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## ECC commander promoted to brigadier general

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In front of family and distinguished guests, Col. Michael Hoskin, Expeditionary Contracting Command commander, was promoted to brigadier general during a Sept. 2 ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Ted Harrison, Army Contracting Command commanding general, officiated at the ceremony. After praising the work Hoskin has done in the Army contracting community, Harrison continued by saying, "Mike, we're proud of you and look forward to your continued success as one of our Army leaders."

The newly promoted brigadier general thanked his wife Debby, along with fellow Soldiers and the ACC workforce.

"I am honored and humbled to serve as the commanding general of the Expeditionary Contracting Command," Hoskin said. "Being an assertive leader to my nation, to the command, and to our personnel is my style."

"A Colin Powell quote I like is that 'A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.' And so we will continue to mature ECC and make it the 9-1-1 of expeditionary contracting for our Army."

Both of Hoskin's parents were Marines. His mom served in the Corps before leaving to raise their two daughters; his dad retired as a master gunnery sergeant.

Hoskin graduated from Ferrum College in Virginia and was commissioned through ROTC in 1986, beginning his military career as an armor officer at Fort Lewis, Washington. He has served at various levels of command and staff positions throughout his career. He assumed command of ECC on Aug. 1.

His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and numerous other awards and decorations. He is Airborne qualified and wears the Army and Joint Staff badges. He was recognized as the Acquisition Com-



Photo by Ed Worley, Army Contracting Command  
**The Expeditionary Contracting Command's Brig. Gen. Michael Hoskin speaks during his promotion ceremony Sept. 2.**

mander of the Year 2012, Federal Executive Board Best Command of the Year 2010, DCMA Army Commander of the Year in 2007 and Federal Executive Board Leader of the Year in 2003.

## Community-based Soldier care unit closes its doors

*Support services transition to Fort Benning, Georgia*

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Team Redstone has officially lost a tenant due to the Army's transformation.

Redstone Arsenal's Community Based Warrior Transition Unit-Alabama, which served wounded, ill or injured Soldiers convalescing with family in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi or Louisiana, has closed its doors of service during an inactivation ceremony Friday.

The Soldiers the unit served will now get the same level of remote care from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, while they continue their medical treatments in their home community, said Lt. Col. R. Elaine Freeman, commander of the Fort Benning WTU.

The ceremony, she said, "demonstrates another moment of an Army in transition."

The Community Based Warrior Transition Unit-Alabama opened at Redstone Arsenal in March 2005 so that Reserve and National Guard Soldiers wounded, ill or injured could receive

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Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Capt. Nathaniel Hilliard, commander of the Community Based Warrior Transition Unit-Alabama, cases the colors for the CBWTU as it closes its doors after eight years of service to the nation's wounded, ill or injured Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who lived with their families in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana or Tennessee while convalescing. The CBWTU's services were transferred to the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Benning, Ga. Assisting Hilliard is the CNWTU's acting 1st Sgt. Eric Loving. In the background holding the flag is Sgt. 1st Class Carmese Tate of the 98th Training Division, Fort Benning.**



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AMRDEC photo by Phil Jenkins

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Mike Richman, left, acting director of AMRDEC's Weapons Development and Integration Directorate, presents letters of recognition to Spencer Hudson, Charlie Curtis, Wendy Carriger, Anthony Steele, Greg Sarratt, Eric Harrah, Jay Land, Daniel Pitts and Shannon Haataja for participation in the Maneuver and Fires Integration Exercise Phase I earlier this year. MFI is a joint endeavor with the Training and Doctrine Command's Fires Center of Excellence and Maneuver Center of Excellence. WDI executive officer Ebonee Walker, far right, joined Richman in making the presentations.

# Take 5



## Biccennial Chapel

- 1 The Biccennial Chapel serves over 1,000 people each week with religious services and programs.
- 2 The chapel's staff has combined experience of more than 100 years.
- 3 The Biccennial Chapel Retired Women's Bible Study has met regularly since its formation in 1965.
- 4 Biccennial Chapel hosts the only known continental U.S. military-related Korean Protestant Women of the Chapel ministry.
- 5 The chapel falls under the Garrison umbrella and can be found online at [www.garrison.redstone.army.mil](http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil). It is located at building 376 on Goss Road.

## Quote of the week

'The attacks of Sept. 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic, and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom.'

— Rudolph Giuliani  
Former mayor of New York City

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# Getting to **know you**

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**Name:** Linda Neergaard Parker

**Position:** Space environments physicist at Jacobs Technology, supporting Marshall Space Flight Center.

**Where do you call home?**

I grew up in Huntsville and now live in Madison, Alabama.

**What do you like about your job?**

I like the variety of projects and tasks that I do. I can work on the design phase of a program by developing space environments requirements, I can work on a project analyzing satellite data, or I can work with a project to do an anomaly investigation. All these can be going on at the same time. It makes for a very interesting workday.

**What are your goals – personal, professional or both?**

I've just completed a huge personal goal of mine. I received my Ph.D. in physics in December 2013. So now my short-term goals are a little more relaxed. A long-term professional goal would be to be part of a science team on a satellite program. I think that would be incredibly interesting and fun.



**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like to spend time with my kids, swim and travel.

**What is on your bucket list?**

I have a pretty big bucket list – probably too big. One thing I would like to do is visit every continent. Although, Antarctica might be a little difficult since I'm not a big fan of cold.

**Comment:** Understand the concept of distribution of MWR financial support based on user participation. Really makes one wonder why a less than reliable ID card scanner is used at the MWR library. They deserve better.



**Response:** Thank you for using the Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Library and for your comment. Currently our card scanning program and computer are working properly. However, we have encountered intermittent problems in the past mostly due to network issues and not the scanning program or computer. My guess is you were in the library at such a time. The library staff monitors the scanner and, if necessary, contacts our technology department, which is quick to respond. I hope your future visits will be incident free and, again, thank you for your patronage.



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## Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Division, provided the following list of reported incidents for Aug. 24-30:

- Aug. 26: A driver of a delivery truck entered Gate 1 and was unable to produce his driver's license. An NCIC check revealed the Mississippi license had been suspended. The driver was cited and the vehicle was driven from the scene by a licensed driver.
- Aug. 26: A government employee

reported that his estranged wife followed him to his workplace and contacted him, in violation of a protection order. The wife was able to gain installation access with her retired military family member ID card.

- Aug. 28: A contractor reported that his vehicle was damaged when a street sign that was being replaced fell on it.

- Citations issued included 10 for speeding, 3 traffic control device violations, 1 suspended driver's license, 1 illegal turn, 2 parking violations.

## On this date in history: Sept. 10

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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**In 1846:** Elias Howe patents the sewing machine.

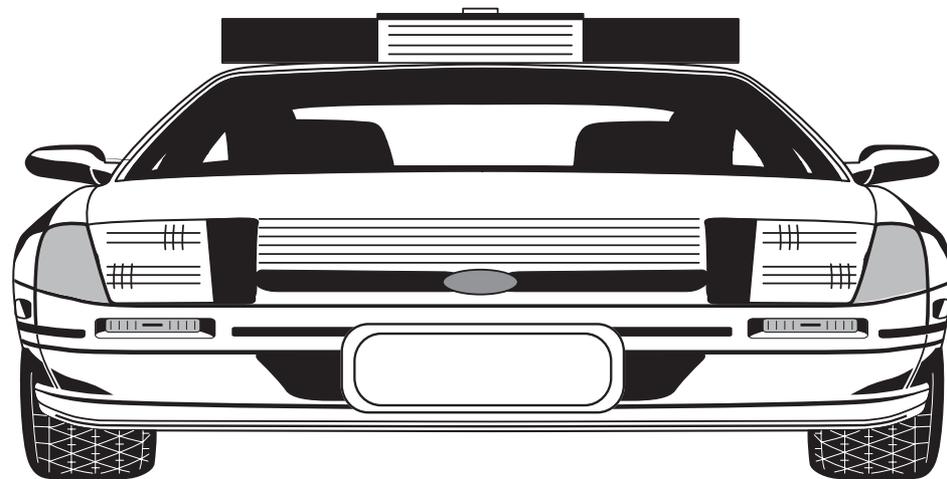
**In 1919:** New York City welcomes home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 WWI Soldiers.

**In 1926:** Germany joins League of Nations.

**In 1940:** During World War II, Buckingham Palace is hit by a German bomb.

**In 1951:** The British begin an economic boycott of Iran.

**In 2001:** Then Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen assumes command of the Aviation and Missile Command and leads through the tragic era that begins with the terrorist attacks on this nation the following day.



# Never forget Sept. 11, 2001

Terrorist attacks 13 years ago united nation in ongoing quest



Army photo by Gary Sheftick

**A medevac helicopter hovers near the Pentagon as first responders search for survivors and try to extinguish the fires Sept. 11, 2001.**



Army photo by Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

**Military personnel from throughout the Pentagon unite to assist and remove the injured after the terrorist strike on the United States.**

**Team Redstone Patriot  
Day Tribute  
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Bob Jones Auditorium**

## Tell us about ...

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*Your thoughts of Sept. 11, 2001.*



**Dr. Kaylene Hughes**

“For me it was kind of a normal day. It was a Tuesday. I just went down the hall and I happened to stop at the store down there and got a bottled water. That was right about the time the first plane hit the Twin Towers,” Dr. Kaylene Hughes, historian in the Aviation and Missile Command’s Historical Office, said. “At the time they thought it was an accident. I came back down here (to the office) and turned on the television. And that’s when the second plane hit. So there was that element of wondering what was going on.

“My first thought was Osama bin Laden wanted to do that. The rest of the day was chaos. Everybody was called upstairs. (Then AMCOM commander) Gen. Dodgen was in his first day on the job. They responded very quickly. But it was also kind of chaotic. First it was decided to close certain gates. Next thing they decided everybody should go home. My thought was I’m not going to wait in a line of cars. I just thought I’d sit here in the office making notes. This is obviously a historic moment. The next thing you have to think of is Pearl Harbor, another major attack on U.S. soil. We were definitely part of this historic moment. This was going to be one of those questions: Where were you when you found out this happened?

