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**Long way down**

Griffin rappels down a limestone bluff. Proper training, right equipment, are essential, he says. (Photo — Ed Peters)

## Mountaineering

### 'Even the best can get hurt'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A veteran climbing instructor walked near the edge of a cliff while he was teaching a class. He fell about 100 feet and broke his collarbone.

"So even the best get hurt, if you don't watch what the hell you're doing," said Outdoor Recreation director Jim Griffin who witnessed that accident in Wyoming in 1976.

Mountain climbing and rappelling are dangerous sports, especially for those who attempt them without proper training. Griffin, an experienced mountaineer and instructor, recalls what happened when a group of young people went rappelling in North Carolina about 1972.

They got to the top of a cliff and tied a rope to a small tree that had shallow roots. "The first man got on the rope, stepped out over the edge, got about 10 feet down and the tree pulled out of the ground," Griffin said.

"He was lucky. He only broke his arm."

Closer to home, two Redstone

soldiers have been injured in recent rock-climbing falls.

Accidents can be avoided by having proper training and the right equipment. "They should never try climbing or rappelling without learning it directly from an experienced climber or rappeler," cautioned Griffin.

Rappelling is part of mountain climbing because it means descending a rock face by using ropes to gradually slide down. Mountaineers climb by using their hands and feet to hold onto rock cracks and crevices; they reach the top; then they rappel back down.

A common misconception is that the rope is used to climb with when it is just there for safety. "You're actually climbing rock or the mountain itself by using natural hand-holds or foot-holds that are there," Griffin said.

Equipment includes rope designed especially for climbing or rappelling, a harness, an aluminum "D-ring", a safety

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## Soldier nominated for medal for river rescue

BY RAY ROWDEN

Workers in the Munitions Branch of the MMCS Course Development Division are nominating a Company A soldier for the Army's highest award for non-combat heroism.

They believe SSgt. Patrick D. Germain, their co-worker, earned the Soldier's Medal March 9, when he dove into the Tennessee River and saved Sun Smith from drowning.

Smith is the wife of Sp5 Bobby Smith, a student in Phase I of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal course here. Germain, his wife and three daughters and the Smiths were picnicking at the arsenal's Military Recreation Area when the mishap occurred.

While Smith and Germain were helping an unidentified couple get their boat out of the water, Smith's wife was collecting snails and shells at the rivers' edge. She fell in.

Germain's wife, Kim Yong, was the first to see the trouble. She screamed.

Both men raced along the rocky shore which offers poor footing. Both entered the water, but Germain reached the victim first.

He said, "She was struggling hard, and for a while — it seemed like an eternity — I thought I was going to drown. We went up and down, up and down, I don't know how many times.

"There's a shallow ledge about two foot wide along the bank, then a drop-off, and it's

steep and deep. I was trying to push her to the ledge."

Germain recalled that the water was very cold, "But I just didn't have time to think about it."

Then Sun went limp and "The next thing I

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## FEGLI late registration OKed

Late registrations will be accepted here for open season for the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program.

"They (Office of Personnel Management) gave us permission to accept late registrations," said June Clay, of the MICOM civilian personnel office.

The necessary paperwork — including copies of the 12-page booklet explaining the types of coverage — was mailed from Baltimore last Thursday and was due here this week.

Office of Personnel Management announced that open season to elect new coverages under the insurance program is from March 1-31. However, the civilian personnel office had not received the necessary paperwork as of late last week.

Millie Balch, chief of the personnel regulatory and information branch, said employees are urged to fill out their election forms and return them to civilian personnel by April 8. MICOM people stationed away from Redstone Arsenal will have an opportunity to complete their forms and return them once they receive the forms, she said.

"Everybody will have an opportunity to enroll in this program," Balch said. She added that employees should return the election forms as soon as possible.

"All eligible employees will automatically be covered for basic life insurance until they have an opportunity to elect or waive their own coverage," Balch said.

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# Letters

## Response said disappointing

Editor:

I am (twice) surprised and disappointed by your response to the letter on "smoking" (Rocket, Feb. 11, 1981) and to letter "cop-out" on same subject (Rocket, Feb. 18, 1981). Your statements such as "smokers have their rights too"; "make your position known"; "take your complaints higher"; etc. . . etc. . . etc. . . has been done in the past and re-suggesting it is fruitless unless somebody from the top administration takes some positive actions. The following is quoted from AR 1-8:

"The Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has determined that the smoking of tobacco can constitute a hazard to health. DA recognizes the right of individuals working in DA occupied buildings to an environment reasonable free of contamination. DA also recognizes the right of individuals to smoke in such buildings, provided such action does not endanger life or property, cause discomfort or unreasonable annoyance to nonsmokers, or infringe upon their rights.

As noted, smokers have the right "to smoke in such buildings," but not in work areas-work stations where smoking may "cause discomfort or unreasonable annoyance to non-smokers or infringe upon their (non-smokers) rights . . . to work in an environment reasonably free of contamination". How much more or stronger can it be said? The regulation is very plain and to the point. Smokers do not have any right to pollute the air that I breathe. No DOD regulation or Army or Air Force or Navy or any other agency or entity gives the smokers the "rights" you referred to in your response. It behooves the editor of the Rocket to present the views impartially if the editor is to remain credible. (Please, do not say again that "MG Moore and all MICOM managers and supervisors support the stated ARMY policy", but do d!\$&?+ nothing constructive to solve the problem.

Name withheld by request

**Editor's Note:** The Feb. 11 letter asked if the command has a policy on smoking, who employees could contact for help and what happens if supervisors can't or won't try to alleviate the problem. The Feb. 18 letter was round two. Our response in essence has been AR 1-8 and the MICOM supplement are the policy, the supervisor is the individual charged with attempting to resolve employee problems. Let's try it one more time: If smoking around you causes you discomfort or unreasonable annoyance, tell your supervisor. Confronted with the problem, your supervisor is obligated to resolve it to your satisfaction or pass it up higher in an attempt to get it resolved. The reg does not ban smoking. It does recognize that smokers, as well as non smokers, have rights. It asks for cooperation from everyone in trying to keep an "equitable balance" among both groups.

# THE REDSTONE ROCKET

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# Opinion

## The smoking dilemma

There is no ready and easy solution to the smoking-in-the-workplace dilemma. But as a step in the right direction smokers should understand why non-smokers object. And non-smokers need to understand why smokers smoke.

Non-smokers' objections go beyond merely not liking to be around smoke. More important, non-smokers are genuinely concerned about what doctors are calling passive smoking whereby they may be getting cancer, heart disease and other smoker ailments from breathing second-hand smoke.

A person who does not smoke may not easily understand why others do. Smokers come in all shapes, sizes and colors. They are people —

coworkers, kinfolk, loved ones, neighbors.

They are no less rational, reasonable or intelligent, than non-smokers. They obviously do not smoke out of some perverse desire to injure their own health, or that of others.

Nor do they smoke for pleasure. People who smoke for pleasure exist only in the minds of cigarette ad writers.

Rather, they smoke because they have an addiction, to nicotine. And they can't break it by laying down their cigarettes and walking away. It's a lot harder than that.

It may be an addiction that is impossible to break.

