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Army calls for upgraded installation communications system

Leased cable facilities due for replacement

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

You've been waiting for that Internet file to appear on your computer screen for the longest. You're still waiting, and waiting, and waiting...

We've all been there, done that. But things should get better soon.

Redstone is upgrading its data and voice communications system under an Army-wide program. The new system should be in place by fiscal 2005.

Expected benefits include reduced costs for communications, faster data service and a better telephone system. The Communications-Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J., manages this program for the Army's Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers.

"It's cost reduction and updating our communications facilities to handle communications for the 21st century," Richard Van Scoyoc, project manager for the Installation Information Infrastructure Modern-

ization Program, said. His 11-member office, at building 8027, is part of the Corporate Information Center.

The program will replace Redstone's leased cable facilities with government-owned facilities. Leased through Bell-South, most of the cable here is aerial and from 18-30 years old. Fiber and copper cable will be placed underground in man-hole and duct systems.

"Redstone Arsenal is one of the only installations that doesn't own their own outside cable plant or telephone switch," Leon Coleman, operations and training coordinator for the program, said.

And the lease gets expensive. "Our cost annually is approximately \$8 million for current communications services," Van Scoyoc said. "We hope to have a significant reduction in those costs once the government-owned facilities are in place."

Data collection for this project has been going on about two years. There are 173 buildings that will get fiber connectivity, and about 1,400 buildings have telephones.

Lucent Technologies Inc., from North Carolina, was awarded an engineering contract of



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WIRE SPAGHETTI— Leon Coleman, operations and training coordinator in the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program project office, inspects a myriad of wires in a telephone equipment room at building 8027. These cable pairs will be replaced by new cabling under the program that will upgrade Redstone's data and voice communications system.

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Photo by Beth Skarupa

WATCH YOUR PURSE— This purse-snatching demonstration shows what can happen to shoppers during the holiday season. Thieves can use personal information to make purchases.

Holiday season brings increase in identity theft

Safeguard personal information, be aware of your surroundings

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Chances are you'll write a check at the mall, charge tickets to a concert, order gifts on the Internet, call home on your cell phone or rent a car this holiday season. Although Santa Claus isn't the kind of guy to steal your identity, watch out because someone else might be.

"This is a big time of year that identity theft happens," Ann Owens, personal financial readiness manager at Army Community Service, said.

Identity theft happens when someone appropriates a piece of your personal information — your bank and credit card account numbers, your income, your Social Security number — and your name, address and phone number and

uses it without your knowledge to commit fraud or theft.

Identity theft hits close to home for Owens. Her daughter, Torre Hanvey, a substitute teacher at Chapman Elementary School, is still working on clearing her credit after someone used her credit card account number to purchase airline tickets in January. According to Owens, hackers stole Hanvey's credit card number from a web site after she ordered craft supplies on the Internet.

"They had used her credit card in Texas and we live here in Huntsville. So once she got her statement she called and let (the credit card company) know," Owens said. "You're the victim but you have to prove that you didn't do it."

Some ways identity thieves get your personal information are: stealing wallets and purses containing your identification and credit cards, stealing your mail, completing

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The year 2001 has been eventful. Since I took command of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal in September, we have all seen the world change. At this very hour, thousands of our servicemembers are waging a war against terrorism while thousands more are preserving the fragile peace in Korea, helping quell ethnic violence and rebuild civil society in the Balkans, supporting anti-drug efforts in Latin America, providing humanitarian assistance to nations of Africa and providing recovery and restitution support in the New York City and Washington, D.C. areas. As you prepare for the upcoming holiday season, please keep the well being of our soldiers throughout the world in your hearts and prayers.

We must also make safety and risk management an integral part of our own holiday preparations. Risk management is simply taking the time to identify the hazards we and our families may face and to effectively manage them. We must

take reasonable precautions to reduce those hazards.

Privately owned vehicle accidents are the No. 1 risk to all of our personnel. Please take the time to ensure all your trips in your car are safe ones. Whether the trip is just around town, or traveling long distances to visit family and friends, always wear your safety belt. Make sure you are alert and rested whenever you get behind the wheel. Be prepared for any bad weather that you may encounter. And of course, never drink and drive.

The events of Sept. 11 taught us to take nothing for granted and to remain vigilant against the unexpected. We do this best by living our daily lives with a heightened sense of awareness and purpose. Leslie and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen
commander,
AMCOM and Redstone

Support morale, welfare and recreation

A cornerstone of Army readiness always has been dedication to the principle that our soldiers and their families are entitled to the same quality of life as the Americans they have pledged to defend. Since World War I, Army MWR consistently has been at the forefront of serving America's Army with support services and leisure activities that enhance our lives and ensure the well being of our families.

On Sept. 11, the environment in which we serve America changed. Those tragic events thrust us, both as Americans and as soldiers, into the vital role of defending our ideals of freedom and democracy. As we prepare to serve our nation in whatever manner we are called, the enormous benefits that Army MWR contributes to soldiers and their families are more relevant than ever. At no time is MWR and related services more valuable to us than now, when soldiers are

deployed into harm's way.

At our home posts, recreational opportunities are there to help relieve the added stress placed upon the families we leave behind. Our families become self-reliant thanks to Army Family Team Building, Family Readiness Groups and assistance from Army Community Service for those with financial and family issues. Child and Youth Services continue to deliver their award-winning service to Army youngsters with care and sensitivity. The indelible ties built between families that support each other during periods of deployment can last a lifetime.

As we are challenged as soldiers in this new environment, so too is Army MWR. The very service that supports our soldiers and their families also relies greatly upon our support and patronage in this time. Tighter security at our

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Happy holidays, Defense Department

As 2001 draws to a close, I extend to each of you — America's outstanding soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and DoD civilians — and your families, my warmest wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season. I am very proud of you, and deeply appreciate your selflessness, sacrifice, dedication, patriotism, and your love of our great country.

With the events of Sept. 11 etched forever in our hearts and minds, all Americans are more grateful than ever for the work you do and the sacrifices you make each and every day. The citizens of this great land realize the dangers you face defending our way of life in the war against global terrorism, and I am certain that during this special time of

the year, you are in their thoughts and prayers.

During the holidays, we will reflect on what we hold dear and spend time with those we love. Of course, many in uniform will be unable to join their families because duty will keep them in the field, at sea, or in the air. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those in the Department of Defense serving far from home — away from family and loved ones during the holiday season.

At this special time of the year, Mary Jo joins me in sending warmest wishes for a season filled with hope, happiness and joy. All the best for the New Year.

Richard B. Myers
chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Gas pump negligence calls for disaster

While at the PX Service Station on Dec. 12, I observed a silver SUV being fueled. The engine was running.

My gut feeling was to address this action to the officer pumping his gas. The potential disaster was made even more dangerous because he was talking on a cell phone. As I started to approach he put the gas hose away, and said "I'll have to call you back later." I chose not to bother him at that point. He drove away.

The more that I think about it, maybe this should be mentioned in some forum for the good of our community.

While pumping gas:

- The engine should be off.
- No smoking.
- Do not use unapproved containers.
- Do not use cell phones.
- If using an approved container, set it on the ground before fueling.

Frank Houck
Navy retired

Traveler doesn't connect with airline

I returned to Huntsville from Washington, D.C. yesterday on an airline connection coming through Cincinnati. It was a pleasant day, the sun was out, and it was warm for Dec. 5. I was taking a leisurely return flight having concluded my business early. I had a good book and was enjoying my respite from work.

The morning had seen the normal hustle and bustle of trying to get on a commercial aircraft post-Sept. 11. I arrived at Dulles airport a full two hours early and had gone through the routine security precautions of having my briefcase and

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Redstone Rocket has holiday break

The Redstone Rocket staff will celebrate the holidays by taking a two-week break Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Today's issue is

our last of the year; and our first of next year is Jan. 9. We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

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Activity keeps track of Army's weights and measures

TMDE mission extends to soldiers worldwide

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

"The heritage of this tree is traceable to its roots in England, and to its role in Sir Isaac Newton's study of gravity." — Bronze marker, building 5435, the John McCone Metrology Labs, Jungerman and Fowler Roads.

Redstone Arsenal's Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity is not only marked by a unique and historical location, but also represents a unique and important asset to soldiers around the world.

"Starting with the Army's primary standards lab, we here at USATA are relied upon to assure the accuracy, as an example, of Hellfire missiles, as well as the safety of an individual soldier's gas mask," director Robert DuBois said. "Test Measurement Diagnostic Equipment technologies, emanating from right here on the Arsenal, provide the maintenance and availability that permit our soldiers enhanced warfighting capabilities worldwide."

USATA's measurement system must be accurate and traceable as they support metrology, calibration and repair as well as nucleonics, radiation dosimetry, health physics and acquisition diagnostics efforts throughout the Army. USATA supports weapon systems from "cradle-to-grave."

"We have 58 sites, 167 soldiers and 733-civilians spanning the globe," DuBois said. "We work closely with the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md., to make sure that everything the Army uses is calibrated, weighed and measured and in compliance

with all existing and applicable standards.

"Some would say that we do a lot of 'strange things' here in TMDE," DuBois said. "But the repair of test equipment, that takes place right here, results in a go-to-war capability that cannot be duplicated anywhere else. We are probably the only place in the world with the last, true electronics technicians. We still use dual-trace oscilloscopes to fix things. I've been in the TMDE business for 25 years, and, quite frankly, there is no better, reliable, or more accurate way to assure that exacting standards are being met. Furthermore, test equipment maintenance is maintenance that cannot be deferred, and cannot be left open to second-guessing. We are the only lab in the world accredited in all measurement standards."

Over the years, DuBois has seen and instituted a number of changes to improve USATA's customer service. He's proud of the activity's "one-for-one" exchange initiative.

"We devised a foam-filled container that units can use to ship and receive test equipment," DuBois said. "This has made it a lot easier for our calibration labs to get what they need, when and where they need it. We ship repaired and calibrated test equipment. In turn, the reference labs ship us back the same equipment — for repair and re-calibration — that we shipped to them."

On-site support is also a value-added service that USATA's customers have come to rely on.

"During Operation Desert Storm, TMDE soldiers traveled around in mobile vans, visiting units needing calibration and repair work," DuBois said. "We would tell deployed units where we could

be located, giving them our grid coordinates, and they would show up with the items needing calibration and repair. Similarly, we visit other activities — in a one-step operation — calibrating test equipment. These on-site visits are both efficient and cost effective."

Transformation & Growth Last of series

All radiation dosimeters in use in the Army are tracked and maintained by USATA through the Army Ionizing, Radiation and Dosimetry Center, a sub-element of the Army Primary Standards Lab.

"We have the world's largest data base of zeroes," DuBois said. "We are required by law to keep track of all health physics records of employees and soldiers working in radiation areas."

The activity continues to expand and look to the future.

