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## Combined Federal Campaign on final touchdown march

*Annual charity drive to conclude Nov. 19*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

It's the fourth quarter and the ball is on the opponent's 20. All the home team needs is a final push to win the game.

That's the status of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen gave the charity drive's financial chairmen a pep talk and kudos for their work so far Nov. 7 in the Sparkman Cafeteria. The annual campaign is scheduled to end Nov. 19.

"I can't think of anything more important at this time than the Combined Federal Campaign," said Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. He mentioned the national outpouring of support for victims of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11.

"It's the result of people getting out, organizing and doing something that takes time," Dodgen said of the charity campaign. "There's little time left.

"I'd like to commend you for the work that's been done," he added, requesting a redoubling of efforts to the drive's conclusion.

By Nov. 2, the end of the third week, the



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PEP TALK—** Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, addresses organization representatives for the Combined Federal Campaign.

overall CFC had collected \$1,120,000 for 73 percent of the \$1,550,000 goal. AMCOM had contributed \$376,357 for 65 percent of its \$582,111 goal.

"Please contact everybody, give everybody an opportunity to contribute," Dodgen told the financial chairmen and others

in attendance.

"Thank you all so very much for coming, and keep up the good work," said Gay Money, chairman of CFC's Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

Dodgen presented CFC certificates to chairmen from the various contributing

organizations. Many were cited as Early Bird winners for their timely donations.

There were 16 Early Birds this year compared to six last year, according to Michelle Cobb, financial chairman for AMCOM/Team Redstone.

The campaign's Silent Auction had 117 items donated by local businesses, artists, and Team Redstone workers. All items can be viewed at the following Tennessee Valley CFC web site: [www.cfc-huntsville.org](http://www.cfc-huntsville.org). The Corporate Information Center has put a link to it on the AMCOM Intranet web site.

"We have total bids of close to \$6,000 right now," Claus Martel, assistant to the committee chairman, said. "We have everything from vases to the use of a bulldozer for two days, the chief of staff for one day, and the UNA (University of North Alabama) jazz band for a two-hour gig.

"If you contribute to the Silent Auction, that is counted toward your organization's goal. We've had over 800 e-mails going back and forth. It's just been a huge success."

The auction continues until midnight Nov. 19, the campaign's last day.

Here are the Early Bird contributors and their financial chairmen: Command Group (Pat Thomas), Inspector General Office (Ed Goad), Internal Review and Audit

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## Energetic instructors set pace for aerobics

*Volunteers Lockhart and Webster want to see more participation*

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

A thin layer of sweat covers her body as Evon gently moves to the beat of the R&B softly filling the room. She reaches upward then arches from side to side. The pace quickens. Her breaths deepen. She begins to relax and let it all go...

"Time to work it," she says, as she shifts her evening aerobics class from warmup to workout speed. For the next hour and a half volunteer instructor Evon Webster keeps them moving, stepping, punching and breathless. And they love her for it.

Equally praised for tough workouts and commitment to

his clients, Al "the Rock" Lockhart takes the day shift, holding lunchtime aerobic classes at Pagano Gym.

"I owe those two so much," Linda Rogers, aerobics student and military spouse, said. "When I came here to Redstone two years ago, I was sick, lonely, overweight and just felt terrible about myself. I had Graves disease, sometimes called Thyroid disease, and the medicine I had to take made me gain all this weight. My doctor kept telling me to go to the aerobics classes on the Arsenal because they were right there and free but I kept putting it off."

Finally she gave in and attended Lockhart's lunch class. She admits that it was hard at first. She would stop often for water breaks or "catch my breath breaks, really." Being a smoker didn't help, but she stuck with it, attending Lockhart's class four days a week. Sometimes she would attend

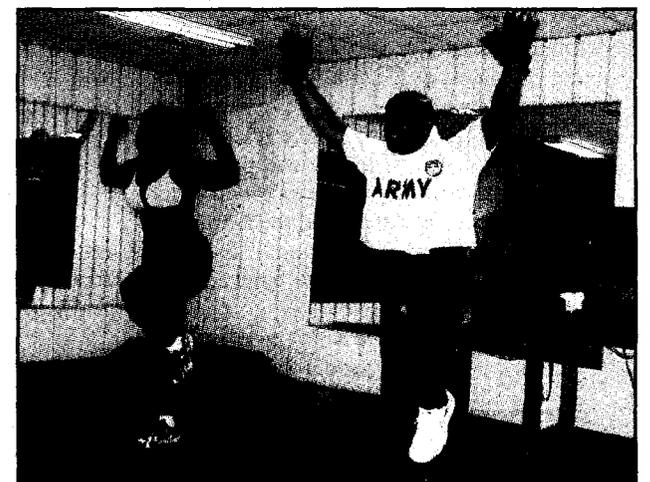


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**FEEL THE BURN—** Volunteer aerobics instructors Evon Webster and Al "the Rock" Lockhart want to encourage all of Team Redstone to check out their classes at Pagano Gym.

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## Join Team Redstone at holiday party

As we enter the final few weeks of 2001, many of us find ourselves reflecting on past accomplishments while mentally preparing for future challenges. But we also find ourselves making plans for the upcoming holiday season.

The holiday season always marks a special time to be with family and friends. Why not join the Team Redstone family for our holiday party at the Officers and Civilians Club on Friday, Dec. 7?

The Party Committee has planned a great evening for your enjoyment, and it

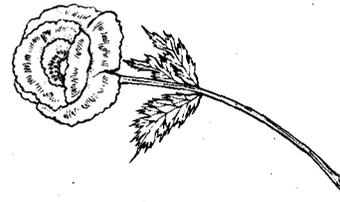
will be the perfect occasion for all of us to get together as we celebrate the season. Plan now to be a part of the festivities and enjoy a fun-filled evening with good friends.

This will be the first opportunity for my wife, Leslie, and I to attend this annual event. We look forward to sharing the evening with the entire Redstone community, and we hope to see all of you there.

**Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen**  
commander,  
AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal

## Poppy has significance for vets

The poppy, the memorial flower for American soldiers who died in war, is a tradition that began 80 years ago following World War I. The



American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its memorial flower. This Veterans Day, it is worn in memory of the living and dead who served their country in the past and to honor those who still serve. With you, we stand united!

**Margaret White**  
first vice president  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Unit 237

## Another look at history of U.S. wars

The *Redstone Rocket's* Nov. 7 rendition (advertisement insert) of "A history of American war" was a fairly accurate summation of our past military conflicts.

However, a few points of clarification may be in order.

(1) Most reputable historians agree that the French and Indian War began in 1754. Upon George Washington's return in January 1754 from what is now western Pennsylvania where the French were building a line of forts, Washington was sent by the governor of Virginia to force the French to withdraw. With only 150 men, Washington was overwhelmed by a much larger French force. The British government then sent 1,400 British redcoats to Virginia. The British accompanied by a small colonial force under Washington were forced to withdraw by the French in July 1755.

(2) The "Civil War," or more appropriately referred to as the War Between the States, took place for several reasons. Among these was the fact that in the late 1850s and into the very early 1860s southern legislators in the U.S. Congress could not get proposed legislation taken seriously, let alone passed, by northern legislators. The South's economy was primarily agrarian. Cotton was being exported to the mills in England rather than the North because it was more economical to do so. Hence, the North's maritime blockade of the South.

Abolitionists in the North proposed the abolition of slavery. Although it is general-

ly assumed that abolition or slavery was the primary cause for the War Between the States, most historians agree that this was not the case — at least, it is not considered the primary cause for the beginning of hostilities in the War Between the States.

Slavery was "an unqualified evil to the Negro, the white man, and the State," said Abraham Lincoln in the 1850s. Yet in his first inaugural address, Lincoln declared that he had "no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with slavery in the states where it exists." He reiterated this pledge in his first message to Congress on July 4, 1861, when the Civil War was three months old.

President Lincoln did recognize after Gettysburg that his political party would need something more than the military victory at Gettysburg to help it carry the 1864 elections. Although he had initiated the Emancipation Proclamation to be effective Jan. 1, 1863, well before Gettysburg, he was now able to rekindle the abolition issue. It was a focal point he needed to now place more pressure — albeit psychological — on the secessionists. The abolition of slavery may have very well now become the purpose for the continuation of the War Between the States.

(4) Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution based on two "alleged" attacks on U.S. ships. It still has not been proven that these attacks ever actually took place.

Hope this helps.

**Jim Keebler**

## MP wife sees lack of appreciation

After reading numerous letters published in the *Rocket*, and hearing complaints everywhere I go, the anger must be unleashed. I have never been so ashamed of the people on this Arsenal, as I am today. Americans have been coming together since the attacks on America, Sept 11, but it doesn't seem to be the case on Redstone. I'm not targeting anyone, but those whiners who constantly complain about the security on the Arsenal. Do you not know how hard the men and women from the PMO and Guard sections have been working? Probably not, and from your self-serving attitude you don't care. Let me fill you in a little...since 9:45 a.m. on Sept. 11 these MPs, guards and police have been working 12 hour shifts, six days on with only one day off. They are tired, worn out, sleep deprived and have missed much quality time with their families. All to protect you! The whining, complaining, self-centered people who come through the gates of the Arsenal! You sit in line at the gates and complain about the wait, you're rude to those who check you vehicle and IDs, you whine to others you pass about how much of your time was wasted waiting to get onto the Arsenal. Ever think of how much effort it takes to stand at a gate for 12 hours and check all the vehicles that come on post? Or how about seeing all those cars lined up, and know how rude people are going to be to you? How about their time? You get to spend time with your families, you get weekends off to relax; these men and

women who are protecting you don't get those luxuries. Most of the men and women who stand at the gates and patrol the Arsenal go home and fall into an exhausted sleep every night — not even able to play with their kids. But I bet you do — without a second thought to those who protect you!

