Missile Command tightening belt to cope with decreased funding

Budget constraint impact felt Armywide and throughout federal government

By Skip Vaughn

Peacetime operations, such as Bosnia, and efforts to balance the federal budget are combining to further stretch the already-tight Army resources.

As a result the Missile Command and other subordinate commands are getting smaller slices of the funding pie. Using fiscal 1995 as a baseline, the operations and maintenance funding has experienced a 32 percent decrease Armywide, according to Col. Kent Miller, MICOM’s director of resource management.

“Generally speaking, our funding levels are decreasing and our manpower will decrease along with the funding levels’ decline. In contingency operations—operations other than war—that the military has been committed to, like Bosnia and others, the Army is having to pay those bills without additional resources,” Miller said. “So our funding has been reduced somewhat to pay for these operations other than war.”

The Missile Command is negotiating with its higher headquarters, Army Materiel Command, on the possibility of additional resources for this fiscal year.

“Our funding at MICOM has come down from ’95 levels,” Miller said. If the numbers don’t change, MICOM will have to cope with an even larger cut in manpower authorization than last year. Resource managers here estimate a fiscal 1997 reduction could be as high as 400 to 500. The approximately See FUNDING on page 17

Surplus helicopters assisting agencies in drug enforcement

By Scott Daster

Local drug enforcement agencies have adopted a fleet of surplus Army helicopters.

The helicopters will be used to search for marijuana farms, and on routine drug trafficking and surveillance missions in the Tennessee Valley.

Bruce Johnson, a logistics management specialist at the Aviation and Troop Support Command (ATCOM), helped Cullman, Limestone, and Marshall counties obtain surplus OH-58 helicopters.

The OH-58 helicopter is being phased out of service; it is used primarily to train soldiers at the Forces Command, and Training and Doctrine Command. Section 1208 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act allows drug enforcement agencies to adopt surplus aircraft. Requests for aircraft are processed regionally at State Surplus Offices, then forwarded to the Pentagon for final approval.

Agencies must meet a minimum population requirement in their jurisdiction, have available resources, a sufficient number of trained pilots and sworn officers, and a plan showing future operational capabilities.

Last year, Johnson transferred 359 helicopters to 139 drug enforcement agencies, 14 total to agencies in Alabama.

“Each will receive a new coat of paint, commercial avionics, special infrared radar, night-sight lights, and high skids,” Johnson said. “All at the cost of its new owner.”

“The annual cost of operating an OH-58 helicopter is estimated at $30,000 a year, or roughly $200 per flight hour,” he said.

Madison County did not request a helicopter. “Cost may have been a factor,” Johnson said.

Johnson will move to Redstone when ATCOM and the Missile Command merge in October 1997, and he plans to retire in the Huntsville area.

“It’s nice to know my job is making a difference in Alabama,” he said.

Johnson started work at ATCOM in 1984 after four years of military service in the Navy.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt ...

Preparing for the traditional Easter Egg Hunt to be held March 30 at 10 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel are, from left, Ben Stennett, Bethany Stennett, Jason Bodkin and Raphael Cherry. Ben, 9, and Bethany, 7, are the children of Maj. Rick and Kristen Stennett. Jason, 8, is the son of Eddie and Lauri Bodkin; his grandparents are retired Col. Jim and Atty Allred. Raphael, 6, is the son of SSgt. William and Rosie Cherry. See the story on page 10.
Montgomery succeeds Black as PEO Missile Defense

By Skip Vaughn

About 400 people watched as Col. Dan Montgomery, who has been selected to become a brigadier general, became the program executive officer for missile defense March 13.

"I look forward to serving with all of you as we work to transform our missile systems that will indeed defend our forces and defend our nation," Montgomery said at the change of PEO ceremony held in the Sparkman Auditorium.


"To my PEO family and to my personal family, thank you for a wonderful 26 months," Black said.

Montgomery previously served as the program manager for Air Defense Command and Control Systems. His successor at ADCCS is Col. Thomas Haller.

Black was born in Weatachee, Wash. Upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded a bachelor of science degree. He holds a master's degree in physics from the University of California at Davis, and a master's in business administration from Boston University.

His military education includes completion of the basic and advanced courses at the Air Defense Artillery School, the Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Systems Management College, Program Management Course, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Black's recent assignments include program executive officer for missile defense, project manager for Corps Surface-to-Air Missile, project manager for Follow-On to Lance, and product manager for Patriot Anti-Tactical Missile. He has also served as commander, 4th Training Battalion, Army Training Center, and commander of Battery C, 4th Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Training Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas.

He has also held a number of joint and overseas assignments in Vietnam and Germany.

Awards and decorations received by Black include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

He and his wife, Mary, have three children: Heather, Katherine and Daniel.

Montgomery was born in Greensboro, S.C., on Oct. 2, 1945. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso with a master's degree in electrical engineering. He entered the Army in September 1967, serving primarily in air defense assignments. His professional training and development included attendance at the Command and General Staff College, Defense Systems Management College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Montgomery has had a wide variety of command and staff assignments. Key among them are TRADOC system manager for Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD), Fort Bliss; executive officer to the deputy chief of staff for operations and plans, Fort Bliss; and cadre, Ft. Sill, Okla., as a first lieutenant, 1st Armored Division, Oklahoma District, Air Defense Artillery Center.

"I am looking forward to working with all of you in your systems that will indeed defend our forces and defend our nation," Montgomery said.

Letters to the editor

Joggers beware

I have only been working here at Redstone Arsenal a couple of months so cold weather has been the norm. Occasionally when the temperature gets reasonably warm, the runners and the joggers hit the roads. I admire them who will not get out of the door. Do these people have a death wish?

Are there any paths, trails or tracks these people can use or at least stay a few feet out to the side of the road. Someone in authority needs to put the fear of God in these people before my bumber does. I am NOT going to risk my life for someone who does not care about theirs. Joggers if you hear a horn blow, you had better move out of the way.

H. M. Sanford

Grocery baggers

T he Commissary baggers work only for the tips that the customer gives them. On March 10 people in the Commissary and when I was ready to check out, there was a bagger I wanted to bag my groceries. I asked the bagger to come to the checkout counter to bag my groceries. The bagger came to the checkout counter; and the baggers that were all ready at the counter didn’t move to let the bagger of my choice bag my groceries. I told the other baggers at the checkout counter that I didn’t want them to bag my groceries. I talked to the checkout counter supervisor and told her I wanted a certain bagger; and I got the bagger I wanted. As a shopper in the Commissary, I have the right to choose who I want to bag my groceries.

