for missiles and aviation systems in Army transformation. He wants to ensure that AMCOM is providing some mature technological ideas that can be integrated into the force. He said we have to "make sure our Army's the best, by far the best, not just a little bit better, but by far the best. And that's something we've done pretty well for decades now and it's something we need to continue doing."

What would he like to say to the soldiers that are deployed today who are deal-

ing with aviation and missile systems?

"I would tell them that AMCOM's not going to let them down. AMCOM's going to give them what they need to be a success. They're always going to have, based on what we do here at Team Redstone, they're always going to have the best systems."

"They're never going to have an inferior system to anything else that's out there, I'm convinced of that," he said. "And the second thing is, they're going to have enough, they're going to have enough stuff. That's a commitment that we're going to make to the Army and the force."

Dodgen's come a long way since he earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at LSU in 1972. Back then he decided to join the Army for a few years because he thought engineering work didn't seem exciting. The few years turned into 29 as his commitment to his fellow soldiers grew and although he did find the Army exciting, he found that engineering work could be exciting, too.

Now he's making his home in Alabama, but his hometown will always be New Orleans. That's where he grew up, that's where his parents still live and that's where he goes to get a taste of home - his mother is Cajun and she always manages to cook him his favorites when he visits, things like gumbo, shrimp and butter beans or chicken fricassee. That's why, although he's happy here, he'll never trade the LSU Tigers coin from his collection for one from Alabama or Auburn.

Still, he and his wife plan to enjoy their time here. They're both avid tennis players and have been able to play a few times together despite Dodgen's hectic first month. Dodgen also enjoys a "social round of golf every now and then" and Leslie, an art major, has recently taken up rubber stamping as a hobby.

"Regardless of the things that have happened out of the usual since I've been here, and I'm talking about Sept. 11, all our expectations have been met with Redstone and the community and we're just very happy to be part of it," Dodgen said. "Too often expectations aren't always exceeded, but in this case, they're exceeded."

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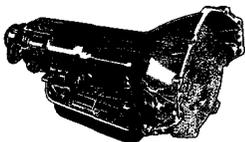
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Council looks out for civilian morale, recreation and welfare

CWFC elects new officers for year beginning Oct. 1

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has elected new officers to one-year terms effective Oct. 1.

They include Charles Urban, president; Jerry Campbell, vice president; and Carolyn Meadows, recorder.

Council membership is two years; and the 51 members are elected by their respective organizations.

"Other than NASA, it (the council) includes all agencies on post and some organizations off post," said Urban, operations dean of the Acquisition Center University.

Last year Urban was elected by the Acquisition Center to remain on the council. He has served two terms as vice president and is in his first term as president.

Campbell, in his first term as vice president, is a supervisory instructional

education specialist in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Meadows, in her second term as recorder, is a management assistant at the Security Assistance Management Directorate.

"We look out for the morale, welfare and recreation of the civilian sector of the Arsenal," Urban said of the council. "We sponsor sports teams, we provide discounted tickets for sports and cultural events, and we operate the Rustic Lodge.

"We have a sports committee and we get discounted tickets for UAH, sports events downtown, hockey, basketball, baseball. And every year we do sponsor a buyout of a (Huntsville) Stars baseball game and then tickets are free."

For more information about council activities call Valerie Carey, business manager, at 955-6739.



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NEW OFFICERS— From left are Jerry Campbell, vice president of the Civilian Welfare Fund Council; Carolyn Meadows, recorder; and Charles Urban, president.

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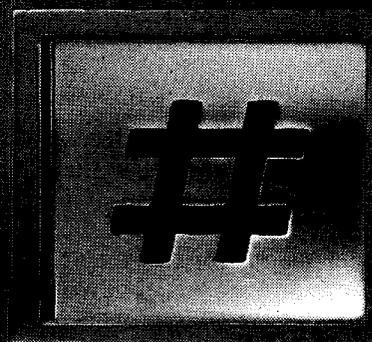
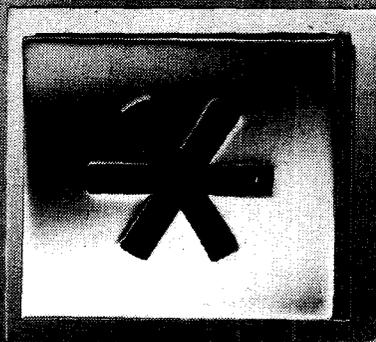
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Patriot PAC-3 missile system entering next phase.

Another successful intercept ends developmental series

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

With the press of a button three weeks ago in the middle of the New Mexico desert, a soldier from Fort Bliss, Texas ended the developmental testing phase of the Patriot PAC-3 missile system.

Spec. Nicholas Miller, of the 2nd of the 43rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion, pushed the button to fire a Patriot PAC-3 missile and a PAC-2 missile that obliterated their assigned cruise missile and small scale aircraft targets, bringing to a close the developmental testing phase of the PAC-3 system, one of the most successful missile test programs in history.

Alongside Miller in the Patriot system's engagement control station was 2nd Lt. Joseph Scott, also of 2-43 ADA, officer in charge of the shot.

It was a fitting end to the developmental phase, according to Lt. Col. Ed Mullin, PAC-3 product manager, because this was the most successful test flight to date.

"Everything worked to perfection," he said. He added that the success could be attributed in great part to the support given to the program by workers and soldiers at White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, especially Angie Delgado, Bill Elowitz and Larry Agan of the Systems Test and Assessment Directorate at White Sands.

This was the second PAC-3 test in which soldiers from a Patriot unit participated. Now that the developmental phase of the test program has ended, soldiers will be conducting more and more of the operational testing, under the watchful eye of the Army's test and evaluation com-

munity.

And it marks a shift in responsibilities for the PAC-3 product office. Gone are the days when nearly everyone in the office headed out to White Sands for each test. A few people from the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office will go to the tests, but they will be there more to assist if the need arises.

"We'll be there as cheerleaders," Mullin said. "But we're going to remain engaged in ensuring the success of operational testing. This is the point where we're really turning it over to soldiers to execute testing and prove the system is ready to field."

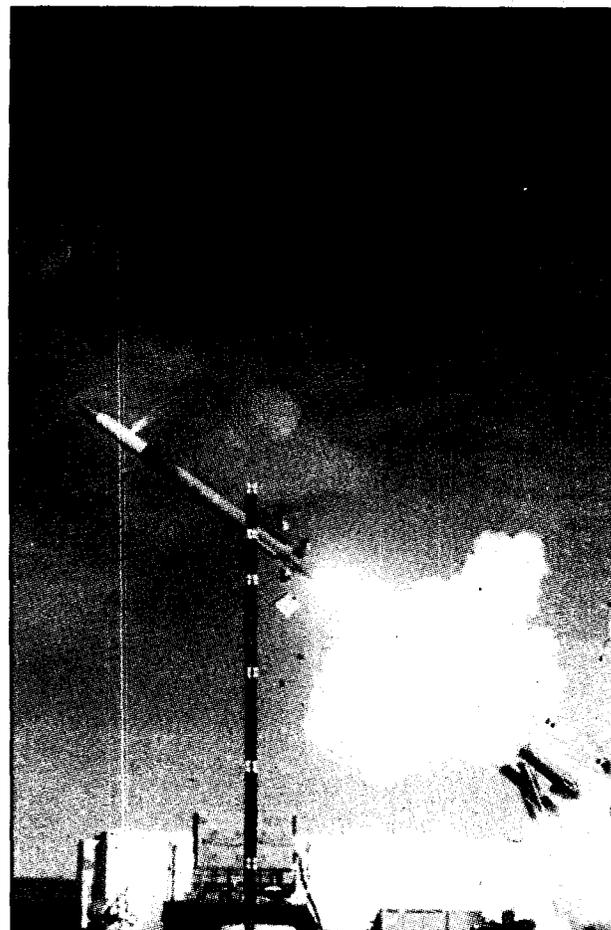
The PAC-3 developmental test program began in December 1997. The first two shots were not against targets; and the third, conducted in 1999, while not an intercept attempt, did intercept and destroy a ballistic missile target. Each successive test was a resounding success, with the exception of one attempt last July, which resulted in a miss of a ballistic missile target. The system has been proven against all classes of targets, including cruise and ballistic missiles and full-scale aircraft, resulting in 10 out of 11 successful missions.

"We have a PAC-3 system that works," Mullin said.

Testing will continue at White Sands, where the developmental program was carried out, except for the last operational test, which will be conducted at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site in the Marshall Islands.

Operational testing is scheduled to run from next January to May.

"Following successful operational testing we will proceed to field equipment and request a full rate production decision in September of '02," Mullin said.



White Sands Missile Range photo
PAC-3— A PAC-3 is launched in this file photo from a previous test.

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DoD gives new ways to express support for servicemembers

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT RELEASE

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense on Oct. 30 announced new ways for Americans to show support for their servicemembers deployed overseas. The initiatives, made necessary by a moratorium on mail addressed to "Any Servicemember," provide alternatives to traditional letter-writing campaigns. DoD suggests that Americans support the troops by instead supporting the communities in which they live.

One way to show support is by doing a good deed on behalf of servicemembers. Visit a VA hospital or nursing home, or volunteer in the local community to help make up for servicemembers who normally would volunteer but are now deployed or otherwise too busy with their duties. Many servicemembers volunteer to coach children's teams, feed the homeless, and aid their communities in a variety of other

ways. Interested Americans can show their support and honor their military by volunteering in their local communities.

Although many towns do not have a military base nearby, military recruiters are stationed nearly everywhere. Local governments and chambers of commerce are encouraged to reach out to these local members of the military, invite them to speak at community events, and encourage members of the community to learn more about America's military.

Members of the community who know military families might want to offer their support by reaching out to those families while their loved ones are deployed.

A number of private organizations are developing web-based methods for Americans to show support. While donations of food and gifts for delivery overseas can no longer be accepted, interested Americans might contribute instead to military relief societies. For more information see

www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2001.

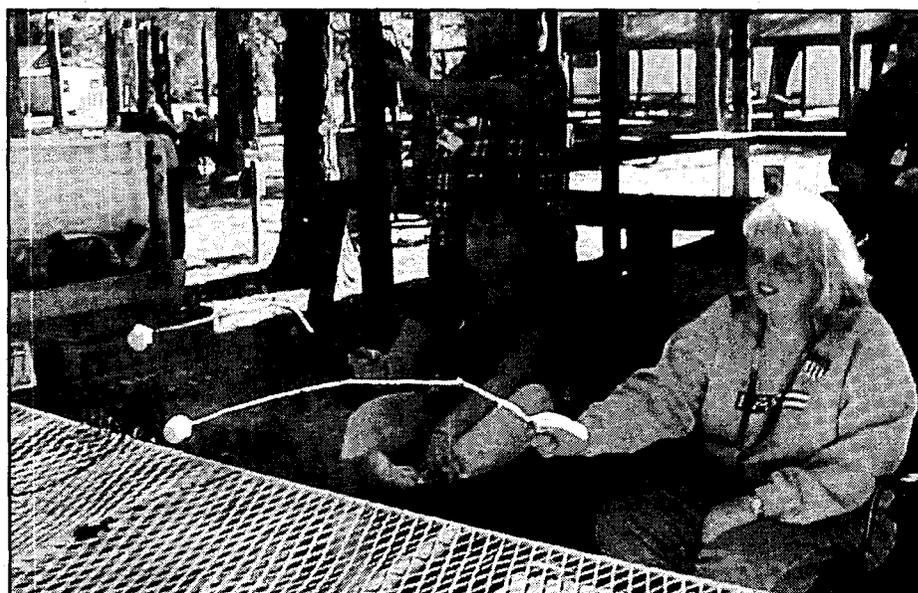
All of these initiatives are in response to the suspension of the "Any Servicemember" mail program for operations in Bosnia and Kosovo. Military postal officials will not be implementing a similar program for Operation Enduring Freedom. Operation Dear Abby, a morale booster for servicemembers overseas for more than 17 years, will also be suspended. DoD officials are working on alternatives to that program as well.

Servicemembers value and appreciate expressions of support from the American

people, and these and other mail programs are a significant boost to morale. However, recent mail-related attacks have resulted in additional precautions and the safety of servicemembers is paramount. The increased manpower required to ensure safe mail handling coupled with the increased volume of mail that letter-writing campaigns generate could exceed capabilities, and therefore cannot be supported at this time.

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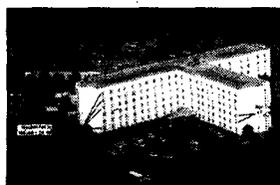
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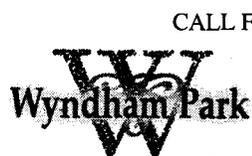
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Diane Colmenero, seated left, and Suzanne Thigpen roast marshmallows during the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center's fourth annual Organization Day, Oct. 26. Doug Roberts and Arletta Coberly get their marshmallows ready in the background. Other activities at the picnic included a catered lunch from Smokey's Barbecue, volleyball competition, board games, and a Mystery Auction that raised more than \$650 for the American Red Cross.

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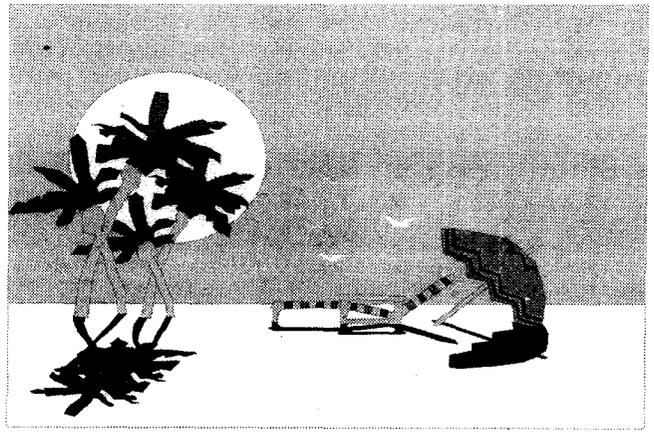
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Heart patient, witches and others get in spirit of Halloween



Warm, sunny weather means hot costumes

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

The folks at Army Community Service wanted to make the soldiers feel at home on Halloween so they got all dressed up. Well, not exactly. Like many at Redstone Oct. 31, they wore costumes to work.

"This is kind of a hospitality thing," said Sue Paddock, ACS chief, alias Raggedy Ann.

Mike Thompson, a general supply specialist at the Integrated Materiel Management Center, was his usual scary self on Halloween. This year he dressed as killer witch Megan Ramsey. He said he originated Ramsey "as a result of the wish to create a female counterpart to Michael Myers, the killer from 'Halloween.'"

Uh, OK.

But even Thompson had to limit wearing his costume on a sunny day.

"It's hot and I don't wear this thing any longer than I have to, to scare the heck out

of the assembled," he said.

Members of the Software Engineering Directorate held a costume contest and an Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser cookout, according to SED's Melissa Holder. They included a patriotic group, a conehead, Batman and Batgirl, and a real-life heart patient.

Rod Roberts, wearing a heart and a surgical mask, actually had five bypasses June 26. He works for contractor SAIC at the directorate.

"You could get a picture of my scars, they're not fake," he said. "So I got me a new heart here."

He looked great.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

YOU GOTTA HAVE HEART— Rod Roberts (heart patient) of Software Engineering Directorate actually had five bypasses June 26.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BUT WHERE'S ROBIN?— Charles Hyder (Batman) and Karmel Herring (Batgirl) look for jokers at Software Engineering Directorate.



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GOD BLESS AMERICA— Patriotic members of Software Engineering Directorate include, from left, Kimberly Danford (Uncle Sam), Cyndy Jones (American doll), Gary King (Uncle Sam), Joyce Oden (Uncle Sam) and Theresa Walker (American doll).