—Ed Peters

## Maligning the mail

Maligning the mail is a popular pastime but for 29 years this newspaper could witness to how really reliable the mail can be.

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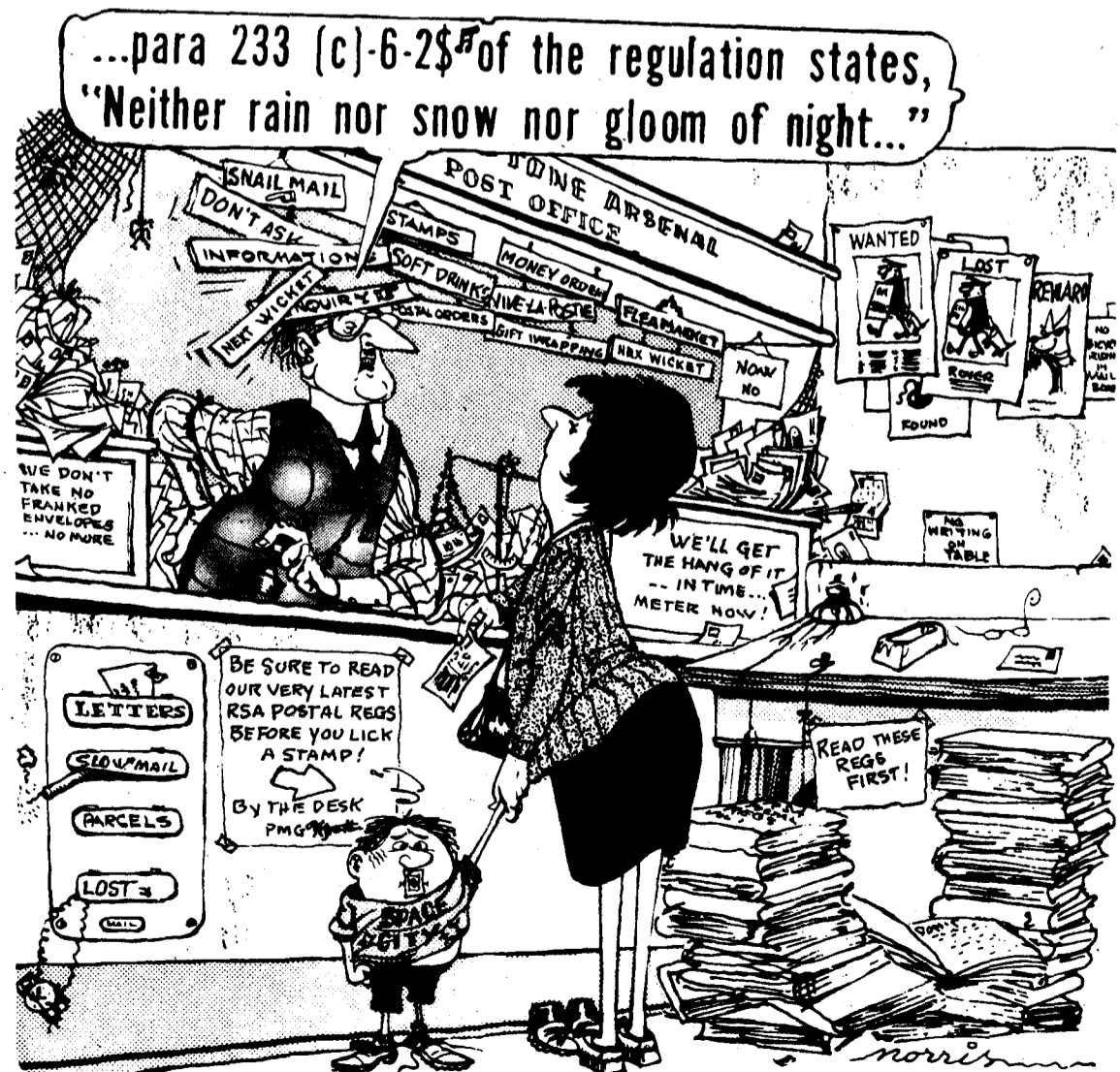
This is because first-class delivery time to the Rocket's publisher in Hartselle is now five days. That's correct — five days for an envelope to travel less than 50 miles. We've verified that in repeated mailings. We can't live with that and pretend to put out a newspaper containing current news.

For reasons that are not altogether nostalgic, we find it sad that we can no longer take advantage of the convenience, economy and reliability of the mails that we've depended on in putting this newspaper out for nearly three decades.

We may be able to contract out our copy deliver with a commercial carrier and we're looking into a system of electronic transmission of copy to the publisher, but in the meantime we need something faster than the arsenal mail.

Anyone living in Hartselle who would be willing on Friday afternoons to deliver copy to the publisher on their way home is requested to call the Rocket, 876-4161.

—Ed Peters





If you want an answer to a question, call or write the "People" information service in Public Affairs Office, 876-4161.

### Wants performance rating

**Question:** My last performance appraisal was in January 1980. I'm a GS-13 who was first told I would be in merit pay but then was later told I would not be in merit pay. When can I expect a performance appraisal? Are performance appraisal's being given to any GS-13s and GS-14s?

**Answer:** Civilian Personnel Division says if you were informed you are not under the merit pay system, you are still under the existing DA Employee Performance Appraisal System until the new General Performance Appraisal System is put into effect later this year for individuals not under merit pay. This means GS-13s in a career program had an appraisal due Jan. 1 and GS-14s were due March 1. Those not in a career program would have an appraisal due on the anniversary date of their last within-grade increase. Show this to your supervisor and ask when you can expect your appraisal.

### Blood leave

**Question:** I have some questions about blood leave. It think it is a good incentive for donors and would like to know:

- (a) Do you get four hours "free" leave if you give blood?
- (b) Does your four hours begin after you give blood or does it begin when you leave your work site to go give blood?
- (c) If the four hours carries you to the end of the duty day can your supervisor make you come back to work after you give blood?
- (d) Do you have to take the four hours on the day you give blood or can you save it and take it some other time?

**Answers:** (a) You get four hours of administrative leave not charged to your annual leave provided you actually give blood.

(b) The four hours begins immediately after you give the blood, not at your convenience.

(c) No, not on regular time. In an

emergency you can be called back on over-time or comp time.

(d) The leave is intended to give you time to recuperate after giving blood and must be taken the day the blood is given.

### Supervisor can't

**Question:** Employees in our organization are forced to pass up closer parking spaces that are not designated as reserved because our supervisor doesn't want us parking there. Does a supervisor have the authority to tell employees where they may and may not park as long as they are parking in unreserved parking areas?

**Answer:** No, your supervisor does not have authority to tell you where to park in unreserved areas, except as may be necessary to accommodate temporary activities such as building repair or delivery of equipment. On the other hand, your supervisor may know something you don't know about why you shouldn't park in a particular spot. Better ask and find out.