Lawrence Welcome

RASA DOL

Correction

The final two lines of an article in last week's issue of the Redstone Rocket were inadvertently omitted. The complete paragraph should read as follows: The address for the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Ordnance Corps Association is P.O. Box 8310, Redstone Arsenal 35809.

Ordnance Corps Association were inadvertently omitted.

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BEST WISHES—Montgomery accepts congratulations in the receiving line after the ceremony.

Kuwait Liberation Medal receives DoD approval

The Department of Defense has recently approved the Kuwait Liberation Medal offered by the Government of Kuwait. To be eligible, a servicemember must have served in the Southwest Asia Theater between Aug. 2, 1990 and Aug. 31, 1993.

To obtain the medal, veterans should submit a request including full name used during service, Social Security number, dates of service, and their current address along with a copy of their separation papers (DD 214) to: National Personnel Records Center; ATTN: VSE; 9700 Page Blvd.; St. Louis, Mo., 63132-5200.

The medal bears the Coat of Arms of the state of Kuwait with the inscription "1991 Liberation Medal" written at the top in Arabic letters. The reverse side is the map of Kuwait on a rayed background. The ribbon is patterned with the flag of Kuwait consisting of red, white and green stripes with a black trapezium centered on the top of the three stripes. (Release from Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison County Veterans service office.)

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Two years later, he made Tate school junior in Springfield. Tate made a career decision. By m., of his decision to enlist in the Army. After a 1981 graduation, Tate was significant. It's a unique, individual experience for the Defense Intelligence Agency. He is highly extraordinary superior to disassemble the missile; and he has to do it in a way so that it's not who is performing nationally significant EOD-related work here at MSIC. He is highly disciplined as far as safety goes. He's had a positive effect in ensuring safety at all levels.”

Greaves concluded, “It behooves him to do it safely. It's the difference between life and death.”

Greaves emphasized that education, improving one's self professionally and personally, is a major factor in the selection process. Tate, who'll receive the Joint Services Commendation Medal in Washington, D.C., April 19. He is assigned to the Pentagon with duty at Redstone Arsenal's Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

Tate's selection is extraordinarily competitive. Greaves explained, “and since DIA is mostly located within the beltway of Washington — for an NCO from here to win, he really had to be outstanding.”

“He was competing with just his packet here,” Greaves added. In preparing Tate's packet for the award, Greaves said, “I tried to articulate what he did and his level of responsibility for foreign missiles within the mission of DIA. He's the first person to disassemble the missile; and he has to do it in a way so that it's not damaged. He's the ATGM SRBM (Anti-Tank Guided missile, Short-Range Ballistic Missile) EOD coordinator and it's his responsibility to coordinate all requests on EOD work on these systems.

“He's had a big influence in foreign material exploitation,” Greaves said. “He's influenced this organization as far as safety goes. He has a positive effect in ensuring safety at all levels.”

Greaves concluded, “It behooves him to do it safely. It's the difference between life and death.”

Greaves emphasized that education, improving one's self professionally and personally, is a major factor in the selection process. Tate, who'll receive an associate degree from Columbia College on May 9 and a bachelor’s in business administration in 1997, admires he had a shaky start. He describes his high school years as replete with football, baseball, basketball and track. His counselors advised a stronger academic interest.

In looking back, he states, “I ignored them. I just wish I'd studied just a little bit harder. I took mostly the standard courses, but I should have taken accounting, for example. "I wasn't ready to go to college," he said. "As I've gone on in the military, I appreciate education more. I'm more attentive and more disciplined now. "I found myself having to take prep courses, spending extra time. I had to spend 200 extra dollars because I had to take prep accounting. "I wasn't looking long-term, I was looking short-term,” he concluded.

He and his wife are already thinking of the long range for their son, age 2 and a half. “I hope to raise him right,” Tate said, "and send him to West Point. "Even if he doesn't go to the academy, I still want him to go to the college of his choice." For himself, his aim is specific, too. “I would like to make Sergeant Major before I retire. That is a goal.”

Greaves noted that Tate is “getting his first look at a Master Sergeant promotion now. They'll announce the results in June or July.”

Tate's previous assignments, all related to EOD, have taken him to Germany, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, and Indian Head in Maryland. Since his role, as explained by Greaves, is to “gingerly, and safely, take apart a missile and give it to the analysts to figure out how it works,” how has his wife coped? After all, these are unknown explosive systems.

“At first she wasn’t used to it,” Tate responded, “but I think she’s adapted to all the things that could possibly happen.”

And, the best part of his job, according to Tate, is “the bond between EOD people. I can always count on them and they are reliable. I can always trust them. "I get satisfaction when what has been reconstructed goes downrange successfully and MSIC can develop countermeasures for it.”
Early-out retirement announced for JTUAV

A limited early-out has been announced for Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle project office.

"It's JTUAV, and expanded coverage is for MICOM and PEO Tactical Missiles," Brenda Lovejoy, a personnel staffing specialist in the Missile Command's Civilian Personnel Office, said.

The request for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay is awaiting approval at the Office of Personnel Management. "And we do anticipate approval by April 1," Lovejoy added.

Eleven spaces in JTUAV were identified as surplus. This limited early-out covers seven job series.

The project office has about 100 people, including matrixed workers located from other organizations. The 11 spaces were identified in the 31-member core.

The early retirement window for eligible workers is open April 1 through May 15. If interested call Lovejoy 876-3031.

Communities of Excellence evaluation team visited here March 1-8. Redstone is a finalist competing in the best medium-size installation category with Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"The Department of Army (DA) ACOE Evaluation Team has come and gone. The success of the visit was a direct result of the total team effort of all the people who make up the Redstone Arsenal community," Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, said in an open message to the Redstone community.

"Individually and organizationally, each of you did exactly what you do best—let your people shine, and shine you did! Our commitment and dedication to achieving the goals of continuous process improvement, customer satisfaction, and quality of life came through loud and clear. The ACOE program is alive and well at Redstone as we clearly demonstrated our dedication to making our already excellent products and services better tomorrow than they are today."