"We used to do all the Federal Aviation Administration's calibration," DuBois said. "We hope to get back in to serving that customer base. Over the years, we've also done work for the Border Patrol, Coast Guard and

Bureau of Prisons. Currently, we are building a big, dead-weight tester, weighing 195,000 pounds. This device will be one of only four in the world and will be capable of measuring 30 parts-per-million."

TMDE capabilities also include an anechoic chamber, wind tunnels, mercury manometers and an acoustics work tower.

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles this year on Transformation and Growth.



Mary Petty/ Photo Lab

Appreciative team

Members of Redstone's team for this year's Army Ten-Miler thanked the local chapter of Association of the U.S. Army for providing running uniforms. The annual October race in Washington, D.C. was canceled because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. From left are 1st. Lt. Rasheed Muwakkil, Pvt. Peter Ekola, SSGT. Maurice Conner, Skip Vaughn (coach), Alexander Steel (assistant coach) and Dirk Carson. Not pictured are John Glidewell, Nathan Graham, Lt. Col. Mike Callahan, Pvt. Brian Harlor, Pvt. Dwayne White and David Locker.

College students should use Gate 9

The Army has announced that Calhoun Community College, Columbia College, Athens State University and Florida Institute of Technology students are to enter the Arsenal, via Gate 9, Rideout Road, beginning Jan. 1, using the two right-hand

lanes.

Not only does Gate 9 have more lanes than other gates, but also additional security personnel will staff Gate 9 to accommodate the expected increase in student vehicle traffic.

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Federal workers help make holidays bright for charities



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MANY THANKS— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presents a CFC award to AMCOM. Accepting it is Michelle Cobb, AMCOM Team Redstone financial chairman.

Combined Federal Campaign raised \$1.8M to exceed goal

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Federal workers are doing their part to help disadvantaged people in the Tennessee Valley.

Each year their contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign represent 30 percent of the overall United Way collections in this area. This year was no different.

CFC raised \$1.8 million to exceed its \$1.55 million goal. This represents 30 percent of United Way's \$5.25 million total.

"I want to personally thank you for making a difference," Steve Kirkpatrick, chairman of the 2001 United Way campaign, said during the CFC awards ceremony Dec. 11 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Organizations and individuals were

recognized for their work in this year's CFC.

"I am not surprised at how well you did in this campaign," Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "I'm not surprised at all."

Gay Money, chairman of CFC's Local Federal Coordinating Committee, and Claus Martel, her assistant, were among the many honorees.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have made this campaign such a huge success," Money said.

The campaign's Silent Auction was still getting bids up until the midnight Nov. 19 deadline. Martel and Money had an auction goal of \$7,000 but final collections totaled about \$8,000.

This year's CFC has officially ended but contributions will be accepted through Dec. 31.

Army candle-lighting honors Pentagon attack victims

By SSgt. MARCIA TRIGGS
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The office that suffered the most casualties during the attack on the Pentagon held a memorial service Dec. 7 to remember fallen comrades and to seek relief and restoration.

The Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army lost 40 people — 32 of those were from Resource Services-Washington, a division of OAA.

The memorial began with the lighting of 40 candles representing each of OAA's heroes and continued with poems, musical tributes and remarks.

"Less than three months ago all of our lives were changed. It was a day that families lost fathers, mothers, children, and we at the Pentagon lost co-workers and friends," Col. Henry Haynes, Pentagon chaplain, said. "They were suddenly gone, buried in the rubble. Who knew that it could all end so suddenly, without warning."



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

Remember the 11th

SSgt. Kimberly Henderson, Sgt. Stephen Dix and SSgt. James Talley, all of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, participate in a moment of silence Dec. 11 to remember the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Ceremonies were held throughout the Army to mark the third month since the attacks.

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Aviation technology directorate recognizes year's achievers

Cash award of \$1,500 accompanies plaque

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FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Four employees of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Fort Eustis, have earned the Director's Awards for their outstanding contributions during fiscal 2001.

Four people were selected for three categories: Director's Award for General Excellence, categories I and II, Director's Award of Merit and the Director's Award for Technological Achievement. Each honoree received the Department of the Army Citation, an engraved plaque, and a cash award of \$1,500.

Beth Chapman received the Director's Award for General Excellence, Category I for her timely and thorough procurement and administrative support. Her tireless efforts to improve administrative quality and Contracting Division work processes were instrumental in achieving the success of the division in meeting its mission. Dan Good, AATD deputy director, presented the award.

Gary Butler, aerospace engineer assigned to the Power Systems Division, earned the Director's Award for General Excellence, Category II for generating the performance data to support the MH-47D Chinook helicopter 714A engine Flight Performance Model. His efforts expedited the FPM development. Good presented the award.

Stanley Aiton, electronics technician, received the Director's Award of Merit. He was recognized for preparing the OH-58D Kiowa helicopter Commercial Operational Saving and Support Initiative program for flight testing, and was instrumental in getting the program back



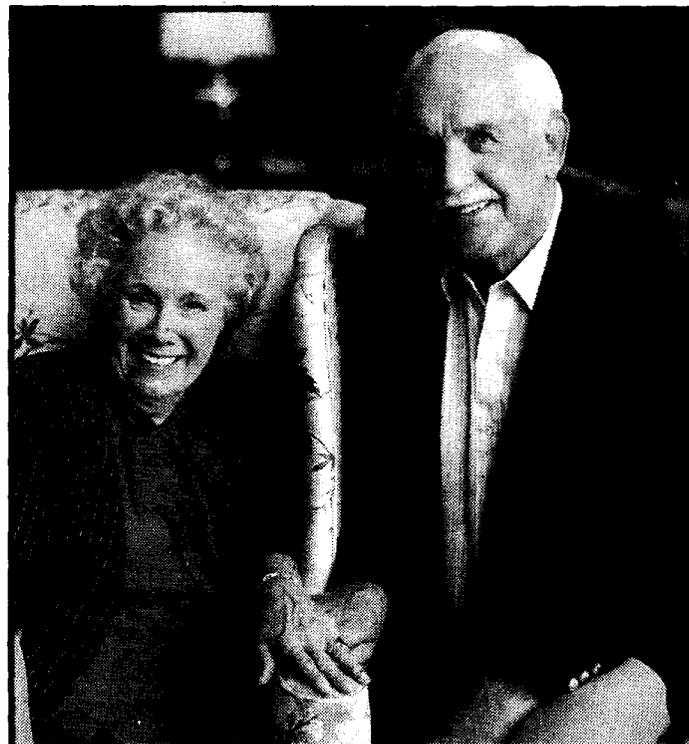
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DIRECTOR'S HONOREES— From left are Col. Waldo Carmona, commander of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate at Fort Eustis; honorees Donald Skrinjorich, Beth Chapman, Gary Butler and Stanley Aiton; and John Shipley, Aviation and Missile Command director for special programs (aviation).

on schedule. Col. Waldo Carmona, commander of AATD, presented the award.

The Director's Award for Technological Achievement went to Donald Skrinjorich, aerospace engineer, for his leadership in designing, integrating, testing and demonstrating the prototype Army Aviation Command and Control

System installed on the Black Hawk helicopter. His efforts enabled the successful development and delivery of the first prototype to the 4th Infantry Division — the first of its kind delivered to an operational unit. John Shipley, Aviation and Missile Command director for special programs (aviation), presented the award.



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Expanded drug testing affects hundreds of civilians

Program begins Jan. 15 for specified job series

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Federal civilians may want to be careful how they celebrate the upcoming holidays. A new drug testing policy for select Redstone workers begins Jan. 15.

The Expanded Civilian Drug Testing Program will jump the number of federal civilians being randomly drug tested from 120 to more than 700. Currently only pilots, guards, police and personnel with the Army Substance Abuse Program are in the mandatory testing pools.

Expanded civilian testing will include firefighters, ammunition or explosives handlers, personnel required to have a commercial driver's license and/or drive a vehicle transporting hazardous materials, railroad personnel, key aviation personnel such as crew members, air traffic controllers, dispatchers, safety inspectors and maintenance; and personnel required to maintain a top secret security clearance.

"At first we talked about including everyone who had a top secret security clearance," Ruby Turner, alcohol and drug control officer, said. "When the people heard that, they started dropping their clearances right and left, if they didn't have to have it for their job. It was decided that only if your job requires you to have a top secret clearance will you be included in the testing pool. So not everyone with a top secret clearance will be tested."

Personnel in these Testing Designated Positions will be grouped into pools according to job type. No one will be in more than one testing pool even if they meet the criteria for two pools. For exam-



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

RANDOM CHECK— The Expanded Civilian Drug Testing Program will be implemented Jan. 15. Paula Hagy, installation biochemical test coordinator, left, and Ruby Turner, alcohol and drug control officer, examine a civilian specimen collection kit.

ple, many police officers have top secret clearances but they will only be entered in one pool. Random selection for testing from each pool occurs monthly using the Health Evaluation Information for Drugs in Industry software, also known as HEIDI, a comprehensive software program used to manage drug testing programs.

"There's no way to rig HEIDI," Paula Hagy, installation biochemical test coordinator, said. "We can't take a name off the selected list and we can't input unoffi-

cial results. We get the results from the Medical Review Officer after he's checked everything over. He gets them from the lab. Everything is documented through the system."

In a 12-month period, 50 percent of all TDPs are tested. There's a chance that some personnel will be tested more than once while others may never be tested.

When your name is selected, your supervisor will be notified by telephone and you will be instructed to report to the testing facility building 3204 to provide a urine sample.

"Some people worry about privacy," Hagy said. "We don't actually watch you give a sample but the environment is controlled. We have very specific procedures that are followed. You will get a sealed collection container or it will be unwrapped in your presence. The specimen should be in your view at all times

while it is labeled and sealed."

Once the chain of custody papers have been completed, sample labeled and sealed, the specimen is put into an individual shipping box and sent to the lab at Fort Meade, Md., for testing. It takes about a week to get the results.

"Employee drug test results are strictly confidential," Turner said. "The MRO gets the results and checks them. If someone tests positive, the employee will be called in to see if there's a medical reason. If they tested positive for something they have a prescription for, that's fine. It will be as if it never happened."

Drugs tested for include marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, opiates, barbiturates and some prescription drugs.

Employees who test positive without medical justification will be removed from their job (TDP) either by detail, reassignment or demotion to a non-TDP. They will be evaluated by a substance abuse professional and referred to a rehabilitation program.

"You have to go through the rehab program," Turner said. "And you can't return to your TDP until you have completed what was recommended and have a negative drug test. A minimum of six followup drug tests is required."

Failure to comply with the substance abuse professional's recommendations will result in the initiation of removal from federal employment. The same thing goes for refusal to take the test or a second unjustified positive test.

"There's been talk of expanding civilian testing since 1993," Turner said. "In 1999, the Army said implement it. It took a little while to define the TDPs and get everything set but we've done it and we're ready. The command said Jan. 15 was the date and that's what we're going to do."