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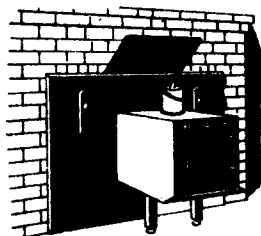
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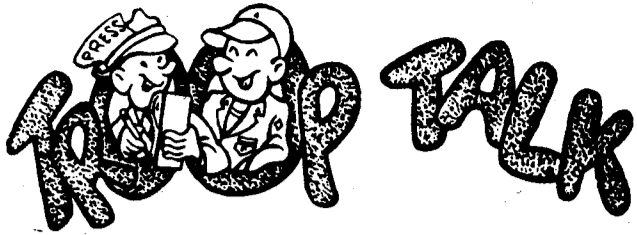
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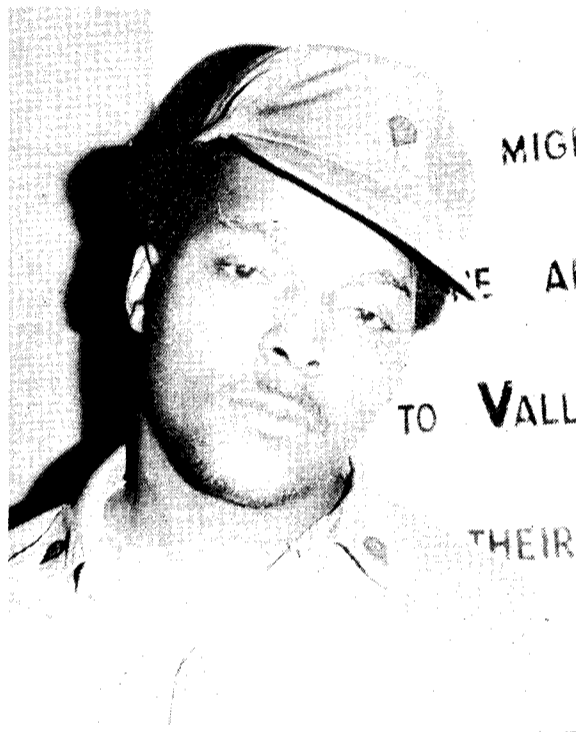
**Sp5 Bobby Smith, 8th S. C.** — "I think dress standards are necessary to keep soldiers from looking like slobs. Most posts only ask that you look like a human being instead of an animal."



**PFC Maureen Stockdale, HHC** — "I think its important. You should be able to eat without getting grossed out by someone's appearance."



**SGT Raymond Shadel, 8th S. C.** — "I haven't seen it enforced here. People come into the dining facility all sweaty and funky, and I don't think it's proper."



**SP4 James Henderson-Co. A** — "I think it's dumb that a soldier should have to miss a meal because of his dress. A lot of times after leaving the gym, people just don't have time to change."



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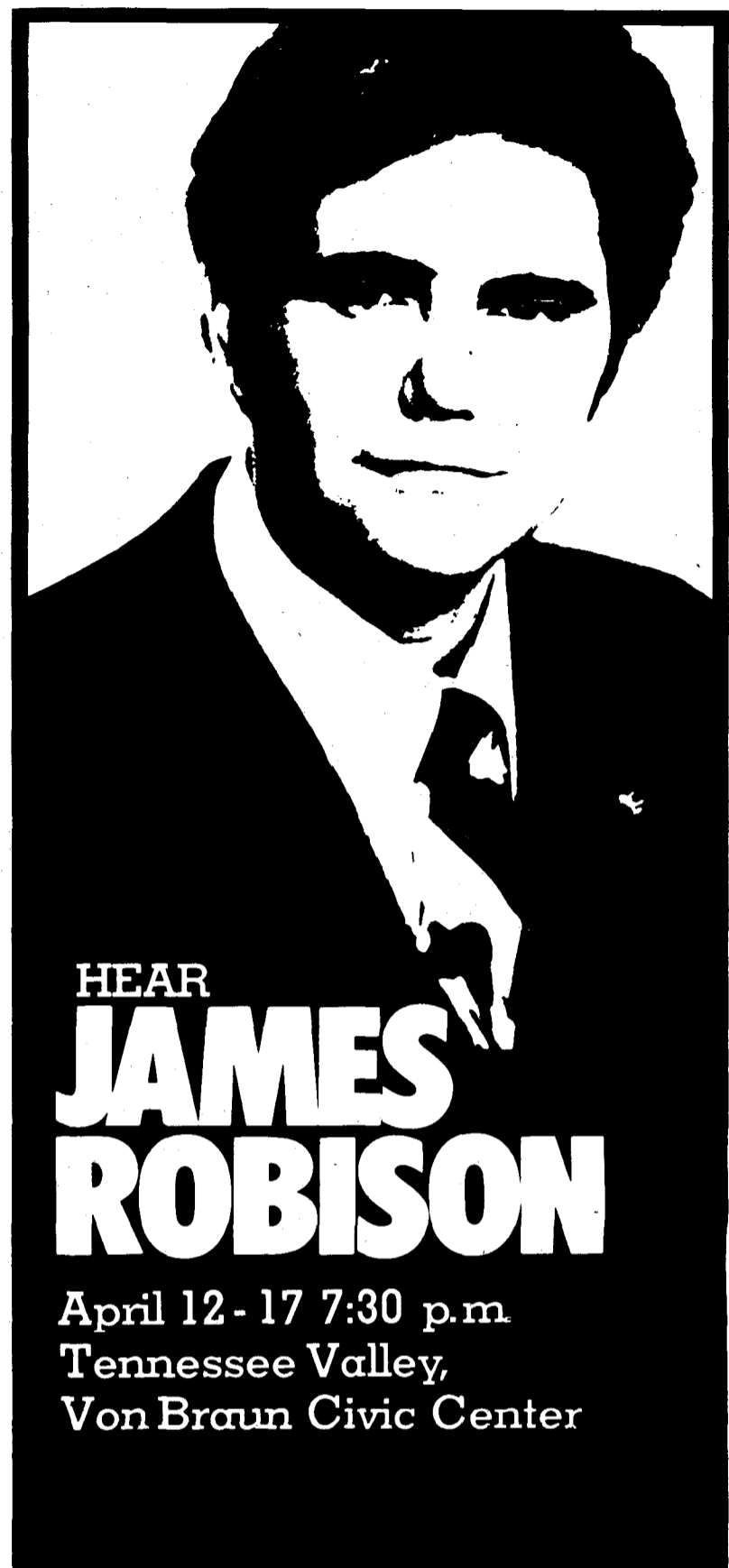


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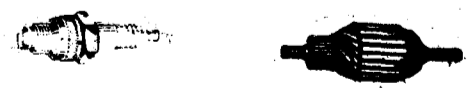
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Polly, secretary to the TOW deputy project manager, though she'd won \$500 in the Pepsi promotion gimmick by spelling out the "Pepsi Spirit" slogan with letters printed on the inside of bottle caps.

Using a magnet on the end of a coat hanger she fished a number of bottle caps out of the receptacle on a drink machine in MICOM headquarters building before spelling out the winning combination.

The "R" is very scarce but the rest of the letters are plentiful, she said.

When she retrieved the long sought letter she rushed down to the local Pepsi distributor to claim her \$500 prize but, according to Polly, the Pepsi people said it was counterfeit because one leg of the "R" didn't have a "squiggle" on it.

Her's apparently was the letter "I" doctored to resemble and "R" and tossed by someone into the bottlecap bin.