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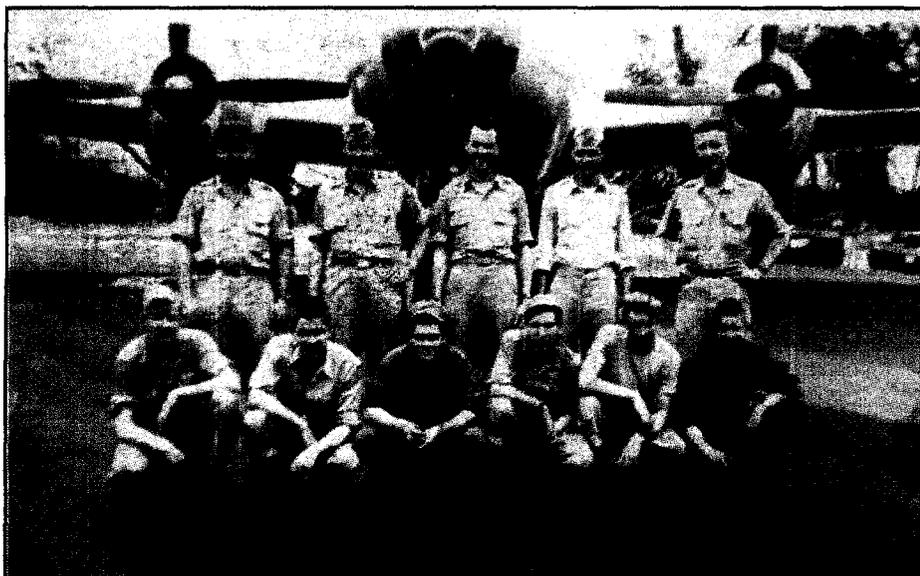
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They are aviators like David Culver (standing at far left with his B-29 crew), sailors like Bill Howard and soldiers like Janine Barham (pulling guard duty in Bosnia). Sometimes their contributions are recognized, like Betty Jolliff (receiving her WAC Good Conduct Medal). More often they are not. Inside this section you will find a few of the stories of men and women from our area, stories that make Veterans Day a necessity.

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They gave all

These are the 356 Madison County residents who have been killed in action since World War I

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VETERANS DAY 2001

Calls to arms

Four local veterans share their stories in what used to be just strange names on a map

By **SHELBY G. SPIRES**
Times Business Writer
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Places like Scwhienfurt, Iwo Jima, Pusan and Saigon were just strange names on a map to most people until Americans died there.

In this century, America has been called on eight times — World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan — to send its sons and daughters to fight. That doesn't include campaigns and peace-keeping missions like those in Bosnia and Kosovo in the last decade.

In Madison County, people have put on the uniform to fight for America during all its major wars. Here, 356 people gave their lives fighting in various conflicts from 1918-1991.

This year, as most, parades and celebrations have been planned for men and women who have served in uniform. Events planned for this year include a reception and dinner at the Hilton. The dinner will honor retired Army Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, previous commander of Redstone Arsenal.

On Nov. 11, there will be a special memorial service at Valhalla Gardens. On Nov. 12, U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer will present Normandy Invasion Medals to more than 100 local soldiers who took part in the historic D-Day campaign, but never got their medals. A parade to honor veterans will start at 11 a.m. Nov. 12 at Gateway Park.

Veterans in Huntsville recall the hardship and the sacrifice given at places with odd names that are listed not only on maps but also in history books.

On wings of angels

John Barnacle, 81, knows the hardships of war. He shot down Nazi fighters while being shot at over Europe, parachuted out of a burning B-24 and evaded capture in enemy territory.

Barnacle, then a sergeant in the Army Air Force, was a gunner on a B-24 flying raids out of Italy to attack German targets in Italy. On his 19th mission, in February 1944, Barnacle was flying in a raid on a target near Vienna, Austria. The B-24 was worked over by anti-aircraft fire, and it started to plummet from the sky.

Barnacle said the pilot kept the B-24 level for as long as he could so the crew could jump to safety.

It was difficult for Barnacle to leave the bomber and jump into the



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John Barnacle was heavily decorated during his World War II career.

sky. Two crew members before him had frozen with fear in the bomber hatch. He had to kick them out, and then it came his turn to leave.

"I don't remember jumping. It was an angel that saved me. My guardian angel pushed me out of that plane. It's the only explanation I have," Barnacle said.

Barnacle was low in the air, maybe 2,000 feet, when he jumped. The parachute just had time to open and cushion his fall. "But I came down on a rock. It was covered by snow, and I didn't see it," Barnacle said.

Hurt, trapped behind enemy lines and without food or water, Barnacle set out trying to evade capture and get back to his unit. He walked through the snow, across difficult terrain, and the trip proved almost more than he could endure. He spent five days walking in the cold mountains.

"I wasn't going to give up. But I came to a point where I just don't know what happened. That last 50 miles, the angel carried me again," Barnacle said.

He evaded capture for 21 days. Eventually, Barnacle hooked up with some British troops in Yugoslavia and a plane was sent to rescue him.

"It didn't stop. We stood near a field. The plane landed and somebody grabbed me and drug me on," Barnacle said.

Barnacle made it to safety, and was sent back to America where he spent five months in the hospital recovering from his wounds.

"I'm proud of what I did, but you

think about things differently when you are older. I don't think I could go through some of that stuff again," Barnacle said.

Barnacle recovered from his war wounds and eventually came to Redstone Arsenal to work on program budget analysis. He retired in 1980.

Probing for mines

Medics are the guys who stand up in the middle of a battle, dodge artillery rounds, risk being shot just to drag a wounded man back for care.

Mel Haskell was an Army medic supporting the Marine invasion of Iwo Jima in February 1945. American forces in the Pacific needed Iwo Jima as a stepping stone to Japan. It was close to the Japanese mainland and was a perfect place to base bombers and fighters.

The Japanese knew this, too, and fought hard to keep the island.

"It was rough there. The Japanese were shooting medics then. They knew if they could get a medic, then that would put a lot of Marines out of action."

America lost 6,821 men killed at Iwo Jima. The majority of those were Marines.

The military was so short of men to fight in the war that medics were pressed into duties that they usually didn't perform. Many nights Haskell had to pull guard duty shifts, but one of the most harrowing experiences for him during the war was probing an enemy mine field.

"We were given sticks with metal tips and told to probe for mines. We didn't have the metal mine detectors they had in Europe," Haskell said. "They way we found mines was to poke around in the dirt."

Haskell said several mines were found and disarmed, and none went off while he was there. "That was a frightening thing to do — find a mine," he said.

Haskell is modest about his service record. He insists there was little for him to do as a medic and gives the credit to the Marine Corps.

"I didn't do anything. It was all the Marines. They were the heroes," Haskell said. "When I first got there, I didn't like the Marines too much. I thought they were showoffs. But I was wrong. I've never seen braver men in my life."

Wings over the Pacific

David Culver, 78, fought in two wars with the Army Air Force and

Veteran's Day schedule of events

Sunday, Nov. 11

2 p.m. — Veteran's Day Memorial Service, Valhalla Gardens, 700 Winchester Road.

Monday, Nov. 12

10-10:30 a.m. — Normandy Invasion Medal Award ceremony conducted by U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer, with assistance from the Association of the U.S. Army and Sergeants Major Association. Big Spring Park, near the eternal flame.

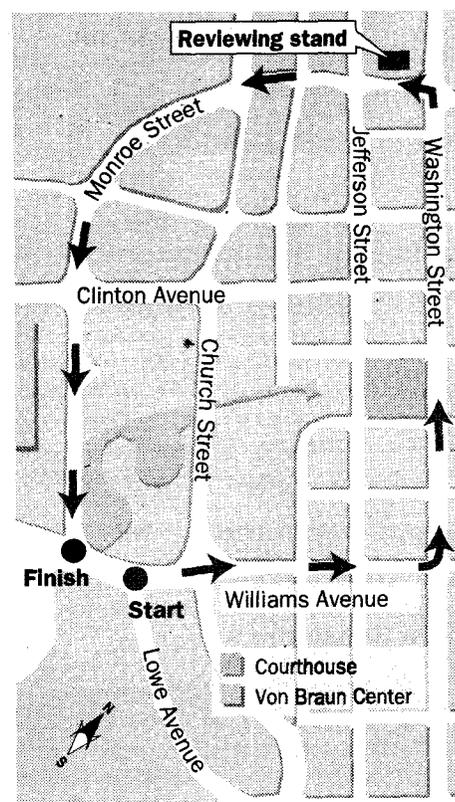
11 a.m. — Veteran's Day Parade. Madison County Hall of Heroes inductees introduced at the reviewing stand at Gateway Park. Broadcast on WAFF-TV, Channel 48.

1 p.m. — Madison County Hall of Heroes induction ceremony, Madison County Courthouse, hosted by the Military Heritage Commission. Speakers include E. Dane Clark, chairman of the Board of Veteran's Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Maj. Genn. Larry Dodgen, commander of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command.

2:30 p.m. — Dedication ceremony at the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann veterans home, Meridian Street.

Veterans Parade

Parade starts at 11 a.m. Monday



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Amid celebrations, local vets share their memories of different wars around the world
Stories

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later the Air Force. A B-29 "Superfortress" pilot, Culver flew missions over Japan the last year of the war in the Pacific. More than five years later, Culver came back on active duty with the Air Force and flew transport aircraft during the Korean War.

Flying as a bomber pilot was a challenge. Huge 800-plane formations left Guam to hit targets in Japan, thousands of miles away. The B-29 crews had to fly 14-18 hour missions during the daytime, exposed to Japanese fighters.

Putting together the massive formations was a ballet of coordination and flying. Bombers had to take off about a minute apart down a long 12,000 foot runway. There was no margin for error when putting the lumbering, four-engine bombers in the air. If one stalled on the runway another bomb-laden B-29 would be coming down the strip in seconds.

On one mission, Culver had a problem with his aircraft that re-

quired him to abort the mission. The Superfortress wasn't going fast enough to take off into the air.

"I had to get it off the runway fast," Culver said. "We ended up clipping a tree and running off the side (of the runway). Everybody got off (the plane) all right."

On one mission, Culver's bomber got shot up by incoming fighters. "The leading edge of the wing was shot. A Japanese fighter attacked us and shot up the leading edge of the wing, and we had to fall out of formation," Culver said.

Culver took his damaged bomber to the newly built airfield on Iwo Jima, which was a few hundred miles off the coast of Japan.

Culver used his GI Bill to go to law school, and came to Huntsville in 1950 to practice law. He was here when the Korean War broke out. Culver ended up back in the Pacific,



David Culver

flying transports this time.

"We would fly from Japan to airfields in South Korea. We flew supplies, troops, paratroopers, whatever they needed," Culver said.

Fighting soldiers from the sky

Henry Phillips, 55, saw one of America's longest wars — Vietnam — from its beginning, middle and end. Phillips served three tours of duty in Vietnam in 1964-65, 1966-68 and finally in 1971. His career covered significant events during the war.

Phillips was among the first troops to serve in Vietnam. He arrived in Saigon in October 1964 shortly after North Vietnamese started attacking American ships and bases.

War can be humorous in a dark way, sometimes. Some of Phillips' missions placed him kicking supplies — including livestock crated and attached to parachutes — out of aircraft high over South Vietnam. Things didn't always go according to plan.

"One time one of the pigs got out way inside the airplane," Phillips

said. "It was running all over the place and we were trying to catch it. Then it just ran out the back of the plane."

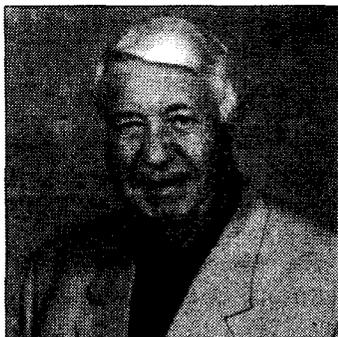
After his first tour, patriotism was still running high in America. Phillips came home and was welcomed by neighbors and family.

"I felt great when I got home," Phillips said. "I was proud of my service. I've never been ashamed of anything I did in uniform. I don't have any reason to be."

In 1967, Phillips was sent back to Vietnam. Phillips went to work with the Special Forces units in Vietnam. Because of his assignment with these soldiers he had to go through a special three week reconnaissance and commando school — called Recondo by the Army — in South Vietnam.

"It was tough. It was just pure hell," Phillips said. "We had to do things like run seven miles, with equipment, in an hour and 45 minutes. It had to be, though. Our job over there was tough. I'm glad I got the opportunity to go through it, though; it's helped me mentally to be

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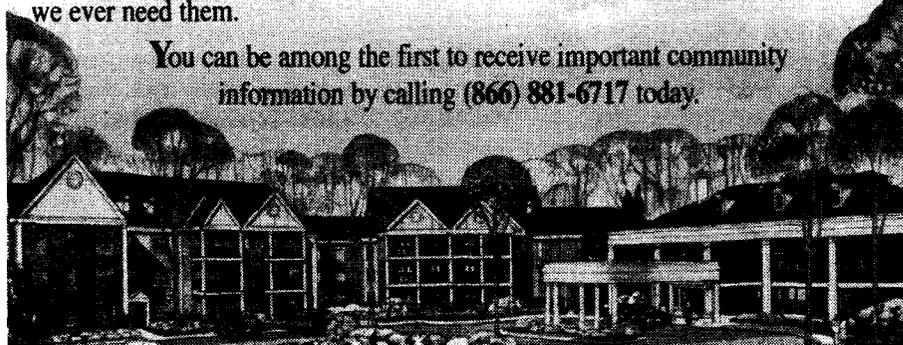
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VETERANS DAY 2001

World War I

Charlie Cook helped sink a German sub in 1918, but finds the current war unbelievable



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Charlie Cook is the oldest veteran in Jackson County and the third oldest in the state.

By **DAVID BREWER**
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SCOTTSBORO — Charlie Cook of Scottsboro was part of a six-inch gun crew aboard the U.S.S. Huntington when it sank a German submarine on May 24, 1918.

That was the kind of battle action he saw during World War I.

But asked about two hijacked American commercial jets slamming into the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, Cook bows his head and shakes it in disbelief.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "We've never had a war like that before."

At 105, he's the oldest World War I veteran in Jackson County and the third oldest in the state.

Until about a year ago, Cook walked, or jogged as he likes to call it, in and around the Cloverdale Nursing Home in Scottsboro, to buy a newspaper at a nearby rack and visit friends.

Today, he's confined to a wheel-

chair, but still makes daily rounds visiting his fellow residents, and the nurses, at the nursing home.

While in his room, where the walls are adorned with numerous plaques and certificates from veterans organizations, governors and even presidents, honoring him for his military service, Cook likes to watch the Discovery Channel.

"I keep it on this station almost all the time," he said. "I like to learn about different places in the world."

But if he's watching the news and there's a report on the action in Afghanistan, he says, "I turn it off."

Cook said the world situation is different than when he was in the Navy. He says it's difficult for him to understand how an enemy could get into this country and destroy something as prominent as the World Trade Center towers.

When he saw it on TV, "I was wondering why we were letting them to do that. I thought we had a better defense than that."

Cook spent six months in Brooklyn while stationed aboard the battleship

USS Utah. While there, he saw Babe Ruth hit a home run and comedian George Burns perform on stage.

Cook was in the first convoy to reach France during World War I. When the war's end was announced, he was aboard a naval oil tanker off the Florida coast. A plane flew over and its pilot signaled that the war was over.

"We didn't do anything. We didn't celebrate," he said. "We knew the war was over, but we remained on the lookout."

When Cook was born on May 28, 1896, Grover Cleveland was president. Warren G. Harding was president (1921-1923) when he first voted.

"I always voted Democrat," he said. "My dad voted Democrat. My mother was a Republican. But it didn't matter because women couldn't vote at the time."

Asked about President Bush's performance in the current world crisis, Cook says he believes he's doing a good job.

"I didn't vote for him," he said. "But I believe in him."

Coming home after three tours in Vietnam, future chaplain saw his nation change

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prepared for challenges."

Phillips served his second tour making sure American units were supplied properly. In 1971 he returned to Vietnam. The war was almost over, and the Vietnamese were fighting without much U.S. support.

"It was a hard time, but before I went I became a Christian, and I wanted to minister to people there," Phillip said.