With Veterans Day here, thank those in uniform that you pass who work the gates. For most of the DoD police and guards are veterans, too; they served in our armed forces for your freedom. Many fought in Vietnam or the Persian Gulf, and now serve the Arsenal. I know personally of the sacrifices these brave people are making to protect you. My children have gone without their father since Sept. 11, without playing with him before bedtime, because he is so exhausted from work. Yet he does it because he believes in America's fight for freedom, against terrorism.

So stop being so self-centered, and thank them for protecting you and our way of life. Appreciate all that you have, for without them you would have nothing. Be kind to others, let that driver go ahead of you, don't cut in unnecessarily, give a wave and a smile, instead of the finger or rude comment. To those of you who have already said thanks to those serving, continue it, for they appreciate your kind words and appreciation. For I feel that we cannot thank them enough.

**Tracy Silvia**  
MP wife

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# Redstone celebrates holidays with gala event Dec. 7



Photo by Jim Bowne

**CENTERPIECE**— Pat Carter, left, shows Aileen Jacques one of the table decorations for the upcoming Redstone Holiday Party. One lucky person at each table will become the proud owner of one of these artistic centerpieces. Carter, chairman of the decorations committee, and Jacques work for Corporate Information Center, sponsor for this year's event.

## Dine, dance and socialize during annual party at club

By JIM BOWNE  
For the Rocket

Only three weeks remain before Team Redstone's big Holiday Party on Dec. 7.

"Ticket sales are progressing nicely," Kelly Miller said. "We're expecting a large crowd. So I urge everyone to get their tickets as early as possible, especially those who want to share tables with their friends and co-workers."

Miller and Pat McCrary, both of Corporate Information Center, are co-chairmen for this year's Holiday Party Committee. They remind everyone that partygoers will be able to reserve one or more tables when they purchase their tickets. However, they will need to fill out the registration form and list the names of all those who will be sitting together.

"We know that friends like to sit together," McCrary said. "And we're doing our best to make sure that happens."

Tickets are \$20 per person. The price includes a delicious meal, gratuity and entertainment.

"The dress for both military and civilians is coat and tie," Miller said. "The evening's festivities will begin with a social hour at 6 (p.m.), dinner at 7, and music for dancing will begin at 8. Rudy Greer, a DJ with 'America's Party Pros,' will be playing everyone's favorite dance music."

The dinner entrée includes both charbroiled filet mignon and chicken eugene. And of course dinner will include a tossed

green salad, whole new potatoes, green beans almondine, hot rolls with butter, coffee and tea, and assorted fruit trifles.

Partygoers will have the opportunity to get their pictures taken by "Jim and Frieda," owners of a local photography studio. "It's always nice to have your photograph taken at special events," Miller said. "I like to think of them as hard copies of happy memories."

Miller said that she and all the other Party Committee members are looking forward to a big turnout this year.

"Attendance has averaged about 400 people during the past several years," she said. "The party is always a lot of fun, and everyone truly enjoys being there. Of course, they also hope they'll be one of the lucky ones who will win one of the beautiful holiday centerpieces that decorate the tables."

For those of you who have not yet purchased tickets, call one of the Holiday Party Committee representatives and they will be happy to sell them to you: Acquisition Center, Debra Kelley Long 876-4153; Corporate Information Center, Kelly Miller 955-7111, Pat McCrary 842-9161 and DJ Roberts 876-9079; Command Analysis Directorate, Glenda Waters 876-4414; Command Group, Sarah Brazzel 876-7136 and Brenda Dunn 876-7503; Integrated Materiel Management Center, Pat Carter 876-1735; Internal Review and Audit Compliance, Eura Reaves 842-6949; Lead AMC Integration Support Office, Annie Powers 955-8868; Legal Office, Capt. John Faris 876-9911; Public Affairs Office, Jim Bowne 955-9173; and Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Sue Paddock 876-6299.

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# Command leadership tries to sharpen strategic vision

## New mission statement focuses on partnering

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

As 2001 heads to the finish line, AMCOM is poised for the new year with a new mission statement: "Partner with program executive officers, warfighters, and industry to develop, acquire, field, and sustain aviation and missile systems to ensure the Army's readiness and technological superiority in any future conflict."

And a new vision: "Dominant aviation and missile systems... decisive victory through readiness."

"We simply cannot overemphasize the importance of providing service to our warfighters," Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "Toward that end, we are going to be forward-focused, coming up with an aggressive strategic plan - and metrics - that reward achievement."

The Strategic Planning Office will orchestrate that plan for the command. SPO as a member of the Strategic Planning Integrated Process Team began in October to define the basis for the new mission, vision, goals and objectives.

"The key word is partner," Rebecca Pratcher, SPO chief, said. "Not only do our new command mission and vision statements closely align AMCOM with AMC's goals and objectives, but also they reflect a comprehensive analysis that identifies and builds on our strengths and opportunities. We will now begin rapidly moving forward to implement the results of all this good work."

In addition to the mission and vision, the command now has five new goals, with supporting objectives:

- Customer Centric Business Focus — Create an integrated environment fostering customer confidence where AMCOM is the preferred support provider.
- PEO/PM Relationship Management — Build strategic alliances with PEOs and PMs to ensure the efficient acquisition, integration and sustainment of effective and affordable aviation and missile systems.
- Transforming Logistics — Transform logistics to ensure that DA readiness standards for aircraft and missile materiel are maintained through periods of change and varying levels of resources.
- Support Transformation and Homeland Defense — Provide aviation and

missile technology, systems and support to enable Army Transformation and Homeland Defense.

• High-Performing Work Force — Develop a first-class work force of the future that supports a one-AMCOM culture in a climate of trust, fairness, confidence and inclusiveness.

"With the new mission, vision and goals and objectives, we want to make AMCOM the No. 1 choice of our customers," Pratcher said. "We want to position ourselves to be our customers'

preferred provider. The Strategic Planning IPT spent a lot of time gathering and analyzing the data that supports our need to have strong partnerships with our customers. The IPT's efforts helped to pave the way for the command's path forward and for the BOD (board of directors) to lead the command in the coming years."

Now SPO will work with the IPT and other command organizations to develop the performance metrics and tasks to implement the goals and objectives

## Companies developing web-based training

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# Missile school instructors recognized for their work



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

**HONORING THOSE WHO TEACH—** Col. David Hafele, commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, gives awards to the military/civilian instructors of the year. SFC Richard Hawkins, center, of the Electronics Technology Training Department, was named military instructor of the year, and Robert Lewis, right, also of ETTD, was named civilian instructor of the year.

## *Hawkins and Lewis named best of year*

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School honored its outstanding instructors during a luncheon Nov. 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Col. David Hafele, OMMCS commandant, was on hand to personally congratulate each soldier, with the highlight being the announcement of the 2001 military/civilian instructors of the year.

"An instructor is defined as an arranger or preparer; to teach or inform," Col. Hafele said. "But our OMMCS instructors are much more than that.

"They are charged with developing minds into technicians and leaders capable of operating, repairing and maintaining the Army's battlefield operating systems in support of combat and sustainment operations. And the soldiers they train must often apply the skills learned in a hostile environment like Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

"Instructors, like teachers everywhere, are the unsung heroes who produce the leaders of tomorrow," he said. "These instructors are recognized for their dedi-

cation to students, their technical proficiency, their educational achievement, and their personal initiative. You are each applauded for your accomplishments and I encourage you to continue in your professional development."

SFC Richard Hawkins, of the Electronics Technology Training Department, was named military instructor of the year. Also honored was Robert Lewis, the ETTD civilian instructor of the year.

The instructors of the fourth quarter, SFC Cedric Tims and Randell Artis, both of ETTD, were also honored. Also recognized were the newest associate instructors and new "master" instructors.

"The outstanding individuals we are recognizing here today are training America's future, our leaders of tomorrow as well as the maintainer of today's operational forces," Hafele said.

The master instructors that were honored include SFC Marvin Caywood, SSgt. James Whitt, SSgt. Gilbert Sanchez and SSgt. Danice Keathley, all of the Missile Systems Training Department; SFC Donovan Bailey of the Ordnance Training Detachment at Fort Bliss, Texas; and SSgt. Howard Mclymont and SSgt. Ronald Gross both with the Ordnance Training Detachment at Fort Sill, Okla.

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# New director: 'Youth Center is more than just open recreation'



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**TALKING WITH PARENTS**— New director Yvonne Lister, right, talks with parent Linda Morton about the activities available to children at the Youth Center.

*Lister wants teens to participate, grow center into place of their own*

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

Redstone's Youth Center offers teens more than just a place to go and hang out after school, according to new director Yvonne Lister.

"We have something for everyone here," she said. "We have computers, arts and crafts, sports in the gym, homework room, play stations, pool and table tennis, games, videos and different instructional classes. And that's just what we have going all the time. There's still lots of other special classes, activities, field trips and social events."

Lister is concerned that only 30-35 youth participate daily in a program with a capacity of 280.