Polly said she plans to keep trying and hopefully find the real thing.

Meanwhile, the search for the elusive "R" goes on, rather frenetically in places. "You can't buy a Pepsi here and the man comes and fills the machine twice a day," said Jane Bowers, who works in graphics in Bldg 4488.

She observed a man retrieving bottle caps with a magnet on a red string.



## Spring

Daffodils are a certain sign of spring, and these yellow blossoms appeared again this spring just as they have every year for many years. They're growing near Test Area 6 amid

the bricks and rubble of an old farmhouse that was here before the Army came. (Photo — Ed Peters)

## Yuma, Leonard Wood stores scheduled for contracting study

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissaries at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. will be studied during FY 82 for possible conversion to contract operation.

They are the first two stores to be looked at under a Congressional order that all U.S.-based commissaries be studied for possible contracting out.

The studies will be conducted by the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency at Fort Lee as part of the CITA (Commercial and Industrial-Type Activities) program. All store functions except purchasing goods for sale will be studied.

It is planned that each of the Army's 72 commissaries in the United States will be studied by the end of FY 85. The CITA program does not apply overseas so commissaries there will not be studied.

A Fort Lee spokesman said that no store will be considered for conversion to contract until a detailed cost study is done and bids and offers indicate contracting is more cost effective.

Army officials have emphasized that neither the studies nor the contracting of stores if it happens will lessen the value of commissaries as a military benefit.

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A survey of the fundamentals and applications of modern electronic circuits. Instructor: Raymond C. Watson, Jr.; M.S.E.; Southeastern Inst. of Technology
- 11-675 ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES . . . . . MW 4:30-6:40 p.m.  
A study of concepts and techniques of radar-related electronic countermeasures. Instructors: Stephen M. Gilbert; Ph.D.; Dynetics, Inc.; Larry D. Bennett; D.Sc., U.S. Army Missile Command
- 14-673 ADVANCED LIQUID ROCKETS . . . . . MW 6:50-9:00 p.m.  
A study of the theory and hardware of rocket systems using liquid propellants. Instructor: Terry F. Greenwood; Ph.D.; NASA Marshall Space Flight Center
- 17-691 PASCAL PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE . . . . . MW 4:30-6:40 p.m.  
An examination of the syntax, structure, and applications of Pascal language. Instructor: Newman A. Vosbury; Ph.D.; System Development Corporation
- 21-612 MANAGEMENT EVOLUTION AND THOUGHT . TT 6:50-9:00 p.m.  
A study of the evolution of management thought with an extrapolation into the future. Instructor: Donald Jackson; Ph.D.; U.S. Army Missile Command
- 24-516 BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW . . . . . TT 6:50-9:00 p.m.  
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A study of numeric methods and algorithms used in scientific computing. Instructor: W. Gene Cantrell; Ph.D.; Science Applications, Inc.
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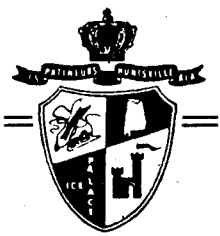
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# 'Flying Tiger' retires

Hank Tyra of the Missile Intelligence Agency jokes that every 22 years, it's time for him to move onto something else.

He plans to retire from federal service after a career going back to World War II when he was an Air Force fighter pilot with the famous "Flying Tigers."

Tyra, 59, has been the senior intelligence research specialist with Missile Intelligence here since 1966. He plans to retire April 10 after 40 years of federal service, including 22 years in the military.

"Probably the most outstanding thing was the people I've been associated with, particularly in the field of intelligence," he said. "You get the cream of the crop with intelligence, a different breed.

"I've enjoyed the people more than anything else. I've also enjoyed the nature of the work itself. It's very rewarding and very challenging."

The GS-13 was a team leader over four people with the intelligence agency here. He plans to work for a local firm.

Tyra was with the Joint Intelligence School at Lowery Air Force Base in Colorado before coming here in 1966. The Dallas, Texas native said he and his wife "like Huntsville better than anyplace we've been" and they intend to stay here.

His only regret is leaving the people he works with. "I'm going to miss all the friends I've made but I've had a rewarding career so far, and I'd do it all over again the same way," he said. "I'm looking forward to another challenge."

Tyra has faced his share of challenges, especially as a combat pilot in 1942 and 1944 with the Flying Tigers.

Claire L. Chennault organized the American Volunteer Group and that civilian group became the military's Flying Tigers when war broke out. Chennault was given the rank of brigadier general when the AVG was pushed into the 14th Air Force and he was later promoted to major general.

"We fought against terrific odds," Tyra said. "We were highly successful, primarily due to Gen. Chennault's air assault tactics. We averaged a 14-to-one kill ratio against the Japanese."

Tyra and the others flew their P-40 fighters in missions all over China — from Shanghai in the north to Saigon in French Indochina. The



Tyra

Flying Tigers, who had numbered 75 as a civilian group, grew in the Air Force to include two fighter wings, a heavy bomber group and a medium bomber group in China.

"I had lots of close calls," Tyra said. "I got shot down over Hong Kong; that ended my tour over there."

He flew 119 missions before he was shot down over Hong Kong. Fortunately, he was not captured because "the guerrillas got me out."

His memories of the Flying Tigers are similar to his recollections from his federal service career. "I think probably the most outstanding memory of them was again the caliber of people we had flying. You were never allowed to feel sorry for yourself," Tyra said. "It was a camaraderie I've never seen since."

Tyra, who retired from the Air Force in 1961 as a major, lives in Huntsville with his wife for 38 years, Mary. They have a daughter and two sons.

"I've enjoyed the work and the people, and I'm going to miss this. But I think it's time for another challenge," he said.

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# Refugee mother joins family in Huntsville

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The prayers of Redstone Arsenal's chapel congregations and a native Vietnamese family were answered last Thursday night when a loved one left behind finally arrived here.

Doan Tsiguyet Mai stepped off Republic flight 209 in tears and embraced her husband and two sons. They had not seen her for a year and a half.

Mai, who has spent the last several months in a refugee camp in Hong Kong, was separated from her husband Quoi Ngoc Tran and their sons when they escaped from Vietnam in August 1979.

The small fishing boat carrying Tran, 33, and the boys — Thang, 7, and Quan, 6 — made it to Indonesia. They remained there until they were sponsored to the United States by chapel congregations at Redstone Arsenal.

Mai was on a boat leaving Vietnam with one of her sons while Tran was on another boat with the other son. When her boat's motor wouldn't start and needed repairs, she left temporarily. However, the boat was repaired quickly and left without her.

Mai managed to escape Vietnam herself on a small boat in fall 1980, and was picked up by a larger ship or freighter.

"Very happy," she said, when asked how she felt after her arrival in Huntsville. Before being sponsored by the congregations to the United States, she stayed in the Ma Tau Wai Refugee Camp in Hong Kong.

Tran and the two sons greeted her as she was the first passenger to step off Republic flight 209 at Huntsville-Madison County Airport about 7:40 p.m. Thursday.

After the tearful reunion, she walked into the waiting area at Gate 10 and was greeted by applause from members of the arsenal's

## Mai and Tran embrace after their long separation



chapel congregations. She thanked the post chaplain and hugged her sons.