He ended up about eight miles south of the North Vietnam border. When he came back to the United States the country no longer supported the military, and soldiers were sneered at in public.

"It was hard to come home and see my country change. It was hard for me having gone through the war like I did," Phillips said.

He became a chaplain assistant in 1979. "I worked with young people, and I think that has been some of the most rewarding time in my life,"

Phillips said.

Phillips hung up his uniform in 1989 and came to Huntsville to work with Faith Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church as facilities manager.

In 1991, Phillips returned to active duty, as a senior chaplain assistant. He went to Dover Air Force Base, Del., and out to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. during the war.

He now teaches 7th-grade social studies at Meridianville Middle School.

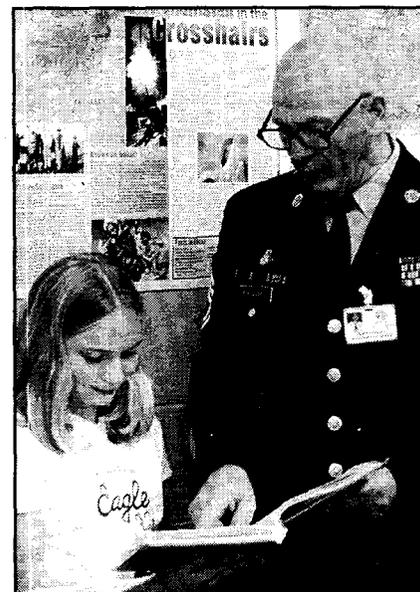
Same old problems

Once again America is at war. These veterans have faith in their leaders and see war as dangerous but sometimes required.

The war on terrorism, although unlike any Americans have fought in years past, will be difficult, veterans predict. That feeling is based on their own experiences.

"What can you do? It's a difficult thing for our people to do, but they'll find them," Barnacle said. "They have to."

To date, the attacks against the Taliban in Afghanistan have been made mostly by air. However, a few



Eric Schultz/Huntsville Times

Henry Phillips in his class with Meridianville student Ashley Kosiba.

ground troops have been involved, mostly special commandos.

Phillips, a former special forces

soldier, has faith that the commandos of today can take care of the hard job of attacking the Taliban forces and finding Osama bin Laden.

"The only way to get a rat is to smoke him out of his hole," Phillips said. "Our guys can do that."

The training is more intense and longer than it was for Phillips in Vietnam. He said the soldiers of today are equipped to deal with the threats of America's enemies.

"These guys are prepared to fight. The level of experience they have is above and beyond what troopers who are just coming in the Army have," Phillips said.

It's not an easy assignment. Afghanistan is a mountainous country.

"It's tough to fight somebody you can't see, but I think what they are doing is the right way to go about it. I have confidence they will do what needs to be done," Culver said.

Culver said it was a shock, having lived through the attack on Pearl Harbor and fought in two wars, to see his country under attack again.

"Who would think this could happen," Culver said. "Nobody could dream it."

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VETERANS DAY 2001

World War II

Joining the Navy at 17, Howard became a three-time survivor of close calls in the Pacific

By **MIKE KELLEY**
For *The Times*

At age 17, William Howard joined the Navy — not to see the world, but to get in a year of sea experience.

He was just trying to get his sea duty out of the way in preparation to go to the Naval Academy Preparation School. The decision changed his life, and nearly cost his life on three separate occasions during World War II.

Battle of Coral Sea

Just out of high school at age 17 in the fall of 1941, Howard wanted a college education. He had the grades required to get into the Navy prep school, but the rules then required a young man to have a year of sea duty, unless you had a congressional appointment.

He joined the Navy in September, and by December 1941, Seaman Apprentice Howard was assigned to the aircraft carrier Yorktown at her home port of Norfolk, Va.

With the attack on Pearl Harbor, Howard found himself heading for the Pacific. Nothing has lodged in his memory so vividly as his experiences during those next three years. The Yorktown would see action in two major air-sea battles that shaped America's fortunes in the war against Japan — Coral Sea and Midway.

Sailing from Norfolk, Christmas was spent passing through the Panama Canal. The crew enjoyed a stop at San Diego before heading into the Pacific to face the fury of the Japanese navy.

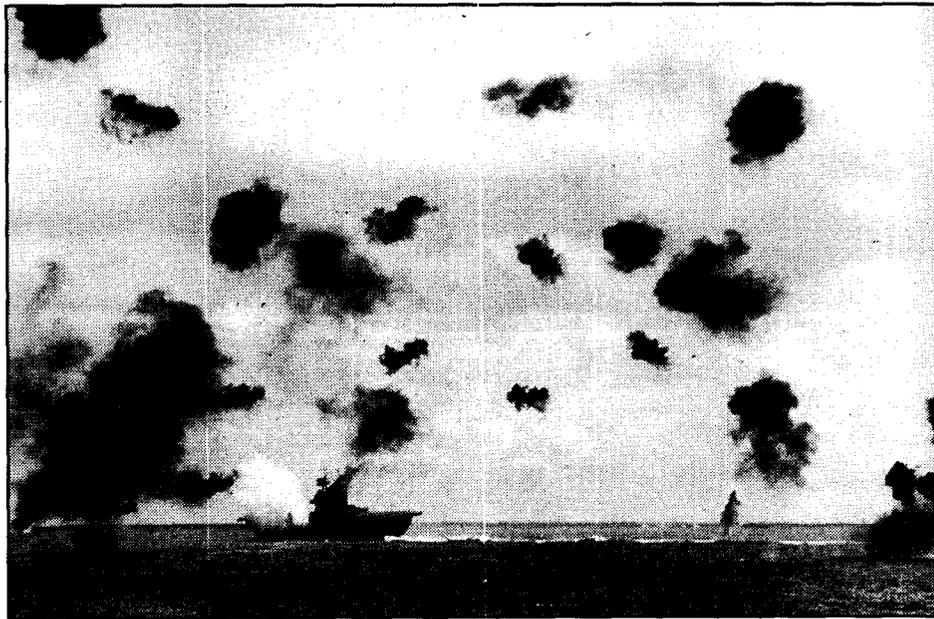
After tours to escort Marines to several Pacific Islands and the bombing of Japanese bases in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, in late April the Yorktown and her sister carrier Lexington steamed into the Coral Sea near Australia.

The Battle of Coral Sea began May 4 and lasted until May 8. On the last day of the battle, Japanese bombs and torpedoes damaged the Lexington so badly that the Navy decided to scuttle it rather than let it fall into Japanese hands.

"I could see the glow of the Lexington burning before it sank. It was a sight to behold," said Howard.

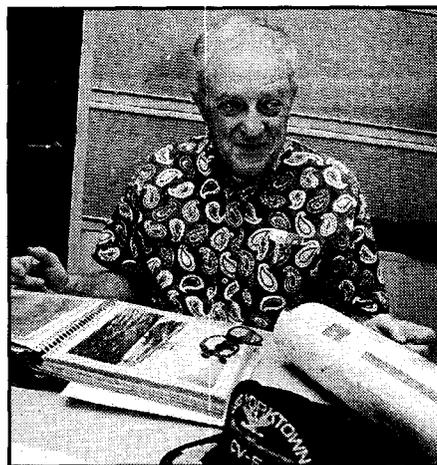
Howard's carrier was also hit on May 8. A Japanese armor-piercing bomb hit the Yorktown's flight deck, piercing through four decks before exploding. Another bomb hit the catwalk.

"It went through a catwalk just 6



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Amid anti-aircraft bursts, smoke rises from the USS Yorktown after a Japanese bomber hit the aircraft carrier in the Battle of Midway.



Bryan Bacon/Huntsville Times

Bill Howard joined the Navy in the fall of 1941 just to get a year's experience at sea.

inches away from a Marine manning a 20 millimeter gun. The man just fainted dead away," Howard said.

He was part of a work detail assigned the gruesome task of gathering bodies and body parts of men killed in the explosion.

"We were told to save all the arms, legs, hands and fingers for identification. After a while, you got used to it. I've been fortunate that I've not had nightmares and flashbacks about it."

Despite the damage, Yorktown made it back to Pearl Harbor for

repairs, estimated to take 90 days. But Navy intelligence, decoding Japanese communications, intercepted Japanese plans for an impending attack at Midway, a major American naval base about halfway between the Aleutian Islands and Hawaii.

Battle of Midway

Fleet Commander Admiral Chester Nimitz, wanting the Yorktown back in action as soon as possible, ordered the carrier to be made seaworthy in three days.

The Yorktown arrived at Midway June 4, just as the attack began. But for the U.S. Navy, it was payback time. The famous air-sea battle of Midway cost the Japanese four aircraft carriers as well as several other ships, and turned the tide of the war in the Pacific.

Yorktown, however, did not fare as well. It was hit by three Japanese bombs and two plane-launched torpedoes and was burning. The order went out to abandon ship.

"I let myself down by a rope from the bow after I and some other fellows decided this was the safest way," Howard said.

He swam away from the Yorktown. A rescue party from the destroyer Russell picked him out of the sea after about two hours in the water.

The Yorktown's chaplain had passed out small New Testaments provided by the Gideons. When he

jumped into the Pacific Ocean, Howard still had his in his pocket. Water-stained, the little Bible is a cherished memento of his rescue on June 8.

The Yorktown, though heavily damaged, was still afloat, and it was felt the ship could be repaired. As the battle ended, efforts were made to tow the Yorktown back to Pearl Harbor. But a Japanese submarine, the I-168, put those hopes to an end two days later when it put two more torpedoes into the stricken ship. The Yorktown sank in 18,000 feet of water. But for Howard, there was still one more round of survival against the odds.

He returned to active duty aboard the Altamaha, a smaller carrier used to transport aircraft in the Pacific theater. By February 1945, MacArthur's forces, island-hopping across the Pacific, were closing in on Japan.

After defeat in the Philippines in 1942, MacArthur had promised to return. The Altamaha was bringing a load of fighter aircraft to support the imminent Philippine landings when a violent typhoon blew up.

It would later be reported that this was the worst typhoon in that part of the Pacific in more than 50 years. "The ship was pitching terribly. It was six hours when you didn't know if you would live or sink," Howard said.

Though the Altamaha survived, her escort destroyer, the U.S.S. Hull, did not. What enemy shells and torpedoes did not do, the typhoon did. The Hull and two other destroyers went to the bottom, taking nearly 800 men with them.

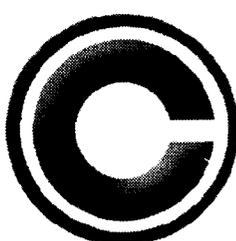
Better support from public

Today, Howard takes part in occasional reunions of the men with whom he served. A frequent topic of conversation is the state of America and her military preparedness.

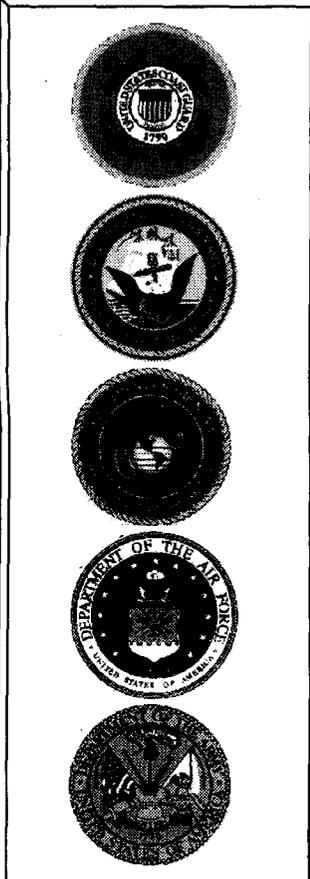
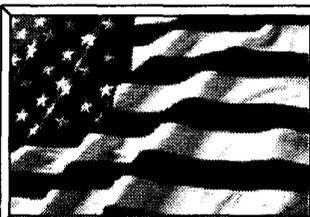
In the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks, Howard said he sees a nation more unified than in any conflict America has experienced since World War II.

"We have much better support from the American people than we had, say, in Vietnam," he said, recalling the time when returning GIs were labeled murderers and baby killers.

But Howard wonders how long the support will last. "If it wasn't for this anthrax," he said, "the American people would be largely getting over the loss of those 5,000 people."



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VETERANS DAY 2001

World War II

Clovis and Joe Steele left behind their Mississippi cotton farm to fight for their country

By **SHELBY G. SPIRES**
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In a Mississippi cotton patch, Clovis and Joe Steele, brothers, decided they were going to rise above poverty. It took a world at war to give them that opportunity.

"My brother was smarter about these things than me," said Joe Steele, now 78. "He told me the only way out of the fields was through an education. One way to get an education was to put on a uniform. That's what we did."

Joe Steele came to Huntsville in 1963 and built a million-dollar real-estate business. His brother Clovis followed in 1978 and became a successful home builder.

Neither brother wanted to be drafted into the Army. So when World War II started, they decided to sign up instead of waiting for a draft notice.

Clovis went to the Navy. Joe decided the Marine Corps was for him.

The Steele brothers' war experience are like a Hollywood movie script — kamikaze runs, sinking ships and ammo dump explosions. Clovis Steele, now 82, fought in every major battle in the Pacific during the closing two years of the war. Joe Steele came in and fought with the Marines in the closing days of the war, and witnessed some of combat's horrifying effects on men.

Bombs and suicide planes

Clovis Steele served in 1943 on board the U.S.S. Maddox in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea.

His job on the warship was to coordinate the fire of the destroyer's guns. He sat with a crew of five others in a room just above the Maddox's bridge some 40 feet off the water.

While the invasion of Sicily was under way, the Maddox went out to chase submarines. The destroyer was hailed back closer to Sicily before it could churn up any Axis subs.

"We were called back in to do support firing of our five-inch guns," Clovis Steele said.

The Maddox was needed to pound the beaches with gunfire in support of the landing. In his haste to get to the Sicilian shore, the captain increased the ship's speed to about 30 mph.

"We were under moonlight, and the ship was leaving a wake that you could see for miles. A Ju-88 German bomber followed the wake right up to us and put a bomb on our ship," Clovis Steele said.



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Clovis Steele, left, and brother Joe served in World War II and say they'd help the U.S. military today if needed.

The explosion crippled the 1,650-ton destroyer. The captain was dead, and about a third of the ship had been blown away by the bomb. The surviving crew was in chaos.

A few years in the Navy had taught Steele to be resourceful. He cranked open his hatch and saw that the water that was normally 40 feet below was now about 10 feet away.

Steele decided it was time to leave the ship. "I guess that country-boy survival instinct kicked in," he said.

The Maddox's bow pointed straight up to the sky, and it went down in about two minutes, Steele said. It took 210 men to their deaths. Steele was one of 74 who escaped.

"I swam around the sea for about two hours, and I was exhausted and covered in oil from the ship. The waves were so high that when you went down one side you couldn't see anything when you bottomed out," Steele said.

Finally, Steele was plucked from the ocean by an American boat, and taken to a safe port. In a few weeks he was sailing in a troop ship back to America.

The war wasn't over for Clovis Steele, though. He went back to the States to take an advanced gunnery course from the Navy and was back in 1944 directing gunfire in the war against Japan.

He was placed on the U.S.S. Leutze, another destroyer.

"We went pretty well all over the Pacific supporting the invasions of Japanese-held islands," Clovis Steele said. "That ship lived a charmed life. In practically every one of those we were hit by something. Small guns, bombs, mortars and suicide planes."

Clovis Steele and the Leutze supported major sea battles such as the Peleliu landings, the Leyte Gulf battle, the Iwo Jima invasion, the battle for Luzon Island in the Philippines and the Okinawa invasion.

Near Okinawa, on April 6, 1945, Clovis Steele came close to death again. This time it was at the hands of a Japanese suicide bomber — one of the dreaded kamikaze attackers.

The Leutze had pulled up alongside a damaged ship to help fight fires during the Okinawa fight.

The Japanese plane came in low,

just above the waves, and the Leutze's crew couldn't shoot at it because its guns were blocked by the other destroyer.

"I was looking right down the magnified gun sight when he came in. I could see the plane, but our guns couldn't do anything about it," Steele said. "It just came on."