"The DA guidance to the ACOE examiners did not allow them to share their review results with our people. However, consensus among Team Redstone staff elements indicated that overall the review went extremely well," Moeller added. "As with any process, there is always room for improvement. I request feedback from organizations and individuals who were interviewed on situations that not only went well, but those that could have gone better. This feedback will not only benefit Team Redstone in future competitions but will show us how to work better on a daily basis. Our commitment to this quality journey continues year-round and is not limited to a few evaluation days."

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Fox Hospital having ball celebrating its 55th year

By Peggy Hays

It began as a dispensary and clinic. Today, Fox Army Community Hospital is a multi-faceted, multi-organizational facility with programs reaching out to far-flung areas within the state. On April 12, the hospital celebrates its 55 years of history with an Anniversary Ball at the Officers Club.

"We really want to celebrate what it is now as compared to 1941," MSgt. Kathalene Roberts, chairman of FACH's 55th Anniversary Ball Committee, said. "In 1941, it was actually two separate posts. Along the way, there have been three hospitals on Redstone.

"We have a video presentation of where we started in 1941 at the first hospital, then when it was moved to building 112." Roberts said, "and then in 1978 when the present FACH was built.

"We'll actually have a narrative with a history of the hospital up to the present," she said. "The other day, we also took pictures of buildings and candid shots of people."

Roberts explained that video would feature the latest technology. "We'll have music and give it a grand finale with something like the poem, 'When Freedom Rings,' ending with a narrative of the poem on the screen while scrolling through firework and flag."

Other activities planned for the anniversary evening include a color guard in uniforms from the different wars, the 50 state flags, the playing of music from the past 50 years, and a video documentary of the evening.

Roberts added that post graphics would be available to do interviews with former employees of the hospital and "make that a part of archives."

In preparation for one of the ball's featured highlights, the pictorial static display, the Anniversary Committee last week immersed themselves in searching through the myriad of old photos of all shapes and sizes.

Surprisingly, the task of selecting the pictures turned out to be the most difficult. "The hardest part of the committee work was collecting up all the old photographs," Melba Moody said. "In the organization, there's been a tendency not to have historical photographs. But, once the word got out, people started bringing in old photographs."

Tickets are available in the pharmacy lobby or can be obtained per credit card at 876-4176890. Tickets are $12 each and include a sit-down meal and the dance. Dress is Class A uniform with white shirt and bowtie or dress blues. The dress for civilians is equivalent attire.

Everyone is welcome to attend, Moody said, but seating is limited. Moody offered an invitation to "anyone who has ever had a past or present association with the hospital or real interest in the hospital." However, she noted that "seating is only available for 336 and tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis."

Moody elaborated on a few of the changes in the hospital's practices that have had, and will continue to have, far-ranging effects. "We've done so much construction to increase the physical access to buildings," she said. "We're added more doctors. We've added satellite clinics so that the elderly don't have to travel."

Moody explained that partnership agreements have been reached with various hospitals, Spec. Nathan Love III, color guard; and SFC Christina Kuako, fund-raising. Sitting, from left, are MSgt. Roberts, chairman; Toni Liale, entertainment; Dona Raguacci, decorations, and Norma Wilson, fund-raising.

"Care is more accessible to the retiree." According to Moody, FACH's future will include the added use of technology, especially tele-radiology, with the expanded use of the hospital for patient services that in the past have "traditionally gone downtown but now will go here."

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE—Members of Fox Army Community Hospital's Anniversary Ball Committee select photos depicting 55 years of history. Standing, from left, are: Melba Moody, media; SFC James Coffey, protocol; Kim Troy, departments, and quality care can be summarized by the following statement expressed by Moody:
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Redstone funeral team provides final show of respect

By Kathy Hardie

One of the benefits a member of the armed services can expect, whether on active duty or retired, is one last show of honor when they die. The men and women of the Redstone Arsenal Post Funeral Team carry out that honor with dignity, respect and professionalism, every day of the year and in all types of weather.

"The duty is a volunteer one, at least not at first," SFC Maurice Harlee, NCO-in-charge of the team, said. "We have found that after the soldier has fulfilled their one year obligation to the team, they want to stay, and do most." 

Soldiers are selected for the duty and represent all the companies on the Arsenal and carry on normal service obligations during the day. "At first when I found out I had the duty I really didn't want it until I sat back and watched one, that is," Spec. Derick Bragg said. "Now I really enjoy going out and doing the duty. It is very well executed, it looks sharp, and commands a lot of respect."

According to Harlee, the team is responsible for providing pallbearers, gun salute squads, and possibly a bugler for funerals of past and active duty service-members. The pallbearers are also responsible for folding the flag and giving it to the family member.

"We receive the call from Casualty Assistance over at MILPO. Once that call has been received, we sometimes have less than 24 hours to prepare for the service," Harlee said. "And we aren't involved with just funerals in Madison County and Huntsville. We have quite an area to cover."

The team is responsible for conducting the requested services in Lauderdale, Limestone, Colbert, Franklin, Lawrence, Morgan, Cullman, Marshall, DeKalb, and Jackson counties as well as Madison County. "The real trick to covering this large of an area is when we have more than one funeral scheduled in a day. That does happen, quite often as a matter of fact," Sgtt. Kevin Harrell, team leader said. "It gets fun when one is at 10 a.m. in Cullman and the next one is at 1 p.m. in New Hope. That is when we really have a problem, and we can't have any family delays and the team can handle up to four funerals in one day."

Once the call has been received, the team goes into action. They have already been practicing twice a week in the bay area of C Company and have tried to prepare for any mistake and any situation. "Since most often we are in the middle of nowhere, we have to make sure we can cover situations like a missing hat or a tape breaking for the bugle call," SSGt. Johnnie Cannon said.

"Believe it or not, we even practice mistakes. We want everything to be as precise as possible, and the only way that is going to happen is if we practice."

There are no commands given to the team during the services and each team member must watch the other in order to keep in tune. "I know that once the flag is lifted off the casket, a slow salute is given, followed by the gun salute. I have to watch carefully as well keep in tune to what I am doing in order to give the right signal to the firing (gun-salute) squad. They are most of the time in a position where they cannot see what is going on," SFC Don Hall said.

Having this duty requires quite a bit of support from the community. "For family members, "We have families invite us in for dinner, ask to pose with them for pictures, and offer us all kinds of rewards. We turn them all down, this is part of our job, and we do it with pride," Hall said.