“For me as a historian, first it was a normal day, quickly becoming abnormal, quickly becoming confused. I kind of responded to it in a lot of ways as an historian would: This is a moment in history; this is something that is going to be remembered a long, long time. I’ll always remember I’m not just watching this as somebody else’s memory; I have a memory of that (historic event). So it was a strange, strange day.”

# Victims of assault have reporting options

By **AMC Public Affairs**

The Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, program exists to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assaults before they occur, but also to ensure individuals are held responsible for their actions if they do occur.

“The U.S. Army Materiel Command strives to foster an environment of trust, dignity and respect and part of that is ensuring our workforce knows offenders are appropriately being held accountable,” said Capt. Kelly Sledgister, general law attorney at AMC.

More than 50 SHARP incidents have been reported across AMC in fiscal 2014. “The Criminal Investigation Division

or AMC initiated investigations for every incident,” Sledgister said. “Half of these incidents have been completed and offenders received appropriate criminal sentencing, disciplinary action and/or administrative measures. The remaining incidents were unfounded or are still being investigated.”

As a sexual assault victim, military personnel have two main avenues of reporting: restricted and unrestricted. Civilians must report as unrestricted. However, civilians can reach out to Crisis Services of North Alabama to maintain a confidential reporting option.

By filing a restricted report with a SARC/SHARP specialist, VA/SHARP specialist, or a health care provider, a victim can disclose the sexual assault

without triggering an official investigation and receive medical treatment, advocacy services, legal assistance and counseling. Unrestricted reporting is an option that includes the launch of an official investigation.

“We’ve seen an increase in reporting across the Army,” said Jennifer Blatter, AMC sexual assault response coordinator. “I believe this is due to an increased awareness of the SHARP program and reporting options.”

At AMC, employees may report incidents to the SHARP office via Blatter at 450-7803 or Sgt. Maj. Bruce Williams at 450-7802. Williams was recently appointed to be the new SHARP program manager of AMC.

Another major part of the SHARP



program is training. AMC aims to have 100 percent of its employees trained on how sexual harassment and assault occurs and how it can be avoided, Blatter said.

# Fishing for stronger relationships between fathers and teens

*Weekend retreat offered to strengthen families*

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Fishing, fellowship and fatherly love will make for a dynamic October weekend for Redstone Arsenal youth and their dads at Camp Maranatha on Lake Guntersville in Scottsboro.

Bicentennial Chapel Youth Ministries are hoping to have 50 father-child teams participate in the Oct. 3-5 weekend Christian retreat, known as "Fishing for a Deeper Relationship." Registration is open to all Redstone Arsenal Soldier and civilian dads accompanied by one teenage youth. The registration deadline is Sept. 15.

"We've been wanting to do this retreat for about three years. It takes a lot of planning and support, so it takes time to get things all lined up," said Darrell Good, who leads the youth ministry at Bicentennial Chapel.

"Our chaplains here (previously Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paige Heard who was recently reassigned to the Army Contracting Command and now Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Payne) have really supported this effort. I shared with them the need to build stronger father relationships between sons and daughters, and they gave their support to this project."

Good said a lot of issues in the lives of youths stem from absent or weak relationships with fathers. He hopes this retreat will help fathers build relationships they might be missing with their child, and also help fathers with already strong relationships with their child make them even stronger.

"Fathers sometimes don't realize how important their relationship with their son and daughter is. Other fathers do recognize the importance but, for whatever reason, haven't been able to build those relationships. We want to help with this," Good said.

Staff Sgt. Jeanmarie Alexis of ACC has signed up for the retreat with his 15-year-old son Jagger, who is an active member in the Club H2O youth group at Bicentennial Chapel. Serving as a chaplain's assistant, Alexis knows the importance of father-child relationships, but admits that military separations have impacted his relationship with his children.

"This retreat will give us an opportunity to spend time that we haven't spent together," Alexis said.



Courtesy photo.

**Lake Guntersville's Camp Maranatha will be the scene for the first ever "Fishing for a Deeper Relationship" father-child Christian retreat hosted by the Bicentennial Chapel Youth Ministries. Fifty fathers each accompanied by a teenage child will spend the weekend in activities to help build the father-child relationship. Team Redstone dads, both Soldier and civilian, are invited to sign up for the retreat by the Sept. 15 deadline.**

"I'm big on education and I'm always pushing my children to give 150 percent to education. This retreat will take us away from the pressures of our everyday lives, and give us time to just spend one-on-one enjoying each other and the weekend activities."

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## Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation events

The Garrison's Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation provided the following list of upcoming events:

### Arts and crafts

Explore your creative side at the June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center, building 3615 on Vincent Drive. Try your hand at something new or increase your skills. The center offers a variety of classes each month. For more information, call the center at 876-7951 or email [artscrafts@sp.redstone.army.mil](mailto:artscrafts@sp.redstone.army.mil) or [nancy.l.green31.naf@mail.mil](mailto:nancy.l.green31.naf@mail.mil).

### Hunter safety

The Redstone Hunter Safety Orientation is scheduled Sept. 16 and 30, Oct. 7 and 21, and Nov. 18 at 4:30 p.m. at

Outdoor Recreation, building 5139 on Sportsman Drive. This is a mandatory free class for people who want to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call 876-4868.

### Youth skills open house

Child, Youth and School Services' SKIES Unlimited Instructional Program will hold an open house Sept. 27 from 12:30-2 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148 on Youth Center Road. SKIES instructors will provide demonstrations for all classes and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jeanine Bailey at 876-6844.

### Golf championship

The Club Championship is Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m. with a shotgun

start at the Links. Cost is \$70 which includes green fees, cart fees and food. This tournament is open to members only and pre-paid memberships and rounds cards are eligible. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. For more information, call 842-7977.

### Oktoberfest

The 2014 Oktoberfest is Thursday

through Sunday at the Redstone Activity Field. Open to the public, admission is \$12 for Thursday from 5-10 p.m.; \$15 for Friday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; \$15 for Saturday from noon to 1 a.m.; and \$12 for Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. Admission includes carnival rides, entertainment and parking. Tickets will be available at the entrance. Call 313-5224.

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# Handheld scanners slated to arrive at gates

*New technology should offer faster, more secure access*

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A new look is coming to Redstone Arsenal's gates. During a phased-in approach over the next few months, gate security guards will begin using handheld scanners to scan identification cards of employees and visitors entering Arsenal access control points.

In late September, the handheld scanners, which consist of an iPhone equipped with a scanning device, will be tested periodically by gate security guards. Pending the testing results, in October the handheld scanners will be utilized at the commercial delivery point at Gate 1. By the end of 2014, they will be used at random times at all of the Arsenal's gates.

"We don't know yet when we will use the handheld scanners as the standard for providing access to Redstone Arsenal. We need to work out any system glitches and establish the most efficient processes prior to employing them at every access point," said Fred Keith, who works in the Security Division for the Garrison's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

"We don't want to delay incoming traffic. In the long run, this will make things a lot smoother and faster at the gates while also allowing us to meet regulatory requirements for

installation security for our tenants."

Keith, who has overseen the Arsenal's employee, contractor and visitor badging systems since the early 2000s, is assisting with the implementation of the handheld scanning system. He is working with Tim Walters of the Garrison's Directorate of Emergency Services, who will oversee the new scanning system once it is fully activated.

"There are still policies and procedures in relation to the handheld scanning system that we need to establish," Keith said. "We have a lot of questions about what the policies and procedures should be and we won't be able to consider those until we begin to test the new scanning system and phase it in at the gates. There will be some initial growing pains."

Arsenal employees who are vetted – meaning they have had the background check needed to obtain a Common Access Card, Personal Identification Verification card or a security badge – are currently allowed access to the Arsenal with a visual check of their badges at the security gates. Visitors to Redstone must obtain a visitor's badge from one of the Arsenal's two badging centers, one at Gate 1 and the other at Gate 9. Visitors can also gain access to the Arsenal if they enter accompanied by a badged Arsenal employee and have a driver's license or are a minor.

The handheld scanners will allow gate security guards to get the most up-to-date security information on the owner of the badge being scanned. The handheld scanners meet mission requirements that all those entering the gates have a purpose for accessing the Arsenal and have a clean criminal record, Keith said.

*"This will make things a lot smoother and faster at the gates while also allowing us to meet regulatory requirements for installation security for our tenants."*

**Fred Keith**

Security Division

Garrison's Directorate of Plans,  
Training, Mobilization and Security

Keith has been working with Hunt Engineering Services of Florida for about two years to develop the new handheld scanning system, during which the defense contractor has been developing software that links the handheld scanners to Redstone's MAX Badging System and the National Crime Information Center system.

Beginning next week through the end of September, all software will be put in place to support both the MAX Badging System and NCIC system; databases will be confirmed as operable with the software and the wireless system; and handheld scanners will be tested at the gates. In early October, gate security guards will be trained to use the handheld scanners in support of the commercial delivery lanes at the commercial entry at Gate 1. Then, the scanners will be phased in at various gates on the Arsenal, with completion set for the end of 2014.

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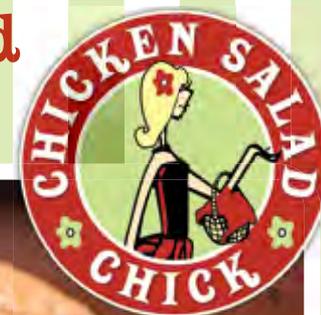
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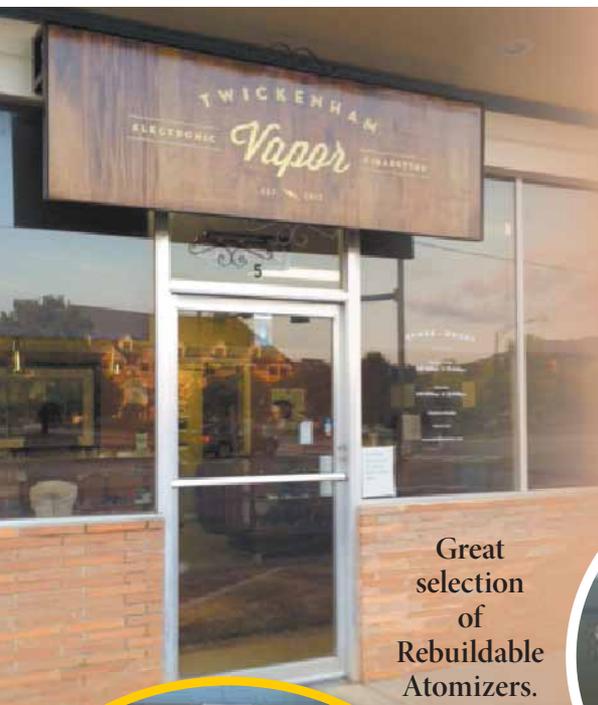
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# Oktoberfest celebration opens Thursday evening

Oktoberfest returns this week at the Redstone Activity Field.