The suicide bomber was aiming for the other ship, but it glanced off and smashed into Clovis Steele's ship.

The plane was loaded with fuel and a 500-pound bomb, Clovis Steele said. It blew a huge hole in the side and deck of the Leutze, leaving it crippled.

The U.S. ships survived an onslaught of more than 300 kamikaze attacks on that one day, Clovis Steele said. "They just kept coming, and we got some of them. Some of them we didn't," he said.

For the next three months, Clovis Steele and the Leutze sat in the Pacific, along with more than 30 other damaged ships, waiting to be patched up for a voyage back to the United

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Brothers saw a lot of World War II, from Nazi bombs to Japanese suicide planes

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States and repairs.

Headed to war

Joe Steele's a modest man when it comes to his service record. He maintains his brother should get all the credit for service.

"I didn't do all that much, just what everybody else was doing," Joe Steele said. "At that time most everybody who could was going into uniform. I'd go again if they would take me."

He opted for the Marines mainly because he liked the uniform. The Marines took him from Mississippi to California to the South Pacific.

Joe Steele's exposure to war came not in the Pacific, but in the United States when a terrible explosion rocked a Navy pier on July 17, 1944, in the San Francisco Bay area.

"We were at Port Chicago. It was a munitions storage area a lot like the (Redstone Arsenal) here," Joe Steele said. "There was this huge explosion. I was a long way from it,

but it was so big could just feel it."

From there, he went to the Pacific. On the way to Japan, Joe Steele's troop ship was in the path of a kamikaze plane.

"It was headed right for us. I thought, you could see it coming full bore headed for us, it was going to hit us," Steele said. "It flew just over us and hit a ship right next to us."

Steele served in the Philippines and later in Japan at the end of the war. He saw a number of wounded men, some who had lost limbs.

"That's something that gets to you. You see the men who were hurt, and they were still happy. They were all so happy to be going home alive," Steele said.

Saved by The Bomb

The war ended, and the Steele brothers were happy about it. Both figured they would play a part in the invasion of Japan. The War Department was mustering more than 2



Joe Steele

million men to invade the island, and it expected to take more than a million in casualties from the fighting.

The atomic bomb stopped that. On Aug. 6 and Aug. 9, 1945, the Army Air Force dropped atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. According to the Japanese government, the bombs killed 118,661 people in Hiroshima and 73,884 people in Nagasaki.

Japanese leaders surrendered Sept. 3, 1945. To veterans of the time, the A-bomb meant they didn't have to fight Japanese soldiers on their home ground.

"I've got no problems with the bomb," Clovis Steele said. "People don't understand how the Japanese fought. They don't understand it unless they were (fighting in the Pacific). That bomb saved a lot of Americans."

Many Japanese soldiers committed suicide by jumping off cliffs or stabbing themselves with ceremonial knives — called hari-kari.

Emperor Hirohito, reviled by many at the time for starting World War II, was one who tried to commit suicide with a knife, but he failed. Steele and a few fellow Marines

came upon Hirohito's private hospital where the emperor was being treated for his wounds.

"There were a bunch of Army guys guarding (the hospital) . . . We saw him come out, and we said some pretty ugly things to him, like why didn't he finish the hari-kari job," Joe Steele said. "He just smiled and waved at us. We were pretty mad though."

Going back to fight

Today, Americans are facing a new enemy. They live in a different place, wear different uniforms, but the threat to American lives is the same. After 55 years of prosperous civilian life, the Steele brothers stand ready to fight again if need be.

"I'd answer the phones or make coffee if they wanted me to. Whatever they need, I'd do it," Joe Steele said. "I want to help."

"It's a different type of war, but it looks like they are doing what they should be doing," Clovis Steele said. "If they needed my help, then I'd be glad to help. I don't know what I could do, but I'd do it again if I had to."

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VETERANS DAY 2001

Korea and beyond

Wounded in action, Tate spent decades helping guide the Army's missile programs

By MIKE KELLEY
For The Times

Gen. Douglas MacArthur told a joint session of Congress in 1951 that "old soldiers never die, they just fade away."

That can hardly be said of Maj. Gen. Grayson Tate. After a military and civilian career spanning nearly 43 years, the retired general finds time to head or serve in veterans organizations, organize veteran reunions and take an active role in his church.

An old war wound still demands the slightest hint of a limp, another source of pride to a man who was told at age 22 he might never walk again.

Tate was a young second lieutenant, fresh out of West Point. He'd just gotten married. Life was looking rosy when, while he picked vegetables with his new bride at Martha's Vineyard, just off Cape Cod, the radio reported that North Korean troops had crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea.

It was obvious where his first assignment would be.

"I looked at Anne and told her I wouldn't be here long," he recalled.

Reporting shortly afterward to Ft. Devens, Mass., his unit was alerted for immediate movement to the Far East, with the first stop an old Japanese army training camp in Japan.

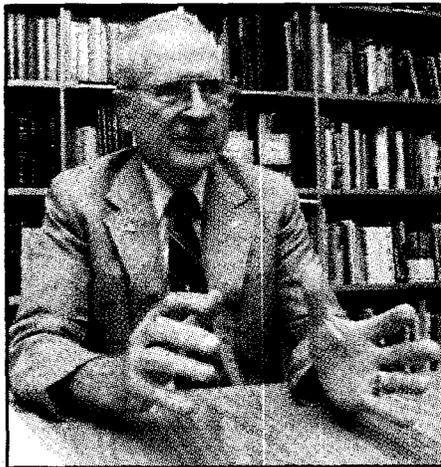
Within weeks he was on his way to Korea as an artillery officer with the Army's 3rd Division. Less than 5 months out of West Point, and Tate was facing combat.

Upon his arrival in Korea, he learned that a West Point classmate, John Trent, had been killed in action on the outskirts of Wonsan. Trent had been captain of the 1949 Army football team.

The news didn't get any better. In November, North Korea's huge benefactor to the north, the People's Republic of China, entered the war with 300,000 troops.

Though at less than full strength from cutbacks after World War II, the 3rd Division and other units were assigned the task of defending the Korean port of Hungnam, which was to be the escape point for the massive United Nations detachment that suddenly found itself badly overextended and was rapidly pulling back toward the coast.

"We hadn't completed our training at that point, and there were some problems communicating with the Republic of Korea troops," Tate said,



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Maj. Gen. Grayson Tate retired after a military and civilian career spanning nearly 43 years.

recalling the hundreds of new recruits and green officers filling the ranks.

The Chinese struck hard on Nov. 22, intending to crush the 1st and 3rd Marine and Army 7th Divisions, who, with the South Korean units, were maintaining a defensive perimeter around Hungnam. Vastly outnumbered, plans were made to evacuate the Army, Dunkirk-style, from Hungnam.

By mid-December 100,000 Allied troops and more than 50,000 civilians were loading onto ships in Hungnam harbor. Before they left, the Army destroyed tons of munitions and supplies for which there was no room on the ships.

"I remember the explosions. They lit up the whole waterfront," Tate said.

Disaster had been averted, but with heavy casualties. A close friend and former West Point classmate, Lt. Willie Coates, was killed in the heavy fighting around Hungnam. He had been an usher at Tate's wedding.

Regrouping at Pusan, down the coast, Tate's 3rd Division moved inland to join other United Nations forces about 50 miles south of Seoul, which had been captured by the Chinese.

The allied counteroffensive came late in January 1951. Six days later Tate was seriously wounded when a large fragment from an exploding Chinese shell tore off a large portion of his right thigh.

After initial treatment at a mobile army surgical hospital and more surgeries in Japan, Tate was sent back

to the United States for what would be a four-month recovery period.

"The doctors said I would never again have normal use of that leg."

It wasn't long before Tate proved them wrong.

While in the hospital, Tate pondered his future. He decided to get involved with the Army's newest weapon, guided missiles. As soon as he was able, he enrolled in the Guided Missile Staff Officer Course at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Then followed the first of many assignments in his long association with guided missiles and nuclear weapons, beginning with the U.S. Army version of the German V-1. Dubbed the "buzz bomb" because of the loud buzzing sound its engines made in flight, the V-1 was designed to operate well at sea level, not in the 4,000-foot altitudes of the New Mexico mountains near Ft. Bliss.

Tate's arrival at Ft. Bliss nearly coincided with the departure of Wernher von Braun's German rocket team, which had left Ft. Bliss in 1950 to come to Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal.

"We stayed in the same housing von Braun's people used," Tate said.

At Ft. Bliss, Tate helped activate the Army's first tactical guided missile battalion, the 246th Field Artillery Missile Battalion, armed with the Army's Corporal missile. He would be a part of that unit until 1955.

The bond Tate developed with that group remained firm over the years, and in September 2000, Tate sponsored a reunion in Huntsville of more than 100 members of that group.

Tate's growing expertise in missiles coincided with the Army's development of missiles as weapons in the 1950s and 1960s. It was inevitable that he would move to Huntsville.

The first of those assignments came in 1958, when at the rank of captain he became associated with the work Von Braun and his team were doing here at the Army Ordnance Missile Command. Tate served on the staff of Maj. Gen. Bruce Medaris, then the commander of the AOMC. "He was a very forceful leader. He had great determination to make the Army missile program a success."

Over the next 33 years, Tate worked with all the surface-to-surface missile systems the Army developed and fielded. His assignments followed the development and deployment of missile systems such

as Corporal, Sergeant, Honest John, and Pershing.

He was in and out of Huntsville. After leaving AOMC in 1961, he returned in 1974 as a project manager for the Lance missile. Promoted to brigadier general the following year, he became first the deputy commanding general of the Army's Missile Command, or MICOM, based at Redstone. MICOM was split in 1977, and Tate became the first commanding general of the Missile Research and Development Command.

In 1979, after two years as commander of the field command of the Defense Nuclear Agency in Albuquerque, N.M., Tate returned to Huntsville as ballistic missile defense program manager. Toward the end of that tour, President Reagan launched his program to develop a missile deterrent to the Soviet ballistic missile threat, sometimes referred to as "Star Wars."

"This was a very complex program, and I felt the most challenging assignment of my career," Tate said.

Tate retired from the Army in 1985 after nearly 35 years of active duty. Offered the position of special assistant for missile defense at Huntsville-based CAS Inc., he returned to Huntsville where he has lived ever since. He retired from CAS in May 1993.

Doing the right thing

He was sitting with old buddies at another reunion of the 246th on Sept. 11 when he heard the news about the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Tate compared the surprise attacks to Pearl Harbor. "No one ever thought someone would turn our giant airliners into cruise missiles," he said.

He believes America's response is appropriate. "(President Bush) has shown incredible judgment. He's doing the right thing — telling the world this is not a war on Islam, but just on the Taliban government of Afghanistan."

Though as a former soldier, Tate is confident about American capabilities and commitment, he's not so sure about some of our allies.

"I worry about our commitment from our Islamic allies. The Saudi Arabian situation bothers me. I really wonder how much we can rely on them," he said.

"I think we're going to get Bin Laden. But I'd be surprised if we take him alive."

The Korean War

Betty Jolliff was glad to accept responsibility with the Women's Air Corps in Japan

By **GINA HANNAH**
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Betty Jolliff was just 17 when she saw the recruitment poster on a wall: Uncle Sam wanted women to serve in the Korean War.

At the time, Jolliff worked as a housekeeper-babysitter in Cumberland, Md., and attended night school. But she wanted to see the world.

"It seemed to be an answer to my prayers," said Jolliff, who served seven years in the Women's Army Corps. She spent about half of her service in Japan, the other half in the United States.

When she signed up for a two-year enlistment, her mother had to sign the papers because Jolliff was under age. Before she was inducted, Congress changed the enlistment time to three years. When the new papers came, Jolliff's mother had changed her mind about allowing her daughter to go and refused to sign.

Jolliff, desperate to see the world, forged her mother's signature.

"I had my heart set on going. I was determined to go," she said.

Jolliff was inducted into the WACs in Martinsburg, W.Va., on March 29, 1949, and sent to Camp Lee, Va., where she went through basic training. She learned how to shoot a rifle. She learned how to wear a gas mask; that skill was tested by having the women run through a tear-gas chamber. She also was trained to be a clerk-typist and stenographer.

She was ready to for her first international assignment. But to her chagrin, she was sent to the Army Chem-



Patricia Miklik/Huntsville Times

Betty Jolliff shows a photo of herself and other WACs modeling uniforms. She served 7 years with the WACs.

ical Center in Maryland.

"I was so disappointed," she said. "I wanted to see the world and ended up 150 miles from home."

She was there for just a short time, serving as a court reporter in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. She requested an assignment in Europe, but was sent to Japan.

"That was OK. I was going to see the world," she said.

Traveling turned out to be tougher than she expected. She departed the United States from the West Coast on a troop ship, all of her belongings stuffed in a duffel bag. She was seasick for the first six days of the two-week voyage.

"All I could think of was 'How in the world am I ever going to get back home?' At one time, the Pacific got so rough I remember a piano rolling across the floor of the rec room," she said.

She and the other women landed in Yokohama and stayed in a Quonset hut — a half cylinder made of corrugated steel — while they were processed.

Her first impression of her new home?

"Oh, the smell," Jolliff said. "Yokohama smelled like a fish market to me, but they told us we would get used to it, and we did."

Soon after that, the WACs traveled by bus to Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan. They established a women's military detachment in Sapporo, a resort town. From the island's coast, on a clear day one could see the Soviet Union, she said.

The women got to snow ski, ride horses, swim and enjoy other recreation. But it wasn't all play: Jolliff replaced a male corporal who had been working as the secretary to the commanding general. The corporal had gone to Korea to take notes at the peace talks.

She also got homesick, especially on her first Christmas away from home. The women celebrated by putting up a Christmas tree and taking gifts to an orphanage.

After six months in Sapporo, Jolliff was sent to Camp Sendai north of Tokyo, where she worked in personnel records.

A year later, she went to Osaka, where she served in the message center of an orthopedic field hospital. The war was still in full force and wounded soldiers were brought to the hospital by helicopter. Jolliff's duties were mostly that of a nurse's aide, but she said she witnessed surgery several times.

"I remember one morning while on duty, I heard the most blood-curdling screams of a soldier that came out of anesthesia and found his right leg had been amputated."

After just over three years in Japan, Jolliff was ready to come home. She landed back in the United States, first at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and then at Fort Ritchie, Md. She attended advanced administration school and got an assignment in security.

Fort Ritchie was a sort of "underground Pentagon," four stories under Maryland's Cascade Mountains. It was a joint Army, Navy and Air

Force command for emergency operations. Jolliff's team was on call 24 hours each day, and they were often called in the middle of the night for security drills.

"This was the time of McCarthy, and everything was top secret and everything was locked up," Jolliff said, referring to Sen. Joseph McCarthy, known for his anti-communist witch hunts during the 1950s. "Even our carbon paper and typewriter ribbons were removed and locked up at the close of the work day."

Jolliff left the service after she married her first husband. They are now divorced.

Photographs she has kept from her time in Japan show a grinning young woman dressed in a grey uniform, standing in single file with other Corps members. Other pictures have her mugging for the camera in a swimsuit, her arm draped around a handsome GI.

In one photo, baseball players Joe DiMaggio and Lou Boudreau, actor Tom Brown and singer Pat Marlow smile for the camera during a war-time visit.

She can still remember celebrating her 21st birthday at the MCO club, a team of Japanese performers juggling and performing acrobatics.

Roughly 120,000 women served active duty for the armed forces during the Korean War. Many were health care professionals; the rest served in line assignments, often taking jobs of the men who were sent to the battlefield. Many of the women had served during World War II.

WAC personnel often worked in personnel, administration, communications, intelligence, medical supply and food service units. They also had assignments as draftsmen and censors. Some of them rigged parachutes and served as weather forecasters. Some women even moved into supervisory positions.

Jolliff said she is glad to see women having more career opportunities in the military. When she signed up for the service, "women still weren't doing much," she said.

When she got married, she had to leave the service. That rule has since changed.