As part of the Personnel and Training Directorate, personnel from the Army Substance Abuse Program gave briefings to supervisors and affected employees last week. There is also a web site: <https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/asap> that shows a video of the procedures and provides information to frequently asked questions.

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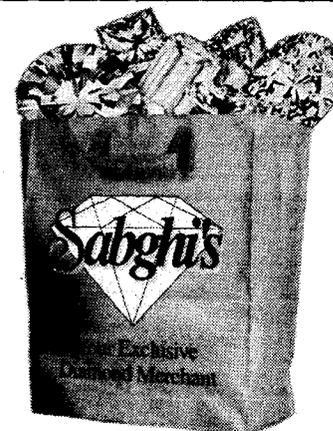
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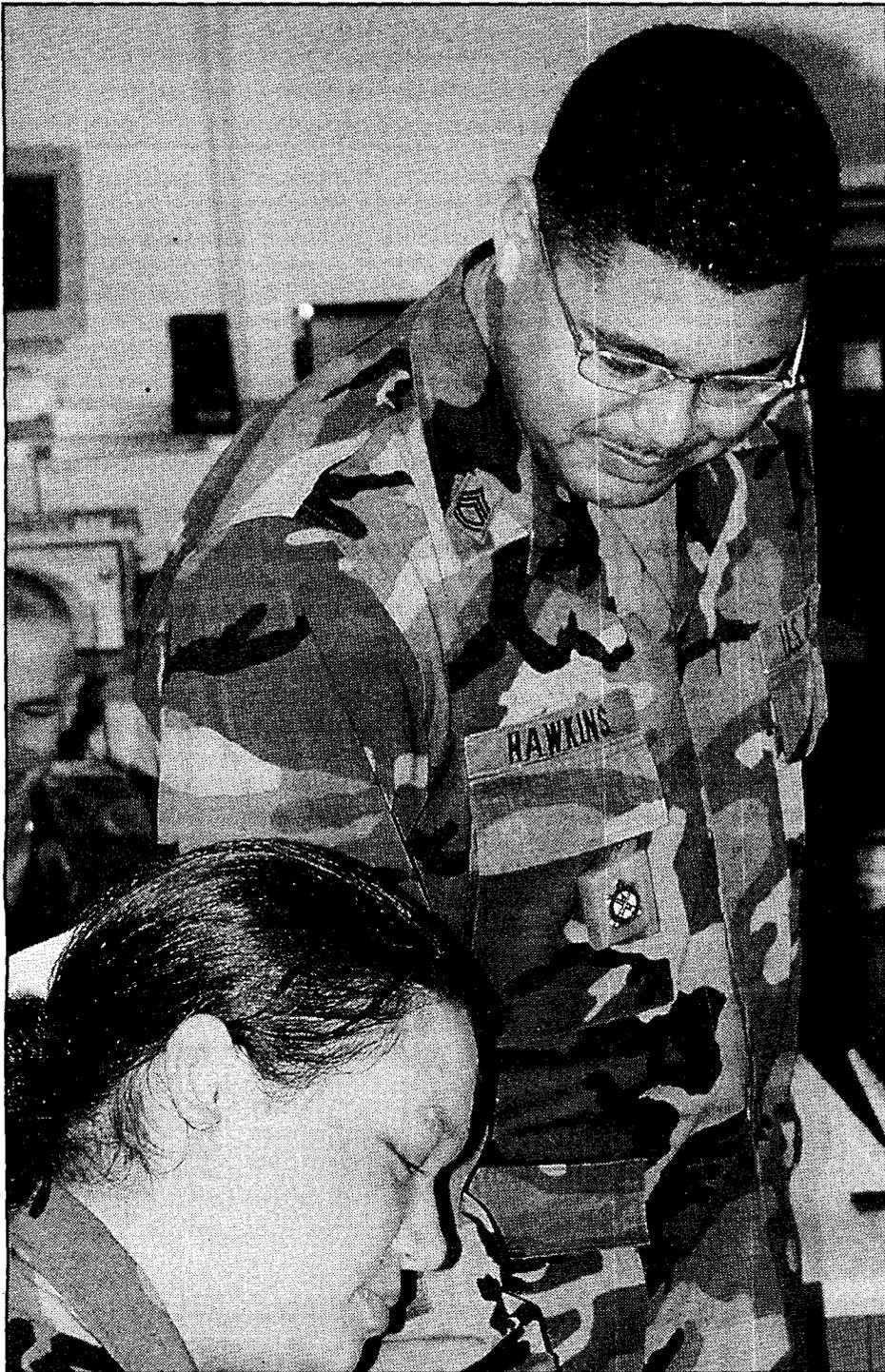


Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

GET IT RIGHT— SFC Richard Hawkins, of the Electronics Technology Training Department, helps a young soldier with a question in his classroom. He was named the missile school's military instructor of the year.

Military instructor of year started teaching in church

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

SFC Richard Hawkins is among the newest instructors at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

He's also one of the best.

Hawkins, of the Electronics Technology Training Department, was named the school's 2001 military instructor of the year at a luncheon Nov. 2.

He began teaching Basic Electronics to soldiers this year. He said he enjoys the job, and got his start as a teacher in church.

"I started by teaching Children's Church at my church while I was stationed in Colorado. My son was a problem student in class," Hawkins said. "I started to help out to keep an eye on him. It was there that I learned I truly enjoyed teaching."

So he went from being a Multiple Launch Rocket System repairer, to an instructor at OMMCS.

"I've had great mentors," he said nam-

ing Ray Boris and Robert Lewis, both of ETTD. "And there's other instructors both military and civilians that helped me along.

"To me knowledge is power. I don't claim to know it all, but what I do know I'll teach. And what I don't know, I can tap into the wealth of knowledge of the other instructors here to find out."

Hawkins said he most enjoys reaching those who are having a hard time understanding the material. "To teach the unteachable, that's the biggest challenge. To break it down so they can get it, to get on their level. But I always treat everyone with respect. People come here from all walks of life. And it's my job to ensure they succeed."

Besides teaching, Hawkins enjoys spending time with his family. He and his wife, Benita, just had a baby boy. His wife gave birth the same morning of the instructor of the year luncheon. He also spends as much time as he can with his older boy, Richard Jr., 11.

"My family especially my wife have been my biggest supporters," Hawkins said. "And I, above all, give God the credit for my talent as a teacher."



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Calling all toys

Marines are conducting their annual drive to put Toys for Tots in the hands of 6,000 local youngsters by Christmas. Meeting at the Christmas party of the Golden K Kiwanis Club are, from left, Roscoe Roberts, Kiwanis president; HM1 Doc Beauchamp, Cpl. Kevin Leonard, and club member Harley Hope. The Marines collected toys at the party.

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about \$800,000 in September. Eighteen pre-competitively bid bidders can bid on a multi-million-dollar construction contract to be awarded by CECOM in July. Construction should start by August with targeted completion and transition to government-owned communications facilities by the end of FY '05.

The first phase of the project represents engineering; followed by phase 2, construction of the manhole and duct system and data equipment installation; phase 3, the telephone switch which means one dial central office and eight remote switches strategically placed throughout Redstone; and phase 4, placement of copper and additional manhole and duct systems to replace all the Bell-South voice communications.

"This will be complete government-owned facilities, no longer leased," Van Scoyoc said.

The program, intended to standardize communications facilities Armywide, has

already been completed at Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Bragg, N.C., and several locations overseas.

"It'll speed up your connectivity to your desktop," Van Scoyoc said of the data communications benefits. On the voice side, the program will enable Redstone to add 50 percent more telephones. The new cables should also mean less trouble calls.

"It takes our backbone system out of the dark ages and brings it up to the leading edge," Richard Mathena, assistant project manager, said. "It means we're no longer constrained by our network to get things done."

Members of the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program project office include Van Scoyoc, Mathena, Coleman; Gary Shelton, CECOM liaison; T.O. Wynne, Rick Green, Thomas Gaines, Stanley Griggs, Claire Camp, Herman Jordan and Jessie Coffey.

"This is a prime example of Team Redstone," said Coleman, who works for NCCIM, support contractor to Corporate Information Center.

'Tis the season for identity theft

Theft

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change of address forms to divert your mail, going through your trash, fraudulently obtaining your credit report and using personal information you share on the Internet.

You may not be able to prevent identity theft completely, but you can minimize your risk by managing your personal information carefully. Before revealing any personal information, find out how it will be used and whether it will be shared with others. Do not give out personal information on the phone, limit what personal information you carry in your wallet and guard your mail from theft.

"When you go to use a credit card, get all your carbon copies back. Even at a restaurant, make sure you get the yellow copy. It's easy to get your social security number and address. Most people aren't unlisted, so people can find you," Owens said.

If you're a victim of identity theft, you can call the Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft Hotline toll-free at 1-877-438-4338. Also, these three basic steps should be taken in almost every case: 1. Contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus; 2. Contact

the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently and follow your contact up with a letter; 3. File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place and keep a copy of the report in case creditors need proof of the crime.

"I never thought it would happen until it happened to my daughter. We all know about it, but most of us think it won't happen to us. But they're not picky - the people who get the information - it's easy for them to go and do it but it's hard for us to clear it up," Owens said. "The quicker you report it, if you do it in five days you're only liable for \$50, but the longer you wait, the more you're liable for - so you should check the charges on your credit card statements and also your telephone bill."

For more information on identity theft, you can access the ACS financial management web site on the Internet through Redstone Arsenal's MWR web site. Additional information is available at www.consumer.gov/idtheft or call Owens at 876-5397. She is available for one-on-one financial readiness counseling and plans to offer financial readiness training sessions to soldiers and their dependents in January.

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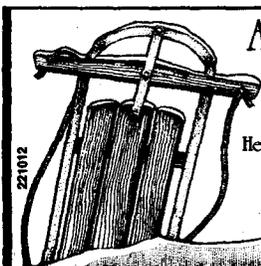
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Young skater jumps with joy at first individual win

7-year-old sweeps events, brings home gold medals

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

Everything is coming up gold for Kerianne Mitchell. In her first individual ice skating competition, Mitchell, 7, glided off the ice with a first in each of her events at the Memphis Invitational Dec. 1.

Pleased with her performance, Mitchell is quiet and shy when it comes to talking about herself but there's no mistaking the sparkle in her eyes when she talks about skating.

"I love it," she said. "I don't get nervous or anything... well, my one-foot spin makes me a little nervous because I've been having a hard time with it but the jumps don't bother me."

"She's fearless," coach Chris Jones said of her young student. "This is a risky sport. She keeps going after it until she gets it. She's a risk-taker and that will help her progress faster than a more timid skater."

Mitchell laced up her first pair of skates at age 4, inspired by watching the figure skaters on television. Her favorite is Tara Lipinski.

"She wanted to learn to skate so we got her lessons and she ended up loving it," mother Sharon Mitchell, employee at the Space and Missile Defense Command, said. "We don't push her to compete. Last year she competed on a skating team but the Memphis competition was her first individual. She didn't seem nervous at all. I think we were more excited than she was."