The 19th annual German style festival is Thursday through Sunday. There'll be food, fun and fellowship.

Oktoberfest favorite Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express will be back this year providing music for the crowd. Also making a return for its second year is the Craft Biergarten with \$20 unlimited sampling and a free sample glass for beer aficionados. The success of the Craft Biergarten last year has led to its expansion to all four days.

Worried about missing the big game? Never fear, football fans. Oktoberfest will have five big-screen televisions on hand so festivalgoers can keep up with their teams of choice.

Oktoberfest times and ticket prices are as follows: Thursday from 5-10 p.m., \$12; Friday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$15; Saturday from noon to 1 a.m., \$15; and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m., \$12. Admission includes carnival rides, entertainment, parking, authentic German food and beverages. Tickets will be available at the entrance.

Festival attendees who do not have ac-



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Carnival rides are among the many attractions planned for the annual German flavored festival.**

cess to Redstone Arsenal should enter Gate 10 on Patton Road to get to Oktoberfest with a driver's license, proof of vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance. Those with access to the Arsenal may enter any control access point that is open.

Parking on site and handicapped and auxiliary parking will be available. For more information, call 313-5224.

# Shoplifting declines at Redstone Exchange

By Redstone Exchange Public Affairs

According to the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention, there are approximately 27 million shoplifters in America, accounting for more than \$35 million a day in losses. This fact is not lost on retailers such as the military's retailer, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service.

While it may not be evident to the naked eye, the Redstone Exchange employs a variety of shoplifting prevention measures such as Closed Circuit Televisions with DVR technology, high-tech Electronic Article Surveillance and an aggressive youth awareness campaign to prevent theft. Last year, Exchange efforts led to a 32 percent decrease in theft, from 28 incidents in 2012 to 19. Sophisticated anti-shoplifting measures are also being cited as a factor in reducing the costs of products involved in detected cases from \$1,753.27 to \$1,361.42 in 2013.

"Shoplifting at the Redstone Exchange results in a reduced return on investment to our primary shareholders – the military community," Exchange general manager Roberto Montalvo said. "Because the Exchange is a military organization with a retail mission, those who steal from the Exchange are, in essence, stealing from their fellow Soldiers. Additionally, since the Exchange is part of the Department of Defense, theft from the Exchange is considered larceny of government property."

If shoplifting is suspected, the Exchange Loss Prevention office turns the issue over to the installation's law enforcement authorities. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act allows the Exchange to enact a flat, administrative cost (Civil Recovery) of \$200. There may be further fees, in addition to the Civil Recovery Program, depending on the condition of the stolen merchandise.

# Fishing

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One retreat activity that Alexis is looking forward to is fishing with his son in the fishing tournament on Saturday, which is being coordinated with the help of a six-member volunteer team from the Aviation and Missile Command's Advanced LIFT class. Each father-child team will fish Gunter'sville Lake for about four hours with a fishing guide, who will help them snare a big fish in the tournament.

"We've not gone fishing before. But I've always wanted to do this with Jagger," Alexis said. "He is excited, too, because he asked to be part of this weekend. We support him 100 percent, so I'm here for him."

Camp Maranatha offers a relaxing setting for the retreat, Good said. Lodging and meals are provided by the camp.

The weekend will include presentations by keynote speakers Mark and Dan Witt, who will share the story of losing their father in a tragic hunting accident and how they continue to feel their father's presence as they lead Christian lives. Mark Witt works at Redstone Arsenal.

"God used that experience in their lives. They had the type of father who really impacted the lives of his two young sons, and fed into their need for wisdom, knowledge and faith in God," Good said.

"Now, they travel all over the country speaking at churches about their experience. What happened to them at the age of 11 and 13 continues to fuel what they are doing now in encouraging fathers to be close to their kids and to help grow their children's faith."

Christian comedian David Dean will also be part of the weekend. Dean trained at the famous Second City School of Improvisational Comedy in Chicago, and has been making people laugh full-time for 22 years. For the past eight years, Dean has hosted weeklong mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

Saturday's fishing tournament will split the father-child teams into groups of 25 teams each, with one group fishing in the morning and the second group fishing in the afternoon. At the end of the tournament, prizes will be given for the top three teams based on the weight of the fish they caught and the biggest bass fish caught. Door prizes will also be awarded during Saturday's weigh-in.

Each fishing team will have its own fishing guide, who will provide a boat and all fishing equipment. The fishing guides will be provided by Fish Lake

Guntersville Guide Service. All fishermen will need an Alabama fishing license, which can be obtained at [www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/freshwater/license/](http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/freshwater/license/).

"The fishing tournament requires a close working relationship between the father and child in the boat," Good said. "Most fathers don't have experience in doing something like this, so the fishing guides will be able to teach them how to fish, and to encourage them and give them pointers. They will take them to good spots on the lake to catch a fish."

The AMCOM Advanced Lift team assisting with the tournament chose it as their class project because of what it could mean for the fathers and teenagers who participate.

"This is a weekend where dads and children can get away from distractions and dedicate time to reconnect with each other, talk to each other and reset their relationship," said Advanced LIFT member Chris Schwan, an attorney adviser for AMCOM.

"We looked at different projects we could do and from the beginning we all liked the idea of helping out the chapel with this retreat. We really believe in it because we see how important relationships are between teenagers and their fathers. Hopefully, this event will plant a seed that will grow into a better relationship overall."

Volunteering with Schwan on coordinating the fishing tournament are Advanced LIFT team members Clar-etha Jennings, Rao Prabhakar, Daniel Bryant, Kristopher Strobe and James Robinson.

Other activities will include a high swing jump over the lake.

"I want the kids to see their dads do that so in their hearts they can say, 'Wow, that's my dad!' They will see their dads in a whole different way. I am hoping the dads will be brave enough to try the high swing," Good said.

The retreat will conclude on Sunday after lunch.

"My hope for the fathers is that they will be able to have an experience with their teenager that they never thought they'd be able to have. I hope it puts a desire in their hearts to want to continue the relationship with their teenager on their own," Good said.

"For the kids, well, every kid desires the love and attention of their father, and they are going to get an awful lot of that this week. Hopefully, they will see their father in a whole different light."

Each father-child team is asked to make a \$50 donation to cover the cost of the weekend retreat. To sign up for the retreat, call 388-1158 or visit [www.redstoneclubh2o.org](http://www.redstoneclubh2o.org) or [www.facebook.com/redstoneclubh2o](http://www.facebook.com/redstoneclubh2o).

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# Spiritual living at Redstone

*God's plunder builds church*

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) GARY PAYNE  
Garrison chaplain

War is tough. But it is better for the winning side. You get to go home. You get to be with your family again. Hold your spouse. Play with your kids. There is no greater feeling when you get off the plane, you see the crowd cheering and your spouse comes running to you holding your baby.

But, in ancient warfare, being on the winning side had an extra benefit. You got to share in the plunder.

After fighting the Amalekites, David shared the plunder with his men. And, not just the fighters – those that stayed behind with the supplies got it, too. It was their version of combat pay. In a later war, the Babylonians were ruthless when it came to plunder. They took the king of Israel. They carried away the treasures from the Temple. They force-marched over 10,000 to be slaves in Babylon (2 Kings 24:10-17).

War was terrible. But, if you were on the winning side, taking the plunder made it a little more worthwhile.

Now, what about spiritual war? Ephesians 4:7-13 depicts Jesus as a conquering warrior-king. He descends to the depths. He sets aside his glory as being equal to God to become a human being. He suffers with others. He suffers ridicule. He suffers a death only reserved for a criminal. Then he descends to the grave. Satan is thinking, "That's the end of him. This world is mine!"

But Satan is wrong! Three days later Jesus comes out of the grave. He rallies his people and ascends back to his throne. And the church begins.

Jesus gives Satan a crushing blow from which his domain will never recover. Those held captive – Jesus sets free. As Jesus returns to his throne, there is a huge procession with his people following behind cheering. During the parade, the conquering warrior-king hands out the plunder. Gifts from his kingdom. Gifts for his people: Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers. These he gives to build up the church.

Jesus is still passing out the plunder. We are the captives set free. His people have a part in building up the church. Here is an example: The Bicentennial Chapel has over 300 active volunteers who log in over 25,000 annual volunteer hours of service a year.

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information about the Bible study and upcoming fellowship opportunities, check out the PWOC Facebook page at [facebook.com/PWOCRSA](http://facebook.com/PWOCRSA). Questions can be emailed to [pwocrsa@gmail.com](mailto:pwocrsa@gmail.com).

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Every Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:30, a non-denominational women's Bible study is held at the Bicentennial Chapel. The Bible study, taught by Barbara Neidermeyer, begins with fellowship and prayer time followed by the Bible study and concluding with sharing time.

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*Editor's note: For more information about what goes on at Bicentennial Chapel, call 876-6874 or email [james.c.stratton5.civ@mail.mil](mailto:james.c.stratton5.civ@mail.mil).*

# AroundTown

## Crosstown football rivals unite to salute military

*Bob Jones, James Clemens meet in the Madison Bowl*

By AMY GUCKEEN TOLSON

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On the football field they were two different teams, but when it came time to salute the military, Bob Jones and James Clemens high schools stood united.