She also said she wouldn't oppose women being drafted into the military.

"I think with privilege comes responsibility," she said. "If we want to claim our rights, we've got to claim our responsibilities."



At right, Betty J. Blackburn, now Jolliff, is sworn in as she re-enlists in the Women's Air Corps.

VETERANS DAY 2001

The Vietnam War

Over the years, Wayne Reynolds' pride has grown in playing a part in an unpopular war

By NORMAN BROWN

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ATHENS — En route from Vietnam to his home in Columbus, Ga., in 1969, retired Athens Schools Superintendent Dr. Wayne Reynolds first saw war protesters at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

He trashed his Army uniform in Atlanta. For years he told no one he was a medical corpsman in that war. It was 22 years — after the Gulf War — before he joined a veterans' organization.

Today the disabled veteran is Alabama state president and national treasurer of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He will tell anyone how proud he is to have served his country, even in that war. Occasionally he will even mention flying into a combat zone to tend the wounds of GIs loaded aboard a medical evacuation helicopter.

Today's heroes, he said, are the passengers and flight attendants who fought the first battle in the current war against terrorism aboard Flight 93 over Pennsylvania on Sept. 11.

"For years the Vietnam War always seemed to be a shameful period in our history," Reynolds said. "Coming home was nothing like what my dad experienced after his time in World War II and Korea."

Reynolds' attitude changed after the Gulf War. In 1991 and 1992 he joined the Athens units of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Nationally, all the groups are strong and looking out for aging veterans of all wars, he said.

He pegs the Gulf War as a turning point for the nation. The Cold War was over, won when the cost of Vietnam and the arms race bankrupted the Soviet Union. He said people had read former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara's book claiming, "We never had a chance to win" in Vietnam.

"Out of Vietnam the country developed a different kind of resolve," said Reynolds. "The country now sees that when we are threatened, we depend on the military."

Reynolds said enough time has gone by and Vietnam veterans are the older generation. He sees more respect from people his children's age than from some of his peers.

"They want to respect us," he said. "That's been very reassuring for



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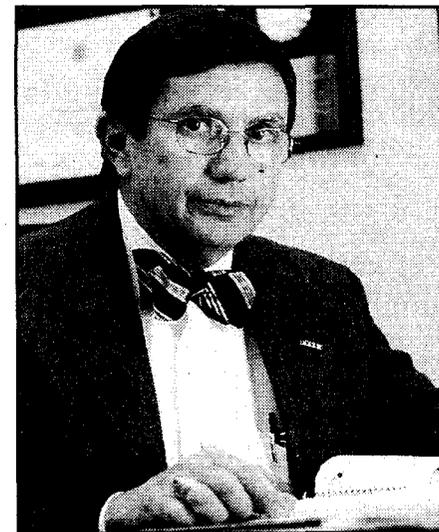
those of us who lived through the hippie age."

Reynolds began earning that respect when he joined the Army in 1966. In early 1968 he was assigned to the 95th Evacuation Hospital at Danang, South Vietnam. The TV series "China Beach" was loosely based on that medical unit. In August he transferred to the 22nd Surgical Hospital at Phu Bai, a few miles south of Hue and the North Vietnam border. The 22nd was similar to the TV se-

ries "M*A*S*H" hospitals of the Korean War era.

"I started flying medical evacuation, sometimes with another medic," he said. "I was just a kid and did it."

With an injury from offloading patients, he came home in March 1969 and earned his bachelor's degree on the GI Bill at the University of Georgia in Athens. While he studied, Sgt. William Calley was tried for the My Lai massacre, and students died at Kent State University, Ohio. He re-



Eric Schultz/Huntsville Times

Dr. Wayne Reynolds is now president of the state Vietnam Veterans Association.

ceived his master degree in 1971 and started teaching.

He says he is still not so fond of Jane Fonda, the news media and some politicians who influenced public opinion then and over the next three decades.

He earned his doctoral degree in education from Auburn University in 1979, and in 1983 was named superintendent of Tarrant Schools near Birmingham. He moved to Athens in 1988. Today he owns and operates Quad-County Nutrition in Decatur, supervising in-home child care for the state.

On Monday, he will travel to Birmingham for a parade and veterans' recognition ceremony. He stays abreast of current events and military capabilities. He calls the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks "a military event." He approves of President George W. Bush's military effort.

"I think we will destroy the insurgency," he said. "We'll be on the ground soon with a larger coalition. If we had committed the resources in Vietnam that we are willing to commit today, that war would have been over in six months."

On Veteran's Day, Reynolds said, all Americans should remember how much our country depends on those people who are willing to put their lives at risk. He said to remember the ones in submarines, airplanes and on the front lines.

"Just don't forget why they are there," he said.



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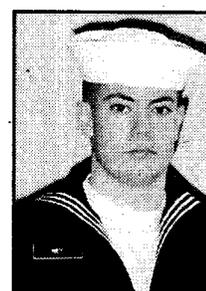
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A history of American war

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Here's a list of the major conflicts fought by Americans since 1755:

The French and Indian War

1755-1763: This was a conflict between the British and the French to see who could snap up North America. Both used Indians, settlers and soldiers to fight in the war.

The British ultimately won the conflict, and the French withdrew property claims from most of North America.

The war is important in American history because it pressed many colonial Americans into service for the British crown.

Many in the colonial militia were treated poorly by the British military leaders. The Americans resented their treatment, and the seeds for the American Revolution were planted.

The American Revolution

1775-1781: Under the authority of King George, American colonies

were taxed heavily. Colonial Americans resented the taxation without proper political representation and declared independence from the United Kingdom.

The war raged for years bringing death and destruction to the colonies. Gen. George Washington lead American forces to victory over the British.

The Royal Army surrendered to Washington on Oct. 19, 1781, at Yorktown, Va.

The War of 1812

1812-1815: The British were not satisfied with the fact of American independence, and the Royal Navy started seizing American ships, cargos and crews for the crown.

Also, the Royal Army started sponsoring Indian uprisings in the Ohio valley, targeting colonists. President James Madison got a declaration of war against the British in June of

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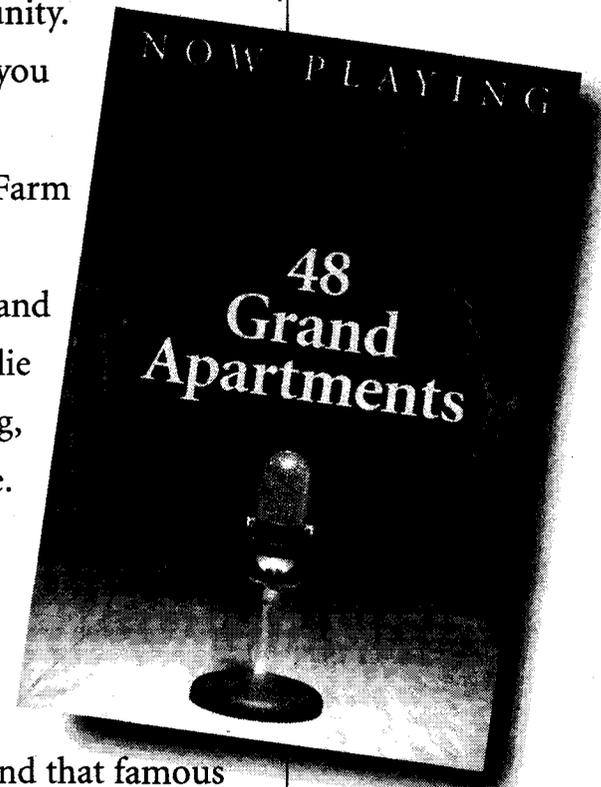
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Not content to concede American independence, British tried again in 1812 to regain colonies

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1812.

The British tried to invade the United States from Canada and from the South. However, the attackers were beat back by the American Army and Navy.

The British signed a peace treaty in December 1814, effectively ending the war, but word was slow to reach the English generals.

In January 1815, British forces attacked New Orleans, but Gen. Andrew Jackson's defenses were stronger, and the British retreated. Officially, the war had been over for three weeks.

The Mexican War

1846-1847: The war with Mexico resulted, in part, because of the United States' annexation of Texas in 1845. For more than a decade, Mexico had laid claim to Texas as a province.

The war marked the first use of a major amphibious landing by the United States Army. Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott took a force of more than 10,000 men ashore at Vera Cruz, Mexico, on March 9, 1847. Scott's forces marched on Mexico City and seized it.

The war ended in September of 1847, and a peace treaty was signed with Mexico on Feb 2, 1848.

The Civil War

1861-1865: A deeply bitter and divisive war for the United States, Northern and Southern states fought the Civil War because Southern states opposed efforts to abolish slavery, and seceded from the Union.

President Abraham Lincoln sent Union troops into the South to destroy the Confederate Army.

After four years of battle, the South was defeated, and Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. U.S. Grant on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox, Va.

The Spanish American War

1898: The battleship USS Maine was destroyed on Feb. 15, 1898 after an explosion sent the ship and two-thirds of her crew to the bottom of Havana harbor.

The tragedy was blamed on the Spanish forces in Cuba, and war broke out between America and Spain. American forces seized Cuba and battled the Spanish in the Philippines.

Spain was defeated and America gained a foothold in the Pacific, in



U.S. Army Signal Corps

An artist's rendition of the Confederate attack on the Union lines known as Pickett's Charge on the last day of the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War.

the Philippines.

World War I

1917-1918: The war in Europe began in 1914 after the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary. British and French forces faced the Germans in France and Belgium for three years before America entered the fray.

Congress declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917. The addition of fresh American troops helped break the back of Germany and end the stalemated trench war.

An invasion of Germany was in the planning stages, when riots throughout the nation broke out. The German navy mutinied in several ports, and the Kaiser fled for Holland. The new government offered terms for surrender.

Germany was left as a whole nation, but without a sizeable military.

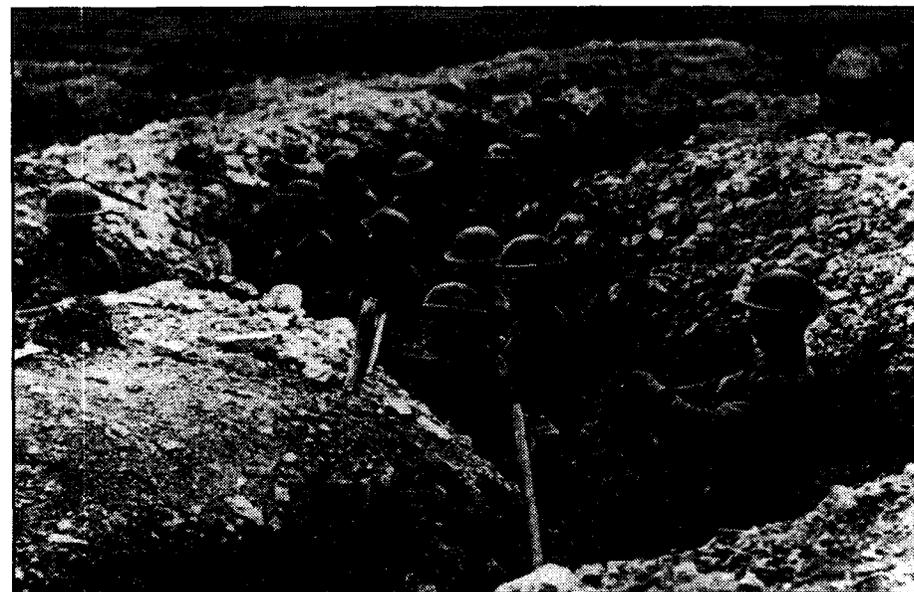
World War II

1941-1945: In September 1939, Nazi forces invaded Poland and marched on to take France the following year.

In the Far East, Japanese forces had gone to war with China. By 1941, Germany, Italy and Japan were aligned against Britain and the Soviet Union.

America supported England and Russia with military equipment, and the U.S. Navy was in a defensive posture in the Pacific.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan, attacked



The Associated Press

U.S. Army troops stand in the trenches in France during World War I.

Pearl Harbor, crippling U.S. naval forces. The next day Japan began offensive operations against U.S. bases throughout the Pacific. On Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt asked Congress for a formal declaration of war against Japan, Germany and Italy.

War raged for almost four years. The American military developed new tactics and equipment, such as airborne infantry and landing ships, to send soldiers into enemy areas.

On June 6, 1944, American, British

and Canadian forces invaded France and fought for the next 11 months until joining up with Russian forces in Germany.

On Aug. 6 and Aug. 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, were destroyed by the first atomic bombs. Japan capitulated, and the war was over.

The Cold War

1950-1991: For more than 40

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America's Cold War lasted almost 40 years, but was mostly an unseen struggle

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years, American military forces waged a mostly unseen war with the Soviet Union and Red Chinese.

Overflights of both nations were carried out by Air Force and Navy aircraft. In many cases, the flights were fired on, and in some cases they were shot down.

Prisoners taken during intelligence gathering flights or missions behind the Iron Curtain seldom were heard from again. They disappeared with the government attributing the deaths to training missions.

Although it can't be considered a war in the traditional sense, the Cold War interrupted the lives of millions of Americans who were deployed as a show of force overseas to places like Lebanon, Germany and Latin America.

Korean War

1950-1953: On June 25, 1950, communist North Korean forces invaded South Korea. After two months of fighting, the North Koreans push American, South Korean and United Nations' force back to the southern tip of the Korean peninsula at Pusan.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur launched an amphibious invasion at Inchon, and United Nations forces fight through Korea. By November 1950, with American forces 20 miles south of China, the war looked as if it would be over by Christmas.

The Chinese entered the war, pushing Americans back into South Korea. United Nations forces counter attacked and by the end of 1951, the Korean war settled into a trench war like World War I.

In 1953, after two years of on and off peace talks, North Korea and South Korea called a cease fire, and

fixed their borders along the 38th parallel.

The truce is in place today, and about 38,000 American soldiers remain in Korea.

Vietnam War

1964-1975: Following two attacks on U.S. ships, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, on Aug. 7, 1964, authorizing President Lyndon Johnson to use whatever force necessary to defend U.S. forces already in South Vietnam.

The war is carried out by Army and Marine units in South Vietnam supported by the Central Intelligence Agency, Air Force and Navy aircraft bombing targets in South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

In 1968, after the Tet Offensive, American forces started to withdraw from Southeast Asia, and Vietnam. This took four years and several major offensives.

In 1972, North Vietnam agreed to turn over American prisoners of war, mostly pilots and air crews. By mid-1973, all POWs were home, and the U.S. offense had been curtailed.

In 1975, North Vietnam ignored the peace treaties it signed with South Vietnam and the United States, invaded South Vietnam and on April 30, 1975, Saigon fell. South Vietnam was no more and all American forces in the region pulled out.

Grenada

1983: After a Marxist coup, American lives in Grenada were threatened. President Ronald Reagan ordered an invasion of the small Caribbean nation, and it began on Oct. 25, 1983. The U.S. military used 7,000 troops to unseat Cuban and Grenadine forces.

Panama

1989: On Dec. 18, 1989, after the National Assembly of Panama declared that a state of war existed

with the U.S., U.S. forces invaded Panama intent on capturing Gen. Manuel Noriega, the leader of Panama. Noriega had been indicted by a federal court for supporting drug smuggling operations.

On Dec. 20, 1989, the 82nd Airborne Division conducted its first combat jump since World War II onto Torrijos International Airport, Panama. A week later, U.S. forces started a withdrawal. The Panamanian military had been neutralized, and Noriega surrendered.

Persian Gulf War

1990-1991: On Aug. 2, 1990, military units from neighboring Iraq invaded Kuwait, claiming it as a province of Iraq. The United States quickly countered by sending the 82nd Airborne Division and several fighter squadrons to Saudi Arabia.

For the next six months, U.S. forces built up in Saudi Arabia and in the Persian Gulf. On the morning of Jan. 17, U.S. Army Apache helicopters attacked key Iraqi radar installations paving the way for Air Force, Navy and Marine aerial attacks.

After six weeks of air assaults and

a three-day ground war, the Iraqi Army was driven out of Kuwait.