"To some of those families we are burying their kin in Arlington Cemetery. All they know is what they have seen on television and we are carrying out that honor with the same precision as if they have watched before. To them it means the world. To us it is a feeling of deep accomplishment knowing we have made someone very happy," Harrel said.


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By Skip Vaughn

Brig. Gen. Richard Black has mixed emotions about leaving Huntsville which has been his home the past eight years. Two of his three children grew up here and will stay with their jobs. His wife teaches in the Huntsville city schools and will remain this summer at Fort Belvoir, Va. Understandably, neither Black nor his wife was eager to depart for this new assignment.

The Army tells me to do, but I'm a soldier, I do what the Army tells me to do, but it's certainly with mixed emotions that I leave Huntsville," Black said. "I look forward to new opportunities and challenges at Fort Belvoir as the commandant of the Defense Systems Management College." Black, who relinquished the PEO position to Col. Dan Montgomery on March 13, expects to arrive at Fort Belvoir March 25 and assume his new duties three months earlier than anticipated going back there. Because in those last two or three years, I have learned so much from the chain of command. "People in the chain of command who have helped to teach him about the new acquisition system include Colleen Preston, deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition reform; and Dr. Ken Oscar, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for procurement. "Those two people have been on the cutting edge in acquisition reform and they have taught me so much about all of us about acquisition reform. And I know as I start trying to pass on what I have learned to the students at DSMC, my challenge will be to institutionalize in the students' curriculum all these acquisition streamlining changes," he said.

Black arrived in Huntsville as a lieutenant colonel, serving as product manager for the Patriot Anti-Tactical Missile (PAC-3) from 1988 to '89. In 1989, as a colonel, he was selected to serve as project manager for Follow-On-To-Lance. He transitioned to and managed the newly-formed Corps Sam Project Office where he served as project manager from 1990-93. In October 1993, Black was selected for promotion to brigadier general, and he became the PEO for missile defense in January 1994. "The very talented and highly technical and professional infrastructure that exists here in the Huntsville and Madison community is a project manager's dream. There's so much good technical talent here in the community when you go across the board: the Missile Command and its research and development and supported activities; the Space and Strategic Defense Command and its supported activities; the Program Executive Officers and other dependent agencies to include the Redstone Technical Test Center," he said. "And then also the Marshall Space Flight Center. The combination of all of those and all those support contractors make this community one of the most high-tech communities in the world. And on top of that, the strong congressional support that is provided by Senators Helms and Shelby and Congressmen Cramer and Bevill and other members of the Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi congressional delegations make this community a joy to be a project manager in." Black, 50, and his wife, Mary, have two daughters and a son. His wife teaches art at both Williams Elementary and Chaffee Elementary. Their oldest daughter, Heather Charette, works for Teledyne Brown Engineering along with her husband, Darren, a registered nurse and graduate of the University of Alabama, works at Huntsville Hospital. Daniel, a junior at Auburn University, is a co-op student working at the Software Engineering Directorate of the Missile Command's Research Development and Engineering Center. "I'll miss all the wonderful people; and I've had an opportunity to work at PEO Tactical Missiles, PEO Missile Defense obviously, Missile Command and SSDC," Black said. "I feel like I've been a part of all four of those major communities. For me, for the community, so I'm going to miss the interaction I've had with all of those people.

MOVING ON—Black sits at a desk in his temporary office at Patriot Project.

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**Annual Easter Egg hunt promises to bring family fun**

*By Peggy Hayes*

A tradition continues at the Bicentennial Chapel on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. It's the annual Easter Egg Hunt, a custom that has continued for over 20 years, according to Patty Wilson, director of religious education. The annual event is for youngsters' age 3 through grade three, for moms and dads, and for grandmothers and grandfathers.

"It's a special time," Wilson said. "And, it's so much fun for everyone.

"When they come, we ask them to bring a basket or bag to hunt the eggs," she explained. "They gather in the Assembly Room first and we tell them the story of Easter on their level.

"We ask them the question: What does an Easter Egg Hunt have to do with Jesus? The answer is that the eggs represent the tomb and the baby chicks or the baby ducks, whatever is in the eggs, represent new life.

"Then we divide them into two groups, age 3 to kindergarten at the front of the chapel, and the older children in the back." The reason for separating the groups is simple. "We try to be more innovative with hiding the eggs for the older children," she said, explaining that the eggs for the younger children are usually just laid on the grass.

But, don't they get stepped on, smashed, and crushed, for after all, these are real eggs? "Yes," she said, smiling, "and sometimes in the summer, the lawnmowers even turn up some eggs that didn't get found.

Wilson cautioned that the timing of one's arrival at the hunt is crucial. "Don't be late," she said, "because the eggs get hunted very quickly.

"And, the Easter Bunny also will be here," Wilson said, noting that the Easter Bunny also represents new life. "We'll also have a clown.

"Parents can bring their cameras as it's a real photo opportunity with the eggs, the bunny, and the clown. Some of the younger children, especially, are so shy.

Wilson reminded that even the Easter baskets used to collect the eggs have historical significance. "In the early years of the church, after people had fasted for 40 days, they piled the baskets high with food on Easter morning to bring them to the church to be blessed."

"And, who supplies the eggs for the hunt? Why, volunteers, of course.

"They're all colored and dyed by volunteers from the chapel," Wilson explained. "Then, they are colorfully hidden in the yard."

"The Catholic Confirmation classes hide the eggs. It's one of their projects."

"Following the hunt, there'll be refreshments and fellowship. "There will be cookies, lots of Easter candy, and something cool to drink," Wilson said. The hunt, coordinated by Wilson, involves the support of the MICOM chaplain staff, headed by Col. William McAllister. "All the chaplains are very supportive of all of our religious education activities," Wilson said.

"Hunt participants can be family members of the military, active duty and retired, and civilian dependents of parents who work on the Arsenal. The only stipulation is "that we do ask that a parent or guardian comes with the 3, 4, or 5 year olds," Wilson said. "At last year's hunt, we had 250 adults and children. We'd like more. It's such a fun event."

Planning starts early, and that planning involves ordering eggs and tots of them. "I order the eggs from the Commissary; I ask for volunteers to cook and dye the eggs," Wilson said. "Last year, I probably ordered 45 dozen eggs; this year, 50 dozen. But, I have to call in advance because that would clean out the shelves."