The Madison crosstown rivals set aside the scoreboard Friday night – at least for a little while – for Military Appreciation Night. The teams faced off in the third annual Madison Bowl at Madison City Schools Stadium.

“It’s a great rivalry, but it’s really special, because we have a chance to unite as a school system to honor the men and women who serve,” said Dana Trulock, wife of

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Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Bob Jones players take the field amidst the halftime fireworks show.**



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Lt. Gen. David Mann, SMDC/ARSTRAT commander, and his wife Robyn enjoy the view from the stands at the Madison Bowl, in which Bob Jones defeated James Clemens 28-21. Mann did the coin toss.**



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Members of the Bob Jones Marching Band watch as fireworks light up the sky at halftime during Military Appreciation Night at the Madison Bowl. The band members gave a joint performance with crosstown rival James Clemens.**

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Madison mayor Troy Trulock, who coordinated Friday's events.

Lt. Gen. David Mann, SMDC/AR-STRAT commander, performed the coin toss with the help of WWII veteran Herschel Miller and Purple Heart recipient Col. Andy Peters. Military

*"I hope that people go away knowing that the city of Madison is so appreciative of the work that the men and women in our armed forces do day in and day out, and that they're not forgotten. We're having a fun event, but at the heart of it, all those military connected people in the stands know that they are appreciated, that they are thanked for their service."*

**Dana Trulock**

displays representing the various services, a joint performance by the Bob Jones and James Clemens marching bands and a booming halftime fireworks display rounded out the patriotic night. JROTC cadets from both schools were also on hand.

Bob Jones defeated James Clemens 28-21 and improved to 3-0 all-time against its rival.

"I hope that people go away knowing that the city of Madison is so appreciative of the work that the men and women in our armed forces do

day in and day out, and that they're not forgotten," Trulock said. "We're having a fun event, but at the heart of it, all those military connected people in the stands know that they are appreciated, that they are thanked for their service."

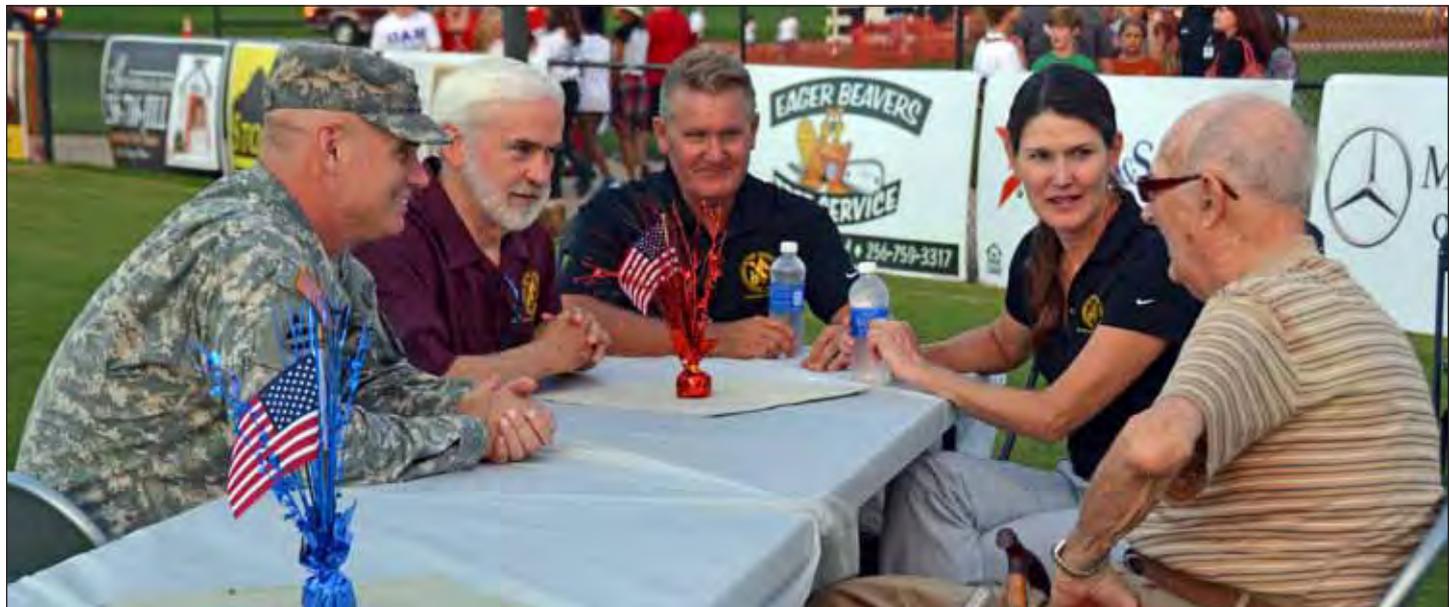


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**Garrison commander Col. Bill Marks, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army Joe Fitzgerald, Mark McBride and AUSA Redstone-Huntsville chapter president Kris McBride visit with WWII veteran Herschel Miller.**

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# Youth making music in community orchestra

By KATIE DAVIS SKELLEY

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The philosopher Plato famously said, "I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning."

Local children are reaping the benefits of musical education as part of the Huntsville Youth Orchestra under the direction of conductor Joseph Lee. Created in 1961 by Russell Gerhart, founding conductor of the Huntsville Symphony, HYO joins the many other local artistic organizations created in the early 1960s as part of the cultural renaissance that came to Huntsville with Dr. Werner von Braun's rocket team.

"In my career I have worked with a lot of different levels (of musicians)," Lee said. "But I get so much satisfaction from being part of the children's orchestral education. I love teaching them how to be part of something bigger than themselves."

A native of Florence, Lee brings an impressive pedigree to HYO. Fluent on the bassoon, contrabassoon, trumpet and cello, Lee graduated from Vander-



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**The Huntsville Youth Orchestra rehearses at UAH's Roberts Hall, one of the schools and churches that have opened their doors to provide practice space.**

bilt University, where he received a bachelor's in bassoon performance, with a minor in voice. For him, returning to his roots to teach budding musicians has been rewarding.

Students from as far away as Middle Tennessee travel to Huntsville each week

to participate in different HYO ensembles, which range from beginning to competitive levels. Many HYO alumni continue on to study music in college and become professional musicians.

HYO offers six ensembles, with the Youth Symphony, Sinfonia and Philharmonia requiring auditions. HYO's Concert Orchestra is an intermediate string orchestra for young string players with two years of experience. The Intermezzo Orchestra is an elementary level string orchestra, which requires one year of experience. Novice Strings is HYO's beginner level program, which is tailored for budding musicians with little to no experience.

The audition process for the top-level orchestras includes a prepared piece and sight-reading, while being a "blind audition," for impartiality.

"I believe that it is important for the



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**The Huntsville Youth Orchestra performs under the direction of conductor Joseph Lee.**

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kids to become pros at auditioning because whether it is music or a job interview, they should know how to present themselves," Lee said.

Executive director Deborah Brown became involved with HYO first as a parent, with children participating in the program. Over a decade later, the orchestra has been rewarding for her both

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professionally and personally, when at age 50, Brown was inspired to pick up an instrument herself.

"I love being around the kids," Brown said. "I watch them grow and develop into adults. Playing the violin and viola has given me a better appreciation for what the kids do."

In a time when schools are decreasing the number of hours allotted to the arts, HYO strives to fill the gap and provide musical education for all ages and all ranges of musical ability. Due to a lack of permanent space, the HYO practices in various locations around Huntsville. Although they might be practicing in borrowed space such as a church or school, Lee still strives to instill discipline in his students by challenging them musically and intellectually.

"I have to be constantly on my toes," Lee said. "We all expect a lot from each other. I would never stand up in front of the kids unprepared."

Tuition fees only cover around 40 percent of costs and HYO depends on giving from local businesses and individuals



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**HYO's bass section includes, from left, Paul Hunt, Katherine Reardon and Jonathan Riley.**

to continue providing musical services to the young musicians. Donation information can be found on their website and HYO does have a Pay Pal account set up for patrons to support the orchestra with just a few simple clicks.

Like so many other aspects of life in Huntsville, HYO is a unique concept, not readily found in other cities.

"Very few communities regardless of size have a program like this," Lee said. "The vast majority of youth orchestras in the country have one to two orchestras



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**From left are Juliet Willicott on viola, Caroline Kirsch on flute, Abby Jenkins also on viola and cellist Susan King as they prepare for a new season with the Huntsville Youth Orchestra.**

and they take the best and tell the rest to go home. That is not who we are."

For more information about the Huntsville Youth Orchestra and their offerings, visit [www.huntsvilleyouthorchestra.org](http://www.huntsvilleyouthorchestra.org)

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# October event honors deployed service members

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As the nation prepares to remember the thousands lost on what has become known as Patriot Day, there is another upcoming national holiday that recognizes those service members who have fought in the Global War on Terrorism launched by the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Day of the Deployed, set for Oct. 26, is a national holiday begun in 2011 that will grow its own local roots this year with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in downtown Huntsville. The event will recognize the 10-year anniversary of the first deployment of Alabama National Guard troops in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the subsequent deployments of other Alabama service members since then.

"This is a day when we will honor anyone who has deployed, who is deployed or who will be deployed, and the families who support them," said Kiley Kinser Henry, organizer of the event.

"A lot has happened in our nation

and with our military since 9/11. This is our way of thanking those who have deployed – both military and civilian – for their service."

The Oct. 26 event will begin at 2 p.m. with a "meet and greet" at the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse. The event will then move to the Veterans Memorial for a 3 p.m. ceremony that will include comments from state Sen. Bill Holtzclaw, who is a retired Marine with service during Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and Operation Restore Hope in 1992-93. Both state and Huntsville city proclamations will be read at the ceremony, which will be emceed by local military retirees John Perry and Dave Carney. There will also be a wreath dedication for deployed Soldiers and a brick dedication commemorating the day.