"She's not afraid of anything," father Steve Mitchell, cost analyst, Precision Fires Project Office, said. "I couldn't even stand up on the ice but she did so good her first time out. We're very proud of her."

Mitchell competes at the Freestyle 2 level which determines the difficulty and number of events in which she can compete. In Memphis she competed in the compulsory which demonstrates her ability to do required elements such as footwork, jumps and spins. She skated to the song "Smile" in the Program event and then later performed a cheerleader-type routine to "Hey Mickey" for her Spotlight Program.

"I didn't fall at all," said Mitchell, a second grader at Challenger Elementary. "I felt really good about the way I skated when I was done."

How a skater feels about their own performance is one of the most important gauges to progress, according to Jones who has coached Mitchell for about a year.

"I don't let kids go (compete) unless they're ready," she said. "Success is a personal thing, based on what each skater's goals are, not necessarily winning. How a skater feels right when they come off the ice — comparing that each time they compete — helps keep things in perspective."

Mitchell also skates with Team Mystique at the Wilcoxon Iceplex in Huntsville where she takes private lessons. The team competed across the multistate region four times last year and won a silver and gold.

The family spends a lot of time at the rink. Mitchell's sister, Shannon, 4, also takes private lessons.

There's no telling how far she'll go, her mother said. Unsure about Olympic dreams, Mitchell said she just likes getting out there to skate.

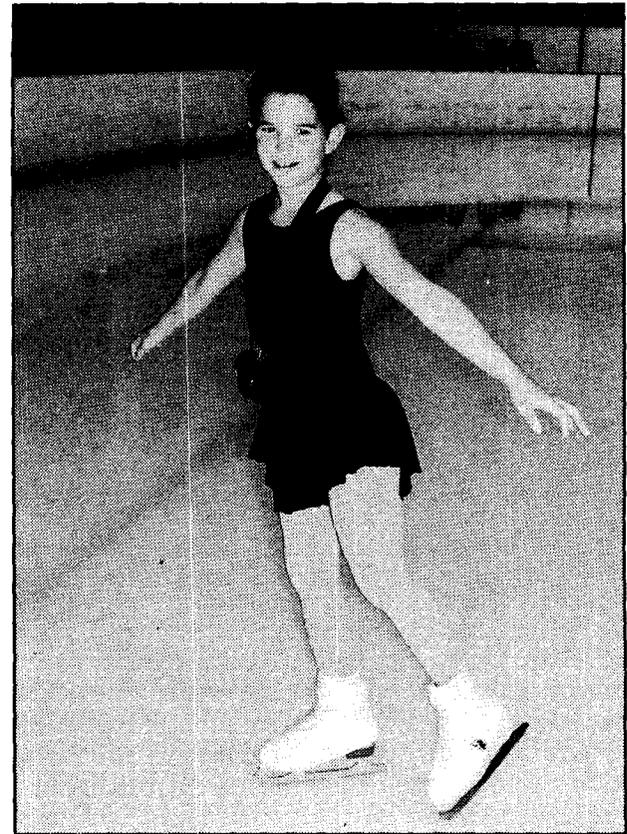


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FIRST PLACE— Kerianne Mitchell, 7, won three gold medals in her first individual skating competition in Memphis, Dec. 1. She is the daughter of Sharon Mitchell, SMDC and Steve Mitchell, Precision Fires Project Office.

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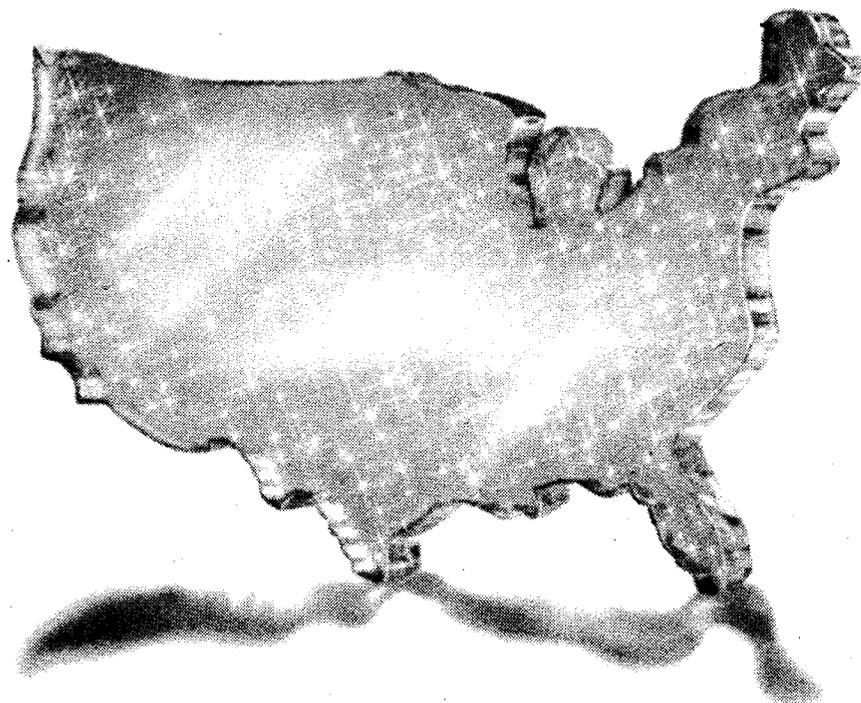
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Fifth Brigade develops future leaders

ROTC and JROTC programs teach life skills, instill values

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Now more than ever, in the midst of the war on terrorism, the "Viking" Brigade's mission to develop the future officer leadership of the Army and to motivate young people to be better citizens takes on added significance.

Headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, the brigade, officially known as the 5th Brigade, 2nd Region, manages all Army ROTC units throughout Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, western Florida and southwest Tennessee. In turn the university ROTC programs are responsible for the Junior ROTC programs at schools in their area.

Lt. Col. Jan Berry, brigade commander, does not expect to see the same impact that Army recruiters saw with a 10 percent increase in enlistment after the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, but she has noticed a change when she speaks to college students.

"I will tell you that in my visits around campus, there's very serious thought and discussion going on about what (Sept. 11) means to them and our country," she said.



Photo by Beth Skarupa

FIRST RESPONSE— Members of the Ranger team of the JROTC at Sparkman High School practice carrying a litter. From left Cadet Cpl. Derrick Russ, ninth grade, Cadet Cpl. Clay Kilpatrick, 10th grade, Cadet PFC Adam McCartney, ninth grade, and Cadet SFC Dominic Martin, 11th grade, carry Cadet Cpl. Shane Roberts, ninth grade, on the stretcher.

"Students are taking a more sobering approach to what their part will be in this fight against terrorism."

Although the ROTC four-year cycle may prevent her from being able to attrib-

ute an increase in numbers of those enlisting in the Army, she says we may see that same commitment and patriotism the recruiters saw once the cadets go through the four-year process.

"I was very proud of our cadets in the Viking Brigade, that they took seriously their commitments to commission rather than be afraid. It shows the development of values and the character of those students, that they had the confidence to take their place and do their thing should their country call," she said.

Army ROTC looks for a certain caliber of student. According to Berry, they want someone who is not just a scholar, but an athlete and a leader as well. While the ROTC program's mission is to produce leaders for the Army, commissioning a certain number of officers each year, the JROTC does not recruit for the Army. Instead, its mission is to motivate students to be better citizens.

"This program has really taken off with the emphasis Gen. Colin Powell, as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, put on JROTC and ROTC in the mid to late '90s. It's been in an upswing ever since," Willie Burton, JROTC operations specialist for the 5th Brigade, said.

Cadets in JROTC are organized into units along military lines and are taught by retired military personnel, but JROTC focuses on developing young people and orienting them positively in preparation

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Deck the halls

Lt. Col. Richard Walters, far right, the OMMCS and 59th Ordnance Brigade chief of staff, extends his appreciation to representatives of The Rock Worship Center and First Command Financial Planning, organizations that donated Christmas decorations which deck the halls at building 3300, 59th Ordnance Brigade. 1st Sgt. Robert Anderson, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade first sergeant, coordinated the effort. The exterior decorations were donated by The Rock Worship Center. Both organizations support soldiers on the Arsenal through a variety of events year-round. "I would like to thank Senior Pastor Rusty Nelson, Pastor Henry Lee, Mark Minter and Richard Jones of The Rock Worship Center," Anderson said. "I would also like to thank Angie Lunn and her daughter Erin, Mary Bissell, and Jennifer Kennedy and her daughter Meghann of First Command Financial Planning; also Jack Lang and Steve Parson with Chugach."

■ ROTC, JROTC programs train future leaders

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for whatever role in life they choose. Classroom instruction and extracurricular activities are used to develop the student's sense of personal responsibility, build life skills and provide leadership opportunities.

"The whole goal behind JROTC is to get them a perspective of how to work with others and operate as a unit. That's why they do all that marching and training. We teach them life skills that will stay with them when they leave the program,"



Photo by Beth Skarupa

GO JROTC!— Nick Moore, an 11th grader at Sparkman High School, enjoys formation with the JROTC as an honorary member every Wednesday.

Burton said.

The JROTC program at Sparkman High School offers its cadets several extracurricular activities. Students can participate in a Ranger team, a drill team, a rifle team, a physical fitness team, the Color Guard or a saber team. Retired Lt. Col. Charley Walker, Sparkman's JROTC instructor, thinks the program is important because it provides kids with another outlet and allows them to be part of a team. His students agree.

"I like how everyone has discipline in here, not like other classes where everyone runs wild. We actually have a purpose here," Rachel Jones, a sophomore at Sparkman, said.

"I like being able to show my leadership potential through teaching the cadets and I love our teamwork and how everyone can work together," Eric McClure, a junior, added. "I'm still kind of undecided about whether I'll join the Army, but I think Sept. 11 affected us because it brought everyone closer together as far as a country. It got us to show our pride a lot and it made the cadets work harder."

Although JROTC instructors and those in the 5th Brigade are not recruiting at the high school level, they do try to help those students who are interested in serving in the Army to get college scholarships. According to Burton, this allows many students who would not be able to afford college to get an education and be successful in life.

"The U.S. Army is the best army in the world and it didn't get that way by accident," Berry said. "Over the course of time we've developed the best leadership training anywhere. Young people that want to develop leadership skills can find the training in ROTC."



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Soldiers show can-do spirit for Christmas Charities



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CAN VAN— Members of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion unload canned goods that are destined for Christmas Charities Year Round. Soldiers from the 832nd contributed more than 10,000 food items during their second annual Christmas Charities Year Round Can-a-thon, Dec. 10.

832nd Ordnance Battalion contributes canned goods

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion gathered a truckload of holiday cheer during their second annual Can-a-thon for Christmas Charities Year Round.

They collected canned goods and non-perishable food items for more than a month. On Dec. 10, they presented more than 10,000 food items to Christmas Charities Year Round.