"We need to get the word out to parents and kids that the Youth Center is here for them and it's free," Lister said. "We're doing more and planning more and partnering with other organizations in the community to offer kids a wide variety of activities over the core program. We have instructors in every area interacting with the children and providing a structured, focused environment so they don't get in trouble. This is a safe, healthy place that

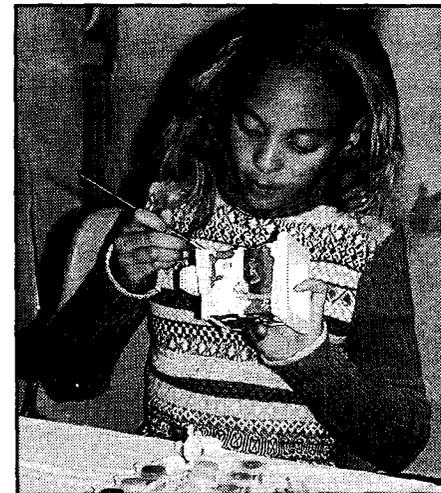


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**ATTENTION TO DETAIL**— Faith Morton, daughter of Maj. Dwayne and Linda Morton, paints a house during an arts and crafts class at the Youth Center.

kids can come to and build life skills."

Sheryl Scott Astle is the homework/lab instructor for the after school program at the center. She keeps in touch with the schools and has a working knowledge of their homework policies. She also teaches students about doing research on the computer and how to find scholarship opportunities.

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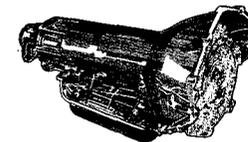
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The Youth Center is open Monday through Saturday from 1-8:30 p.m. for kids ages 11-18 for the school year. During the summer, winter and spring breaks and intercessions for the year-round county students, the center offers full day operating hours for a fee. Participation in just the afternoon hours during those times is still free.

"The Youth Center has a lot of great programs," Linda Morton, military spouse and parent, said. "I plan on becoming more involved in the activities because it

is such a good place for kids to spend their time."

Lister is putting out a call for adult volunteers to teach instructional classes in music, dance, gymnastics, sports, martial arts and other areas of interest. She is working with 4-H, Boys and Girls Club, and Army Community Service for additional enrichment activities.

"I like working in the computer room," Kamisha Abner, daughter of Sgt. Marie Crowder, 326th Chemical Maintenance Company, said. She and her sister, Marseena, visit the youth center regularly. "This is a great place to hang out but I wish we had more youth participation."

If the center isn't what the youth want,

there are avenues for youth to speak out and affect changes through either the teen council or open forums.

"Open forums give the teens a chance to talk with the staff and tell them what they need or want in the center," Lister said. "This should be a place they want to come."

Lister has more than 20 years of government service, more than 15 of those years spent in Child and Youth Services around the world. Mother of three and wife of a retired servicemember, Lister understands the importance of keeping kids focused and busy with positive activities.

"I was always involved in my chil-

dren's lives," she said. "When they went skating, I went skating. When they played basketball, I played basketball. When I jog, they had to jog with me and all three of them were on the track team. I love to run."

When she arrived at Redstone as the new director in June, she realized the program needed a boost because it had been without a director for several months. A dedicated staff kept the program going.

"I want the kids to come back to the center," she said. "It's their center — they should enjoy it and choose what they want to do. It should prepare them for life. Then they can go out and succeed and give back to their communities."



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# Nursing student sees growing career through Army program

*Enlisted soldier on path toward becoming officer*

By GWYNN SCHNEIDER  
University of Alabama-Huntsville

When most UAH Nursing students graduate, they will go to work in a hospital, wearing the traditional nursing uniform.

For Kimberly Brown, the uniform will be a Battle Dress Uniform, or BDU.

Brown is a part of a unique program UAH has in conjunction with the Army.

For more than five years, Brown has served in the Army. A sergeant now, she worked at Darnall Army Community Hospital in Fort Hood Texas for over two years in Labor and Delivery. She also

served for two years in Baumholder Germany as a medic.

She learned about the Army Enlisted Commissioning Program through Army Medical Department and took advantage of it. She applied for the AACP, was accepted, and chose to attend the University of Alabama-Huntsville to receive her bachelor's degree in nursing.

"I looked at different schools, and this seemed to be a good school with a good curriculum," Brown said. "The way they (UAH) have it set up is; the first two years are general studies, and the last two years are when you do the nursing. Some schools mix it all together, I didn't want that."

Brown is a junior in UAH's nursing program, and is its junior class president while maintaining her active duty status

with the Army.

Fellow nursing student Kari Pradels said the difference in the Army's nursing program and UAH's program is "she is more disciplined than us, and has more experience. She has worked in the medical field where as some of us have not." Pradels is getting her bachelor's in nursing, and is considering a premed track.

Brown is required to complete her BSN in two years, then she will go to the Officers Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and will be commissioned when she passes the nursing exams.

From there, she will be assigned to a duty station at a hospital as a second lieutenant.

According to Brown, you can choose where you want to work. She wants to work in the cardiac care unit or obstetrics and gynecology.

"If I get accepted as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, I will make the Army my career," she said.

Meanwhile, the Army pays for her tuition and books, and she still receives a paycheck every two weeks, as if she were still working.

Could she get deployed? "Yes," Brown said. "It's fine with me."

"I knew when I joined the Army out of high school, that was an opportunity that I would have to endure. My dad is in the military also, he's been in Desert Storm, Bosnia, and right now is deployed on the Kitty Hawk."

Brown is married and has a 3-year-old daughter. Brown's husband works on Redstone Arsenal and is in the Army as well.

"I chose this school (UAH), because my husband can work here on the Arsenal and I had to find a place for my husband and my daughter so we could come to school

**'I'm guaranteed a paycheck, my tuition's free, I don't have to worry about it, I don't have to worry about my books, the Army is taking care of me.'**

— Sgt. Kimberly Brown  
UAH student nurse

and we wouldn't be separated. There's only so many places that he can go."

Brown spent her high school years in Moultrie, Ga. She participated in band, track, softball and cross-country. "I played the clarinet for six wonderful years, graduated June 6, 1996 and joined the Army June 19, 1996 through the delayed enlistment program," she said. Brown has one brother and two half siblings.

"I wanted a changed of pace, my dad's in the military, I have several relatives in the military," she said. "My mom's in the nursing field, so I knew I wanted to be a nurse or a doctor a long time ago, like in kindergarten."

If someone wanted to do what you are doing, what would you say? "I'd tell them to do it. If they're someone who likes to travel, and for me, moving every 2 or 3 years, I like it, you meet new people."

"I'm guaranteed a paycheck, my tuition's free, I don't have to worry about it, I don't have to worry about my books, the Army is taking care of me."

According to Brown, the Army Enlisted Commissioning Program "is a good opportunity to grow and learn." Brown graduates in 2003.

*Editor's note: Gwynn Schneider writes for the "Exponent" newspaper at UAH.*

## Ahern informs UNA students on federal job opportunities

FLORENCE— Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities at Redstone Arsenal, spoke to assistant professor of health and physical education Dr. Michael Hall's "Introduction to Recreation" class Thursday in Flowers Hall at the University of North

Alabama.

Ahern told the students career possibilities offered in the field of recreation with the military. He also explained how offices like his are providing recreational opportunities for U.S. soldiers who are involved in the conflict in Afghanistan.



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# Corpus Christi exceeds charity campaign goal by \$40,000

Depot workers donate more than \$260,000

CORPUS CHRISTI DEPOT RELEASE

The Combined Federal Campaign at Corpus Christi Depot ended on a high note Nov. 9. Depot employees exceeded the 2001 goal of \$220,000 by more than \$40,000.

More than \$260,000 in contributions were pledged to support the various charities supported by CFC. Nineteen donors pledged support at the prestigious Eagle level giving at least \$1,000. Of all employees who gave, the average CCAD donation was \$145.

One factor being attributed to the overwhelming success of this campaign is the Sept. 11 tragedy. Some depot employees gave specifically to agencies like the Red Cross and United Way that assist in relief for the victims, their families and rescue workers. Many contributions were also made to local agencies to help people in Corpus Christi and the surrounding Coastal Bend area.

Col. James Budney said he was over-

whelmed by the generosity of the depot work force. He appreciates the work done by the CFC loaned executives and said they did a great job of running this year's campaign. He is also grateful to the 20 depot CFC keyworkers that worked hard to make this happen.

"The volunteers are what makes this program work, and we had a great group of folks working it this year," Budney said. "The CCAD work force should be proud of the way they support their community."

David Hewitt, loaned executive, and Lalo Reyna, CFC co-chairman, worked hard to make the campaign successful. They were assisted by many employees who volunteered as keyworkers in their work areas. Keyworkers included Ruben Guerrero, Robert Rodriguez, Jesse Avila, Frank Sanchez, Cynthia Holmes, Betty Jo Vela, Nancy Hewlett, Roger Santos, Harry Falcon, Sharon Haynes, Jerry Fisk, Diana Quintanilla, Rea Gary, Milton Forge, Helen Hernandez, B.K. Ellinger, Ernest Deleon, Annette Ortiz and Dora Alcazar. The keyworkers from AMCOM were Kevin Rees and Rita Lozano.