The event will include performances from the Army Materiel Command Band and the Lee High School chorus. WDRM Radio, which is publicizing the event, will sponsor a Treats for Troops table where people can make candy donations for troops. Other vendors at the event will sell products or collect items in support of deployed troops, including Tide for Troops, Buffalo Wild

Wings, Patriot Cigars and Mary Kay Cosmetics. There will also be an area where the public can sign cards and write letters to be delivered to deployed troops.

Henry and her committee of Day of the Deployed volunteers have gained the support of Army Commu-

nity Service and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army in organizing the local Day of the Deployed event.

"We need to do something in Huntsville to recognize the troops of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and

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Courtesy photo

**Kiley Kinser Henry is the chief organizer behind a group of local volunteers who are bringing the national holiday known as the Day of the Deployed to Huntsville. The event Oct. 26 will be held at the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse and the Veterans Memorial in downtown Huntsville. It will recognize service members and the families of service members who have been deployed, are deployed or will be deployed in the future.**



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# Food trucks suit Huntsville Center's tastes

By JO ANITA MILEY

Huntsville Center Public Affairs

From the moment the first food truck pulled into the parking lot at Huntsville Center July 28, lunchtime at Huntsville Center has never been the same. And as long as Huntsville Center employees keep coming, the food trucks are here to stay.

"Part of our job is to provide conveniences to our employees," said Lequita Byrd-Craig, president of Huntsville Center's Activities Association. "Whether it is activities to relieve stress such as Team Spirit Day or providing creative lunch options like the food trucks during the work week, the Activities Association is working to improve morale and build esprit de corps at the organization. We know that employees are leaving the center to pick up something for lunch or ordering takeout because we don't have a full service cafeteria. This means they have to deal with traffic and other stressors at lunchtime. We wanted to help with this problem so we brought the food trucks on board and gave them another option to stay."

Judging by the steady flow of traffic to and from the food truck on the days one is available, many have decided to take advantage of this option.

"I think having the food trucks here is good," Victor Taylor, chief of Huntsville Center's Safety Office, said. "The trucks have been on Redstone Arsenal for some time now and it's working out well. I'm glad these vendors have decided to include

Huntsville Center on their route."

Taylor and his staff also worked with Huntsville Center's Security and Logistics offices to get some quick modifications done to the area to make sure the food trucks have a safe and secure location at the center. The team put a large canopy in place near the food truck entrance to make sure the steady stream of employees traveling back and forth to purchase food can do so without any problems, especially during inclement weather conditions, they made a few modifications to the east side privacy fence and parking lot and added a generator.

Employees said they appreciate Huntsville Center's leadership's decision to have the food trucks at the organization. It shows them someone cares about their quality of life in the workplace.

Pamela Brown, Andora Dothard, Tammy Moore and Becky Sandoval, all from the center's Contracting Directorate, said they visit the food trucks on a regular basis. They said they've grown accustomed to the great food, good prices and obvious convenience the food trucks offer them. They said they like the pulled-pork sandwiches on Mondays and the fries.

"Having the canopy out there to shade the area and easy access is a plus for me. I've also grown fond of the tasty brisket tacos that are available to us on Wednesdays," Moore said.

Huntsville Center commander Col. Robert Ruch introduced the current food truck vendors to Huntsville Center employees during the center's Organization Day in June. Badd News Barbecue and Food Fighters Bustaurant served food to more than 200 employees and their families during the event. Ruch said that the length of time the food trucks stay is left entirely to the employees. Service will continue only if profitable for the vendors.

There's more to come in the way of food truck vendors, Byrd-Craig said. Although the Activities Association thinks they have enough variety for now, there are lots of options to choose from – everything from lobsters to bacon to cupcakes and even sno cones. The Activities Association will bring in two new vendors to the Huntsville Center route this month. So far, visits from vendors that offer gourmet cinnamon rolls (Simply Cinnamon), pizza (Earth and Stone Wood Fired Pizza/Fire and Spice) and sandwiches (Follow Me, formerly known as Victoria's Cafe) are scheduled in September.

Nicole Boone, Small Business Office; Bettie Doss, Resource Management Directorate; and Gail Gandy, Center Contracting Directorate all said they are excited about these new prospects.

"Barbecue is always a plus in this area (Huntsville and Madison County) so having a few vendors that offer good barbecue is great; the cinnamon rolls were delicious, melt in your mouth good," Gandy said. "We like having the food trucks here and want more of a variety of food items. If the Activities Association continues to offer us great quality in food, regardless of the cuisine, we'll continue to support them – keep them coming."

Boone and Doss echoed, "Ditto."



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This is an example of the tasty dessert items available at the food trucks making their rounds at the Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville.

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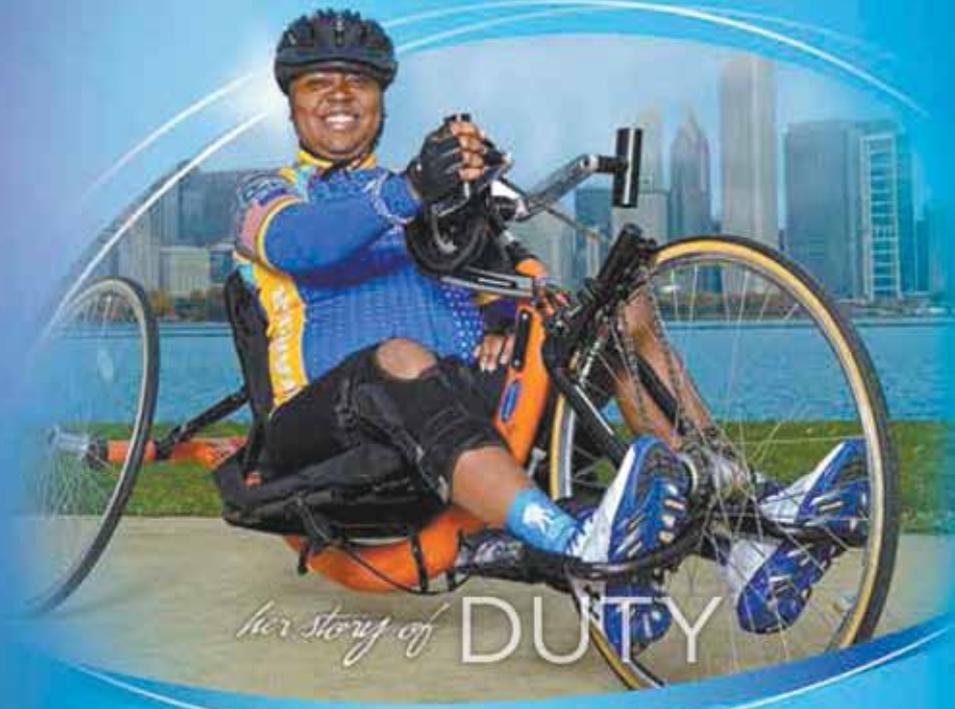
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# Military history docks in Decatur

By KATIE DAVIS SKELLEY

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She could hold up to 20 Sherman tanks. She saw action in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. On one of her voyages, she rescued 600 soldiers out of the North Sea, as a nearby Austrian troop ship was torpedoed and sunk. And last week she docked

at Ingalls Harbor in Decatur and opened her hatch to the public as a link to our country's rich military history.

The Landing Ship Tank (LST) 325 sailed into Decatur Wednesday from its homeport in Evansville, Indiana, as part of its new mission as a moving museum. Locals of all ages ventured to the Tennessee River to witness a piece of history in their midst. The ship, which

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Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Speaking at the welcome reception are left to right Decatur mayor Don Kyle, Melinda Dunn, president of Decatur/Morgan County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the ship captain Bob Jornlin.**



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Captain Bob Jornlin gives Decatur mayor Don Kyle a tour of the ship.**



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**The LST was originally the idea of Great Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill, but due to no available shipyards, British naval officers were sent to the United States in 1942 to coordinate on the construction of the first ship. This particular ship was at the invasion at Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.**

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Seven-year-old Claire Hurt of Priceville explores the LST and tries her hand at gunnery.



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The bridge of the ship welcomes visitors back in time.



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Of the 1051 LSTs built, the 325 is the last in operation.

## Ship

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has been restored to almost its original state, held all of its original equipment in working order, including 20mm and 40 mm anti-aircraft guns, and is the last of its kind. Due to its versatility in cargo, the LST was nicknamed, "the ship that won World War II."

While touring around the country, the LST is home to around 40 sailors who keep it in operating order. For more information and future touring schedule, visit [www.lstmemoial.org](http://www.lstmemoial.org).



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Local officials tour the ship as part of the welcoming ceremony.

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other places in support of the Global War on Terrorism," she said.

"Many dads, brothers, sisters and anyone who has been deployed or who can relate to having a loved one deployed are invited to be a part of this event. We hope to set a precedence in Huntsville by making this an annual event recognizing our deployed heroes."

Henry is best known in the local community for her work with A Smile For Troops, a nonprofit group she started to deliver care packages to deployed Soldiers.

"When my husband was deployed in 2008-09, I would send him care packages and he would always tell me I was sending him too much. So, he would give whatever he didn't want to other Soldiers who were getting nothing sent to them," Henry said. "After he returned, I continued sending care packages to whatever Soldiers needed them."

A Smile For Troops was established in February 2009. Today, the group sends care packages to about 200 Soldiers every quarter. It has mailed more than 5,000 care packages since it began.

"I like to send things in the care packages that are fun and maybe different from the standard things that Soldiers get," Henry said.

Henry relies on the generosity of donations from individuals and several local groups – including the Huntsville Center for Technology and Hampton Cove Elementary and Middle schools – to stuff flat

rate mailing boxes full of goodies for deployed service members. Students from the two Hampton Cove schools often assist with packing the boxes while students from the technology center often make homemade cookies and other treats for the packages.