"People shouldn't have to do without a good meal," SSgt. Anita Seneres, B Company training NCO, said. "A lot of the non-perishable items we collected will be used throughout the entire year."

Seneres said she made gathering items a family project. Her son, in ROTC, needed a community service project "so we gathered food items together in our community in Hazel Green."

Gerri Mills, director of Christmas Charities Year Round, estimated that more than 800 families signed up with her organization for help during the holidays.

"There are a lot of needy families in Huntsville and Madison County area," Mills said. "Some people make a dollar too much to get food assistance. We're there to help those folks."

Mills said they would continue to take walk-ins for holiday food baskets until Dec. 22; and the organization will continue to help those who need it throughout the year.

"I know that the soldiers come from all over," she said. "It's good that they are willing to help us and their adopted community."

Christmas Charities Year Round is in its 50th year. Besides helping those who are less fortunate, it helps the elderly with items like prescriptions.

"There are a lot of veterans within the community that need help," 1st Sgt. Willie Pullom, first sergeant for Headquarters & A Company, said. He reminded his soldiers that many of the food items would help homeless veterans.

"It all comes down to selfless service, we teach that to all our soldiers," 1st Sgt. Thomas Lettis, first sergeant for B Company, said. "Not only do we take care of our own, but all the people in the community around us too."

Army football coach: Next year will be even better

By JIM FOX
Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Second-year Army football coach Todd Berry said he's in the midst of his fourth turnaround of a football program.

"We've stuck with a plan," Berry said Dec. 1 after the Black Knights beat Navy 26-17 to finish the season at 3-8.

"Sometimes a plan is hard to stick to. (The) third year is always (when it) happens. It's all about establishing your systems, getting people to buy in and believe, getting individuals to not play for themselves, but to play for each other. Those are all things that are significant in my

mind to winning," Berry said.

That's why Berry hates to see this senior class leave. They have bought into his systems and he said they have helped Army football reach that next level.

"I'm going to miss them dearly," Berry said of his 26 departing players. When Berry arrived he needed the upperclassmen to buy into the new schemes. Beginning as far back as January 2000 the class of 2002 began the process of absorbing Berry's new systems.

"These young people bought into this dramatic transition that we went through from a schematic standpoint and really in some ways a mentality standpoint," he said.



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Fruitful drive

Roy Longoria, of Hydraulics Shop at Corpus Christi Depot, Texas, shows some of the two truckloads of food contributed by the depot's workers for the 14th annual Share Your Christmas food drive.

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Real life NCOs keep Tiny Soldiers marching straight ahead

Elementary school program teaches basic skills of life

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

They wear camouflaged pants and tops. They know their right from their left when they march. They look like soldiers, but some are only 4 feet tall.

These elementary students are part of "Tiny Soldiers," a program at Terry Heights Elementary.

This program goes beyond teaching the basics of drill and ceremony. Tiny Soldiers are learning ways to deal with life; and soldiers from the NCO Academy are their primary instructors.

Janice Summerhill, a special education teacher at Terry Heights Elementary, started the program six years ago to help her students who did not have strong male role models in their lives.

"The majority of my students have no fathers or live in single parent homes," she said. She felt that the absence of a male role model explained many of her students' problems. Low self esteem, no self-discipline and low confidence were among the problems her students faced daily.

So she came up with a plan, and tapped into an organization that has male role models, the Army. When she first started Tiny Soldiers, ROTC instructors from Alabama A&M University augmented her program; but eventually as those soldiers moved on, she added active duty soldiers from Redstone. This is the second year soldiers from the Arsenal have participated.

Most are basic noncommissioned course or advanced noncommissioned course students attending class and others are cadre from the Academy.

"With this program we are trying to instill values and discipline at a younger age," SFC Archie Scott, a program volunteer, said. Scott is also the senior small group leader for the Academy's BNCOC course. Students attending the Academy are encouraged to perform community service.

Those who volunteer in the program

teach life skills, like personal grooming, saying no to drugs, self-respect, self-discipline and self-confidence. Soldiers also provide instruction and mentorship in leadership skills, discipline, orderly conduct and good citizenship. Basically the soldiers use military techniques to teach these lessons.

"We try to instill values and morals while they are at school, things they are not getting at home," Scott said. "Skills that will hopefully follow and help them throughout their school age years."

"They also work to develop positive youth role models within the ranks," Summerhill said. It was also created to help children with their academics.

"It works," said Summerhill. "I've seen some of my students phased out of special education. The program has given them confidence and taught them that they can make it."

Currently, the program has 36 children; and 23 soldiers from the Academy have volunteered so far. "This is more than just a program, we are changing lives and molding children to be better adults," Summerhill said.

National statistics show that many dropouts leave in the eighth- and ninth-grades. "We try to get to them before they drop out," Scott said.

The students practice drill for one hour a week and receive many hours of tutoring and mentoring.

"It's not like a boot camp," Summerhill said. "All we want to do is put structure in these children's lives, it's something they lack. We have to go beyond what they can learn from a book."

"It's fun," Qounesha Davis, 10, said. This is her first year in the program. "Some days we have to practice marching. The best part is the singing (military cadence)."

Davis and other Tiny Soldiers marched in the Veterans Day parade downtown. "But if you act up, you lose your badge," Davis said. Badges are given to students who are placed in leadership positions. "You have to give your badge to someone else. I like to have the badge. I like to be

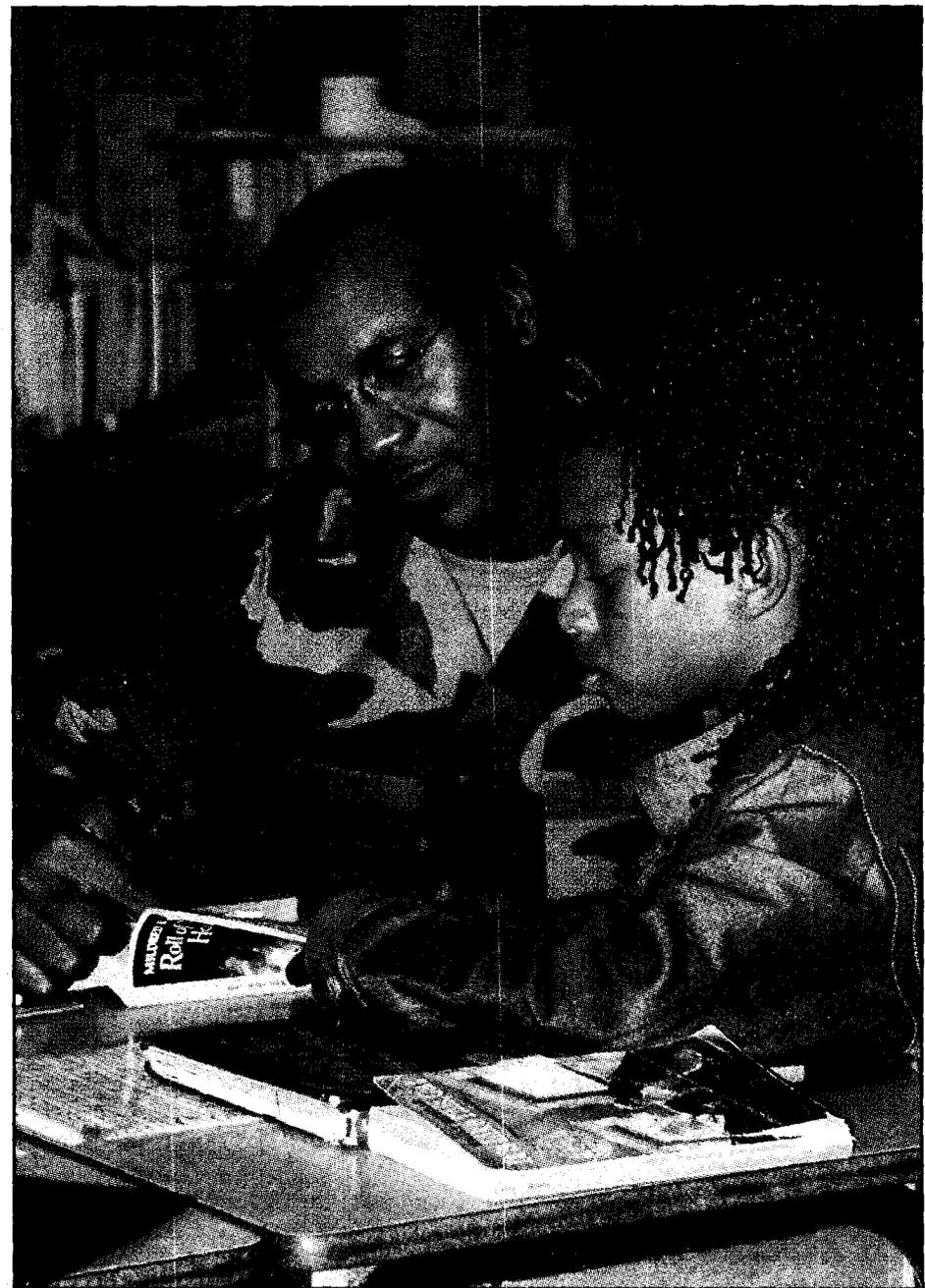


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READ ALONG— SFC Archie Scott reads with Anteashea Woods, 10, during study time in the Tiny Soldiers program. Tiny Soldiers is a program at Terry Heights Elementary in which children learn ways to deal with life, gain self-esteem, improve their academics and get mentoring from soldiers from the NCO Academy.

in charge. But it's important, you have to want to do it."

"We are trying to make a positive impact on the mental, physical, emotional and social development of all our Tiny Soldiers," Summerhill said.

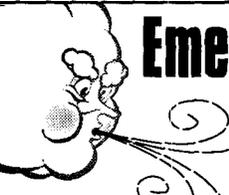


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National Guard Patriot battalion told to 'Be ready'

Guardsmen prepare to serve if called

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

When he saw the World Trade Center towers fall in September, National Guardsman Gary Seal figured he would be called to action before Thanksgiving. As he's watched the war progress, he thinks the chances may be a little less that he'll have to go. But nevertheless, he's ready.

"The president said 'be ready' and we are trained and ready to perform our duty," Lt. Col. Michael Erdley, commander of 1st Battalion (Patriot), 203rd Air Defense Artillery, said. "Our

deployment to Saudi (in January) went great. Our soldiers did an outstanding job — proof that a National Guard unit can go out and perform the mission alongside their active component counterpart."

Since September, Erdley has been preparing his soldiers for war. It's not a great leap as a commander because his troops remain trained and ready, focused on their mission to defend critical assets from hostile aircraft and ballistic missiles. With the threat looming so real, Erdley makes a special effort to be sure the families of the guardsmen are prepared as well.

"The past two weekends we've had families in for the holiday meal," Erdley said. "They can see what's going on in

the world and they know what it means to be a part of this. We wanted to remind them about the established Family Readiness Group and talk with them a little bit."

"We've all been preparing our families," Seal said. "I want to make sure my wife and kids are taken care of in every respect."