Mai moments later stood next to her husband as she described her ordeal to a reporter in what English she knew. Her soft voice was barely audible above the airport's public address system.

"My husband wrote a letter to me," she said, explaining how she located her family. She also said records were checked in Hong Kong.

The Bicentennial and Post Chapels here, who had already sponsored the resettlement of Tran and his sons, raised over \$1,000 in a designated offering in December for Mai's

resettlement. That is to be used to buy her clothing and other necessities.

"Because I come back and visited my mother and my father," she said, explaining how she missed the boat her family escaped on. "I come back and see him and he go."

She had left to see her parents "because my mother and my father very old."

There was laughter in the crowd of spectators after Mai responded when asked what her plans are. "Very happy," she replied.

Tran, working as an engineer at SCI in Huntsville, bought a house last September in the city's northwest area. He said his wife will go to an English school. She had worked as a typist for the American Army in Vietnam.

Their sons were enrolled in Huntsville city schools — the oldest in first grade at Davis Hills Elementary and the youngest in kindergarten at Morris Elementary on Bob Wallace Avenue.

Tran entered the South Vietnamese army in 1968, served for seven years and was a young officer when South Vietnam fell in 1975. Soon after the communist takeover he was sent into the jungles on a so-called re-education program. He later escaped from confinement and left the country.

He and his sons arrived in the United States in February 1980. The effort to bring them to this country was started by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Geoffrey D. Knott, who has since transferred from Redstone Arsenal to Korea.

"It was a lovely project," said Col. Delbert Gremmels, the Staff Chaplain for Redstone Arsenal who was accompanied at the airport by Lt. Col. Ronald Bynum, Assistant Staff Chaplain. There were about 20 congregation members present.

"Shoot," remarked Tran as he struggled with a small camera. His wife walked ahead of him, hand-in-hand with her two sons.



Mai walks through the airport with her sons, Quan (left) and Thang

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However, the picture for state taxes is not quite as bright. "The requirements for withholding and filing vary from state to state. Some states require soldiers to file, even though taxes are not withheld."

The lawyer advised, "Each soldier should check on the requirements of his home state to be sure." He added that the Legal Office has many of the state forms on hand and is prepared to advise on tax matters.

They are also prepared to help soldiers determine their state of legal residence. Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Major Rudy Seegar warned, "There is a very definite legal

difference between one's residence, home of record, and legal domicile."

He explained, "For most soldiers, their state of legal domicile and home of record is the state they were living in when they joined the Army. Their residence is just the place they now live."

"Many soldiers don't realize that changing their military home of record or current residence may have no effect on their legal domicile — the state that can require you to pay taxes. To change a legal domicile the law requires clear manifestations of intent to change their legal domicile, such as the purchase of property, voter's registration, bank accounts, vehicle registration and licensing to name the most common means."

Soldiers who ignore these legal matters can find themselves with large bills for back taxes, he warned.

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# Local bass fishing tournaments planned

Redstone Chapter of the Military Bass Anglers Association (MBAA) plans a meeting of members and those interested in joining April 1 at the NCO Club.

Bob Ballard, state director, said he will brief members on the three tournaments the local club will sponsor to get ready for the state tournament, scheduled Aug. 8 and 9 at Lake Guntersville.

The meeting next week begins at 7 p.m. on the patio of the NCO Club. Membership in

MBAA is open to active duty and retired military, members of the reserve, and civil service employees working on a military installation.

Ballard said the three local tourneys will be held April 18 at Elk River, May 23 at Lake Guntersville (B. B. Comer Bridge) and June 20 at Lake Guntersville (Goose Pond).

MBAA, based at Ft. Monroe, Va., sponsored

such events in 23 states and at 56 military installations last year.

Ballard said the organization intends to teach "absolute beginners winning techniques in competitive bass fishing. We fish for points, money, prizes and trophies in local and state tournaments. The national tournament will be held in October at Kentucky Lake, just a four and a half hour drive from Redstone."

Anyone with questions call Ballard, after 6 p.m. at 837-8172.

## Weekend to 'Go silly in Philly'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

As in the words of the Kenny Loggins hit song, "This is it" for the NCAA Division I basketball championship.

There are only four teams left from the seasonal and tournament wars. This picker went four-for-four last week as all of his regional picks advanced to the finals in Philadelphia.

Here are this picker's predictions for the semi-finals March 28 and the championship game March 30 in the City of Brotherly Love:

Indiana versus Louisiana State — The Hoosiers of Indiana have Isiah Thomas, Landon Turner and Ray Tolbert; the Bengal Tigers counter with Durand "Rudy" Macklin,

Ethan Martin and Greg "Cookie Man" Cook. Give the edge to LSU's depth and experience. Louisiana State.

Virginia versus North Carolina — Virginia's Cavaliers have already played this Atlantic Coast Conference foe twice this season and beaten them both times. But they had to come back from 13 and 16 point deficits to win, and coaches know it's hard to beat a good team three straight times. Also, the Tar Heels may have more balance. North Carolina.

If things go as expected, LSU will face North Carolina in the final. This picker believes the Bengal Tigers with Martin and Howard "Hi C" Carter will win the battle of the backcourt. LSU.

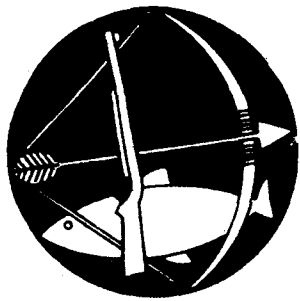
This may be LSU's year to "Go Silly in Philly" after all.

## Club opening

Installation Club Manager Sherman Ayers reported that sewage system difficulties and problems with refrigeration equipment delayed last week's scheduled opening of the Redstone Arsenal Enlisted Club.

However, he said both problems have been corrected and the new club should be open by the time this **Rocket** is distributed and fully operational by the end of this week.