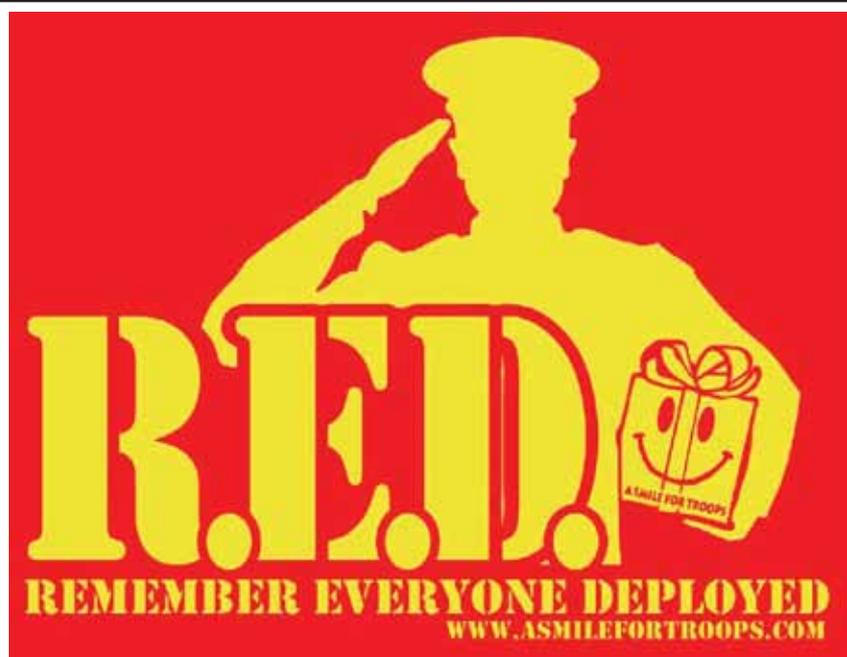
A Smile For Troops will be one of many organizations set up at information booths at the Day of the Deployed event. It will have Smile For Troops T-shirts for purchase.

Henry, who is a Huntsville City Schools substitute teacher and the mom of two elementary aged children, spends a lot of her time working with A Smile For Troops and now organizing the Day of the Deployed.

"I have to help other people. I want to be involved in something bigger than myself," she said.

"Most of the Soldiers we send care packages to don't know who I am. And there are times when it gets tough to pay the bills of preparing the packages and sending them. But if I stop doing this, I might not be there for that one person who really needs a care package. I won't stop until the war is done and our last Soldier comes home."

Henry has that same kind of commitment for the Day of the Deployed. It is an event for service



members and their families that she hopes to continue for many years to come.

*Editor's note: Those who want to volunteer to assist with the Day of the Deployed or A Smile For Troops, or who need more information can visit both organizations on Facebook. The website for A Smile For Troops is [www.asmilefortroops.com](http://www.asmilefortroops.com).*

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# AMC commander visits Blue Grass Army Depot

By MARK D. HENRY

Blue Grass Army Depot

RICHMOND, Ky. – For his first visit to Blue Grass Army Depot, Gen. Dennis Via, commander of Army Materiel Command, arrived in style Aug. 27 via Black Hawk helicopter from Lexington Blue Grass Airport, courtesy of the Kentucky National Guard.

Via, one of only 12 current Army four-star generals, was visiting to see firsthand the installation's multiple missions and capabilities, as well as to personally meet with as many of the depot's civilian workforce as possible to thank them for their service and to answer their questions.

Hosting was Blue Grass commander Col. Lee Hudson, along with Blue Grass Chemical Activity commander Lt. Col. Jack Morgan and Blue Grass Chemical Agent-destruction Pilot Plant project manager Jeff Brubaker.

"I commend the leadership and the workforce here at Blue Grass," said Via, "both for what I've seen and who I've met. It's a privilege, as well as inspiring, to meet the men and women dedicated

and committed to supporting our war fighters."

Via also praised the working relationship and partnership between the depot's three unique Army organizations and the positive attitudes of their workforces.

Via's visit included briefs by BGCA and BGCAPP personnel at the chemical weapons destruction facility currently under construction, before moving on to stops at BGAD conventional munitions operations and facilities, including the depot's comprehensive shipping and receiving area, ammunition maintenance, renovation and inspection areas, chemical defense equipment shipping and inspection, and industrial services.

"I want all to understand that the military value of Blue Grass is a highly valued and critical component of our country's military industrial organic base," he added. "I'm sure the local community equally values what this installation supplies in terms of economic impact."

As one of the three primary Army commands, AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness – technology, acquisition support, materiel devel-



Blue Grass Army Depot photo

**Blue Grass Army Depot commander Col. Lee Hudson, right, reviews a BGAD brief with Army Materiel Command's Gen. Dennis Via during an Aug. 27 visit.**

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lution for the Marine Corps, MDA and Coast Guard. New customers added in fiscal 2014 include the Special Operations Command, PEO Aviation, the Joint Program Manager for Chemical Protection, as well as expansion within the Air Force Materiel Command.

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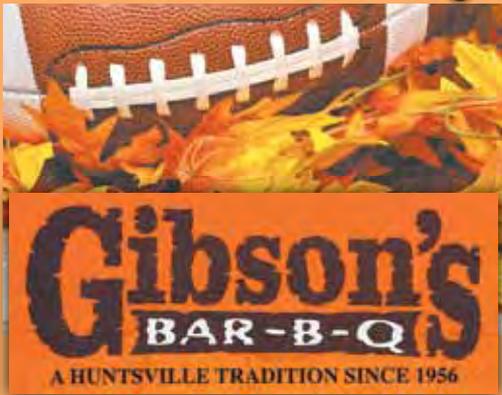



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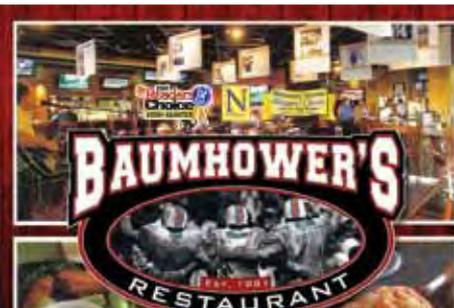
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# Army honors AMC for cost cutting improvements

By J.D. LEIPOLD

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Eleven Army organizations that streamlined their business operations, eliminated redundancy and saved billions of dollars were recognized Sept. 3 for their excellent Lean Six Sigma practices.

The Army Materiel Command garnered three of those awards and Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, deputy commander of AMC, accepted the LEAP awards on behalf of AMC in a formal ceremony at the Pentagon Hall of Heroes.

Undersecretary of the Army Brad Carson hosted the Pentagon ceremony paying tribute to the winners of the 2013 Army Lean Six Sigma Excellence Awards Program, known as LEAP. Carson highlighted each organization's achievements, then he presented plaques to the winners along with Lt. Gen. Thomas Spoehr, director of the Army Office of Business Transformation.

Now in its sixth year, the LEAP Awards program recognizes outstanding project teams and organizations who have demonstrated excellence in implementing results-driven process improvement projects using the Lean

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Army photo by Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller

**Recipients of the Army Lean Six Sigma Excellence Awards gather together during a ceremony Sept. 3 in the Pentagon Hall of Heroes. Also shown are the undersecretary of the Army Brad Carson (third from left) and director of the Office of Business Transformation Lt. Gen. Thomas Spoehr (third from right). Lean Six Sigma is a proven concept that American manufacturing, service, and health care industries have successfully pioneered and adopted to improve processes and reduce costs.**



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# Honors

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Six Sigma, or LSS, concept to adopt new ways of doing business, while streamlining processes and reducing costs.

“For eight years, the Army’s Lean Six Sigma program has trained professionals who have sought out and removed inefficiencies, reduced variance and increased the overall quality of service and materiel for our Soldiers and for our nation,” Carson said. “The Army has trained more than 11,000 Lean Six Sigma practitioners and embedded them across the entire force.

“These specialized individuals execute over 2,000 different projects each year, and in fiscal year 2013, our Lean Six Sigma practitioners – some of whom we will recognize today – generated a cost-savings of more than \$1 billion, and they avoided costs for the Army of more than \$5 billion.”

The LSS awardees were selected by a board made up of 12 Army LSS master black belts chosen from across the Army to judge improvements made in personnel management, sustainment operations, theater logistical equipping as well as test and

evaluation functions.

“Their accomplishments are indeed impressive,” Carson said. “I congratulate today’s award recipients on their achievements, achievements which have unquestionably improved support for our Soldiers, civilians and their families.” The winners from AMC are:

- Army Materiel Command received an organizational award for completing 717 Lean Six Sigma projects during the year and garnering \$87.7 million in financial benefits during the year, approximately 4.6 percent of the command budget.

- Joint Munitions Command completed Lean Six Sigma projects providing \$40.8 million in total financial benefits, or 5.5 percent of the total budget.

- Tobyhanna Army Depot, under Communications and Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, was honored for reducing its materiel induction Process Lead Time from 2.7 days to 0.84 days. The elimination of the steps resulted in monthly savings of 229 man-hours. The cost avoidance was calculated for the period ranging from a portion of fiscal year 2013 (April-September) through fiscal 2015 and totaled \$457,634 and a 99.8 percent reduction of process defects.

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medical care in their home community, and then either transition back into their Army unit or the civilian environment.

CBWTU-Alabama was part of a network of nine CBWTUs across the nation to improve Soldier care and to bring to fruition new processes to enhance Soldier transitions. Besides providing support for the Soldier while undergoing medical care, they also provided social workers to address the needs of Soldiers dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury.

In August 2013, the transition of the CBWTU-Alabama to the Community Care Unit at Fort Benning was approved. In June, CBWTU-Alabama began transitioning all Soldier care to Fort Benning, with a 100 percent Soldier transfer completed by Aug. 30. Also in August, the Community Care Unit was renamed the Warrior Transition Unit.

"The mission (of the CBWTU-Alabama) was to allow Army reservists and National Guardsmen to recover from wounds stateside by providing remote care back home in their community and near their family support system," Freeman said.

CBWTU-Alabama served more than 600 service members during its eight years of operations. In the past nine months, the CBWTU has worked to transition more than 200 wounded warriors to the WTU at Fort Benning, back to their unit or to their civilian life.