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## Moving soon

Army Community Service will move sometime this spring from building 3491 to building 3338 in the missile school area, according to ACS chief Sue Paddock. "They're starting (Nov. 5) to strip the carpets and stuff," she said of the new location, which previously served the Directorate of Logistics' equipment control branch that moved to building 4488. "It's a beautiful building."

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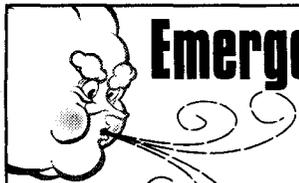
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Eventually around 400 Navajo men were trained in the code's use and served as Code Talkers, relaying messages through the airwaves with incredible

speed and accuracy. At Iwo Jima alone, the code talkers transmitted more than 800 error-free messages in a 48-hour period. The Japanese were never able to decipher the code, and it is largely credited as a major factor in helping the United States to victory.

Because of its success and its possible use in future combat, the Code Talkers were sworn to secrecy about their involvement in the war and the code was not declassified until 1968. As a result, the Code Talkers who developed the code were awarded with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor Congress can bestow on a citizen of the United States. The rest of the Code Talkers who

served in the war will be awarded the Congressional Silver Medal this fall, an award that has not been given in more than 75 years.

MGM Pictures is presenting their heroic story in the upcoming movie "Windtalkers." The story of the Code Talkers is an indispensable part of our

United States history and was to open in theaters across the country on Nov. 9. It is a story of heroism and incredible courage, and it is time that these Native Americans' story was told.

*Editor's note: November is Native American Heritage Month.*

## Lower Tier Project workers receive individual awards

The Lower Tier Project Office presented the following awards Nov. 5:

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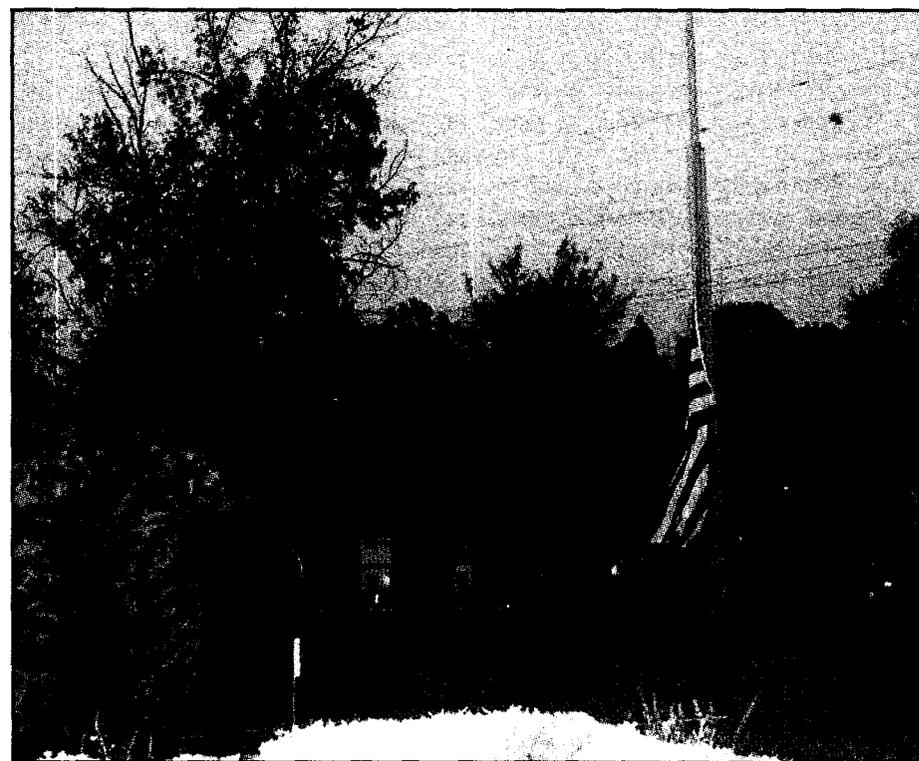


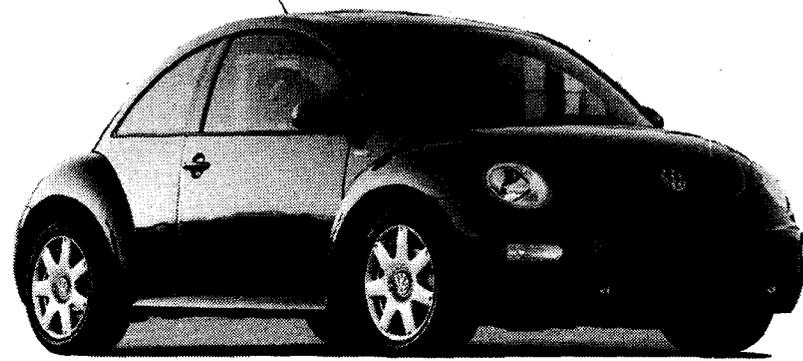
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### Retreat ceremony

More than 800 soldiers and Marines from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School gather for a retreat ceremony Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. in front of building 3300 on Patton Road. The ceremony was held to honor veterans of the past, present and future. After the flag was lowered, OMMCS soldiers, Marines and civilians held a brief moment of silence to commemorate the thousands of servicemembers who have served before them.



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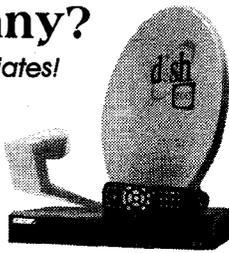
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# Commissaries ring up 30.4 percent savings

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By BONNIE POWELL  
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. - The Defense Commissary Agency hit the 10-year mark as an agency this fall. "But we're much happier to be hitting 30," says DeCA director Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert Courter Jr.

Hitting 30?

"For the last two years we've made tremendous strides toward several major goals, such as cutting costs and increasing service," Courter said. "But one goal has risen above all others — achieving 30 percent savings for our customers. I'm very pleased to announce that we've hit, and surpassed, the 30 percent mark for the first time in DeCA's history."

"We've really focused on our strategies and objectives, changed the way we do business, and worked even harder to achieve major savings for customers," said Bob Vitikacs, chief of DeCA's grocery buying division, the Marketing Business Unit. Buyers at the MBU negotiate the lowest possible prices for products sold in commissaries.

"Tougher negotiations with industry have made a difference," Vitikacs said.

"And we've obtained tools and technology, such as scanner data, to help us make good decisions."

Data is obtained every time a product is passed over the scanner at the register. The data from commissaries and other retail grocers helps buyers know which products are most popular and which offer the best savings to customers.

"More important than technology is simply listening to our customers and taking action," Courter said. "Listening to our customers directly resulted in initiatives that increased savings. The 'Best Value Item' program is a good example. Shoppers have quickly come to know that when they see the yellow signs on popular products such as baby food, detergents and paper goods, they are getting the lowest prices available anywhere. Period!"

The latest figures on percent of savings are a result of the most recent pricing survey of grocery, meat and produce items in commissaries compared to retail grocery stores, supermarkets and supercenters.

"Our exact percentage of savings is 30.4 percent, but I'm happy to say that our savings in produce and meat are well above that mark," Courter said. "Shoppers have noticed that we've made improvements in produce and that we are

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Dorothy Moore/ Photo Lab

## Thanks for support

Maj. Gen Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, presents a Commander's Letter to University of North Alabama president Robert Potts on Nov. 7 for his school's help at the Oct. 2 Combined Federal Campaign kickOff rally. UNA's 163-member "Pride of Dixie" Marching Band played for both the Marshall Space Flight Center's CFC kickoff and the Tennessee Valley CFC kickOff at the Bob Jones Auditorium. Dodgen said the band was "very professional" and thanked Potts for his school's participation. Potts, in turn, thanked Dodgen for the Army's and Team Redstone's role in fighting the current war on terrorism. L.Loyd E. Jones, the band's director, also received recognition with a commander's letter and coin. Accompanying Potts from UNA was Dr. Elliott Pood, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Jimmy Simpson, chairman of the Department of Music; and Lt. Col. John Wright, chairman of the Department of Military Science.



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# Local veteran shares war stories in new book "Campfire"