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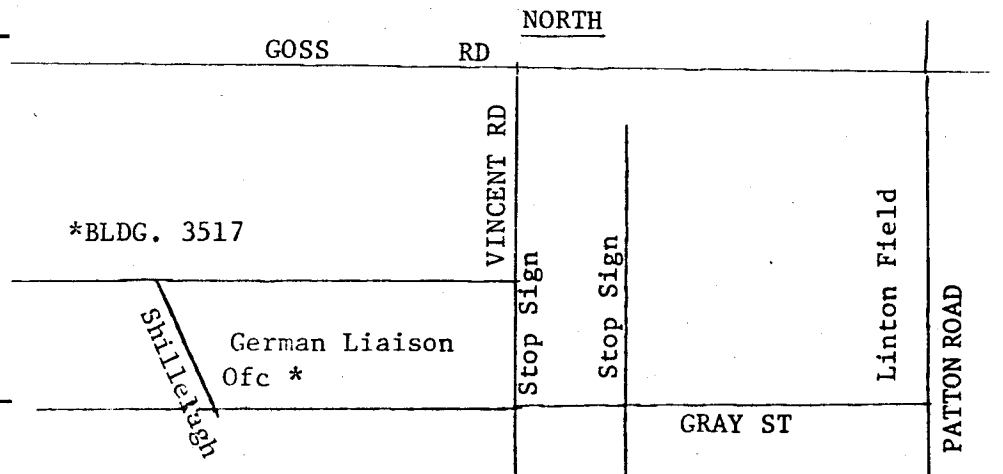
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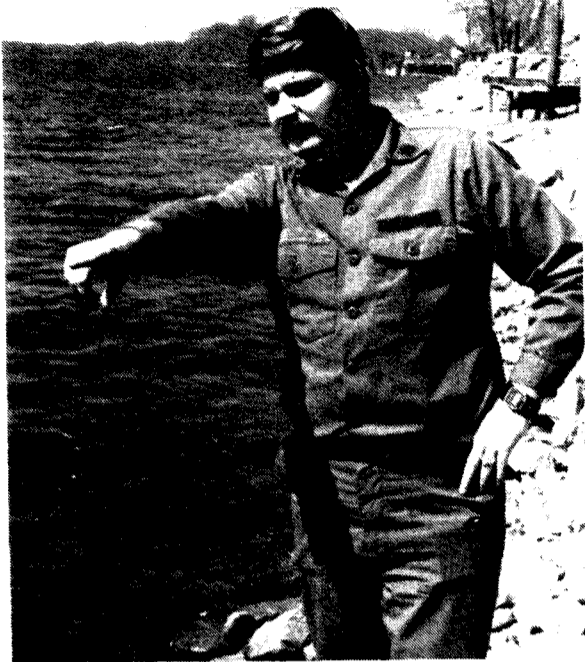


## Rescue

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knew I was swimming to shore with her."

When they got her ashore, Sun's husband took her to the hospital where she stayed overnight. Smith said, "They just wanted to make sure she was alright. She was released Sunday morning and she's been fine."



**Germain points to where Sun Smith fell into the river**

# Government buying conference

About 150 lawyers, engineers, contracting officers, contracting specialists, and logistics specialists were scheduled to gather in Huntsville this morning for a two-day conference on government buying.

"We'll discuss current buying trends, small business and minority enterprises, foreign military sales and munitions cases, international data exchange agreements, licensing and transfer of property and technology to foreign governments and in-

dustries," said Juan Gerala of MICOM's Legal Office, the conference chairman.

Gerala, Special Assistant for International Sales and Agreements, said the conference will feature top speakers from both government and industry.

Sponsored by the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the 11th Annual Briefing Conference on Government Acquisition is being held at the Huntsville Hilton.

## Savings bond still losing users

Despite a one percent increase in interest rates paid on savings bonds, the number of people here who buy savings bonds has dropped.

Bond holders onpost and at the Ballistic Missile Defense Command (BMDSCOM) totaled 36 percent as of the end of last October but dropped to 34 percent by the end of February. The one percent interest rate increase was effective last Nov. 1.

"The only thing I can attribute it to would be inflation, that people are needing it to live on rather than (for) savings," said Willa Dean Jones, chief of the pay and exam branch, Finance and Accounting Division.

Series EE and HH bonds issued as of Nov. 1 earn a yearly interest of eight percent; and the maturity period for these bonds is nine

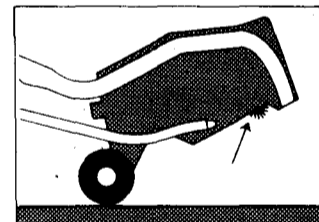
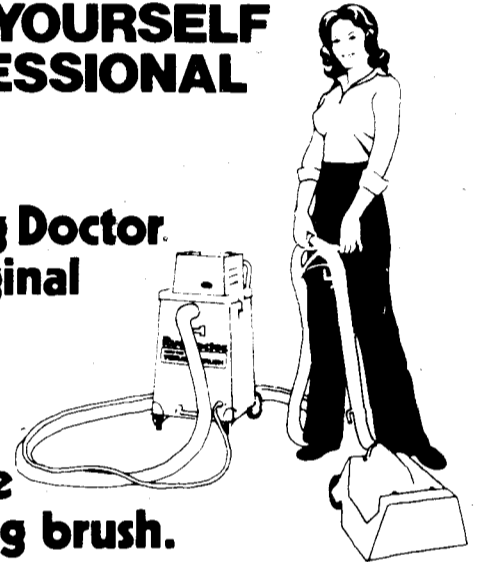
years from date of issue. Before Nov. 1, the rate of interest and maturity period were 7 percent and 11 years, respectively.

Depending on prevailing market conditions, Army finance officials say, a further rate increase of up to one percent could come in May 1981.

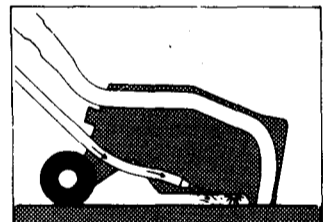
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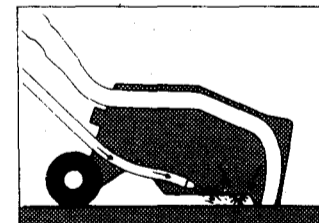
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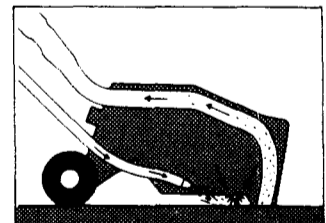
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## TO ALL AFGE MEMBERS FROM

# BOB FLETCHER

## President and Candidate For Re-Election

### DEAR MEMBERS:

Don't swap the KNOWLEDGE, HARD WORK, RESPONSIBILITY, and personal REPRESENTATION provided to you over the past two years by BOB FLETCHER for the LACK of those FOUR (4) important things over the next two years. If YOU listen to & believe those who would have you do otherwise, you will give them an EGO TRIP and receive NOTHING in return!

They offer you the following glittering generalities if they are elected. Underneath each of their "goodies" is what YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM BOB FLETCHER and will continue to receive if YOU RE-ELECT ME!

### I. "Deal Effectively With Management;"

I have dealt effectively with management to name just a few instances by:

- Pushing for and insisting on greater emphasis on the para-trainee program to open up promotion opportunities for lower graded employees who were in dead-end jobs;
- Being respected enough apparently by high-level management officials to be invited to reviews scopes of work on contracting out and to provide comments that we hope will prevent your jobs from being contracted out;
- Demanding that your rights be recognized and abided by in reorganizations and mergers;
- Refusing to agree to numerous changes to local regulations that would have taken away rights to which you were entitled;
- Continuing to study Labor/Management laws and regulations so that I would not be "fooled or taken in" by managements' attempts to treat you unfairly;
- Obtaining advanced sick leave, disability retirements and workmen's compensations for employees, while at the same time advising employees of how to keep their Health Benefit and Life Insurance in force without change during such times;
- Agreeing to a profit sharing test plan that protected both those in the test and those not in the test;
- Agreeing to the merging of the two MIRC/MIRADCOM professional competitive areas for the 1979 reorganization — a move that protected many employees grades by avoiding a "transfer of function;"
- Personally walking the "last mile" with you, no matter what your problem; and always playing out my heart on "your football team" and not managements. Maybe you've heard of some with whom I've "walked the last mile" with.