Freeman thanked the staff of the CBWTU-Alabama, which consisted primarily of Reserve or National Guard Soldiers along with a few civilians, for their "leadership, dedication and compassion to all our Soldiers, and for the smooth transition that realigns management of Soldiers healing at home to Fort Benning."

The wounded warriors transferred to the WTU at Fort Benning will receive the "benefits of a dedicated community of cadre, Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning and all of the installation's resources," Freeman said, so that healing Soldiers can "transition back to the Army or to civilian careers as productive veterans."

Capt. Nathaniel Hilliard, commander of the CBWTU-Alabama, thanked the unit's staff for the experience of leading as its commander. He thanked Freeman for challenging him with the leadership position, and for mentoring him and giving him the freedom to lead the unit.

"It's been the opportunity of a lifetime to be able to leave a fingerprint on the most prized resources of the Army," he said.

"I've experienced days of watching Soldiers heal to transition back to the Army or to the civilian workforce. I've worked with the hardest working NCOs in the Army. I've been able to set standards for the company based on the concern for the welfare of Soldiers, and to ensure the highest level of independence and quality of life for our Soldiers."

Hilliard's career will next take him to Fort Benning, where he will work in Operations. CBWTU-Alabama acting 1st Sgt. Eric Loving will go on to be a platoon sergeant at the WTU at Fort Benning.

"As the journey for this CBWTU comes to a close, I want to share with you a quote from a plaque in my office," Hilliard said. "It says, 'Everyone brings joy to this office, some when they enter and some when they leave.' Keep the promise."

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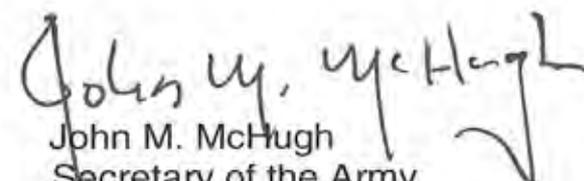
We are committed to reducing the number of suicides in our ranks and believe that our Ready and Resilient Campaign is effectively providing Soldiers and leaders important tools in that mission. We challenge every member of the Total Army Family to seek training opportunities, use available services and resources and continue to develop skills which build personal resilience and lead to positive outcomes during periods of increased stress.

This September, in support of the Ready and Resilient Campaign, leaders across the Army should assess their units and engage in events and training to foster a climate of trust that supports help-seeking behaviors. Leaders must set the conditions for enduring culture change in our profession by being interveners instead of bystanders and by living the Army Values daily. Additionally, leaders must bolster resiliency through education and through training and awareness activities. These include training in Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness, prevention of sexual harassment and assault, suicide prevention, assessments and intervention techniques and activities that support stigma reduction.

We have an immense opportunity and responsibility to shape the Army of the future. Our Army is already strong, and by working together, we can be even stronger. We will continue to strengthen our profession by holding ourselves and each other accountable and by empowering those around us to build a culture of resilience. Army Strong!

  
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# Command team addressing vehicle shipping concerns

By MARK DIAMOND

Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – Transportation experts from U.S. Transportation Command and Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command formed a fusion team Aug. 4 to more quickly evaluate and address critical issues affecting the U.S. military's privately owned vehicle shipping program.

On May 1, International Auto Logistics assumed responsibility for the Global Privately Owned Vehicle Contract, also known as GPC III. Under the terms of the contract, IAL is responsible for processing, transporting and storing vehicles owned by military personnel and Department of Defense civilian employees bound for or returning from overseas duty locations.

The newly-formed POV fusion team is a combination of subject matter experts who are familiar with the contract requirements, and supply chain experts who can assess the system and drive improvements into the system. U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul Guemmer leads the team.

"We are working very closely with IAL, and we have put together a team to research the issues and gain an understanding of how IAL intends to make the process more efficient and transparent," Guemmer said. "Our group's responsibility is to examine IAL's supply chain processes and provide contract oversight of the company's ability to meet the requirements for our military customers. We're not here to do IAL's job. We're here to look after the best interest of our military customers by highlighting issues that IAL needs to resolve."

Guemmer said the team has been working hard to understand and correct the most immediate issues that are impacting military POV customers.

"We've seen there is a constrained information flow to our military customers, and more importantly, if the process doesn't work, our customers need to know how to elevate their concerns," the general explained. "How can our customers reach an IAL representative, and at what point do they elevate the problem to a government representative who can intervene on their behalf?"

During the team's first week, it developed and distributed a customer advisory to all Department of Defense transportation offices clarifying the level of service DoD POV customers are entitled to, as well as to provide customers a better understanding of how they resolve issues within the POV shipping process.

The general said another area of concern is rental car expenses and other incidental expenses a customer incurs as a result of a missed vehicle delivery date.

"Our military POV customers are sometimes confused and frustrated," Guemmer said. "They need to know they will be taken care of throughout the entire process."

According to team members, for military personnel the first seven days of rental car expenses are reimbursed by the government, and IAL is responsible for rental car expenses beyond that period. DoD civilian employees are not entitled to rental car expenses from the government for the first seven days. However, DoD civilian employees may file an inconvenience claim through IAL for rental car expenses beginning the first day after the RDD is missed.

The general said much time during the first week was also spent understanding IAL's in-transit visibility, or ITV, processes. ITV is an organization's capability to provide their customer with maximum visibility and near real-time status on the movement of all classes of supply, from origin to destination.

According to Lt. Col. Michael Erhardt, SDDC Operations directorate, members of the fusion team believe the majority of customer concerns are a result of missing or incomplete ITV data. He said IAL's system, in some cases, may not accurately reflect where a vehicle is in the shipping process.

"Every customer should be able to easily and quickly determine where their vehicle is, and right now that's not happening," Guemmer said.

According to Erhardt, as an interim fix, the fusion team is adding contracting officer's representatives, known as CORs, at several VPCs within the continental United States. He said the increased onsite presence

## Military POV Shipping

### What the Customer Should Expect ...

- #### 1 POV Turn-in Procedures

The contractor, International Auto Logistics (IAL), does not require an appointment for privately owned vehicle (POV) turn-in at its Vehicle Processing Centers (VPCs). The contractor is required to complete POV turn-in processing within one hour or less of the customer signing in at the VPC. If desired, an appointment can be made using IAL's website at [www.pcsmypov.com](http://www.pcsmypov.com).
- #### 2 Tracking Your Vehicle

The easiest way to check the status of a POV is through [www.pcsmypov.com](http://www.pcsmypov.com) by entering the shipping instruction number provided by IAL. The vehicle tracking screen will provide transit information, including estimated arrival (same as RDD). If the customer does not have a shipping instruction number, or has additional questions, IAL Customer Service can be reached at 1-855-389-9499, option 2, or via e-mail at [customerservice@ialpov.us](mailto:customerservice@ialpov.us).
- #### 3 POV Pick-Up

Procedures for picking up your POV are found on the IAL website at: [www.pcsmypov.com](http://www.pcsmypov.com), under the "Pick Up" tab at the top of the page. To ensure your POV is ready to pick up, customers need to contact the destination VPC, or call IAL Customer Service at 1-855-389-9499, option 2. The IAL website provides more information, including an instructional video.
- #### 4 Missed Delivery

The military customer is authorized reimbursement by the government for rental car expenses for up to seven days if the POV, transported at government expense, does not arrive at the authorized destination by the required delivery date (RDD). Military customers should seek reimbursement through their local finance office. If, as the result of a missed RDD, a member requires a rental car beyond the initial seven-day period, they may file an inconvenience claim directly with IAL. Civilian employees are not entitled to rental car expenses from the government for the first seven days. However, civilian employees may file an inconvenience claim through IAL for rental car expenses beginning the first day after the RDD is missed.
- #### 5 Issue Resolution

Members are reminded to access the IAL website for all POV shipment information at [www.pcsmypov.com](http://www.pcsmypov.com) or call 1-855-389-9499. The website provides instructions, tracking tools, shipping tips, and VPC-specific contact information. If members cannot resolve their issue through IAL channels, each VPC has an assigned Contract Officer's Representative (COR). The CORs can be contacted via e-mail at [usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.pp-global-pov-ial@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.pp-global-pov-ial@mail.mil).

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# Protecting environment with hazard-free helicopter solvents

*AMCOM engineer recognized for developing safe cleaners*

By KARI HAWKINS

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Leslie Hasenbein has a lot of dirt and grease on her mind.

But it's not of the garden variety or the household strain. It doesn't involve making hands germ-free, getting stains out of clothes or making the kitchen spotless.

Rather, it has to do with the dirt and grease that invariably lands in all kinds of places on the Army's helicopters.

"It's well-known that when helicopters come from the theater that they are covered with dirt, grease and other grime," she said.

"During the restoration of the helicopters, the grime needs to be removed to ensure that repairs are successful. Surfaces have to be clean to perform adhesive bonding and ensure paint adhesion."

In 2009, Hasenbein, a chemical engineer working for the Aviation and Missile Command's G-4 Environmental Division, was given the challenge of developing a new hand wipe cleaner specification by teaming with the Army Research Laboratory, and the Aviation Engineering Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

The specification needed to ensure that qualified solvents are compliant with the Aerospace National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, Connecticut and Maryland State Regulations, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

"It had to be hazardous free," Hasenbein said. "The new solvents had to replace cleaning solvents that were hazardous to the environment, that contained air pollutants and toxic chemicals. The issue is that what we were using, in some cases, didn't meet all the state and federal regulations for non-hazardous chemicals. We had to create a framework for solvents to comply with emissions standards for air pollutants."

Hasenbein, whose work has been focused on solvents and paint removers since she joined the AMCOM team in 2004, was selected for this challenge based upon her previous work with the Joint Service Solvent Substitution Working Group. She worked with the team to ensure the specification contained the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**Leslie Hasenbein, a chemical engineer with the Aviation and Missile Command's G-4 Environmental Division, is a recipient of the Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award for work she did to develop a hazard-free hand wipe solvent for Army helicopters. Hasenbein tested some solvents on helicopters at the Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas.**

needed requirements for Army aviation equipment. The specification MIL-DTL-32405MR, titled "Low or Exempt VOC Metallic Substrates for Aviation and Missile Systems Hand Wipe Cleaner," was released in January 2013.