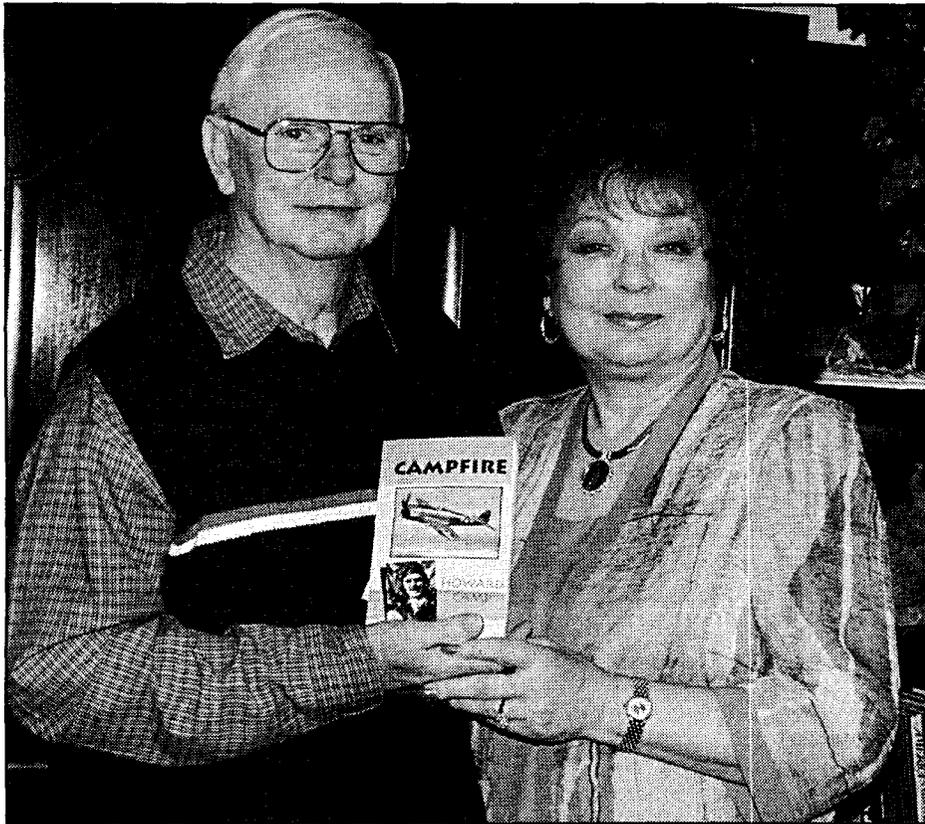


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**LIVING HISTORY**— What started out as a request from his children and grandchildren to put on paper his life experiences, including war stories from World War II, Vietnam and Korea, became Howard Camp's book, "Campfire." He and his wife, Jan, will have a book signing at the PX mall area Nov. 16-17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Book signing this weekend at Post Exchange mall*

By **SANDY RIEBELING**  
Staff writer

Jan Camp always thought her husband exaggerated a little about his glory days as a fighter pilot in World War II.

"He would tell the kids all these stories and I knew it really happened, but I always figured he dressed it up a little," she said. "Then a few years ago while we were touring Germany, Howard got this idea in his head that he was going to find the field where he crash landed after being shot down by the Germans during World War II."

Jan thought it was a futile expedition but went with him because she'd learned long ago when Howard sets his mind to something, that's the way it's going to be. The couple grabbed a taxi and Camp told the driver to head south out of the town of Luxembourg — that he'd know the place when he saw it. Not too far into the drive, Camp told the driver to stop.

"There's my field," Camp told his wife confidently. "I knew it was the one because it had this drainage ditch that led the way." Camp's plane had been hit by enemy fire and he was unable to bail out so he looked for a soft spot and hoped to live through the landing. "I came in full throttle, at 300 knots, without wheels. I saw this valley and followed it in." He pointed to a stand of trees at one end of the field. "I was headed over there to hide when I met the resistance (forces) in the area," Camp said.

Jan was stunned but it was exactly as he had described it all these years. Before she could ask him anything else, Camp instructed the driver to head to the nearby village. He wanted to find the house where he was hidden from the Germans. Again, the chances were slim that he would find the house, considering nearly 50 years had passed.

Camp spotted an older woman walking down the street and told the driver to pull over and translate for him, hoping that if

she'd lived there during the war, she may remember the family or the house.

"The driver told her who I was and what we were doing," Camp said. "She turned around to look at me, tears in her eyes. 'You're the one,' she said. 'I remember you!' It turned out that she was part of the underground that saved me. Before you knew it we were all talking and crying, even the driver. I ended up driving the taxi back to Luxembourg myself."

Surviving the crash, finding the field, the house and even the friends from 50 years ago is just part of the charmed life Camp has led. As a favor to his children and grandchildren who had been requesting it for years, Camp sat down about a year ago and started writing his memoirs. It was supposed to be for family only but the more he wrote, the more he remembered and the more interested outsiders became.

"I didn't remember everything in sequence," Camp said, of writing his first book at the age of 78. "One memory would jog my mind about something else. Jan typed everything up for me and helped me with some of the wording but everything in there is the absolute truth."

The book begins at the beginning for Camp, who was born in Snead, Ala. He was raised in the country and shares some of the lore of the times, growing up in the 1920s and 1930s. But as with many Americans, the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, changed his life.

"It pissed me off," he said. "I tried to join up right away but my mother wouldn't sign the paper. I was only 17 and couldn't join without her permission."

A year later Camp joined the Air Force. In this tell-most book, Camp shares funny, sad and poignant memories as a country boy, soldier, pilot and surviving combat during both World War II and Vietnam. He also served as a flight instructor training pilots for the Korean War.

Camp later got a job at Redstone Arsenal, working with Dr. Wernher von Braun

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# Step out the car, please; don't lose your career to beer

## Legal Office discourages driving under influence

By Capt. JOHN FARIS III  
Legal Office

It started out as a Friday night of hanging out with other soldiers in your unit. Everyone went off post for dinner and a few beers to blow off steam after the duty day. Most returned to another soldier's home for a small party afterwards involving music, dancing and few more drinks. You left the party when the crowd started to thin. You felt fine to drive. As soon as you get onto post, you see a blue light in your rearview mirror. The MP exits his vehicle, walks up to yours, and asks you to step out of the car. After a few brief

tests, you are being arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Congratulations! In a few hours time, you may have irreparably ruined your military career.

Your first reward for being apprehended for driving under the influence of alcohol will be a trip to U.S. Magistrate Court to be prosecuted. Whether you plea or are convicted, you will face a fine of up to \$2,100 and possible imprisonment for up to a year. Furthermore, you now have a federal misdemeanor conviction. This will really impress your superiors, family and friends!

And the fun does not stop with your newly acquired criminal record. Army Regulation 190-5, paragraph 2-7, has even more surprises in store for you.

According to the regulation, your drinking and driving efforts entitle you to a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand signed by the commanding general. You can receive the GOMR whether or not you are convicted in court. Refusal to take a lawfully required test to measure the alcohol content of your blood can also guarantee you a GOMR. Your GOMR may even get filed in your Official Military Personnel File. That will impress your next promotion board! The policy letter also directs your commander to refer you to an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program at no cost to you. Oh, the places you will go...

But wait! It is not over yet! Your commander can also review your service record as mandated by the policy letter to see if your drinking efforts should be rewarded with any other forms of adverse administrative action such as administrative reduction, bar to reenlistment, or administrative discharge. You can just hear your creditors applauding your loss of pay!

Additionally, your DUI has provided the security personnel an opportunity to re-examine your initial or continued eligibility for access to classified information. That is right, you could lose your security clearance which may be critical to performing your duties! Criminal conduct is

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one factor that is considered in the determination whether to grant or continue eligibility for a security clearance.

Finally, you may also get to fit in more physical training time. The installation commander also has the option to suspend or revoke your driving privileges in accordance with AR 190-5, Chapter 2. Walking to work instead of driving is definitely unappreciated.

Do not let the sarcastic tone of this article detract from your attentiveness to this issue. The consequences of DUI are serious and tangible. You could lose more than your career. NHTSA points out that impaired driving is a violent crime accounting for more than one-third of all traffic fatalities each year. Someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash every 33 minutes — nearly 16,000 people each year. Every two minutes, someone is injured. Drunk driving puts your life and

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## ■ Veteran and author tells his war stories

### Author

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and the space mission. He has a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State and is the father of two girls, Susan and Tracey.

"I wrote this for them, but I wanted to get it published so that people would remember the things that happened," Camp said, adding that because so many

World War II veterans are dying each day, the history needed to be saved. "Once they're gone, so is the history because it's not being taught — not from those who have been there and done it."

The book signing for Camp's book, "Campfire," is set for Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Post Exchange mall area. Books are also available at Shaver's Book Store on Whitesburg Drive and at local airports.

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# Soldier gets his kicks teaching youngsters self-defense skills

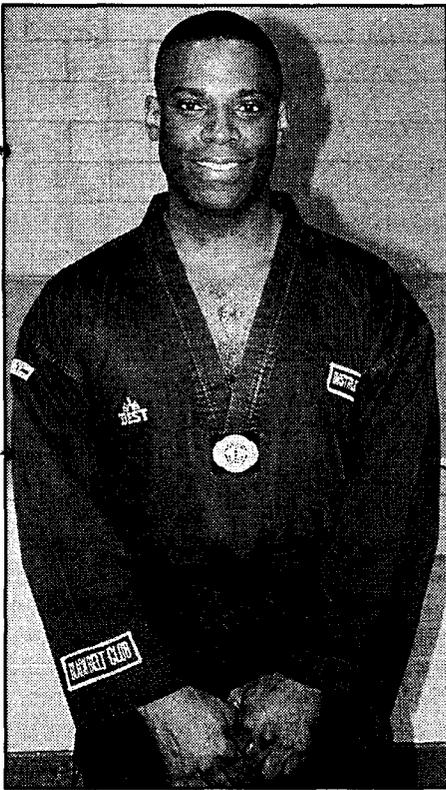


Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride  
**READY TO RUMBLE** — MSgt. Jeffrey Davis, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade, earned his third degree black belt and is now teaching Tae Kwon Do to children and their parents at the Youth Center.

## Tae Kwon Do classes now available on post

By Sgt. SHARON MCBRIDE  
 Staff writer

After school activities for Arsenal children have taken on a new kick.

MSgt. Jeffrey Davis, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade, earned his third degree black belt and is now teaching Tae Kwon Do to children and their parents at the Youth Center.

Davis, who earned his first black belt while stationed in Korea, has trained for 15 years. Since coming to Redstone earlier this year, Davis said he's been working with the Morale, Recreation and Welfare department to set up classes for the Redstone community.