### II. "Furnish Local 1858 More Positive Representation at the National Level;"

I asked and got the National office to:

- Send an attorney here to represent us in the utilities charge case. We won, and didn't have to pay the Command approximately \$4,000 in claimed back utilities costs;
- Assist me when I went to the national office on annual leave September 29-30, 1980, with their lobbyist to beat the halls of Congress to add a Wage Grade pay increase back to the Continuing Budget Resolution for FY 80. The Wage Grade people got a 3.92% pay increase retroactively effective to 1 Oct. 80.
- Send an attorney to represent us in the BMDSCOM merit pay clarification of unit petition. Fortunately, it was withdrawn. When he couldn't return for 20 weeks to represent us in 4-CU-30, the professional MICOM petition, I took his instructions on how to cross examine the witnesses and I, and others are convinced we are doing very well;
- To take several Federation-wide impact cases that originated at the local level to appeal, some of which have ended up in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, and for arbitration or negotiability review;
- Consider taking OPM to Federal Court in an attempt to extend the open season for changes to FEGLI beyond March 31, 1981. That one is too recent to know just what will be done.

- Provide me, as the Chairman of the Alabama Coalition of Fund for Assuring an Independent Retirement (FAIR), with information. That program's purposes are to prevent the merger of YOUR retirement program with Social Security and to keep the twice-a-year COLA for civilian and military retirees. It must have worked. Several weeks ago PARADE Magazine gave FAIR total credit for saving the two COLA's in 1980.

### III. "Organize and Provide Qualified Local Representation;"

The two candidates who put the above out have done **absolutely** nothing in that area, not even to the extent of **representing** people themselves. If they were so "hot to trot" they could have at least of done that, instead of referring people who had problems to me. They didn't have the answers. I did, and took the time to do so! A shop stewards program is now organized, doing well, and those two candidates had **nothing** to do with it!

### IV. "Act Responsibly with the Assets of the Local;"

Your assets have been handled responsibly, and if you don't believe me, why don't you ask the District or National offices to conduct an audit? I'll be glad to furnish you with the addresses of both. Money is spent as the membership votes to spend it, or as that same membership approves a budget to spend it. I **know** the Landrum-Griffin Act and the penalties it provides for mis-use of a labor organization's funds. In fact, the reason we have a significant surplus and are able to spend money in your behalf is because I made a motion after the 1974 Boston National Convention that built up that reserve.

### V. "Treat all Members Equally and Fairly;"

I have always done that. When I look out at the audience in a membership meeting or in representation, I see only AFGE members — not men, not women, not GS, not NAF, nor not Wage Grade — just members. I have never said "No" to anyone who called to ask for help, nor "refused" to see someone who had a problem. In fact, I have been criticized by "some" officers for doing just that. My philosophy is — "No problem is too small to not be worthy of my attention, and everyone deserves to be seen if they 'think' they have a problem." And, again, I promised you that I "would walk the last mile with you"! There are those who won't! Don't be mis-led!

### VI. "Encourage Assistance from the District and National Offices."

I have already covered briefly, my working relationship with the National office. It is usually by direct telephone or letter to the people who can handle the problem. I know both the people and the structure. As to the District office, I do work with them on occasion. But, usually by the time you can get someone from there over here, you can handle the matter yourself, if you know the law and the regulations. I do! How I got that way was by getting up at 3:00 a.m. every morning for several years and studying the regulations and by attending training seminars. I then followed that up by attending Samford University in Birmingham at night to obtain a Para-legal major covering such subjects as Labor Law, Litigation Corporate Law, Legal Research; Legal Bibliography Research Methods, to name a few. I paid for this myself, and drove 235 miles each night, two nights a week over a period of two years.

**What have the other candidates done? You tell me!**

**If you can't go vote on Monday, 13 April 1981, then write the Chairman, Election Committee, Local 1858, AFGE, before 7 April 1981, and obtain an absentee ballot. Then vote for and RE-ELECT:**

**BOB FLETCHER, President**  
and  
**HERBERT IVEY, Executive Vice-President**

**Thank You**

# Higher re-up bonuses

WASHINGTON — Some soldiers might be wise to reconsider any decision to change their duty specialty at reenlistment time.

Thousands of combat arms soldiers became eligible for higher reenlistment bonuses on Feb. 23, 1981. According to department of the army personnel officials, 28 military occupational specialties were either added to the Selective Reenlistment Bonus program or pegged for higher srbs payments. Over 90 percent of the affected skills are combat arms.

These changes in the bonus program continue a major shift toward combat arms mid-career soldiers. The shift began last Oct. when over 60 specialties, mostly in the combat arms, were added to the zone B bonus category.

The SRB program has three separate reenlistment zones. Zone A includes soldiers who reenlist between 21 months and six years of active duty, soldiers who sign up for further army service between their sixth to tenth year of service are included in zone B, while zone C includes those soldiers reenlisting between

their tenth and 14th year mark for active service.

The SRB changes added three specialties (11M, 45E and 63E) to the zone A category and seven (11M, 11H, 12B, 12C, 13F, 45E and 63E) to zone B. SRB multipliers were increased in 14 skills (11B, 11C, 11H, 12B, 12C, 12F, 13B, 13C, 13E, 13F, 15D, 15J, 54C and 93F) in zone A. Also, multipliers were increased for 18 specialties in zone B; these include 11B, 11C, 12F, 13C, 13E, 15D, 15E, 16B, 19D, 19E, 19F, 19G, 19H, 19J, 19K, 19L, 54C and 93F. Enlisted specialty 93J was added to the zone C rolls.

Officials explained these changes are aimed at increasing the number of soldiers who stay in combat arms and other critical skills experiencing middle grade (E5 and E6) shortages. They add that further incentives, such as faster promotion opportunities and other programs planned for the future, should help reduce the number of soldiers opting for other specialty areas on reenlistment.

Soldiers affected by the SRB program changes should talk with their local reenlistment NCO for more details.

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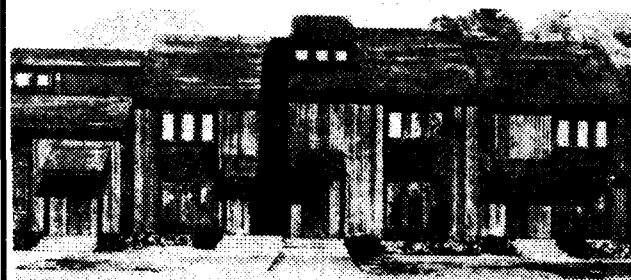
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rappelling that do not stretch. You should never use those for climbing," Griffin said. "In other words, you can use climbing ropes for rappelling also."

A harness is wrapped around the climber's waist and legs, and is attached to the rope by a D-shaped ring. There is a certain way that the harness must be tied to a climber's body.

Most accidents in rappelling occur from using a faulty "anchor" — the tree or other object which the rope is tied down to. "A big tree is the safest thing you can find around here," Griffin said. "You need a tree that's back off the cliff, that's obviously well-rooted." An artificial anchor requires extensive knowledge of climbing.

Learning how to set up the ropes properly is important before trying to rappel, according to Griffin. "The most important part in rappelling besides the proper equipment and having the proper knowledge to rappel is (knowing) how to set up the right anchor," he added.