Unfortunately, if the weather interferes, there will not be a return engagement. "We do not have a rain date," Wilson said. "It will be canceled in case of rain and the eggs given to one of the rescue missions in Huntsville."
Brilliant submunition hits target in test at White Sands

The Army’s Brilliant Anti-Armor Submunition (BAT) was successfully tested against a target array of armored vehicles at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 5.

Droped from an aircraft, the BAT successfully deployed all flight surfaces, including tail fins, wings and the acoustic probes.

The submunition acquired the target array. BAT then performed a direct attack maneuver and impacted the tank on the center of the rear engine deck.

BAT PROTOTYPE—This is a production prototype of BAT, the autonomous “brilliant” submunition which is under full-scale development by Northrop Grumman Corp. for the Army. BAT uses passive acoustic and infrared sensors to find, attack and destroy moving tanks and other armored vehicles deep into enemy territory. BATs would be carried into hostile territory by the Army Tactical Missile Systems (Army TACMS).

An on-board flight data recorder was used in lieu of the warhead for data collection purposes. Another flight test scheduled next month will repeat the just completed test profile with a BAT submunition equipped with a live warhead.

BAT is currently in the engineering and manufacturing development phase, which was extended to align BAT with the Army TACMS Block II carrier program. The next BAT design verification test, scheduled for next month, will conclude the first portion of EMD tests prior to a second round of 10 tests slated to begin in May.

BAT is a self-guided submunition that uses acoustic and infrared sensors to autonomously locate, attack and destroy moving tanks and other armored vehicles.

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Ranger body armor deploys to Bosnia

NATICK, Mass. — Along with the 20,000 U.S. peacekeepers being sent to the former Yugoslavia are 350 sets of Ranger Body Armor. RBA was designed by the Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center to meet the operational needs of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Initially used during missions in Somalia, RBA is credited with saving lives and reducing injuries to Rangers involved in hostile actions there.

RBA is a two part system: a flexible vest and a rigid plate, both of which provide ballistic protection to the upper torso. The flexible vest consists of an Arimid (Kevlar KM2) filler encased in a nylon woodland camouflage printed carrier. The vest protects the front and back torso from most 9mm and 44 magnum threats, as well as fragmentation protection similar to that of the Personnel Armor System for Ground Troops vest.

The vest weighs approximately 8 pounds (size Medium). The heart of RBA is the 8-pound ceramic upgrade plate. With the plate inserted into the front pocket of the vest, it protects the approximate 10" X 12" area of vital organs in the front torso from both .556 and .762 mm ball projectiles. The plate is made of 2" X 2" aluminum oxide ceramic tiles. The vest and plate meet the National Institute of Justice Standards, Ballistic Resistance of Police Body Armor. With the ceramic plate inserted in the vest, the system weighs 16 pounds.

RBA was Type Classified Limited Procurement Urgent in November 1994. It is available in three sizes—medium, large and extra large — and is available for purchase through General Services Administration contract GS-07F-06041A, Protective Materials Inc. (Arensos). (From a Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center release.)
Workers should start planning for worry-free retirement

By Sal Riccardi

Everyone looks forward to those days of hard-earned leisure, the "golden years" of retirement. The changing fiscal landscape, however, has resulted in a shift in responsibility in this critical area of the life cycle.

There were times when the company or organization you worked for was responsible for your retirement. The changes in responsibility in this critical area of the life cycle, however, has resulted in a shift in responsibility.

The concept of Social Security being enough to sustain you in your retirement has always been a myth. The average person uses up their entire life's contribution to the Social Security system within two years of claiming benefits. If worry-free retirement is a personal goal of yours, you need to start planning for it now.

For those who are active duty military or have tenure within the Civil Service system, there is the temptation to think "Well, I intend to make a career of... and my retirement system is solid." Remember, no one is immune to the current epidemic of layoffs. Never put all your eggs in one basket. If, by chance, you did find yourself facing separation from the system currently employing you, what would you do?

Just as any road trip is futile without a map, so is the dream of retirement for those who do not develop a plan and then implement it as soon as possible. As the rate of inflation continues to rise at 5-7 percent per year, it's not hard to figure that whatever money you manage to save, if it's not drawing interest equal to the inflation rate, will slowly be eaten up by increasing costs.

The Civilian Wellness Center and the Army Community Service (ACS) Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program are offering a seminar March 26 from 11 a.m. until noon to discuss the answers to these kinds of questions. Shari Lovell, a certified financial planner for the Financial Network Investment Corporation, will present information on investment options, asset classes, asset allocation, and more. The seminar, which will take place in building 5302, room 2139, is a good starting point for expanding your knowledge in this important area.

Retirement plans vary from person to person. Each person/family is different. There are no universal solutions. One thing is certain. You can rely on luck, and take your chances. Just remember the old adage: "Chance favors the prepared mind." Come to the seminar, and begin preparing your financial road map today. To sign up, call ACS at 876-5397 or the Civilian Wellness Center 955-6845.

(Editors note: Riccardi is consumer affairs and financial assistance program manager for Army Community Service.)

Changes in tax policy affect military retirees

The 104th Congress passed a ban on tax bills from states where veterans do not permanently reside. The ban will give relief to perhaps tens of thousands of military and federal retirees who got tax bills from states where they once worked, or served in uniform, even though they no longer lived there.

The tax, called the Source Tax, was only in effect in six states. However, 13 other states had the authority to use it and many feared the tax would spread. Without this legislation, retirees would be forced to pay taxes out of state even though they do not use state services and are not allowed to vote in state elections.

The bill passed both houses Dec. 22, and was signed into law by the president. (Release from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison County veterans service office.)
Changes in store for incoming high school students

By Kathy Harkleroad

Eighth graders graduating from middle school this year will see a few requirement changes when it comes to obtaining their high school diploma. According to Edick Pickens, senior counselor at Butler High School, parents should be involved with their child's academic schedule as it is being formulated in middle school.

"With the upcoming changes going into effect next school year; it is very important for parents to take an active part in planning their child's schedules. The biggest change is going to affect the math area and parents need to stay informed as to the new regulations and laws," Pickens said. "Graduation requirements have also increased from 22 credit hours to 24 hours, and will affect each incoming eighth grade student.

Tom Drake, Butler High School principal, said one of the changes beginning next year is that any student in the state of Alabama must have an algebra and a geometry course completed as part of their math requirements. "In the past, all the student had to do was have four credit hours of math; it didn't matter what order or what the math classes were in. Now with the new law that will go into effect in April, students are required to have four years of math, but they are also required to have two of the credits in the algebra and geometry area," Drake said.