"I like to teach because it gives me the ability to give something back to the community," he said. The program is in its third week; parents and children who want to register to take classes can do so at anytime.

Those interested must sign up through the MWR office at the Challenger Club on Goss Road. The cost is \$40 for the first family member; a second family member will cost \$33, and a third \$28. After the

third family member joins, there is no additional charge.

"Everyone who comes to class will have the opportunity to learn new skills," Davis said. "Also to learn in a structured environment and to be able to channel their energy into something positive, while increasing their self-confidence and self-esteem. There are no contracts, it's on a month-to-month basis."

Many organizations in Huntsville lock attendees into a one-year contract, he said.

And soldiers are liable for that full year, whether they attend or not. That's not the case with his class. If a child falls behind on homework, or if a parent's schedule suddenly doesn't allow time for attendance, they aren't liable for additional months of instruction.

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7-8 a.m. and 8-9 a.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

## Skip picks



## Auburn earns bragging rights at Crimson Tide's expense

By SKIP VAUGHN  
 Rocket editor

Here are my predictions (record 197-61) for selected games this week in major college football:

- Alabama at Auburn — **Auburn**
- Georgia at Ole Miss — **Georgia**
- Mississippi State at Arkansas — **Arkansas**
- Tennessee at Kentucky — **Tennessee**
- Florida State at Florida — **Florida**
- Clemson at South Carolina — **Clemson**
- Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alabama A&M — **Ala. A&M**
- UNLV at Air Force — **Air Force**
- Army at Memphis — **Memphis**
- Oklahoma State at Baylor — **Okla. State**
- Boston College at Rutgers — **Boston College**
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- Duke at North Carolina — **North Carolina**
- Fresno State at Nevada — **Fresno State**
- Furman at Chattanooga — **Furman**
- Illinois at Ohio State — **Ohio State**
- Indiana at Penn State — **Penn State**
- Minnesota at Iowa — **Iowa**
- Missouri at Kansas State — **Kansas State**
- Louisville at East Carolina — **Louisville**
- Maryland at North Carolina State — **Maryland**
- Michigan at Wisconsin — **Michigan**
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# Post softball team has winning rookie year in city league

Rangers finish first in division, fourth in postseason playoffs

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

All it took was a team roster and a memorandum to get the ball rolling.

That's what sports director Ted Compoc got from SSgt. Tim Rodriguez, coach and organizer of a first-year post softball team. The Redstone Rangers took care of business after that.

The Rangers finished 9-1 in the regular season and fourth in the end-of-season tournament of the Metro SportsPlex slow-pitch softball league. The Rangers, 11-3 overall, competed against other midlevel teams from Huntsville.

"A lot of the players we had on the team are super ballplayers," said Rodriguez, who also pitched. "You couldn't ask for a better bunch of guys to play ball with. I think we could've done a little better than what we did but when you can't wake your bats up, and (you commit) errors. Errors hurt us."

The Rangers won their division in the regular season for the league which had 16 teams in C level. Garrett Trim also had a 9-1 record but lost to the Rangers during the season.

The Rangers' lone loss in the season was a 7-1 setback to Southern Comfort. Southern Comfort also beat the Rangers 14-9 on Oct. 23 in the tournament.

But the soldiers rebounded with a 25-1 shellacking of Teledyne Brown on Oct. 25. The Rangers were then eliminated Oct. 30 by Curbscape 15-4.

"What hurt us in the playoffs I believe was when we played Teledyne Brown Engineering and we beat them 25-1," Rodriguez said. "And then our next game I think we went out there with big heads and that's when we lost."

Rodriguez, 37, from Valparaiso, Fla., a left-hander, hurled a 25-0 shutout against the Regulators during the season. A member of Headquarters & Alpha Company, he is an instructor in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal training department at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

PFC Marlon Alvarado, also of Headquarters & Alpha, played third base, second base and catcher for the Rangers.

"The team was great," said Alvarado, 20, from Miami, Fla. "We had good players, all of them had good talent playing their position. Everybody knew how to hit.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BATTERY MATES**— Pitcher/coach Tim Rodriguez and catcher Marlon Alvarado were mainstays of the Redstone Rangers softball team which finished 11-3 in the city.

It wasn't like they hadn't played before.

"The experience was one of the best I've had so far as a team."

The Rangers' power hitters included SFC Stanley Parker of Bravo Company, SFC Eric Rawlings of Delta Company and SSgt. Henry Hayes of Bravo Company. Rawlings, the shortstop, was selected to try out for All-Army softball this year. He and PFC Eric Smith of Bravo Company, an outfielder, were among the Rangers' defensive leaders.

"I'd like to thank the sports office, Ted Compoc and the sports staff, for their support," Rodriguez said. "And everybody on the team for all their hard work and a great season. And we're looking for sponsors to help buy new uniforms for next year."

He wants to hold another tryout around mid-February to organize a team to play in the spring off post. Interested soldiers can call Rodriguez at 313-2682 or reach him by e-mail at timothy.rodriguez@redstone.army.mil.

Other members of the fall team included MSgt. Kent Hamann of Headquarters & Alpha, assistant coach/second base/shortstop; SSgt. Joe Cox of Headquarters, STARC, Alabama National Guard, outfield; SFC Glenn Lundy of Delta Company, outfield; SSgt. Stephen Billman of MEDDAC, outfield; SSgt. Angel Diaz of Delta Company, outfield; Capt. James Pittman of Headquarters & Alpha, outfield; SSgt. Keith Kennedy of MEDDAC, outfield; and Capt. James McCool of 279th Signal, third base.

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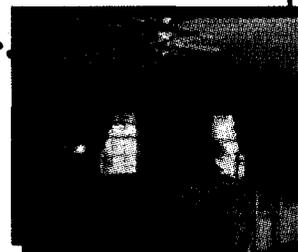
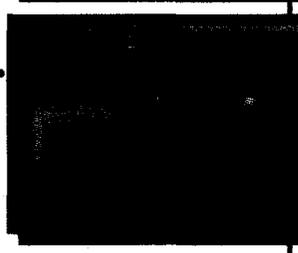
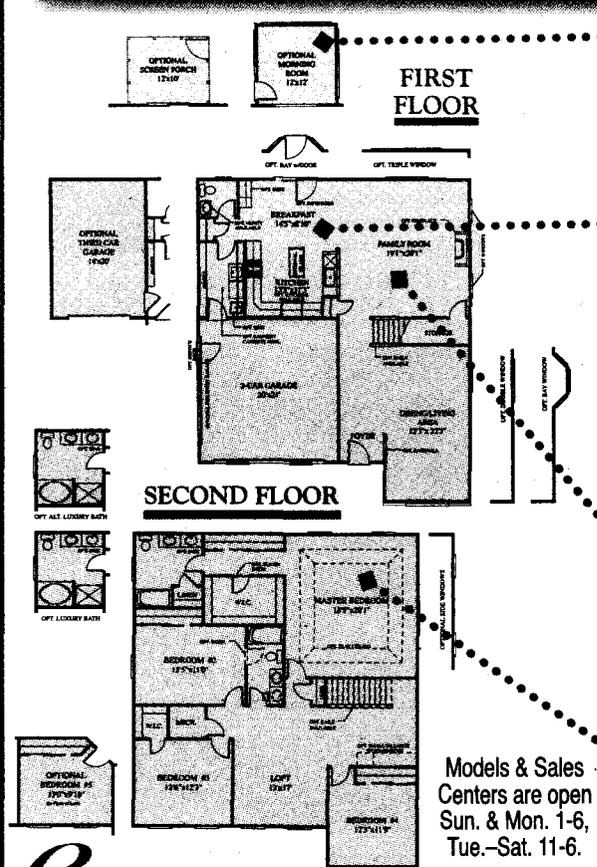
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# Aerobics instructors keep students hopping

## Aerobics

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Lockhart's class then be back in the same room at 5:30 to workout with Webster.

"They're both terrific," she said. "Evon comes in with such energy. And Rock, well... let's just say the name suits him. He's always saying, 'You can't break a rock,' and when I'm slowing down or getting sloppy he'll call me out — 'Don't cheat your body.' He's a great instructor."

Over the following year and a half, Rogers saw her body being transformed. The weight dropped off, her muscles became toned and she felt amazingly better about how she looked and how she felt.

"Rock teaches a killer class," she said. "If you learn his routines and can keep up with him, you can keep up with any aerobics class anywhere. I'm pleased with how I look. I'm proud of what I've done

but I really owe it to them. They come here week after week, no matter what the weather, and take care of us. And they do it all without being paid. Their dedication and commitment are unmatched. They're amazing."

Seeing the success stories make it that much more meaningful for Webster and Lockhart.

"We're all here for the same things," Webster said. "Get fit, stay healthy, lose weight. We all look a little different on the outside but we're all working in the same direction to attain personal goals. For me, it's getting into a pair of jeans I wore in college."

Webster, 37, is single, has no children and works as a juvenile probation officer in Madison County. She first started coming out to the Arsenal to visit with her sister, Sgt. Laverne Akers, who was stationed here in 1997. They went to aerobics class together. When the instructor found out she was going to be transferred, she talked Webster into teaching the class.

Although her sister has since moved on, Webster stayed on as the instructor.

Besides teaching her class Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m., Webster comes to Pagano Gym at 5:15 a.m. about four days a week to get in her own personalized workout which includes the treadmill, weights and bicycle. She calls it, "Getting my day started right."