Other safety tips Griffin offers include rappel with a minimum of two people besides yourself; don't drink alcohol before or during climbing; and be careful when walking near the edge of a cliff. "When I go climbing or rappelling, I don't get within 10 feet of the edge of a cliff without a rope on me," he said.

Griffin, 25, began mountaineering when he was a 15-year-

old boy scout and has been to two mountain climbing schools. He was a mountain climbing instructor in Wyoming for four summers.

"Climbing and rappelling can be as safe as walking across the street. It can be as safe a sport as there is, if you know how to use the safety systems that are available," he said.

Griffin, who goes climbing about once a month in warm weather at Buck's Pocket State Park near Guntersville, said he has never had a close call. He attributes that to proper technique and not taking chances by climbing a steeper cliff than he can handle.

He will teach a basic mountaineering course June 20-21 for active duty military only. There is no charge. "We supply everything — to include food, instructor, equipment and transportation," he said. Sign-up at Outdoor Recreation can be by telephone and will be from June 4-18.

Griffin believes in taking as many safety measures as possible in climbing and rappelling. In climbing, this means using tools to supplement foot and hand holds; in rappelling, it means using at least one additional rope tied to an additional anchor.

"It's like having a safety parachute," he said. "You can tote as many parachutes with you as you want to."



Griffin begins a descent

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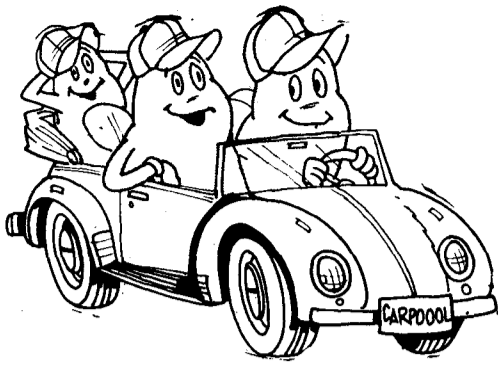
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## Announcements

### Hispanic culture program

A program highlighting Hispanic culture will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26 in the main ballroom of the Officers Club. Admission price is \$5.25 per person, including price of a Mexican lunch. For reservations and tickets, call Stella Moore 876-3436/3918; Zeke Longoria 876-8418/8614; or Carlos Romero 539-2277 or 534-5134.

### IEEE meeting

There will be a joint meeting of the IEEE Huntsville Section and the IEEE Control Systems Society on March 27 at the Officers Club Safeguard Room. A social will take place at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30, and a program will be presented by Charles H. Ross of Intergraph Corporation on "Computerized Control of Materials Processing in Space." Reservations are required. For information or reservations, call Linda Hooper at 895-6316. All interested persons are invited.

### Radar report

Military police will operate radar on the arsenal during March 26-April 1 at the times listed below. MPs make the list available as a service to encourage drivers to voluntarily obey speed limits.

#### Thursday March 26

Goss Road — 6:00-8:15 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. South Housing Area — 8:15-10:00 a.m. Redstone Road — 12:30-2:00 p.m. Patton Road — 8:30-9:55 a.m. and 1:00-2:15 p.m.

#### Friday March 27

Vincent Drive — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 4:00-5:15 p.m. Snooper Road — 6:00-8:00 a.m. and 12:00-1:30 p.m. Goss Road — 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Rideout Road — 1:00-3:15 p.m.

#### Monday March 30

North Housing Area — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m. Hercules Road — 6:00-8:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Aerobee Road — 8:45-10:00 a.m. Patton Road — 10:00-11:25 a.m. and 2:35-3:55 p.m.

#### Tuesday March 31

Redstone Road — 6:00-8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. South Housing Area — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. Rideout Road — 1:25-3:00 p.m. Ajax Road — 8:30-9:45 a.m. and 1:30-2:55 p.m.

#### Wednesday April 1

Aerobee Road — 6:00-8:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Patton Road — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. South Housing Area — 8:10-10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Goss Road — 1:00-3:15 p.m.

### SOLE meeting

The Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 26 at the Officers Club. Georg Von Tiesenhausen of NASA's Advanced Studies office will speak on "Self-Reproducing Production Systems on the Lunar surface." Members, guests, and interested individuals are invited to attend. For reservations, call Roy Sharpe 876-3064.

### Chess tournament

The Huntsville Chess Club is sponsoring the fifth annual Space City Open Chess Tournament March 28-29 at UAH Spragens Hall. There will be two sessions, an open (all players eligible) and an intermediate (players rated below 1600 or new players). Membership in the U.S. and Alabama chess federations is required and an entry fee will be charged. Registration is Saturday from 8-9:40 a.m. with the first game at 10. For more information call Gerry Wheeler 883-7526 after 5 p.m.

### Radar lecture

The Boston AESS is putting on an intensive radar lecture at the Hilton Inn April 20, 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Topics include radar fundamentals and trends in signal processing and radar components. Cost of \$140 (\$125 for IEEE members) includes text book and meals. Send registration to Boston IEEE-AESS, 282 Marrett Rd., Lexington, Mass. 02173. For more information call Dr. Eli Brookner (617) 358-2721 ext. 2366.

### Surplus sale

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### 59th Ordnance Brigade reunion

There will be a reunion for all previous members of the 59th Ordnance Brigade on April 4 to 4 p.m. at the Civilian Rec Area rustic lodge. Cost will be approximately \$6 per person for barbeque and refreshments. For reservations call Lt. Col. Gregg, 837-9619, through March 25.

### Retired NCO Wives Club

Persons interested in joining the Retired NCO Wives Club are invited to join by calling 881-5859 or 883-6762. The club will meet April 20 and elect officers. Members voted at the March meeting to donate to the Downtown Rescue Mission \$35 collected from the fountain at the Mall and also voted to provide meals for a needy family during Easter.

### Toastmistress Club

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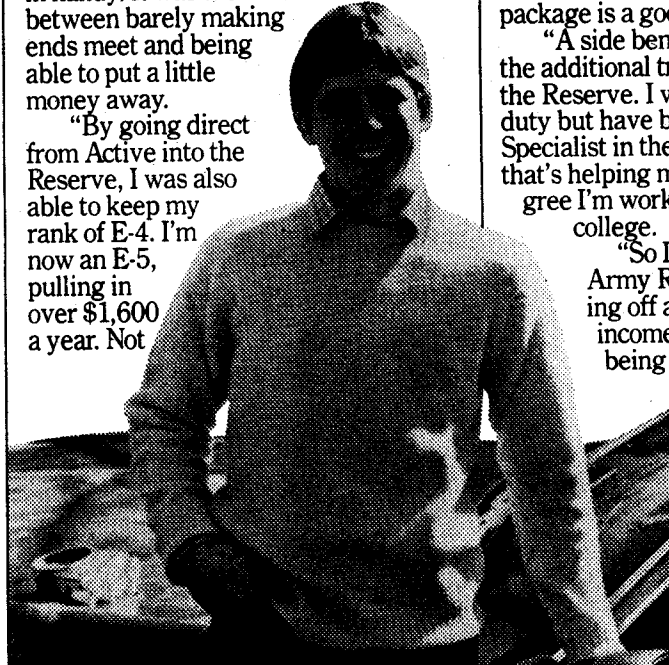
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