As a civilian Seal works for Raytheon as a systems engineer with the Patriot missile program. As a specialist in the National Guard, he is part of the Patriot missile launcher crew. If Seal is called to active duty, he will trade his engineering paycheck for that of a specialist.

"It's a big cut," he said. "As a family we have to figure out how to adjust to that. Not just money but health benefits, life insurance. Everything changes. Not to mention being away from home."

As a former Marine and guardsman for three years, Seal understands his duty

and will be "the first in line if they start calling us up," but he also understands how hard it is for the families of all the soldiers who are here waiting.

"I take my training seriously," Seal said. "It's a second job I train hard for. I know that next month I could be in a Mideast country knowing that my job could mean saving my life and the lives of other soldiers. I am absolutely ready."

About 500 soldiers comprise the 1/203rd which includes a headquarters battery in Athens, three Patriot batteries, a maintenance company and ordnance team. Force protection has increased at all its armories — Athens, Scottsboro, Bridgeport, Huntsville, Hartselle and Double Springs.

The battalion trains frequently at Redstone Arsenal. In January, Bravo battery was deployed for a six-month tour in Saudi Arabia. Soldiers from all the units were involved in that deployment.



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MISSILE RELOAD— Members of 1st Battalion (Patriot), 203rd Air Defense Artillery, perform missile reload on the Patriot Training Site.



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Family members train to be ready when soldiers deploy

*Upcoming classes announced
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ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING RELEASE

The chief of staff of the Army and sergeant major of the Army proclaimed Dec. 16 as "Army Family Team Building Day" at a Pentagon ceremony in 1998. The purpose of Army Family Team Building Day is to celebrate AFTB success and recognize the dedication and achievements of the many volunteer trainers that have contributed countless hours to the program and trained thousands of family members Armywide.

AFTB's positive impact is felt throughout America's Army, both active and Reserve. Designed to be run and managed by Army volunteers, AFTB is a family training and readiness program that provides participants with an understanding of Army culture, as well as the skills and resources they need to become self-reliant and self-sufficient members of the military community.

AFTB uses a train-the-trainer approach to deliver local installation training. The Community and Family Support Center staff trains volunteer master trainers who return to their home station to train other volunteers. The premise of the program is Army families helping Army families. The curriculum was developed for members of the Army family by Army family members.

Family preparedness and self-reliance is important to readiness because it provides peace of mind to soldiers, thus building confidence that their families can manage successfully in their absence. The desired result is that soldiers are better able to focus on their mission.

AFTB also enhances retention because families learn what benefits and resources the Army offers, what to expect from the Army culture, and how to network so they become part of the larger Army family, have a sense of belonging, and have a positive influence on the soldier's decision to reenlist.

There are three levels in the Army Family Team Building process. The first level begins with the basics — Army 101 — the things you need to know to get started on the right foot and be successful. The next level teaches family members principles of personal leadership and management. The last level is for the more seasoned career Army family members — those involved in overseeing people and programs. This curriculum concentrates on advanced leadership and management skills. Enrollment in the program is based on experience as an Army family member, not on the rank of the sponsor. Family members can enter the training program when and where they desire.

The concept for AFTB originated in 1992 with senior leaders and spouses who saw a need to educate family members as a result of lessons learned following the Gulf War. The program was officially established in December 1994.

The proponent for AFTB is the Community and Family Support Center, based in Alexandria, Va.

Redstone Arsenal's AFTB staff will offer the following classes in the next few months: Relationship Building Seminar, Jan. 28; Level I, Feb. 5-7; AFTB Instructor Training, March 4-7; Level II, April 8-11; and Level I, May 8-10.

The classes will be held in building 3491 on Honest John Road, from 6-9 p.m. The atmosphere is casual and

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Personnel presents

Members of South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center selected nine angels and pitched in to make it a merry Christmas. Most of the angels were 10-12 years old and wanted bikes and roller blades. Angel Project leads Latrisha Smith and Andrea Frazier announced that none of the children will be disappointed on Christmas morning. From left Smith, Andrea Frazier and Kim Jones prepare to load up the gifts and take them to the distribution point.

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Jack L. Tilley
Sergeant Major of the Army

■ Airline security conducts search

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computer separately X-rayed to ensure that I wasn't secretly trying to smuggle a weapon on board a commercial aircraft. I even agreed to a follow-on explosives check to ensure that unsavory characters had not switched my briefcase for one made of plastic explosive.

After having been thoroughly examined for weapons and explosives, I proceeded to what I thought was the appropriate gate. I sat down and started writing a report. As the time for my flight approached, I uncomfortably noticed that there were no other passengers sitting nearby and there were no attendants manning the desk at the gate. I decided that I had better check to see if my gate had been changed, my flight had been canceled or even worse yet perhaps the plane had been hijacked on its previous flight.

After checking the departing flight monitors, I noted that my flight was scheduled to leave in one minute and yet to my astonishment there was no one in the gate area. Then it dawned on me that the B41-B43 sign meant Gate B41 and B43 and that Gate B42 (my gate) was actually down the hall on the opposite side of the hall. I rushed down the hall and arrived at the gate just in time to be the last person to get on the plane headed for Cincinnati. Whew! That was an experience. Well, all's well that ends well; that was a close call, but I made it to my flight. After a few minutes of excitement, I went back to reading my book and shortly we arrived in Cincinnati.

After exiting the plane and entering the airport, I had to perform the routine requirements of going to the restroom, getting something to drink, wander around a little to stretch my legs. After all, I had an hour and a half until my next flight, plenty of time.

Finally, they called my flight and I

stepped up to the gate where they took my ticket and gave me my boarding pass. I then entered the hallway leading to the planes. I started looking at the signs for gate C6 when suddenly a woman approached me saying that I was to step over to a table for a routine security check. Of course, being a good citizen, I obeyed and went to the desk for the security check. As I placed my briefcase on the table, I was asked for my boarding pass and three gloved women proceeded to unzip and remove things from my briefcase. I was shocked and astonished by their brazen attitude that I was not entitled to anything private within my briefcase. As they were viciously searching by briefcase, another woman directed me to step onto a rubber mat so she could wave a paddle shaped wand around my body searching me for weapons I supposed. After waving her paddle around me front and back, I was ordered to sit in a chair with my feet up so she could wave her wand around my feet. As I sat there, I noticed others watching as they passed by quickly. Glad they weren't being searched I guessed. I then noticed that one of the ladies searching my briefcase had taken out my tin of breath mints and was checking the inside of the tin; not even my breath mints were sacrosanct!

I was then told that I could return to the table where the three women were just finishing stuffing everything back into my briefcase. I was then told that I would be escorted to the aircraft. I felt as though they were preparing to put handcuffs on and lead me away to a cell. By this time, my mind was beginning to boil; who were these Storm Troopers and why was I being harassed in this manner? Outwardly, I only asked why I was singled out for this search. The lady only replied that they were performing a random check. I then followed my escort

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to the plane. As I entered the plane, the stewardess asked for my ticket stub. I immediately looked into my pockets and didn't find it. Then I remembered, and told her that the people at the security desk had taken it and I didn't recall getting it back. She said that they were supposed to give it back. I told her that I didn't recall getting it back so they must still have it.

Fortunately, the stewardess must have realized at that point that I was having a bad day and asked me if I remembered what seat I was assigned. I remembered that I was assigned to seat 7A and she told me to be seated and that she would check on it. After taking my seat and trying to calm my rising anger, I started to thumb through the book that I was reading and found my ticket stub. I immediately pressed the stewardess call button to show her the ticket stub and end this horrendous affair. She saw it from the front and nodded; later she came back and inspected it closer to ensure that it was valid for that flight.

Throughout the rest of the flight to Huntsville, I attempted to calm the rising tide of my ire having endured such undue harassment. I kept thinking that my rights as an American citizen had

been violated and oppressed. I resented the tactics used by these airport personnel because as an American citizen, I have the right to not live in fear of unlawful search. Please understand that I don't mind the normal airport security and am not against it; however, I am against having groups of security personnel descend on an individual and treat him like some sort of terrorist without provocation. That represents the epitome of disrespect for individual freedom. I also wondered if the president fully understood how our personal freedoms are being abused for the sake of security. What's next, body cavity searches in the jet-way to the plane or are State Troopers going to be given the authority to stop and search cars on the road simply to ensure that there are no bombs or weapons in them?

There are some personnel that should be streamlined through the security checkpoints. Police officers, soldiers, government employees and the like should not be selected for random checks because they have already been checked and rechecked. Now, I am a GS-13, health physicist with a top-secret clearance and a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve. Each time that I go to the security checkpoint or when they ask for an ID at the airport, I show my military ID card. This should demonstrate to the security apparatus that I have a security

clearance and have previously been investigated. They shouldn't waste their time checking people with U.S. government credentials. After returning from this trip, I discussed my traumatic incident with others in my office with similar credentials and they too had experienced these horrific incidents and were likewise disgusted with authoritarian mentality of the airport personnel.

I hope the airlines and airports will reconsider the methodology for conducting security checks on passengers. They should ensure that the rights of the passengers are respected as well as providing for good security. Some suggestions would include:

1. Use an X-ray machine to scan briefcases and personal bags. It is much less personally invasive. If that is not available perform one check at a time, i.e. don't check a person's briefcase while he is being scanned for weapons. The individual is more concerned with personal security and you are a stranger to them!
2. Restrict the number of personnel checking an individual's bags to one person. Be considerate of the individual's personal security; don't gang up on him.
3. Most important: Don't be belligerent and be careful of what you say. Think of how you would feel if you were being checked. Don't tell people that you are going to escort them; it is demeaning.
4. Do not perform security checks on personnel as they are trying to board the

aircraft. The purpose of getting to the airport early is to provide time for the security check. When you add additional checks as people are boarding, they become anxious to not miss their plane. This also tends to make normally calm people irate. With limited storage space aboard the plane, many people want to get on and get their bags situated prior to takeoff.

As I have continued to think about my experience, I have to wonder, "Where has freedom gone?" The terrorists have taken a few of our lives for which they shall pay the ultimate price, but are we taking away something so much more valuable that the terrorist could never have imagined? We are taking away our own freedom! The freedom that our forefathers and soldiers throughout our country's history have fought and died for from 1776 until today!

The purpose of this letter is to get people to remember that the personal freedoms that we all often take for granted become very important to us when they are taken away. The freedom that we enjoy is what sets us as Americans apart from any other people. Taking away those personal freedoms simply makes us more like the terrorists and the countries that they come from. In my patriotic opinion, that is unacceptable.

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Reserve rigger unit helps with Afghan airlift

By SSgt. GREG JONES
Army News Service

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Citizen-soldiers from the 421st Quartermaster Company have helped drop 2 million meals to starving Afghans.

The rigger unit from Fort Valley, Ga., was activated Oct. 31 to help "Task Force Firepower" prepare humanitarian aid supplies for airlift to Afghanistan.