Parents should look at the big picture when it comes to helping their child decide when to take the algebra classes they need for their upcoming year and beyond. "Parents should look at what is being formulated in the future and take into consideration what they want for their child's scheduling. The counselors at Westlawn Middle School and Butler High School are reviewing student schedules for the upcoming year. The counselors at Westlawn are terrific and have really gone over the material with the students," Pickens said. "But we want to make sure the parents understand what is happening with the changes and how it will affect their child. If parents have not seen a copy of their child's proposed schedule, they can obtain one from the school."

Students have been given a copy of the course descriptions; but parents should be aware of a few minor flaws, according to Pickens. "The books went to the printers before these changes were made, therefore some of the information is incorrect," she said. "We have inserted inserts into the booklets and are asking parents to be on the watch for them."

Another tool parents can use when it comes to planning their child's classes is the Future Quest program offered by Butler High School. "All of the students are familiar with Future Quest and it is just an easy way to help them determine what kind of career field they may want to pursue, as well as list courses we offer at Butler that will enhance their decision," Drake said.

Pickens offered another tip for parents of prospective high school seniors. "Make sure the child is rigorously challenged when it comes to academic studies, but also make sure they have enough time left to explore a sport or a club within the school," she said. "It is very important they feel they belong."
Rocket Lanes busy during bowling championship

By Joyce Walker

The Huntsville Women’s Bowling Association’s 38th championship tournament concluded Feb. 24 after two weekends of competition at Redstone’s Rocket Lanes.

This is the first year for the prestigious tournament to be held at Rocket Lanes. Competing for city championship titles were 41 teams (four bowlers on each team), 58 doubles and 116 singles.

“It was a first for Rocket Lanes; it was a good one and we are looking forward to hosting the tournament again in the future,” John Howard, Rocket Lanes manager, said.

The Whatevers team captured the high handicap score of 2501. Members included Ethelene Purnell, Idella Owens, Betty Emanuel and Stephania Lewis.

The scratch team champions were the Sassy Broads with a high scratch score of 2211. Members included Linda Stafford, Patti Lin, Kimberly Buchholz and Aimee Wiley.

Bonnie Treadway and Betsy Webster rolled the top doubles handicap 1362. Scratch went to Janice Spray and Trina McKleroy.

Ebony Cromartie was the singles handicap high scorer with a 713. Robin Son took singles scratch with a 608.

The bowlers also participated in a side tournament called “Nassau” to raise funds for the local Floyd E. “Tut” Fann Veterans Home. The $379 in proceeds will be presented to the home to buy needed supplies and articles.

In other bowling news:

Timi McCorvey and Billie Gilbert each bowled a 300 game in the Wednesday Night Mixed Nuts League at Pin Palace. McCorvey rolled games of 195, 300 and 203 for a 698 series. Gilbert bowled games of 300, 220 and 143 for a 663 series.

McCorvey’s 300 is a first ever bowled by a woman bowler in Huntsville. She also bowled the first 800 series in Huntsville this season.

(Editors note: Walker is publicity director for the Huntsville Women’s Bowling Association.)

MWR highlights ....

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

- **MARCH 23 & 26: Crafts shop** — The Arts and Crafts Shop will hold a class on weaving Easter baskets March 23 and again March 26. The fee is $30, and supplies are furnished. Registration is under way. The times are 10:30 a.m. March 23 and 5:30 p.m. March 26. For more information on this class—or a class on Easter design paper cutting—call 876-7951.

- **THROUGH APRIL 1: Youth sports** — Softball and baseball registration continues until April 1 at the Youth Center. Evaluation and practice will begin the second week of April. Regular season play will begin the first week of May; and the season ends in July. Children of Defense Department civilians are now allowed to participate in the sports programs on a space available basis. For more information, call 876-BALL.

- **APRIL OBSERVANCE: Month of military child** — Several activities are planned for April’s observance of the Month of the Military Child. For more information call Jan McVey, Supplemental Services director, 876-7888; or Heather Haring, publicity specialist, 876-3030.

- **GOLF COURSE: Membership** — Usage and membership at Redstone Golf Course is open to active duty military, retired military, current and retired civilian employees, and Redstone contractors; plus, family member of all authorized users are eligible. Accompanied guests are welcome. For more information on membership eligibility or tee times, call 883-7977.
Redstone Arsenal ballfields prepared for softball season

By Peggy Hays

With the arrival of bright blue sunny skies and a relatively dry field, Johnny Smith and Bobby Hovis rush to prepare the Arsenal's ballfield's for play. "We're getting ready to sod," explained Smith, owner of Smith Construction Co, as he and Hovis raked the third-base sideline together, mounding and edging the dirt.

"We've already started laying sod over on Goss Road," Smith said. "We laid 500 yards up there yesterday, sodding the infield and the sidelines on the big field."

The new sod on the Patton Road ballfields, according to Smith, will extend from the edge of the infield to the outfield fence and along the sidelines from home plate to the outfield.

PREPARING FIELD—Bobby Hovis, left, and owner Johnny Smith of Smith Construction Co. take advantage of the spring-like weather to ready Field 14 for new sod.

Josh Cody, left, assisted by Recreation Aide Lynn Higbee, registers for the Youth Center baseball season. Josh, 9, is the son of SFC David and Gale Cody. Josh attends the Academy of Science and Foreign Languages. With registration ending April 1, Youth Services emphasizes that DoD civilian dependents are invited to participate in all sports programs beginning with this year’s baseball and softball seasons.
Brotherhood 5K slated March 30

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its annual Brotherhood Run 5K and one-mile Fun Run, March 30 at Pagano Gym. Registration is $9 until March 25, or $10 after that date. T-shirts will be given to the first 350 entries. The 5K starts at 9 a.m., and the one-mile fun run at 9:45. Send the accompanying entry form, with a check payable to Brotherhood Run, to the following address: Brotherhood Run, Attn: James Jones, P.O. Box 7213, Huntsville 35807.

Proceeds from the run will benefit the 832nd family support group and the soldier's MWR (moral, welfare and recreation) fund. For more information, call Anthony Hamilton 842-2247 or Henry Booker 842-0584.