Lockhart, 48, spent the last four of his 24 Army years stationed at Redstone. He retired as a master sergeant in 1997 and has been teaching aerobics classes at Pagano Gym since then. His wife, Sherry, who works at the Post Exchange, and his youngest daughter, Shereitta, 10, a cheerleader at Huntsville Christian Academy, enjoy taking his class when they have days off. The couple also have two grown children, Tessany, 28 and Tori, 27.

"I've always had a passion for physical fitness," he said. "I've been in leadership almost all of my career so becoming an aerobics instructor just came natural. If you put 100 percent out there, people will see it and look up to you — they'll try harder because they see you're committed."

"Rock is excellent," Melanie Blade, military spouse and aerobics student, said. "He makes you work when you don't want to. He has a way of motivating you."

Fellow aerobics student Ron Wilson agreed with Blade, adding that, "He knows the people in his class as individuals and has an understanding of their tolerance level, what they can do."

Webster and Lockhart understand how draining daily life can be and that coming to aerobics classes and committing to a

healthier lifestyle is a big choice but one that pays off in big ways.

"You can achieve any goal you set for yourself if you'll just be patient," Webster said. "The weight didn't come on overnight and it won't go away that quickly either."

The duo encourage everyone able to attend classes to get out there and get moving. Both instructors spend about half the class on aerobics and half on floor exercises that tone. The classes cater to a range of fitness from the beginner to advanced. Tips for a successful workout include drinking 8-16 ounces of water about 45 minutes before the workout and bringing water with you. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Don't eat a big meal before trying to workout. If you need to eat, make it something light. Lockhart suggested fruit.

"Your body is your greatest asset," Lockhart said. "Physical fitness builds self-esteem. If you feel good on the inside, you'll look good on the outside. Helping people feel good about themselves is why I love doing this."

Lockhart and Webster both expressed appreciation for the Pagano Gym staff that help the two coordinate classes, answer calls and give information about the class which goes a long way to the success of the classes. Staff includes Ted Compoc, Joe Reed, Mike Potter, Paul Greene, Ed Whitman and Donald Lewis.

Lockhart's lunch class is Monday through Thursday 11:30-12:30 and has a rotating schedule of that includes Tae Bo, high impact aerobics, low impact aerobics, toning class and kick and jab.

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DLA'S PRO-ACT program addresses issues relating to castings for the Department of Defense. This program has already interacted with AMCOM programs and projects. In the late 1990s, the Bat submunition benefited from an option to cast the forward and rear fuselage sections. Of late, the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Office flight-tested die cast fuze housings as an option to improve performance of the M77 submunition in the MLRS weapon system. PRO-ACT offers the CAST-IT Team, which has been recognized with former Vice President Gore's Hammer Award for Process Improvement at the Army's Benet Laboratories and Watervliet Arsenal in New York. Information about AMC's PRO-ACT program is available at <http://amc.atcorp.org>.

Both programs are funded by DLA and the FORGE-IT and CAST-IT teams are available to AMCOM programs at no cost.

Spencer Hudson, of the Propulsion and Structures Directorate, will be the RDEC focal point for this effort. AMCOM organizations seeking technical assistance with regard to forgings or castings should call Spencer at 876-5380.



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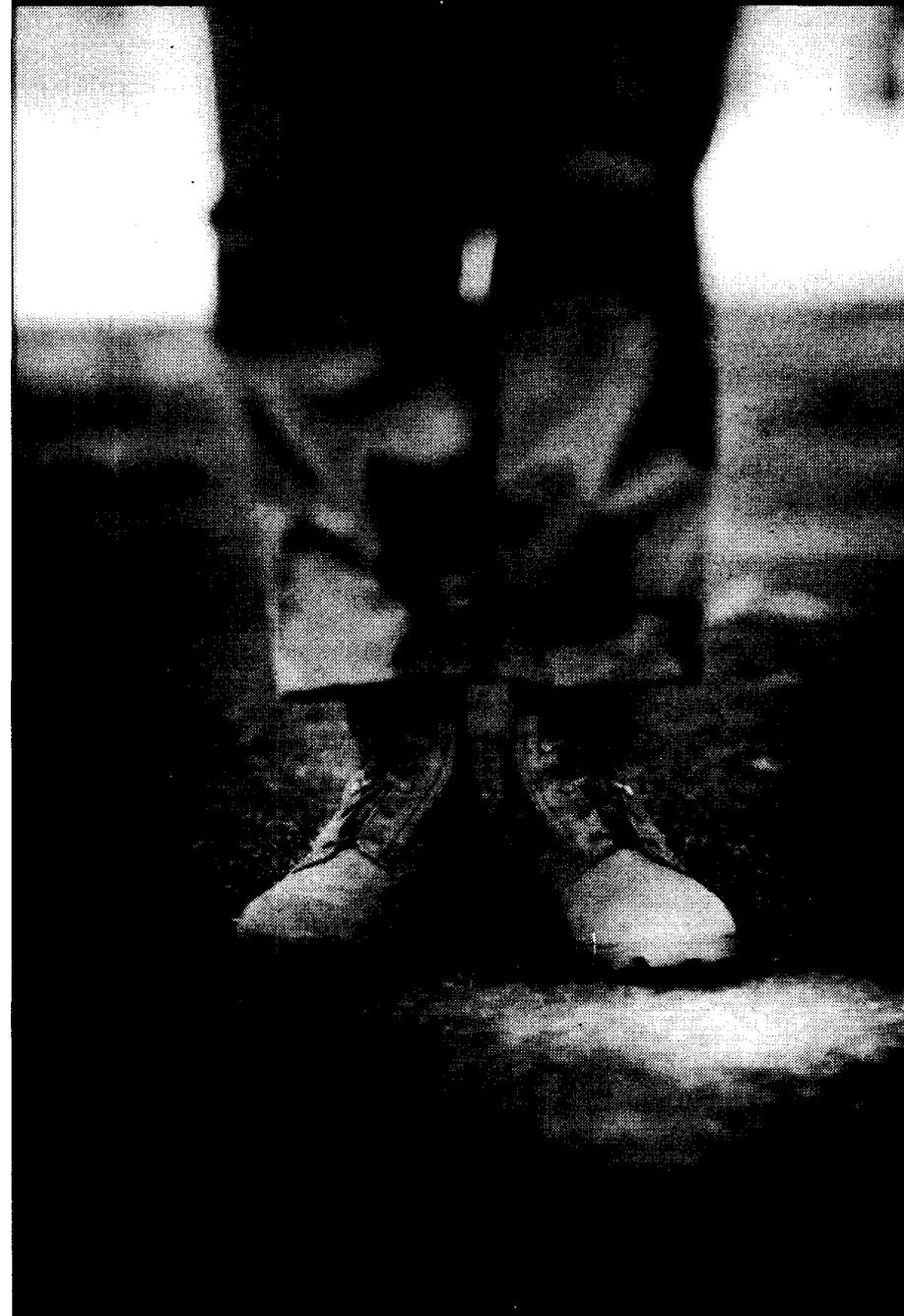
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## Sports & Recreation

### Karate classes

The Wado Ryu Karate Association of Alabama is offering free karate classes to the soldiers and civilians (and families) of Redstone Arsenal. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m. at Highlands Baptist Church gym, near Jordan Lane and Sparkman Drive. For more information on the Wado Ryu style of karate, one of the four traditional Japanese styles, call Chris and David Button 851-8518.

### Tae Kwon Do classes

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

### Hockey trip

Huntsville Area Youth Hockey will sponsor a bus trip to the Nashville Predator/Anaheim Mighty Ducks game Jan. 12. This trip is open to the entire community and the cost includes a ticket to the game and roundtrip coach transportation from Huntsville. For tickets/reservations call Debby or Mike Howell 880-9887

## Conferences & Meetings

### Sergeants major

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

### 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.

### Alabama State alums

The Alabama State University, Rocket City Alumni Chapter will hold its monthly alumni meeting Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Hilton, Sunroom. For more information, call Joe Henderson 851-0512.

### Logistics engineers

The International Society of Logistics (SOLE) will have its November luncheon Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Cost is \$10.50. Mike Behnen, chief of the Logistics Management Division, AES PMO, PEO Aviation, is to speak on "The Challenge of Electronic Obsolescence and Aging Avionics." For reservations call Emma Louise Cooper 955-9722 or Belinda Terry 955-0835 by close of business Thursday.

## Miscellaneous

### Apprentice program

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

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

### 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. Friday,

2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. 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, Nov. 16-18 in the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. The hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-Sunday. Admission to this crafts show is free.