Bosnia

1995: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO, launched a sustained air strike campaign, Operation Deliberate Force, beginning on Aug. 30, 1995, against Bosnian Serb military targets in response to a Bosnian Serb mortar attack on civilians in Sarajevo.

For 11 days, U.S. Air Force and Navy fighters pounded Bosnian targets. The operation forced the Serbs to the peace table in late 1995.

Kosovo

1999: For three months, U.S. military forces attacked Serbian targets in an effort to stop attacks on Albanians in southern Kosovo.

A fragile peace is in place today.

Afghanistan

2001: Since the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, American forces have been involved around the world fighting terrorist networks. To date, these forces have been engaged in Afghanistan.

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The Gulf War

Dodgen had first experience with Huntsville engineering while serving in Desert Storm

By **SHELBY G. SPIRES**
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In late 1990, then Lt. Col. Larry Dodgen had trained to fight the Soviet military on battlefields in Europe. He was the commander of an air-defense battalion with a mission to shoot incoming Soviet aircraft out of the sky.

The battle Dodgen ending up fighting wasn't the one for which he trained. He ended up in the desert, fighting Iraqi troops and trying to hit incoming missiles, not airplanes.

Dodgen, now a major general and commander of Redstone Arsenal, took a battalion of troops, equipment and Patriot missiles and put them on the move to protect the invading allied forces on Feb. 24, 1991, for Operation Desert Storm.

The Patriot crews were going in with enhanced equipment and capabilities they had never trained to use — capabilities that didn't exist until just before they shipped out to Kuwait. The Patriot was meant to shoot down low-flying, slow-moving aircraft.

When Dodgen took the 8th Battalion of the 43rd Air Defense Artillery into Kuwait, the Patriot role had changed to shooting down fast, incoming missiles.

Iraq had threatened its enemies with biological warfare and missiles in the past. The Pentagon wanted to be able to counter any Iraqi missile that might fall out of the sky onto U.S. or allied troops.

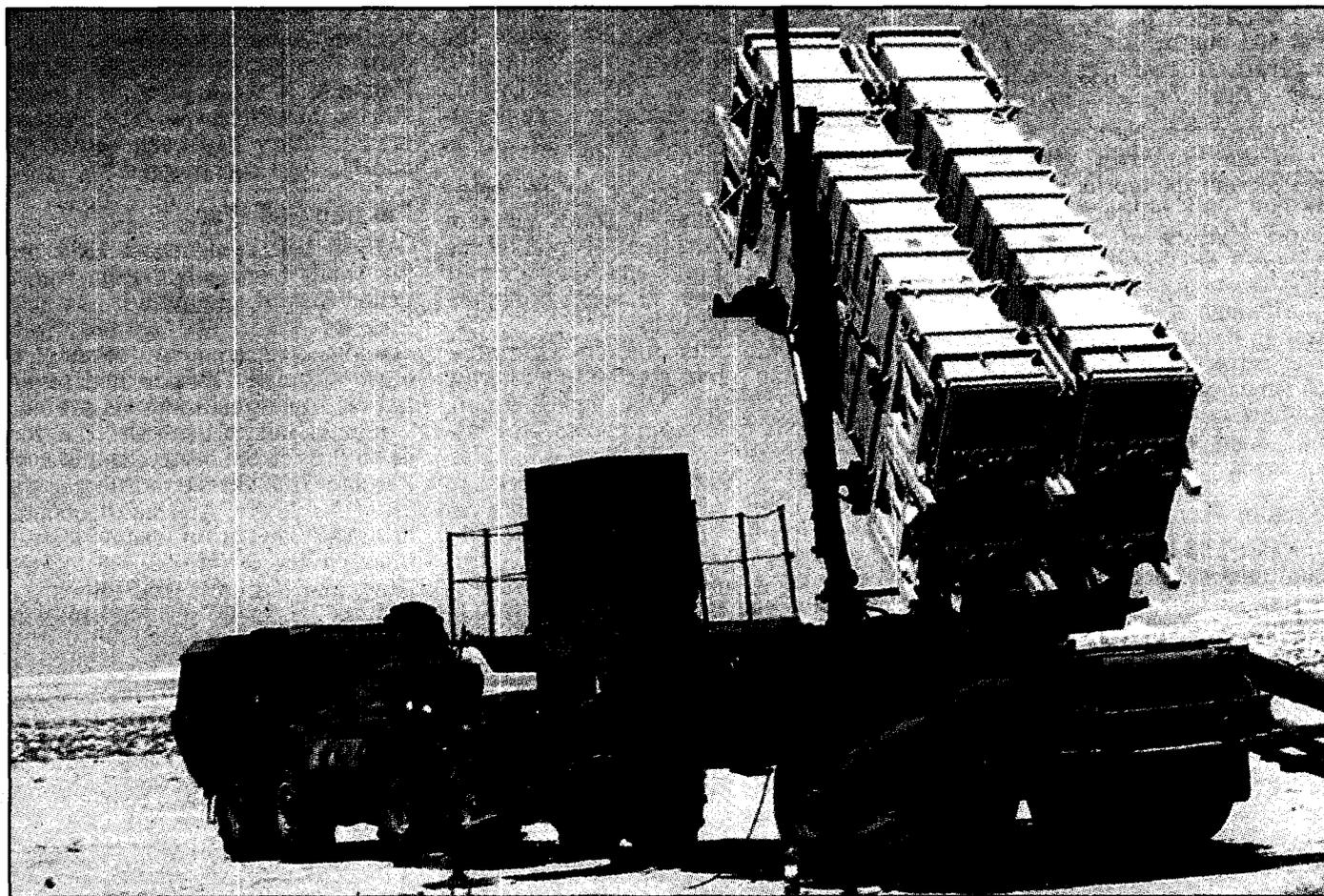
That's where the Patriot came into play.

Two months before Dodgen took his battalion to war, "I didn't have a missile-defense capability in the Patriot," he said. "I deployed everything on Dec. 13 and I had a full missile defense capability."

The Army, and Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, had been working for some time to enhance the Patriot's role. Those upgrades required engineers from Redstone to come to Dodgen's battalion in Germany, and make software and equipment changes less than a month before the unit was sent to the Gulf.

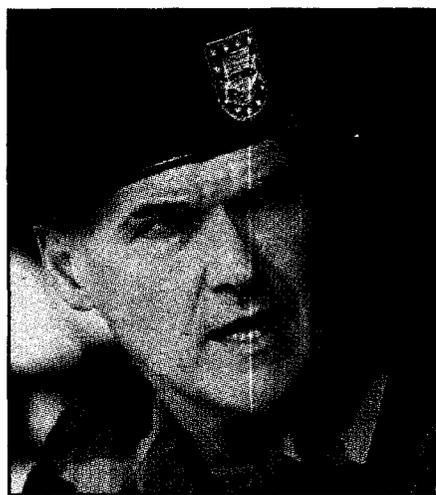
Training the soldiers before they deployed allowed them to know how to better use the Patriot improvements. "Our soldiers could go out to a particular place, faced with an unknown, and really use that particular capability," Dodgen said.

The enhancements to Patriot systems didn't stop when Dodgen's



Department of Defense photo

The Patriot missile quickly gained a reputation as the Scud-buster in the deserts of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.



Eric Schultz/Huntsville Times

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen is now commander of Redstone Arsenal.

crews hit the sandy desert. The system had to be put through its paces, and problems had to be dealt with, he said.

"We had some shortcomings in the system. It is not unlike anything that would happen in a conflict," Dodgen said.

The Patriot radars were seeing targets that weren't there, Dodgen said. This was a problem because if the targeting equipment wasn't reliable, the troops wouldn't know if a threat was real or imagined.

Again, Dodgen said, Redstone personnel stepped up to take care of the problems.

"I went through six software upgrades while I was there," Dodgen said. "Somebody from back here, in Huntsville, came out to the desert, traveled around the desert, and loaded up all my systems. They explained to the operators what the new capabilities were."

During the war, Dodgen was concerned about the Patriot's ability to deal with a particular Iraqi threat. He needed some quick information. "So, I called back here, to Huntsville, and somebody back here ran some

models and did some analysis and told us what we needed to do to counter that particular threat," Dodgen said. "That's the type of connection that we've grown used to."

Now, with improvements in digital transmission and information technology, making those upgrades has become easier.

"The whole time between Redstone Arsenal fielding something and it being improved has shrunk, and I saw it in the desert," Dodgen said.

Today, the same challenges exist. Troops, once more, are headed overseas.

Dodgen said the same support he saw in the Gulf War is in place to assist Army units on the move now. Whether it be missiles or helicopters, Redstone is ready, Dodgen said.

"There's not a bearing or a rotor that moves that somebody at Redstone doesn't have a hand in when it comes to Army aviation. Those calls for the fleet (of Army aircraft) are made here," Dodgen said.

Bosnia

Guard member decorated for Joint Endeavor is ready to return to active duty in Afghanistan

By TAMMY LEIGH KNOTTS
For The Times

Don't tell Sgt. Janine Barham that service in the National Guard is for people who don't want to serve in the real Army. Today, the National Guard is part of the real Army when trouble flares around the world.

In fact, with military funding cuts and the absence of a draft, Guard members "are more likely to get called because we are already trained."

Barham, who works full-time for the Alabama State Employment Service in Scottsboro, joined the Alabama National Guard in 1988. In 1996 she got her first call to active duty. From June 10, 1996, to Feb. 15, 1997, she was stationed in Tazsar, Hungary, a staging base for the U.S. operations into Bosnia and Croatia.

She served in the public affairs office and was responsible for managing press conferences, media tours,

press releases and responding to media queries. "We were, more or less, a liaison between the military and the civilian media," said Barham, a member of the 279th Signal Battalion in Guntersville.

Like a war correspondent, Barham interviewed soldiers in the field in Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary, and wrote about their experiences in a daily newsletter and weekly magazine.

A few months after returning home, she received the NATO Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Overseas Ribbon and the Reserve Components Overseas Ribbon for her service during Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia.

Barham said the U.S. antiterrorism operations in Afghanistan and what she went through in Bosnia are totally different.

"We were just in Bosnia to keep the peace and the cease fire. This is different than any other war we have

had. This is terrorism; we can't just sit back and do nothing," Barham said.



Barham

Barham said her Guard unit has been told that "we're on call" and ready to serve if necessary in the U.S. operations in Afghanistan. She said her unit is ready and fully trained.

In July, the 279th Signal Battalion trained at Fort Erwin in the Mojave Desert in California, receiving high ratings on technical abilities and battle skills.

There have been some changes for the military since the terrorist attacks, she said.

"The respect that military received changed after Vietnam, but after Sept. 11, the guard enlistment increased dramatically because people want to do something for their coun-

try," said Barham. She said she has also noticed a dramatic increase in the respect and appreciation shown toward the military from the general American public.

There have also been many changes for women in the military over the years, said Barham.

She said there are still some areas in the military, such as the infantry or tank units, from which women are forbidden, but some military restrictions on women have been lifted. "Women are now allowed to be fighter pilots," said Barham.

Not only have there been changes for women in the military, but for men as well.

"Since Vietnam, most National Guardsmen could expect to retire without ever having seen active duty, and that can't be said now," said Barham. "They say there is no draft, but the National Guard is trained and ready to go within 24 hours."

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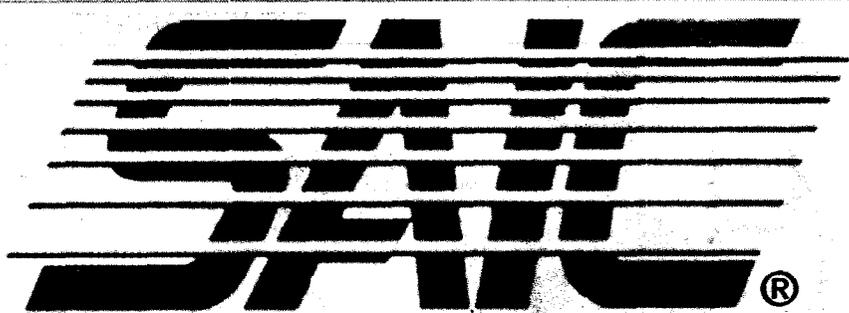
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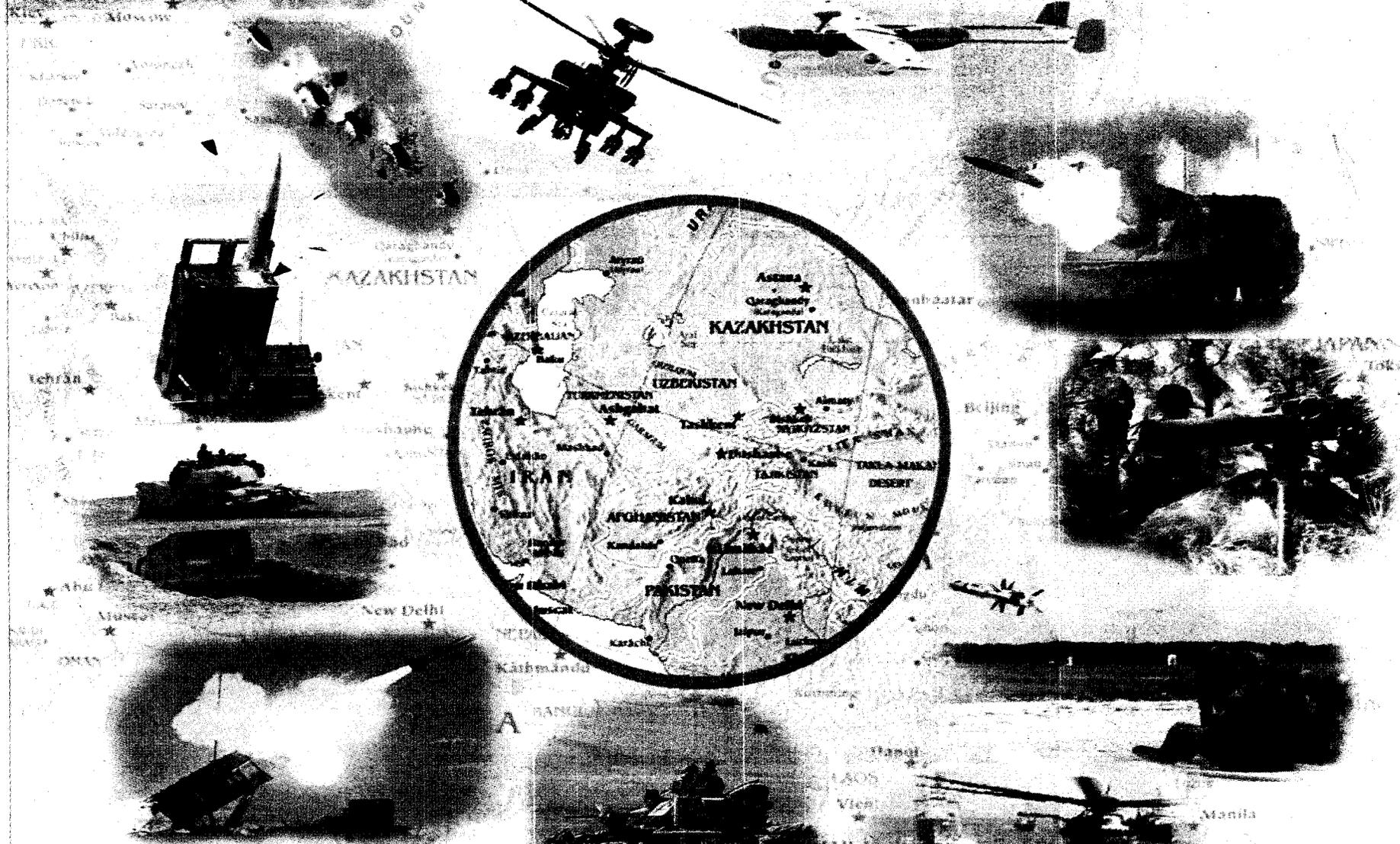
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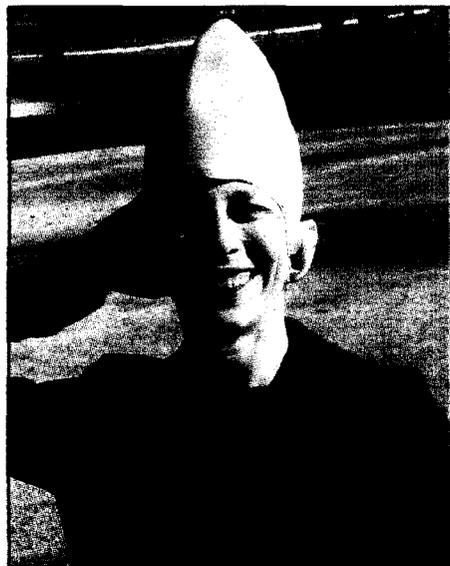
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JUST LIKE HOME— Army Community Service greeters include, from left, Sue Paddock (Raggedy Ann), Sheila Baker (ACS cheerleader), Ann Owens (witch), Mary Breeden (Boy Scout) and Natalie Taylor (scarecrow).