"I was sitting down watching the football game on Sunday when the phone rings and they said pack your bags and get ready, we've got a mission for you," said MSgt. Thomas Gilbert of the 421st Quartermaster Company.

Shortly afterward, the 421st soldiers deployed to Germany and joined a composite task force made up of German Army soldiers and U.S. soldiers from the 21st Theater Support Command.

Task Force Firepower was organized specifically for the mission of requisitioning, packing and preparing humanitarian aid supplies for airlift to Afghanistan, 21st TSC officials said. They said Army reservists from the 421st represent almost 25 percent of the 400-person task force.

In the past, the 421st helped with humanitarian airdrops in Bosnia. The 421st is one of only two rigger units in the Army

Reserve, and the other supports the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

As well as working with active-duty soldiers, the 421st has worked alongside soldiers from the German Army's Parachute and Rigger School and two German regional commands. "There's really been nothing to do to integrate the reserve soldiers," said Lt. Col. Richard Mason, Task Force Firepower's commander. "They came ready to work and less than 48 hours after arriving on the ground they were up and running."

421st soldiers have been filling boxes, building crates, and packing chutes. The unit packs between 100,000 and 200,000 pounds of humanitarian aid supplies daily. What they are packing consists of rations, wheat, blankets, and cold weather clothing. The supplies are packed into large crates, each of which will contain either humanitarian rations, bags of wheat wrapped in blankets, or cold weather clothing packed in duffel bags. The crates are fitted with parachutes and dropped from airplanes into Afghanistan.

It is in the parachute packing part of the process where the 421st comes in. As a rigger company it is their job to prepare the crates for parachute drops. They fold and pack parachutes and attach them to the crates, which they help construct. The

work they do is very demanding and leaves no room for error, officials said.

"You have to be very careful with everything in rigging," said Spec. Eric Wilson, 421st Quartermaster Company. "If you just attach one string wrong or fold something wrong it can stop the parachute from working right. You really don't want that to happen."

In fact, the riggers are so exacting and careful with their work, they actually put

their own name, rank and unit on each parachute they pack, which gives them even further incentive to make sure they do it exactly right.

"If you know your actual name is going on something you do, you're definitely going to do the best job you can," said 421st rigger Spec. James Hagans.

Editor's note: SSgt. Greg Jones is a member of the 21st TSC public affairs team.



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Gifts on target

The Theater High Altitude Area Defense Project Office lends a helping hand to the Salvation Army Angel Tree and the Marine Toys for Tots programs. These programs provide Christmas to underprivileged children in the Huntsville area who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas. As with other projects and organizations at Redstone, the THAAD Project office has shown holiday spirit by making Christmas a little brighter by providing an outpouring of gifts, clothing, educational games, bikes, and other items for more than 40 needy children in the community. From left are Lt. Col. Tommy Economy, Barbara Coleman, Sherry Kelley, Linda Watson, Janet Harris, Tom Dang, Sharon Whittaker, Maj. Trent Banks (assistant project manager), Gardiner Pickens (deputy project manager), Kathy Hill, Diane Conder, Col. Patrick O'Reilly (THAAD project manager), and Shelly Spendley.

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Fallen green berets helped Afghans win key battles

By SSgt. MARCIA TRIGGS
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — How they died is least important. The freedoms they fought for, and the milestones they reached while in Afghanistan is how their commander wants the three Special Forces soldiers killed by a stray U.S. bomb to be remembered.

"They cannot be remembered as victims of a tragic bombing, but as heroes fighting for a noble cause," said Capt. Jason Amerine, a 30-year-old detachment commander from 5th Special Forces Group during an over-the-phone interview from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

MSgt. Jefferson Davis, 39, of Tennessee; SFC Dan Petithory, 32, of Massachusetts; and SSgt. Cody Prosser, 28, of California, died while fighting the enemy and ridding Afghanistan of the terrorists who dwelled there, Amerine said.

Those three Special Forces soldiers and 19 others that were wounded, including Amerine, were medically evacuated from the Kandahar area Dec. 4. A memorial for the fallen green berets was held Dec. 11 in Landstuhl, Germany, and

another at Fort Campbell, Ky., Dec. 10.

Amerine and his Special Forces detachment infiltrated deep behind enemy lines, to work with militia leader Hamid Karzai and his forces as they advanced toward the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar.

"The day we got bombed, Kandahar was going to surrender to our forces," Amerine said.

Only weeks after Sept. 11, Karzai — who is now the leader of Afghanistan's interim government — greeted Amerine and his 11-man detachment. An important part of the Afghan culture is to treat their visitors well, Amerine said.

"We were treated very warmly and what we had to do from there was prove ourselves to them, and we did that by sharing the hardships with them," Amerine said.

After the green berets arrived on the ground, the following weeks were spent advising Karzai and assisting the Afghan opposition forces on how to help themselves.

"I spent half my time during the day just talking to Hamid Karzai. He spoke fluent English, and my goal was to understand his vision to assist me in assisting him," Amerine said.

Amerine, an eight-year Army officer, established a good working relationship with Karzai.

"I would consider him a friend at this point," Amerine said. "I developed a great deal of respect for him. He was wearing three hats — he was a military leader, a political leader, and an international diplomat. Everyday it would be us sitting and working though one issue or another."

The day of the bombing and the events that led up to the tragic event have been described in detail by Amerine. However, as days go by Amerine said that he doesn't like to talk about the fratricide, but rather praise the pilots, nurses and his soldiers for their help in keeping the wounded alive.

"Everyone who could walk or crawl was helping their buddy after the bomb hit," Amerine said. "Then the brave pilots flew across Afghanistan in broad daylight to get us out of there. The devotion shown by everyone will not be forgotten by my men or me."

People have asked Amerine if is he angry, or who does he blame. But Amerine answers these questions pointing out that close air support was one of the most important missions of the war for his team.

"You cannot devalue such an asset," he said.

Calling in for close air support saved the lives of the 5th Special Forces Group during a mission that Amerine said was his unit's greatest accomplishment in Afghanistan.

"Tarin Kowt was the heart of the Taliban and Hamid Karzi said that if we could take the town it would be the downfall of the Taliban," Amerine said. "The townspeople of Tirin Kowt had deposed their Taliban administration and declared themselves free from the tyranny of that regime."

The Taliban launched 500 men to retake that town, but the Army's green

berets and Karzai's rag-tag force of freedom fighters arrived six hours earlier, Amerine said. As the Taliban's convoy approached, close air-support strikes destroyed the vehicles, he added.

"We defended the town in a tense battle that lasted several hours," Amerine said. "Hamid Karzi later learned that the Taliban planned to sack the town and slaughter the innocent families that lived there as a form of retribution."

The Special Forces troops proved their worth in battle and developed a bond with the Afghan freedom fighters.

"In order to fight alongside anyone you have to develop a trust," Amerine said. "Tarin Kowt enabled us to develop a very strong working relationship, and by the time the tragic bombing occurred, we were brothers out there."

The Special Forces' mission has changed from fighting the war to healing. The 12-man detachment lost Davis, who Amerine said was the unit's father. Davis was the senior noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the detachment. He made sure that everyone was focused on the mission, and moving in the right direction, Amerine said. Davis was the glue that held the unit together, he added.

Petithory was the senior communications sergeant. He had the most important job in the unit, Amerine said, because he was the detachment's lifeline to the world.

Prosser was a military intelligence sergeant and his job was to understand how to template the enemy, Amerine said. Prosser will always be remembered as a friend, Amerine added.

While the war continues, the 5th Special Forces soldiers will mourn their dead, take care of the fallen victims' families and help each other to recover, Amerine said.

"Now my team must heal," Amerine said. "And after we're through rebuilding, we'll hopefully get another mission and get back into the war."

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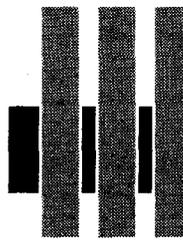
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Brownlee sworn in as under secretary of Army

Retired colonel and veteran has master's from Alabama

By GARY SHEFTICK
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Retired Col. Les Brownlee became under secretary of the Army Dec. 11 in an afternoon ceremony conducted in front of the hallway Christmas decorations outside his new office at the Pentagon.

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White administered the oath of office after saying it was great to have Brownlee aboard as under secretary "in these hectic days as we prosecute a war and transform the Army for the future."

White said he had two criteria for selecting his assistant. First he said the person had to love the Army, explaining that meant loving soldiers and what the Army stands for — its values.

"The second thing is: I was looking for people that could hit the ground running and knew a great deal about the Army because we didn't have time for spin up," White said, "and Les qualified in spades on that account as well."

For the past 14 years, Brownlee has served on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. When he retired from the Army in 1984, Brownlee was serving as military executive to Under Secretary of the Army James Ambrose.

"I return to the same suite of offices I departed almost 18 years ago," Brownlee said, "although I admit that they're somewhat better..."

As under secretary, Brownlee's job is to assist the secretary of the Army in fulfilling statutory responsibilities

for recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training and mobilizing the Army and managing its \$80 billion annual budget and more than 1.3 million active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve and civilian personnel.

Since 1996, he has been staff director of the Senate Armed Service Committee, serving in that position under both Sen. Strom Thurmond and Sen. John Warner.

From 1987-96, he was the principal Senate Armed Services Committee professional staff member responsible for Army and Marine Corps programs, special operations forces and drug interdiction policy and support. In addition, as deputy staff director, he was deeply involved in policies and programs relating to ballistic missile defense, strategic deterrence and naval strategy, shipbuilding and weapons programs.

Brownlee was commissioned in 1962 as a lieutenant of infantry after being a distinguished honor graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Wyoming. He is a distinguished honor graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger Course, an honor graduate of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the Command and General Staff College, and a graduate of the Army's Airborne Course and the U.S. Army War College. Brownlee served two tours in Vietnam.

His military decorations include the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart. He holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Alabama.

"It is both an honor and privilege for me to return to the Army I love," Brownlee told the crowd gathered outside his office.

He said he looks forward to the full story being told about what the Army is accomplishing in Afghanistan.

"The story of what our soldiers have done in Afghanistan — especially the Special Forces — is just beginning to be told," Brownlee said. "But when it is, I'm sure all America will be proud."



Photo by SSgt. Michael Rautio

IT'S OFFICIAL— Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White, left, administers the oath of office to Les Brownlee, right, while Brownlee's children John and Tracy hold the Bible. Brownlee was sworn-in as the under secretary of the Army during a Pentagon ceremony. In his new position, Brownlee will be responsible for helping White with recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training and mobilizing the more than 1.3 million active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve and civilian personnel of the Army.