### Singles dance

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

### New Year's Eve gala

The Officers and Civilians Club will have a New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31. You can choose between three different parties: One, the ROCC Gala will have dinner served 7-9 p.m. and live music by "The Usual Suspects," \$35 per person or \$65 per couple; ticket price includes dinner, entertainment, full breakfast, party favors, and champagne for toasting; limited seating of 336. Two, the Firehouse Pub will be in full swing from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; tickets are \$15; karaoke, hors d'oeuvres, and champagne for toasting; limited seating of 100. And three, the Challenger New Year's Party where doors open at 8 p.m.; continental breakfast 12:30-1:30 a.m.; \$15 per person ticket price includes DJ, cash bar, continental breakfast, party favors, and champagne for toasting; limited seating of 60. Plus there is an all inclusive lodging package which includes lodging on Redstone Arsenal in cottages or deluxe hotel rooms, transportation to and from the New Year's Eve Gala, dinner and dance, as well as a complimentary bottle of champagne in your room. There are 66 deluxe rooms for \$115.50 per couple and five cottages for \$135.50 per couple. For

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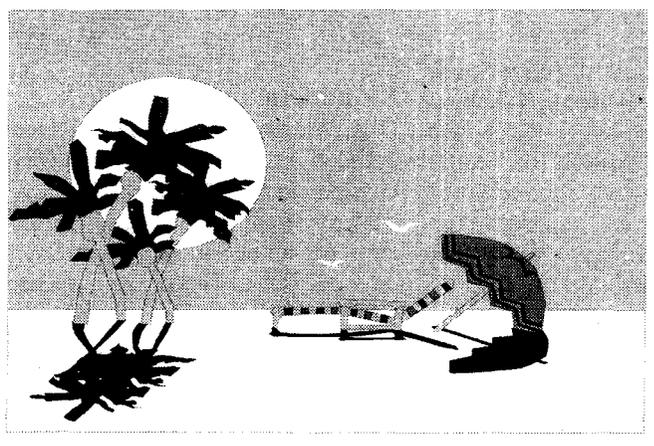
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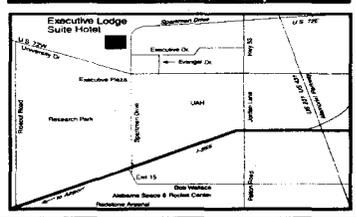
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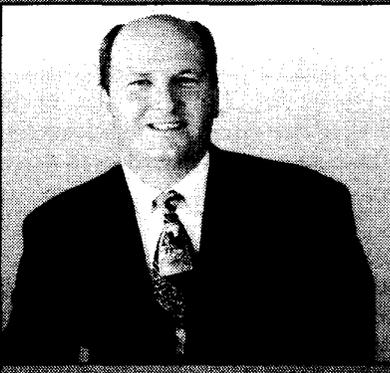
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## Angel tree at PX

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring the Redstone Arsenal Angel Tree program which began Nov. 10. The Angel Tree will be set up at the Post Exchange lobby (civilians and contractors can also participate by coming by the mall area to pick up an angel or star from the tree - no ID is required to get into the front mall area of the PX). Angels and stars on the tree will contain an age, sizes or wishes for a Christmas present that a child may not otherwise receive. Presents should be wrapped with the star attached to the outside. Turn the presents in to the PX or to Youth Services, building 3148, Nov. 19 through Dec. 14 after 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 313-3735.

## Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program from 6-8 p.m. Thursday 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.

## 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. Thursday 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.

## 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com) For questions or assistance, go into "policies and procedures" for contact information.

## Youth sponsors

Youth Services will hold a Youth Sponsorship Training Class from 4-5 p.m. Thursday 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.

## Healthy holidays class

Fox Army Health Center's Public Health and Education Center is offering a class on "Healthy Holidays" open to all Redstone Arsenal personnel. The class is designed to identify 12 ways to have a healthy holiday season. The class will be held Thursday from 10-11 a.m. in the MEDDAC Classroom at Fox located on the second floor next to the Optometry Clinic. A second class will be offered at the Child Wise Neighborhood Center on Goss Road from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Class participants are invited to register for a door prize drawing. For more information, call Maj. White 313-6716 or 842-0196.

## Holiday party

Tickets are now on sale for the Team Redstone Holiday Party. The party will be held Dec. 7 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Officers and Civilians Club. Reserve a table, or tables, for you and your friends, have your photo taken, a great dinner, and dance away the evening. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets and reservations call Kelly Miller 955-7111, Pat McCrary 842-9161, or Sarah Brazzell of Protocol 876-7136.

## Prayer breakfast

The November Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the IMMC will be Tuesday at 7 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5308, conference room 8124. "This month we will celebrate our seventh year of Prayer Breakfast sponsored by IMMC," a prepared release said.

"No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own if you wish. Everyone is invited to attend. Please join us for prayer, praise and fellowship." For information call Clifton Canady 955-7224.

## RV parking policy

In accordance with command regulation 210-2 and the Family Housing Residents Guide, recreational vehicles - boats, campers, trailers, four-wheelers, jet skis, etc. - cannot be parked in the housing area on a permanent basis. The suspense date on relocating such RVs was last June 30. Occupants may pick up their RV 24 hours before use and the RV must be returned 24 hours after use. Patrons failing to comply with this policy are subject to the loss of post driving privileges and possible termination of quarters. For more information on this policy, call the Housing Management NCO-in-charge 876-1445.

## Community volunteers

American Society of Military Comptrollers needs volunteers to visit Cogburn Nursing Home on Thursday. Volunteers will serve coffee and visit with the residents from 4-5 p.m. "Please donate an hour of your time to visit with the residents of Cogburn," a prepared release said. "It is so rewarding for both the residents and the volunteers." If interested in volunteering, call Theresa McBride 955-2402.

## Native American films

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, a series of films titled "The Native Americans" will be shown in the Bob Jones Auditorium. The first film in the series "The Tribal People of the Northwest" has already been shown Nov. 2. "The Nations of the Northeast" will be shown from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 16; "The Tribes of the Southeast" will be shown from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 20; "The Natives of the Southwest" will be shown from 11-noon Nov. 29 and the final film "The People of the Great Plains" will be shown from 11-1 Nov. 30. For more information, call Jackie White 876-9259.

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### Property managers

The National Property Management Association, Rocket City Chapter's fall 2001 training will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 in Morris Auditorium at Marshall Space Center. David Russ III, director of Auxiliary Services at Alabama A&M University will teach a course on University Property. Lawrence Worthy, consultant, specializing in Training and Implementation of Corrective Actions for Property Management Systems, will teach Liability and Progress Payment Inventory. To preregister or for more information, call Lori Hawkins 750-6523 or Bill DeMarco 772-2637; or for information only, call

Debie Grissom 544-6572. This training is open to both contractors and civil service employees associated with the National Contract Management Association, National Property Management Association, National Association of Purchasing Management, or the International Facility Management Association.

### Girl Scout cookie sale

Girl Scouts of North Alabama Inc. is taking cookie orders Nov. 10 to Dec. 2. Besides being a major funding source for Girl Scouts, the annual cookie sale provides girls with experience in organizing, marketing, and setting and reaching goals. The troops also earn money for activities and trips.

### Benefit concert

The Blackwoods singing family will give a benefit concert, sponsored by Space City Lions Club, at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at Huntsville High School Auditorium to raise money for people needing eye care. Donation is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For advance tickets, call 837-5930.

## ■ Drunk driving can cost careers and lives

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the lives of your passengers and other innocent travelers on the road in danger. Do not let a drink cause you to become a killer or cause you to be killed.

Civilians — do not think that this advice applies only to soldiers. If you are a civilian and drive intoxicated on the Arsenal, you will be a candidate for prosecution in U.S. Magistrate Court. Your driving privileges on the Arsenal may also be suspended or revoked under regulation by the installation commander. The regulation also requires that a copy of any traffic violation notice on DoD civilian employees be forwarded to the commander or supervisor of the violator. AR 380-67 requires the supervisor to report to

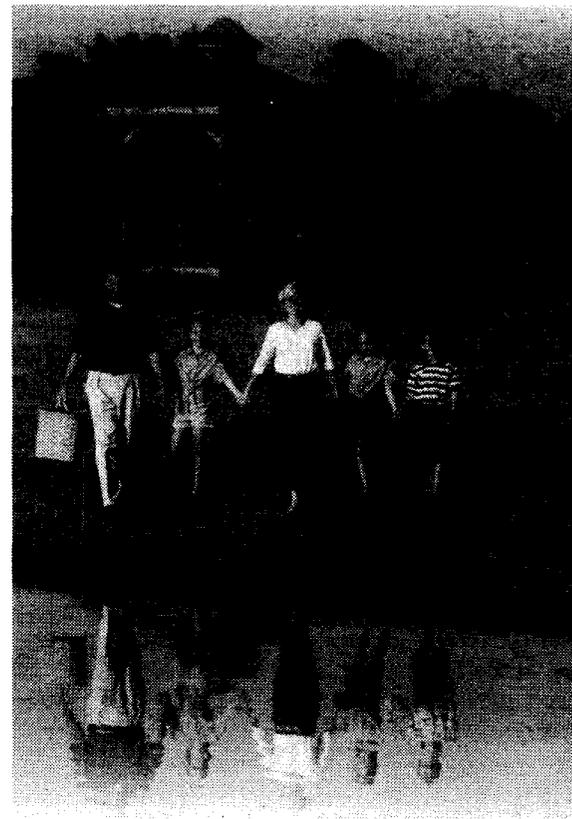
security officials any information relating to a subject's trustworthiness, reliability or loyalty that may reflect adversely on his/her ability to safeguard classified information. Criminal conduct is a factor that security considers in determining continued eligibility for a security clearance under DoD 5200.2-R.

All of these negative consequences are easy to avoid with a little common sense. If you drink, do not drive. Have someone in your group be your designated driver. The designated driver is someone who does not drink for that night so he or she can drive everyone home safely. If you find yourself without a designated driver, call a cab, a family member, a friend, a fellow soldier or a superior. Use the buddy system to watch out for each other when off post. It takes so little to avoid losing so much.

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