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SSDC engineer pursues MAGLEV express train project at Redstone

By Genta Sheri

There is no telling where SSDC’s superconducting and technology transfer activities will take us some day. They might even lead to the first magnetic levitation (MAGLEV) express train in the nation, capable of speeds in excess of 300 mph. While trying to develop high-power lasers, SSDC’s former Directed Energy Directorate used superconducting magnets which generated magnetic fields to create magnetic levitation. In 1993, the command initiated a technology transfer program with the Engineering School at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Together, they began a project to build a prototype MAGLEV train between the Huntsville Airport and the Space and Rocket Center, with a loop through the Arsenal. "Early efforts looked promising," Ben Davis, a general engineer in SSDC’s Cost Analysis Division, said, "but Congress never funded them."

Davis is not giving up hope, though. With UAH, the Redstone Technical Test Center, and the Marshall Space Flight Center, he continues to actively participate in the development of a MAGLEV test sled and track at Redstone Arsenal. He also tried to sell his ideas with a presentation, "MAGLEV Transportation System," at the 29th annual DoD Cost Analysis Symposium in Leesburg, Va.

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250 reduction in fiscal 1996 was handled through voluntary early-outs with no forced layoffs.

"We’ve initiated initial planning for VERA/VISP (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay) for the first quarter of fiscal ’97 with employees off the rolls by 3 Jan. "Jim Gillespie, chief of force management business planning division, said. "The command’s going to do everything possible to make the fiscal ’97 reductions through VERA/VISP retirements and avoid involuntary separations."

After 1997 the outlook stabilizes, according to Jim White, the command’s budget officer and chief of the program budget division. "We’re having a significant decline up to about FY ’97 then things seem to level out for us," White said.

The two funding areas experiencing the deepest cuts are logistics operations, and servicewide support which is basically money to run the installation. "From FY ’95 to FY ’97, we’ve dropped about 25 percent in logistics operations (funding at MICOM). In the servicewide support area, over that same period of time we’ve dropped almost 10 percent," White said. "But this is after the installation funding has already dropped significantly over the past several years."

Pending ongoing negotiations, the dollar amounts are: $97.2 million for logistics operations in fiscal 1997, compared to $126 million in fiscal ’95; and $86.4 million for servicewide support in fiscal ’97, compared to $93.4 million in fiscal ’95.

"Armywide dollar resources are declining over the next several years, particularly on the operating appropriations—monies that we use to operate installations," White said. "I would say since 1989 it’s come down on the order of 25 or 30 percent, as a rough estimate."

Funding reductions throughout the Defense Department are largely due to efforts to balance the federal budget and downsize the government. Many government agencies are experiencing similar pressures. The Defense Department represents 15 percent of the federal budget.

Maj. Gen. James Lisk, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signed a memo March 11 which implemented several steps aimed at reducing expenses. The memo ordered a reduction of 25 percent for travel, supplies and training; and placed a 100 percent moratorium on new equipment purchases with OMA (operations and maintenance Army) dollars and DOBO (defense business operations) fund dollars. "Also we are in a near 100 percent hiring freeze situation right now at MICOM. Very few, critical, hiring actions are being taken," Miller said. "And the other thing we’re doing is we’re asking our activities to look at the contracts—they’re either in process of awarding or scheduled to award this year—that may be down scoped, canceled or modified so they come in at a lower cost."

The leaner-and-meaner message is not just aimed at organizations, but also the workers themselves. Resource managers here encourage everyone to work as efficiently as possible and to try to conserve resources—such as reducing travel or avoiding other costs."It seems to me, everyone who works for the Missile Command needs to look and see if there’s value added for every expense that they incur," White said.

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Patton Road Bridge: ‘Like a bridge over troubled waters’

By Danny Gray

Many of us read the letter about the Patton Road Bridge in the Rocket dated Feb. 7. While I read the letter, I understood how “Doc Elliott” felt. I use to feel the same way when I worked at a building on south Redstone Arsenal. I would take I-45 to then Highway 20, zig across the Arsenal to Patton Buxton and zag to my building. And Dodd Road, I would have saved me some time and wear and tear, too. What I found out though was some of the concerns that kept Dodd Road closed. I will address those briefly here.

The Patton Road Bridge currently is in need of some repair and the funding has been secured for the replacement. As identified in a previous response to this issue, the bridge is quite old and this replacement comes at a good time to make a major improvement and alleviate some other problems in the process.

This installation covers 38,000-plus acres and has nearly 2,100 buildings and structures with 300 miles of roadway. It doesn’t take long to realize the magnitude of responsibility of the dedicated team of workers here. And this issue addresses just roads—just one road and one bridge on that one road. However, this project was contracted at approximately $1.1 million (bridges aren’t inexpensive anymore). And the background work that goes into deciding when these massive projects get on the priority list, approved, advertised, bid, negotiated/awarded and then actually started sometimes goes unseen.

What really goes unnoticed are the many, many hours and dollars spent on a project of this size. Importance, complication, safety and impact. Sometimes on large projects such as this, to give the names of all the people involved would be to give a major portion of the roster of this Directive. Most times, at best, the point people are identified, while for even them it is one project among many that has the highlight for the day, and that doesn’t lend itself to all the details involved with that one job.

Theresa Shleton is the DPW contracting officer’s representative (COR) for this project. She provided some of the following information about this bridge work.

Several of the disciplines housed at DPW are necessary for the total package to be completed. Included are the following information about this bridge work.

The intent of the phased construction is to provide two lanes of traffic during construction. It may be necessary at times to reduce traffic to one lane, but this is permissible only during the hours 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or on Saturday and Sunday. Flagmen are to be provided at all times when traffic must be reduced to one lane.

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Soldiers radio program sends messages from home to Bosnia troops

WASHINGTON—Soldiers Radio and Television is now producing a weekly radio program for broadcast to soldiers in Bosnia via American Forces Network.

The program, "Tracks from Home," is hosted by Sgt. Janice Guthrie and consists of taped telephone dedications and messages from friends and family, incorporated into a one-hour music program. Messages can be called in to DSN 221-5600 or (703) 325-5600.

"During Desert Shield/Storm, SRTV produced this same program, and it was very successful—a great way for families to say 'happy birthday,' " said Clark Taylor, SRTV director. For additional information, call Sgt. Janice Guthrie at DSN 221-5537 or (703) 325-5537. (Arnews)

Thrift Shop volunteer...