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CONEHEAD— Kathy McCall (Connie Conehead) works at Software Engineering Directorate.

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MONSTER MEGAN— Mike Thompson, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, strikes a pose as killer witch Megan Ramsey.

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SPARKMAN LADIES— Drawing attention in the Sparkman Center are, from left, Rita Renegar of the Acquisition Center (cereal killer), Melissa Faulkner of Corporate Information Center (go-go girl), Jamie Conner of CIC (go-go girl) and Sharon Nolen of Acquisition Center (witch).

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SUPER HEROES— Members of the Value Engineering Office celebrate Halloween. In front row, from left, are Toni Hamilton (tomboy), Jennifer Bishop (jailbird) and Jonnesa Countess (clown). In middle row are Eric Shull (Clark Kent/Superman), Janice Dove ('50s girl), Vicki Loewen (karate kid), Nancy Sims (sorceress) and Robert Ruff (biker). In back row are office chief Tom Reynolds (cowboy), Juanita Gooden (Halloween T-shirt) and Alan Greene (mad scientist).

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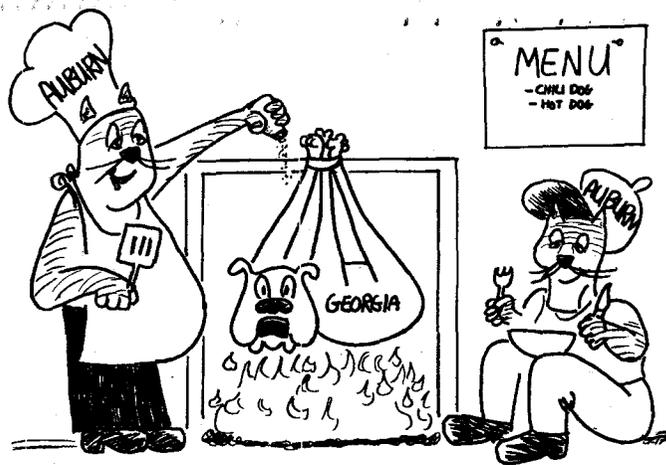
Skip's picks

Auburn Tigers will survive Bulldogs between hedges

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Here are my predictions (record 177-53) for selected games this week in major college football:

- Auburn at Georgia – **Auburn**
- Mississippi State at Alabama – **Bama**
- Memphis at Tennessee – **Tennessee**
- Central Florida at Arkansas – **Arkansas**
- Florida at South Carolina – **Florida**
- Kentucky at Vanderbilt – **Vanderbilt**
- Alabama A&M at Alcorn State – **Alcorn**
- Air Force at Colorado State – **Air Force**
- Stanford at Arizona – **Stanford**
- Washington State at Arizona State – **Wash. State**
- Baylor at Missouri – **Missouri**
- Miami at Boston College – **Miami**
- Brigham Young at Wyoming – **BYU**



- Clemson at Maryland – **Maryland**
- Colorado at Iowa State – **Colorado**
- N.C. State at Florida State – **Florida State**
- Wofford at Furman – **Furman**
- Georgia Tech at Virginia – **Ga. Tech**
- Houston at Louisville – **Louisville**
- Penn State at Illinois – **Penn State**
- Indiana at Michigan State – **Mich. State**
- Iowa at Northwestern – **Iowa**
- Kansas at Texas – **Texas**
- Kansas State at Nebraska – **Nebraska**
- Minnesota at Michigan – **Michigan**
- Texas A&M at Oklahoma – **Oklahoma**
- Southern California at California – **USC**
- Washington at Oregon State – **Washington**

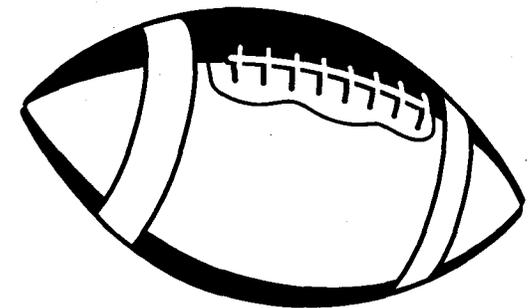
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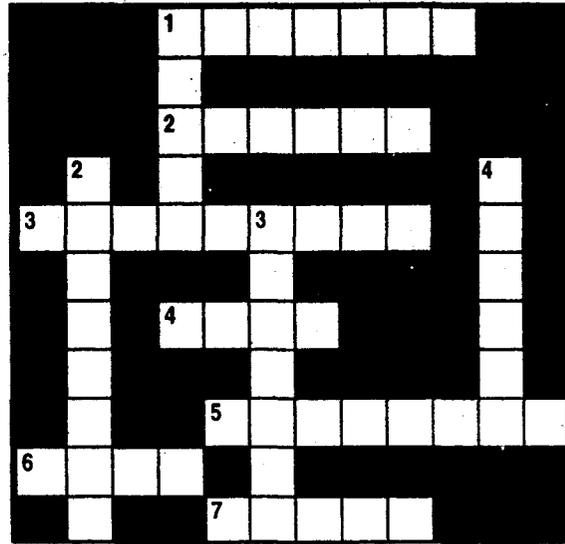
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Waiting Spouses club has ladies night out

Newly formed group offers support for geographically separated spouses

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Waiting Spouses is a newly formed group for geographically separated military spouses and it has only two rules: have fun and ladies only.

"When I first started here with relocation assistance, one of the spouses came to me and asked if there was a support group for waiting spouses," Kristi Foster, Army Emergency Relief officer and group organizer, said. "We didn't have anything going at the time but I really felt it was something we needed."

Waiting Spouses had its inaugural activity in September — dinner at a local Mexican restaurant and free child care for the kiddies back on post. Attendance was up to six at the October event, a movie followed by dessert at Applebee's.

"We had such a great time," Foster said. "We stayed a long time afterwards just talking and getting to know each other. That's the best part about this group, how open and friendly and welcoming they are. They're glad to bring someone new in."

Because of scheduling conflicts, not all

of the 17 people signed up for the group can get to every event and some catch up with the group late. Foster is gathering names of interested women to let them know of upcoming activities.

"We don't have a lot of rules," she said. "If you feel a little strange about coming by yourself you can invite a friend along, but we are limiting this to women, for obvious reasons. ACS pays for and provides child care through a Family Child Care provider on post. I just need to know ahead of time how many adults and kids to plan for."

Activities are suggested by people in the group. Foster finalizes plans and contacts all the people on the list to let them know the date, time and place of the activity. Some future outings may include a trip to the Burritt Museum or attending community theater productions. "Dinner out is always easy," Foster added.

Nov. 17 is the next Waiting Spouses night out. Anyone interested in attending the activity should call Foster at Army Community Service 876-5397. She will get your contact information and let you know what the final plans are.

"Now is really a great time to get involved with the holidays coming up," Foster said. "It can get lonely and stressful this time of year especially. What better way to combat that than a night out with friends?"



Photo by Kristi Foster

JUST DESSERTS— Friends and members of the newly formed Waiting Spouses group went out to a movie and dessert at Applebee's for their October night out. From left are, Angie Lunn, Lisa Lowe, Jennifer Kennedy, Katie Atkinson, Karen Reece and Cathy Ryan. Not pictured are Bridget Simpkins and Kristi Foster, Army Emergency Relief officer and group organizer.

Entire Redstone community invited to holiday party

Dinner, dancing on tap Dec. 7

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

Ticket sales are continuing at a brisk pace for Redstone's annual Holiday Party. The entire Redstone Community is invited to join in the fun and share the season. The party will be held Dec. 7 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The Corporate Information Center is hosting this year's gala event. According to members of the Holiday Party Working Group, ticket sales have been going well during the first week.

"We began selling tickets less than a week ago, and I think we're off to a good start," said Kelly Miller, one of the co-chairs. "More and more people, usually between 320 and 350, have been attend-

ing the party over the past several years. I guess they've been spreading the word about how much fun they've been having. That's why the attendance keeps growing."

As in past years, group seating will be available, so why not reserve a table, or several tables, for you and your friends? Tickets are \$20 per person. This price includes the meal, gratuity and entertainment. For your convenience, you may charge your ticket reservations against your MasterCard, VISA, or American Express card.

Holiday Party tickets are available from organizational representatives serving on the Working Group. For information and reservations, call Miller at 955-7111, Pat McCrary at 842-9161, or Sarah Brazzel (Protocol) at 876-7136.

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■ Tickets going fast for holiday party

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The dress for both military and civilians is coat and tie.

"The evening's festivities will begin

with a social hour starting at 6, followed by dinner at 7," said McCrary, also a co-chair for the event. "Rudy Greer, a DJ with America's Party Pros, will be providing the background music during dinner. And then, from 8 until midnight, Rudy will be playing a wide variety of music to

dance to. From all I've heard about Rudy, he has a real talent for getting everyone up and dancing and having a great time!"

In addition to having a great time with good friends, attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner. "Come prepared to eat well," Miller said. "The dinner entrée includes both, not either or, charbroiled filet mignon and Chicken Eugene."

The menu also includes tossed green salad, whole new potatoes, green beans

almondine, crabapple on a leaf of kale, hot rolls with butter, and coffee and tea. And to top it all off, there will be assorted fruit trifles.

"Partygoers will also have the opportunity to take home a special keepsake of the evening's festivities," Miller said. "Photography by Jim & Frieda, a local photography studio, will be available to capture their memories with a Holiday Portrait, or they can have their photos taken with their significant others or with friends."



Logistics view

Harold Garner/ Photo Lab

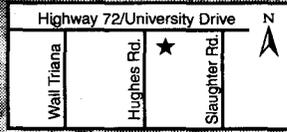
Paul Bogosian, deputy for PEO Aviation, addresses the recent joint meeting of the Society of Logistics Engineers and the American Helicopter Society. In foreground are Bill Gurley, left, Science Applications International Corporation, and Norb Patla, Computer Sciences Corporation. Bogosian discussed "aviation logistics — a PEO perspective."

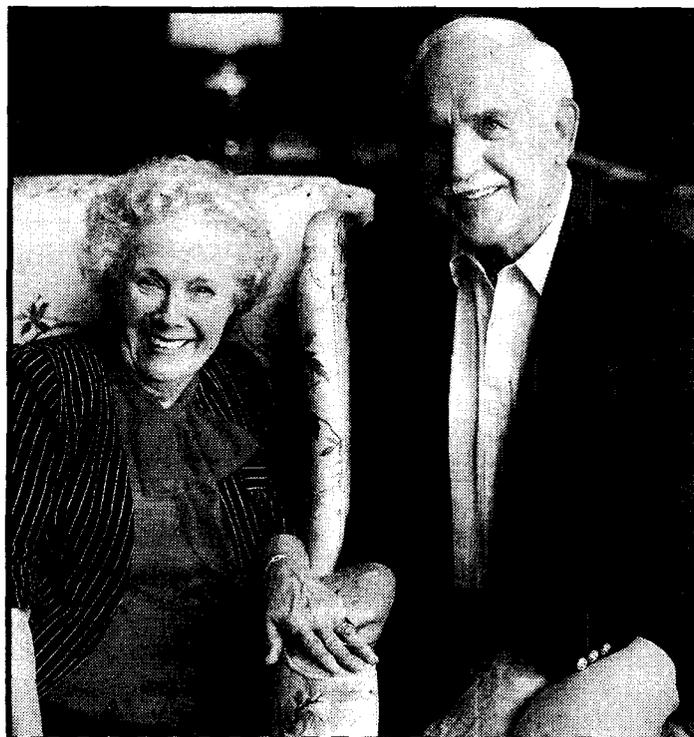
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Relocation assistance program gets personnel boost

Douglas joins staff on detail from South Central CPOC

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Hablas ingles? If you don't and you're an Army spouse that would like to learn, Rosie Douglas at Army Community Service can help.

As a social services assistant working with the Relocation Assistance Program at ACS, Douglas concentrates her efforts on specific areas such as the sponsorship program, tracking and maintaining the Lending Closet and working with the Foreign-Born Spouses program, which includes connecting people who want to learn to speak English better with classes in the community that teach English as a second language.

Douglas was detailed to ACS in October from the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center and will be assisting Mary Breeden, Relocation Assistance Program manager.

"We have so many things going on with the program," Breeden said. "It's nice to have an extra set of hands to help people. We're happy that Rosie is here."

The opportunity to work with soldiers and military families is one of the reasons



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

PEOPLE PERSON— Rosie Douglas has a love for people, which is one of the reasons she applied for the detail to Army Community Service as the relocation assistant to Mary Breeden, Relocation Assistance Program manager.

Douglas applied for the detail.

"I just have the love for people," she said. "My husband and son are in the military and over the years I've worked with special emphasis programs — heritage programs. Being able to help people

through the programs we offer makes me feel great."

Working with foreign-born spouses is right up her alley. Douglas is the founder of the annual Hispanic Festival held in

Big Spring Park each fall. She's frequently asked if she is of Hispanic descent because of her involvement but the answer is no. "It just gives me a lot of joy to work on the many different heritage festivals."

In the next few weeks, ACS will be sending out a survey by mail and e-mail to better understand the needs of foreign-born spouses living in the community. Although language barriers make completing the survey difficult, Breeden hopes that family members or friends of foreign-born spouses will assist.

"If you don't speak English, it can be difficult to ask for help but we do have services available. We partner with a church downtown for English as a Second Language classes and we also have web links to help people with citizenship. We want to find out about other needs so that we can arrange to offer those services. The survey will go a long way in helping us with that."

"Our goal is to meet the needs of the people," Douglas said. "ACS has a lot to offer military families. We encourage everyone to come out and take a look at all our services and to let us know how we can help."

For more information about ACS programs, call 876-5397.

■ Veterans deserve thanks for service

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before us. Your determination, your readiness, and your willingness to go where you are needed, when you are needed, are potent symbols of liberty, justice, and hope for freedom loving people the world over. The memory of our fallen comrades lost in the horrible and unprovoked acts of war against our nation on Sept. 11th is a stark reminder that our forces today are, as always, on point for our nation.

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with the American people — to fight and win our nation's wars. You constantly amaze us with the strength of your dedication and your unwavering morale.

To all of you, whether far from home or here in the United States, thank you for your contributions and your countless sacrifices. It is an honor to serve with you, and we could not be more proud of the great work you are doing. You carry on the legacy of valor and service that soldiers before you established.

And so on this day of reflection and tribute, our grateful nation thanks our veterans — those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, those still serving, those no longer in uniform, young and old — for all they have done and continue to do for our great country. We pledge to you our tireless efforts to ensure that the Army remains the world's preeminent warfighting land force, the most esteemed institution in the nation, and the most respected Army in the world.

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Awards

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by Mr. Young.

Carlos Kingston, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, was named the 2001 winner in the management/executive category.

I would like to thank the following people whose efforts contributed immensely to the success of this year's event:

A special thanks to the individuals who prepared the nomination packages. They did a great job.

Many thanks to the voting panel for accepting the very difficult task of reviewing the nomination packages and selecting the winner.