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S01CEBK0044816CM5	Arch,Civil Engr,Mech Engr,Elec Engr,	21-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808-0810-0830-0850-	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X									X		
01BK0043321DB1	Activity Career Prog Asst	21-Dec-01	RMD	GS-0301	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X											
01BK0046655BM1	Inte Prog Mgmt Spec	21-Dec-01	SAMD	GS-0301	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X											
AG02047711	Personnel Officer	26-Dec-01	CPOC	GS-0201	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X									X		
01BK0041674JW1	Secretary (OA)	27-Dec-01	SMDC	GS-0318	7	7	29,329 - 38,209	X											
S01BK0048998MB4	Labor Relations Spec	28-Dec-01	CPOC	GS-0233	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X										X	
S01BK0050215MB4A	Pers Staffing Spec	28-Dec-01	CPOC	GS-0212	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X											
01BK0045980BR1	Mgmt And Prog Analyst	28-Dec-01	ISO	GS-0343	9	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK0043926BL1	Equipment Specialist	28-Dec-01	TMDE	GS-1670	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X											
01BK0044033SK1	Editorial Assistant (OA)	28-Dec-01	TMDE	GS-1087	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	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
01BK0001385ES2	Aerospace Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,382 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
01BK0048000AC2	Aerospace Engineer	31-Dec-01	PEO Aviation	GS-0861	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X											
01BK0035812PO1	Prog /Acq Mgmt Officer	4-Jan-02	DSA	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X									X		
S01CE0042115RM5	Supv Contract Spec	7-Jan-02	CofE Huntsville	GS-1102	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	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
EG-02-037	Aerospace Engineer	25-Jan-02	ATTC	GS-0861	13	13	61,749 - 80,278	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
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
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
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
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
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																			
X-SL-02-3362-JB	Supply Mgmt Spec	19-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-2003	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-02-3325-JB	Maintenance Mgmt Officer	21-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-FM-02-3391-EL	Public Affairs Spec	21-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-1035	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-02-3375-JB	General Engineer	21-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-02-3397-JB	General Engineer	21-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-JB-02-3381	Ammu/Expl Support Asst	21-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DK-0303	3	3	29,392 - 42,321	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SL-02-3407-ZY	Geophysicist	27-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-1313	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-02-3415-ZY	Quality Assurance Spec	28-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DE-1910	3	3	39,595 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-02-0026-JB	Aerospace Engineer	31-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0861	13	13	63,211 - 82,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-BL-01-3022-JB	Electronics Engineer	31-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	2	2	23,729 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-TM-02-3365-ST	Supv Contract Spec	3-Jan-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-1102	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SL-02-3372-JB	Prog-Acq Mgmt Officer	8-Jan-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0645	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Pharmacy Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0661	5	5	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Health Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0640	4	5	21,123 - 30,726	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Instrument Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0649	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Diagnostic Radi Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0647	5	8	23,633 - 42,149	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Dental Hygienist	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0682	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-CP-01-NURSE	Clinical Nurse (PT)	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0610	9	11	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-02-3374-JB	Aerospace Engineer	19-Mar-02	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																			
C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions. Please call their job vacancy line at 876-7772.																			
NOTE: Include Cashier, Food Service, Waiter, Bartender, Custodial Work, and CDC, Youth Center, Flying Activity, and other MWR Activities POC: Judy 876-2496																			

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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.

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.

Youth basketball coaches

Youth Services needs basketball coaches for the following age groups: 9-10 girls, 13-14 boys, and 15-16 boys. If interested call Missy Richards 313-3699 or 720-9204.

Conferences & Meetings

Sergeants major

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

Environmental and technology conference

The fifth conference on Aerospace Materials, Processes, and Environmental Technology announces its call for papers and posters. Deadline for abstract submission is Jan. 15. This premier venue in which the materials, processes, manufacturing, and environmental communities showcase technologies vital to the evolution of safe, next-generation, reusable and expendable aeronautics and space vehicle systems will be hosted by the Marshall Space Flight Center, Sept. 16-18 at the Von Braun Center. Abstracts for the call for papers and posters must be unclassified, non-restricted, English-language and not exceeding one page. Authors should emphasize advancements in materials, processes, and manufacturing applications and implementation of environmental replacement technology in their discussions. Abstracts must indicate whether a paper or poster will be presented, and must include the title, name of author, complete return address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Authors should indicate which of the conference topics

categorizes their abstract. For a complete list of conference topics, refer to the pdf file of the call for papers on the web site as follows: <http://ampet.msfc.nasa.gov>. For more information or to submit an abstract, call Beth Cook 544-2545.

Town hall meeting

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity will hold a Community Town Hall meeting, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. All residents, retirees, and employees are invited to attend. Community Town Hall meetings are intended to provide information and feedback on community developments. Members of the Team Redstone staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns from the community. For more information, call Ivy Downs 876-3376.

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.

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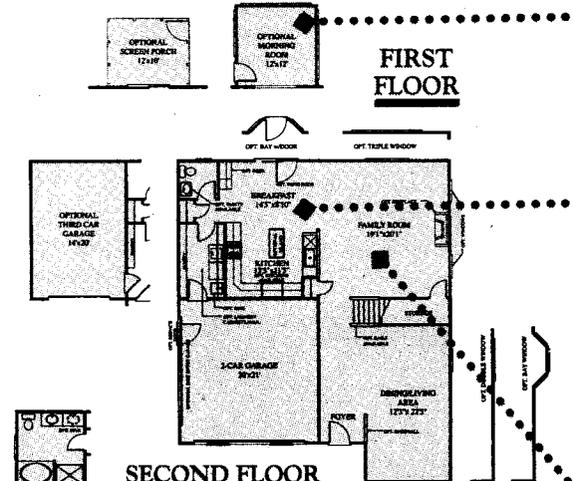
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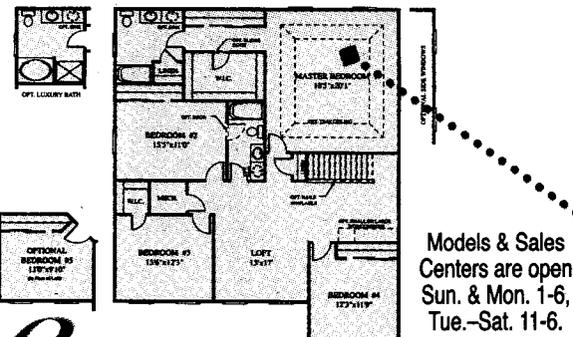
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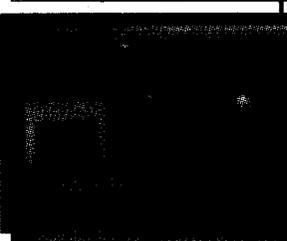
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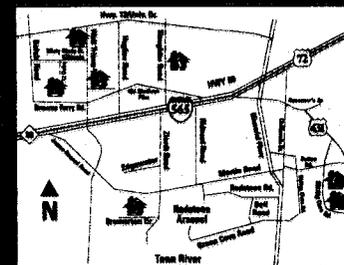





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Weather alert information

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: Radio — WAHR, 99.1FM; WDRM, 102FM; WEKR, 1240AM; WEUP, 1600AM; WGSV, 1270AM; WJAB, 90.9FM; WLRH, 89.3FM; WRAB, 1380AM; WRSA, 97FM; WTKI, 1450AM; WVNN, 770AM; WWIC, 1050AM; and WZYP, 104.3FM. Television — WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures. You can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement or you can log on to the Team Redstone Internet site (www.redstone.army.mil) and click the button for weather alert information.

Merit awards

Officer and Civilian Women's Club dependents (high school seniors or college students), spouses, and members may compete for merit awards to pay for tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. To be eligible to apply for merit awards, the club member must be an OCWC member in good standing as of Oct. 1, 2001. Applicants have four topics from which to choose an essay theme: How I See Myself in Ten Years,

My Personal Ambitions and Goals, How Army Values Have Affected My Life, or My Personal Hero. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5. Students receiving fully paid scholarships and previous OCWC award recipients are not eligible for these awards. The applicant's primary residence must be within a 50-mile radius of the Huntsville area. For an application, call Chris Swart 722-3087.

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 600. 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 your tickets, call 830-CLUB or call Redstone Lodging 837-4130 or 876-5713 for the New Year's Eve Gala Package.

Ebony fashion fair

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will sponsor the 44th annual Ebony Fashion Fair, "The Changing Trends of Fashion," Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit scholarships and other community projects. Ticket prices are reserved \$26, general \$21, and students (K-12) \$15. Persons purchasing general or reserved tickets are entitled to a one-year subscription to *Ebony* magazine or a six-month subscription to *Jet* magazine. Student ticket purchasers are entitled to a one-year subscription to *Ebony* magazine only. For tickets call 707-1212.

Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point

which is across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees should not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited to the single pasture trail along the east side of the open pastureland. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should be cut by Dec. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For more information and a map, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Army Family Team Building

Attention, soldiers: Does your spouse know what to do if you are deployed tomorrow? Can he or she be self-sufficient when you are gone? Does your family know how to find help if there is a problem? Well, Army Family Team Building can help. AFTB can educate and prepare you and your family to be ready in case of deployment. The next Army Family Team Building Level 1 classes will be held Jan. 8-10, from 6-9 p.m., at building 3491, Honest John Road. Space is limited. Child care is free. Call 876-5397 by Jan. 7 to enroll.

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Technical library

The Redstone Scientific Information Center will close at 4 p.m. through Dec. 31. The third floor will be closed all day Dec. 26-28. "We will be upgrading our online catalog system Dec. 26 so the online system and its remote access will not be accessible," a prepared release said. The open literature area of the library will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 876-5195.

Military discount

Home Depot says it will honor all military personnel - active duty and non-active

duty - by offering 10 percent off their entire purchase through Dec. 24. Military ID is required.

Isbell academy

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is accepting applications for the semester that begins Jan. 7. The Isbell Academy serves students with learning disabilities or who are performing below grade level. For more information, call executive director Patricia Hill 746-9206.

Junior achievement

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is spon-

soring Junior Achievement for the Redstone community. This command sponsored activity permits employees to teach local students a variety of topics relating to operating a business. All of the classes are taught during duty hours, so sign up for a rewarding experience teaching tomorrow's leaders. For information call Brian Farrell 313-3154.

Sci-Quest hours

Sci-Quest, the North Alabama Science Center, will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The center will be open on its regular schedule otherwise: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6

p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Sci-Quest 837-0606.

Dr. King tribute

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center will hold a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. in building 4544 (Richard Shelby Center for Missile Intelligence, on Fowler Road). Scheduled speaker is Dr. Lenora Peters Gant, special assistant, Intelligence Community Diversity Management/Director of Work Force Issues for the Director of Central Intelligence. For more information, call Leslie Taggart 313-7233.



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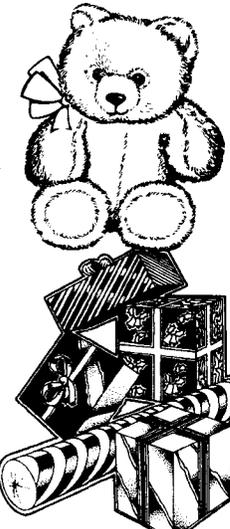
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