Frances Clowdus, the Thrift Shop’s "Volunteer of the Month" for January, checks a tag at the shop. She has been with the shop for more than five years. Clowdus can be found either in the tag room, tagging the many pieces of merchandise that come in, or on the floor putting these items in their proper places. Martha Green, with the shop for more than two years, was the February honoree.

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Another concern that this project addresses is the intermittent flooding of that area and occasionally the bridge flooding. As seen in the photo accompanying this article, the flooding also causes a debris problem. The new bridge will be a clear span bridge to eliminate the collection of debris as it currently does. Completion of this project will have the new bridge about 4 feet so it is out of the '100-year flood plain'.

To ask to be added to the work in this is the conduits for water, sewer, electrical, and telecommunication lines and systems that cross the creek at this bridge. Utilities on the existing bridge must be protected at all times. So this is the people working on the South Arsenal can continue to have water, heat, power, lights, and telephones as a well as a new and improved bridge to travel over.

Phase 1 of the construction will increase the total roadway width to 26 feet which should improve travel considerably. Coordination of this is done through our installation management office for the 'big picture' of the things we are doing and for the projections of what we will do in the future to improve Redstone. Protect existing utility lines from damage prior to removal of any concrete. Construct new utility bridge piers and steel truss superstructures with pipe supports. Upon completion of utility bridge, remove remaining portions of existing bridge. Protect all new work from damage during Phase II demolition. And then there is the concern of how does all of this impact traffic flow. And then how does it impact our environment. So it is not, has not been, and probably will not be as simple and clear cut as 'use Dodd Road'.

Now to the Dodd Road issue... so we must!!! While it seems an easy solution just to use Dodd Road it has requirements of its own. I assume that each person that would take that route would want... say... a really good road to travel. $1.1 million bridge versus 6 miles of Dodd Road that we have no idea of the required repair and maintenance costs to get it travelable.

The test facility that uses portion of the Arsenal is here to test, fire, verify range data, and validate the work. Redstone does and all of the missile systems of the Army. They are integral to the mission of Redstone as I am sure your work is too. In fact Dodd Road runs across one range about in the middle. The test facility also competes with other test facilities to use some of the equipment they have at Redstone. Keeping the range fully operational helps support... (Editor's note: Gray is a customer relations specialist at the Directorate of Public Works.)

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Alcoholics Anonymous — The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will meet each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.


Logistics engineers — Society of Logistics Engineers will meet 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers Club. Jerry Mungler, director of Soft, will speak. For reservations, contact: Nichols Research at $8.50 per member, $9.50 for non-members. Reservations, 4 p.m. Friday, call Walt Lorsch 865-8260, Louise Cooper 955-9694 or Jack Conway 890-3423.

**Magnfierman** — Nova University. The Nova Southern University is offering a master of social work program for new graduates. For more information call Mike Hodge in Woodville (205) 574-2050 or William Spade 1-800-672-2723, ext. 7647.

**Golf tournament** — The Camaraderie Golf Tournament, open to all, will be held April 2 at Redstone Golf Course. Cost is $25 which includes green fees, and carts. Teams will be established the day of the contest. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and tee off is at noon with a modified shotgun start. Tee times are April 10. For tickets contact one of the following: Capt. Debario, building 3300, phone 876-2489; Larry Fauld, building 3325, 955-0870; Kathy French, building 5302, 876-9666; Paul Henderson, building 111, 955-8136; Jackie Shaw, building 5300, 876-2156; or Sgt. Woodmer, building 3474, 842-2631.

Learning centers — Videos on relevant topics are shown each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Golf Course. Cost is $15. For more information call the Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319. "How to Present a Professional Image, Volume I (For Women Only)", at the North ALC, building 3222.

Butler High School — As an ongoing quest to bridge the gap between Teachers-Students, the PTSA of Butler High School encourages attendance at the March PTSA meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday. "The focus will be placed on the 'teen scene,' and the detrimental consequences of casual experimentation with alcohol and drugs. The administration at Butler has added an incentive for each student attending the entire program. An 'extra credit coupon' will be given to each student at the end of the program."

Military intelligence community — The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association will hold a presentation on "The Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Biological Community" at noon March 28 at the Officers Club, regimental room. This briefing is based on the findings of the Aspen/Brown Commission. Included also will be the recommendations of the IC21 Study, chaired by Larry Combst, chairman of the House permanent select committee on intelligence. Roy Jones, executive director and past president of NMA, is scheduled to speak. Jonker, a retired Air Force Colonel, is editor-in-chief of the "American Intelligence Journal." Seating will be limited because of the size of the room; admission will be on a first come basis. For more information call Wayne Simpson 955-3997, Bob Westefeld 971-6533 or Lt. Col. K.C. Marass 876-8096.

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Woody Anderson Ford means colossal savings

February's record cold combined with deficient snow, slots, show, and storms have kept shoppers staying in until leaving queues and in the cold. Car dealers have been hurt hard. And new car dealers are especially hard hit.

Every car on the lot is cash money on their floor plan interest, storage, property taxes (offsets, overhead and others). They are cut off on previous year sales. They order cars to keep their floor plan expenses down. 

Salesmen, ordering mistakes are made, the economy goes sour, or Mother Nature throws a temper tantrum. Three inches of snow - making that week's sales event off.

Ford's biggest problem is the understatement of the century, said Randy Dye, general manager of Woody Anderson Ford. Due to a combination of factors, Ford overshipped, and we've been caught with limited space to park the new vehicles. It's a real problem. We have to keep ahead. We will keep the best cars out fast at our auto auction. People with past credit problems, we don't realize they can buy parts from us, the auto auction. They order cars based on previous year's selling rates and follow economic trends in order to avoid big mistakes.

Extra shipments of new vehicles are creating gridlock at Woody Anderson Ford.

In response, Ford stepped in to help out by offering 4.8 percent financing for 48 months.

New car overview means huge selection of used vehicles

Getting an influx of over 1,000 new cars, Woody Anderson could offer our used car operation a big boost. We have to keep on top of it, said Tommy Smith, used car manager.

"With the new, car division selling new cars, we are going to get a boost of funds for us at process." We have to do something," Dye continued. "If we don't do an out-of-the-ordinary promotion and move them (the cars, trucks) at some very low price, we are losing about $150 per unit every 30 days. With two months' supply, that's tremendous. And we still have $150 per unit every 30 days.

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