Ticket sales: Chris Graves, Romona Rice, Sandra Hetherington, Lesley Smith, Jan Pickard, Charlotte Fuller, Pam Coyner, Sue Walters, Tony Caldwell, Sheila Pike, Joan Pond, Kathy Buford, Diane Jernigan and Sherry Segers — Without their efforts in promoting, selling tickets and collecting the money, the E. Young awards luncheon / ceremony would not have been possible.

Publicity/photos: Thanks to the folks who got the word out to the IMMC/Redstone communities. Also, a great big thank you to Skip Vaughn, *Redstone Rocket*, and Russell Moore, Photo Lab, for their excellent coverage of the event.

Certificates/programs/nameplates: Tina Bolton and Paige Hughes for preparing the certificates, programs and placards; and Mike Boecking and CIC graphics for matting and framing the certificates. They did a very professional job as usual.

Biographies: Anne Hughes did a superb job writing the bios for the nominees. Thanks, Anne!

Hostesses: Judy Campbell, Paula Brazier and Mary Ann Kelly, for performing the hostess duties — taking up tickets and seating the attendees.

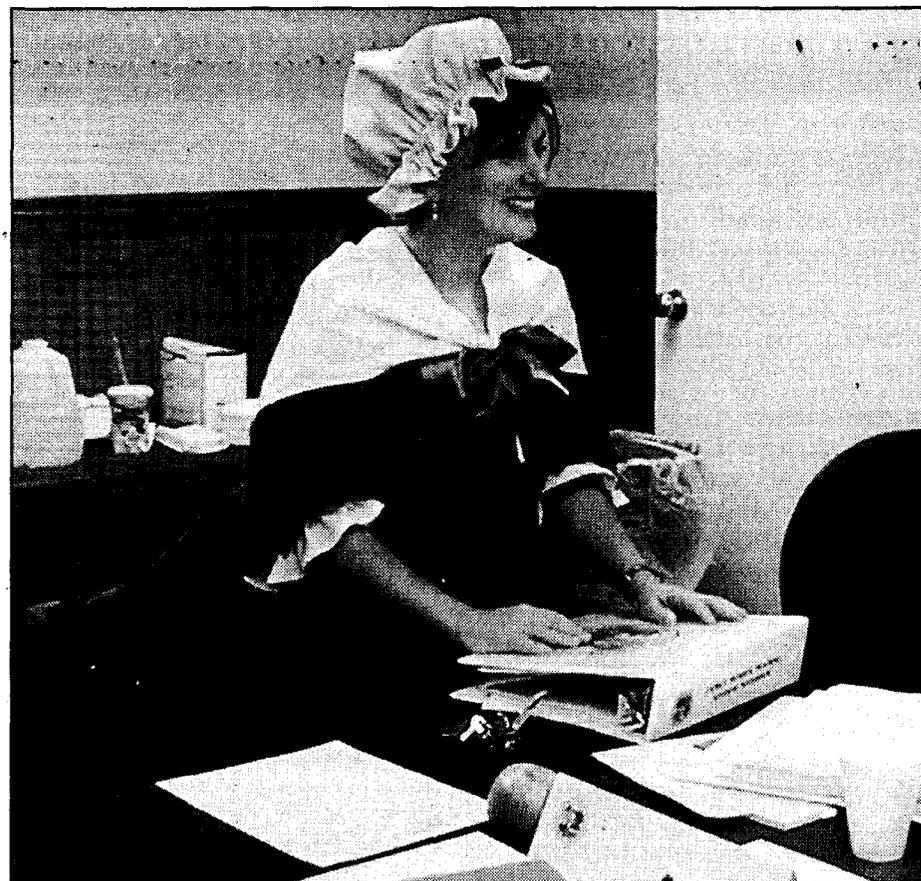
Program: Many thanks to John Chapman for performing the master of ceremonies duties, Ernest Young for presenting the awards, Gay Money for the invocation, Mike Hartwell for the previous winner's speech. They did an excellent job.

A very special thank you to Anne Hughes for all of her hard work in coordinating this event prior to her retirement. Anne, it was easy to pick up where you left off.

Congratulations again to Mr. Beavers and Mr. Kingston for being the 2001 winners of the "Ernie" award and to all the nominees whose achievements in the logistics area are very commendable.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's award event.

Debbie Oldani
event coordinator



Courtesy photo

Colonial lesson

Army Family Team Building instructor Evelyn Teats is just one of the many creative, fun trainers on the AFTB staff. She dressed as Martha Washington to provide a historical contrast to life as an Army family member when "George" was in office and now — emphasizing that Army life is the best it's ever been. Call 876-5397 for more information on the Army Family Team Building program.



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ly per year. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

Conferences & Meetings

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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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will have a joint luncheon with the Army Aviation Association of America, Thursday 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.

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.

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.

Retired officers

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

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Nov. 15 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at Redstone Golf Course. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

Cost analysts

The Greater Alabama Chapter of the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-Madison Square Mall. Cost is \$12, payable at the door. For reservations call Mary Engel 971-1707 by close of business Thursday.

Marine Corps league

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment of

the Marine Corps League meets the second Tuesday of each month with the next meeting Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with the business meeting at 7. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Adam Arnett, commander of the Marine Corps Reserve Inspector and Instructor Staff. All former and current Marines are invited. For more information, call James Putnam 876-0057.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will hold its general membership meeting Nov. 20 at 11:15 a.m. at the Tom Beville Center, room 267. Main agenda items include chapter elections and presenting proposed chapter bylaws changes for approval.

? Miscellaneous

Marine Corps ball

The Marines of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, invite you to the Marine Corps 226th Birthday Ball, Saturday 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.

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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.

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 1116, Personnel Identification Badge Request, for their government and/or con-

tractors 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.

Commissary on holiday

The Commissary will be closed for Veterans Day, Sunday and will reopen Tuesday.

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 information 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.fepblue.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.

Nashville bus trip

Due to an overwhelming response, 139 people (three buses) will be participating in the Civilian Welfare Fund Council's Christmas in Nashville/Opryland trip, Dec. 16. Payment for the trip must be made by Nov. 15 or your reservation will automatically be canceled and given to the first person on the waiting list. The bus assignment list will be available prior to boarding. Tickets for the Nashville events will be given to you on the bus. Due to increased Arsenal security, buses will depart from the Kroger parking lot on Drake Avenue and Memorial Parkway at 9:30 a.m. with an intermediate pickup at Sarge's Restaurant at 10:15. Please be at the Kroger parking lot by 9:15. For more information call the CWFC travel coordinator, Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, 313-5924.

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.

Sorority marketplace

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Zeta will present the Delta Zeta Marketplace,

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The Department of Human Development and Family Studies and the Family Child Care Partnerships (FCCP) program of Auburn University are seeking candidates for the position of Basic Skills Trainer/Mentor for the Huntsville area. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: provide on-site training and technical assistance to family child care providers in a multi-county regional area; assist family child care providers to identify and address their needs related to child management, parent communication, business practices and networking issues; assist with applications to buy equipment and learning materials; plan developmentally appropriate activities; plan and run monthly group meetings for family child care providers; network with local child care centers; and assist in gathering information to develop a clearinghouse of information for statewide child care resource and referral services. This position will involve travel in one or more of the following counties: Madison, Limestone, Morgan, Cullman, Winston, Lawrence, Lauderdale, Colbert and Franklin.

Minimum Qualifications: The minimum qualifications are a high school diploma or equivalent and 5 years experience. The position requires some experience working with children in a child care setting; the ability to understand basic principles of developmentally appropriate practice; excellent communication skills and excellent organization and reporting/record-keeping skills. An Associate's degree in Child Development or BA/BS in Child Development, Early Childhood Education or related field is desired. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

Minorities and women are encouraged to apply

Candidates should submit a letter of application and resume to:

Basic Skills Trainer/Mentor #16284
Human Resources
Langdon Hall
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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. 31st. 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.

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 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.

Program transition ceremony

The Space and Missile Defense Com-

mand's deputy commanding general for acquisition Brig. Gen. (promotable) John Urias and the acting program executive officer for air and missile defense Dr. Shelba Proffitt invite you to a ceremony for the transition of the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System from SMDC to PEO AMD, and the change of management from Col. Mary Fuller to Lt. Col. (promotable) Kurt Heine. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, call Maj. Reed Young 313-3404.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 15 at Calhoun Community College conference room 101 E, 102 Wynn Drive. Attendees can register for the MBA class scheduled to start in January in Huntsville. "Our alternate weekend, 18-month MBA will teach you the business world from an entrepreneur's eye," a prepared release said. For more information call 800-672-7223, ext. 5039.

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouse Club is seeking new members. This club meets the second Thursday of each month in the Challenger Club's conference room at 6:30 p.m. This offers an opportunity to meet new people and help support the community. The next meeting is scheduled Thursday. For more details, call Sonya West 726-9394.

Paper airplane contest

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) will hold its eighth annual Great Paper Airplane Contest at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the UAH University Center Exhibit Hall (note this is a new location this year). The event is free and open to all ages. The contest categories include aerobatics, time-of-flight, distance, accuracy and artistic. An awards ceremony will be at 5:15 p.m. For more information, call Alan Lowrey 544-7684.

Veterans museum

The Veterans Memorial Museum, operated by the Alabama Center of Military His-

tory, will hold its grand opening at 11 a.m. Saturday (Veterans Day weekend) at 2060-A Airport Road. The facility has about 40 historical military vehicles from World War II to the present, as well as tableaus, artifacts, and other memorabilia, plus a reference library. For more information, call 883-3737.

Party planners open house

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council will hold its fourth annual Special Event Committee "Party Planners Open House" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Rustic Lodge. Shuttle bus pickup will be provided every 20 minutes from the Sparkman Center, parking lot of building 5309, cafeteria area. Handicapped transportation will be provided upon advance request. For information call Sandra Dargin 313-1070 or Richard Pitts 313-1093. "Climb aboard to check out all the great items," a prepared release said.

Satellite dish policy

Soldiers residing in government housing are required to submit requests to install satellite dishes in writing to the Housing Management Office. Requests must be approved prior to installation. The Directorate of Public Works will identify an appropriate location for the satellite system after the servicemember has requested permission for one. The digital dish satellite system must be on a stand-alone

pole. It will not be attached to the quarters, fences, trees, etc. The maximum size of authorized dishes is 18 inches. Servicemembers will be required to remove the stand-alone pole and restore the area to its original condition upon terminating quarters. The Housing Office beginning Nov. 9 will cite soldiers that presently have satellite dishes installed improperly. Questions or concerns regarding this issue may be addressed by calling SFC Ron Pate, Housing Management NCO-in-charge, 876-1445.

Online auction

Redstone Arsenal MWR will be conducting an ongoing online auction of NAF property. This first sale will feature assorted trailers, but other items will be sold as they become available. Visit the web site at www.redstonemwr.com For questions or assistance, go into "policies and procedures" for contact information.

Education committee

Child and Youth Services will sponsor the Redstone Education Committee Meeting today from noon to 1. The meeting will be held in the Redstone Room of building 1500 (Challenger Community Activity Center) on Weeden Mountain Road. This meeting is open to the Redstone community and its goal is to share information

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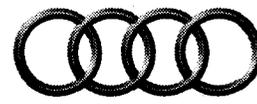


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and ideas with parents and educators alike. For more information, call Pam 955-6309.

Youth sponsors

Youth Services will hold a Youth Sponsorship Training Class from 4-5 p.m. Nov. 15 at building 3148 (Youth Center) on Goss Road. This class is for middle school

age youth and teens interested in becoming youth sponsors. For more information, call Yvonne Lister 876-5437 or Carolyn Taylor 876-6595.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours Monday for Veterans Day: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

Concessions, closed; Mall Barbershop, closed; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, closed; Military Clothing, closed; Barbershop, building 3479, closed; and the Food Court - Anthony's, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cinnabon, closed, Baskin Robbins, closed, Robin Hood, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Churches, closed.

Education week

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." 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.

Fox health center hours

In response to patient desires, the Fox Army Health Center Pharmacy will be open on all military training holidays. The Pharmacy will be open Friday, Nov. 9, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Primary Care Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All other clinics and services will be closed. The Health Center will be on holiday hours Monday, 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 Clinic. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed Monday.

Candlelight vigil

The International Cultural Alliance of Alabama invites everyone to participate in the commemoration of the second month anniversary of the Sept. 11 tragedy and to pay tribute to all the victims, at the Big Spring International Park, on Nov. 11 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. A candle lighting vigil will highlight this event so it is requested that everyone bring a candle. The goal is to form a "chain of tribute" around the lagoon by holding hands with as many children and adults, men and women, from different walks of life and cultures. This event is free. For more information, call Demy Robley 882-6064.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF NOV 2 01	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GIRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY?																				
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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	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																				
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																				
S01CE0024846LM5	Admin Support Asst (OA)	9-Nov-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0303	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X																				
01BK0032616JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X																				
01BK0032257JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X																				
01BK0030752DC1	Secretary (OA)	9-Nov-01	ACQ Center	GS-0318	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X																				
01BK0032863JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X																				
01BK0032674JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	8	8	32,552 - 42,321	X																				
01BK0032704JW1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	8	8	32,552 - 42,321	X																				
01BK0030767POA1	Security Assistant	9-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0086	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																				
01BK0032286JW1	Management / Program Assistant (OA)	9-Nov-01	DSA	GS-0344	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X																				
01BK003254VW1	General Engineer	9-Nov-01	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	67,345 - 74,553	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK0029144BL1	Engineering Technician	13-Nov-01	TMDE	GS-0802	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																				
01BK0029652BSK1	Engineering Technician	13-Nov-01	TMDE	GS-0802	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X																				
01BK0033526BR1	Oper Research Analyst	13-Nov-01	CAD	GS-1515	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X																				
01OCT0003574CM5	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Nov-01	CofE Huntsville	GG0346	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK0029151BSK1	Calibration Assistant	14-Nov-01	TMDE	GS-0303	7	7	29,392 - 38,209	X																				
01BK0029136BL1	Engineering Technician	14-Nov-01	TMDE	GS-0802	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																				
01BK0032021DT2	Health System Spec	14-Nov-01	MEDDAC	GS-0671	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X																				
01BK0033131DT2	General Engineer	14-Nov-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S01BK0038549MB4	Human Resources Asst (Info Syst/OA)	14-Nov-01	CPOC CFD-B	GS-0203	4	4	21,209 - 27,573	X		X																		
01BK0033149BL1	Inter Prog Mgmt Spec	15-Nov-01	SAMD	GS-0301	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																				
01BK0037911PO1	Secretary (Sten) (OA)	16-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0318	8	8	32,552 - 42,321	X																				
01BK0038081PO1	Program Analyst	16-Nov-01	CMO	GS-0343	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X																				
01BK0032851PO1	Security Specialist	16-Nov-01	ISD	GG-0080	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																				
01BK0023272BSK1	Engineering Technician	16-Nov-01	TMDE	GS-0802	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X																				
01BK0031375BR11	Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Nov-01	ISO	GS-0346	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	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																				
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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WCP0C-DCPS-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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK0036436AC2	Aerospace Engineer	26-Nov-01	PEO Aviation	GS-80,607	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S01CE0031398SL5	Program Manager	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
050400JC2	Oper Research Analyst	30-Nov-01	OTD	GS-1515	13	13	61,749 - 80,279	X	X																			
01BK0019951BM1	IT Specialist (OS)	30-Nov-01	CIC	GS-2210	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	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	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	
01BK0028214DB1	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	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	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	
00BK032894ES2	General Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	3	29,392 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	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 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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	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	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	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	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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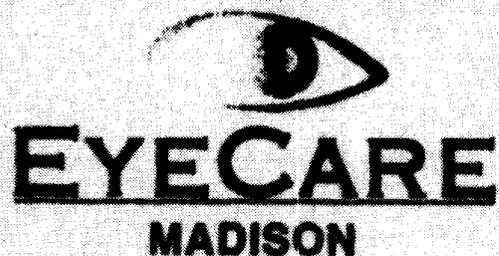
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