Hasenbein and the specification development team were recently recognized for their efforts with a Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award. The award recognizes defense employees and teams whose work achieves significant improvements in interoperability, cost reduction, reliability and readiness through standardization.

Several years ago, the Army Research Laboratory set out to develop a specification for an aviation cleaning solvent that complied with the Aerospace NESHAP and other state regulations and that could be used across the Department of Defense by the aviation community when maintaining, repairing and resetting aviation equipment. AMCOM G-4 was selected by the Army Research Laboratory to help provide specific aviation and missile requirements for a non-hazardous hand wipe solvent that would meet regulatory requirements.

"The problem was different states have different regulations for meeting emissions standards. By developing requirements for

solvents that met the regulatory requirements of different states, we knew our solvent could be used in Texas, California, Connecticut or any other state, and it would meet both state and federal requirements," Hasenbein said.

"So it saves time to have a specification with several types of cleaners that can meet the requirements in different states."

Though the solution was easy in concept, applying it in reality was more difficult.

"Hand-wipe solvents have to be strong enough to remove grease, dirt, grime and oil products so that paints and coatings can bond to the aircraft exterior as required by the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Aviation Engineering Directorate," Hasenbein said.

"Many solvents have been available and in use for years. But we wanted solvents to qualify to a specification. The specification could then be called out in technical manu-

al and maintenance documents instead of individual solvents."

Hasenbein has tested some solvents that would meet the government specifications at the Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas. In the tests, they had to balance effectiveness with non-hazardous qualities.

"During the tests, the baseline is usually a more aggressive solvent, but we have found alternatives that cleaned almost as well," she said.

However, no solvents have made it onto the qualified products list of MIL-DTL-32405MR yet.

"It's really fun and interesting work," Hasenbein said of the Joint Service Solvent Substitution Working Group. "I like working on projects where we are testing something new and then doing demonstrations to see what works best."

Hasenbein graduated with a chemical engineering degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville after transferring there from Wallace State in Hanceville.

"My high school chemistry teacher (in Cullman) encouraged me to look into chemical engineering as a career," she said. "I thought about being a nurse. But my older sister was studying electrical engineering at Auburn and I thought engineering would be a good choice for me, too. It was both hard and challenging, and I liked that."

During the first three years of her career at AMCOM, Hasenbein focused on research. Now, she is combining research with testing, demonstrations and applications.

"I hope the work I did on this project will help keep the environment clean. By doing these tests, we have helped to find non-hazardous cleaning solvents that the users know meet non-hazardous requirements and that will work to get the job done," she said.

But the work doesn't end with the hand-wipe solvent. Hasenbein is now working to set standards and identify non-hazardous paint strippers.

"We need to find alternatives that meet changing environmental requirements," she said. "We want to use chemicals that don't hurt the environment or people, but that are still effective."

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# SMDC workforce team making difference



Photo by Jason Cutshaw

**Col. Dewey Granger, left, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command chief of staff, gathers with members of the SMDC/ARSTRAT Tiger Team after recognizing them during a ceremony Sept. 4 for their contributions to improving the command.**

By **JASON CUTSHAW**

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command leadership recognized its “Tigers” for helping the command come up with solutions to workforce issues.

Col. Dewey Granger, SMDC/ARSTRAT chief of staff, recognized 32 Tiger Team members during a ceremony Sept. 4.

“I would like to say ‘thank you’ for participating,” Granger said. “I know you took time out of your busy schedules to do this and you didn’t have to. You could just come into work and do your jobs, but you go out of your way to make a difference.”

Granger talked about why the Tiger Team is important to the SMDC workforce and how team members have gone above and beyond in helping make the command a better place.

“When we stood this up, we weren’t even sure how we were going to address issues. We weren’t sure how the Tiger Team concept would even fit. I think we have been very successful,” Granger said.

At the beginning of the year, SMDC commander Lt. Gen. David Mann directed the establishment of the CG’s Workforce Survey Tiger Team after the completion of the CG’s Workforce Survey, and the group had its first meeting Jan. 23. The team includes military and civilian personnel stationed at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, and at Redstone Arsenal. Since the first meeting, the team has met biweekly via video teleconferencing.

The goal of the Tiger Team is to make positive changes to improve the working environment and increase workforce engagement in SMDC. Through analysis of the results of the CG’s Workforce Survey, the team identified opportunities for improvement, researched the root causes of these issues, and developed recommendations for action.

As the first iteration of this team in the command, the Tiger Team focused on three improvement areas: Senior Leader Communication, Mission Accomplishment and Resource Management, and People-Focused issues.

Candace Holcomb, chief of the Business Initiatives Office, said one of the reasons for the Tiger Team formation was that the command’s personnel were tired of providing feedback on surveys but not seeing anything change from their input.

“The CG’s Workforce Survey Tiger Team is made up of volunteers from Huntsville and Colorado Springs, all committed to helping improve the command, making it a better place to work,” Holcomb said. “I’m very proud to be working with such a dedicated group of people. The awards received on Sept. 4 were to thank these initial volunteers for their efforts on the Tiger Team. They have made a positive impact in SMDC.”

Holcomb said the general has directed another workforce survey to be conducted in the September and October timeframe. The results from this survey will assess the improvements in workforce climate and identify other areas to address going forward. The Tiger Team will re-form in fiscal 2015 to tackle those issues.

The working groups meet as necessary to identify and prioritize improvement opportunities, discuss the recommendations they are working on, and refine recommendations based on their research. When a recommendation is ready, they present it to the full Tiger Team at one of its biweekly meetings. If the recommendation is accepted by the full team, it is either implemented by the chief of staff or, if necessary, forwarded to the general for approval. If not accepted, the working group revises the recommendation and presents it again for review.

“I wanted to help make a difference in the posture, the morale and attitude of the employees within the command,” said Tiger Team member Donnie Ghee from SMDC G-3. “We have most definitely made improvements and there is always room to make more. I would suggest employees volunteer to become a Tiger Team member so their voice is heard and their recommendations will be brought forward to the command leadership.”

The Tiger Team members recognized include working group leaders Tisha Crespino, Ghee, Mike Miller, Tom Potter, Jim Schlichting and Letitia Weaver; and team members Phyllis Baez, Fred Beck, Wayne Bracy, Todd Buckhouse, Brent Campbell, Joseph Dinoto, Pamela Fuhrman, Carol Garth, Lisa Gilbert, Mark Hubbs, Sara Jennings, Robert Jones, LaJeannia Lacey, Mike Lee, Anner Lynch, Susan McRae, Sean Moudy, Kim Ouattara, Ronald Parks, Simone Philson, Kara Pleasant, Abby Ricks, Glenn Robertson, Thea Stewart, Philip Williams and Devinti Williams.



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# Team Redstone employees hear from Pentagon

By AMY GUCKEEN TOLSON

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Amid fiscal challenges and the uncertainty of the future, Heidi Shyu had an important message Friday for the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space employees.

“You enable the world’s greatest Army,” said Shyu, assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and Army acquisition executive. “Don’t ever forget that. Everybody else in this world wants what we have. The reason they want what we have is because we’re the best. Everybody wants to buy our product, everybody wants to steal our product, because we’re the best. Don’t ever forget that. Give yourselves some credit.”

Shyu paid a visit to Redstone Arsenal Friday for an ASA(ALT) town hall, accompanied by fellow members of her command team, Lt. Gen. Michael Williamson, principal military deputy to the ASA(ALT), and Gabriel Camarillo, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army. The team spoke to multiple commands on the realities facing the Army today, offering a “100,000 foot view” on the way ahead. Part of that way ahead includes reducing procurement quantities to match force structure reductions, and to increase efficiency, by leveraging multiyear procurement and incorporating better buying power.

Shyu pointed to a five level pyramid to best illustrate the ASA(ALT) modernization strategy for the fiscally challenged environment the Army is facing. The need to divest, to reduce operations and support cost, in addition to addressing nonstandard equipment lies at the base of that pyramid, followed by reset and sustain.

“The very next conflict we’re going to fight in, the very next contingency we’re going to fight in, we’re going to go into with whatever stuff we have today,” Shyu said. “If they say, ‘I need you to go to country X tomorrow,’ we’re not going to go to our S&T portfolio, we’re going to go with what we have. The stuff that is coming out of theater, we need to make sure we reset it so it will be ready for the next contingency.”

Modification and modernization — incremental upgrades and the modernization of aging systems — is the

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**Heidi Shyu**

third base of that pyramid, followed by new systems. Due to the fiscally challenged environment, new capability development may be delayed, while the Army invests in the next generation of capabilities, according to Shyu. The top of the pyramid is S&T, ensuring that investments are made today to fight and defend the threats of tomorrow.

With Shyu’s 100,000 foot view came two strategic questions posed to the Joint Acquisition Sustainment Review in July: what can be done to reduce the time and cost to deploy the Army units by 50 percent, and what will be the most radical technology changes that the Army will need to deal with in the future to prevent, shape and win?

“If you step back and look at the big picture, we, within the U.S., even though our money is being cut, we spend more money in defense than the next 10 countries combined. It’s a little bit of a wakeup call,” Shyu said. “It’s very unbalanced. Yes, our defense budget is under pressure, but we spend far more than any other. It’s not a good equation. We’re interested in figuring out what are the critical technologies that we ought to be investing in in the next several years to change that equation, to force our adversaries to spend 10 times to counter you, not the other way around.”

Knowing that change and continued challenges lie ahead, after Shyu and her team took questions from the



Photo by Ellen Hudson

**Heidi Shyu, assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and the Army acquisition executive, speaks to Team Redstone employees Friday during a town hall at Bob Jones Auditorium.**

audience, Williamson left attendees with a piece of advice.

“There are going to be periods of angst, there are going to be periods when you’ll see things happening and you don’t understand - you’ve got to ask the question,” Williamson said. “You’ve got to ask your team

members, your directors, your PEO. They may not have all of the answers, but don’t stew. Don’t let it drive you crazy. You have to ask the question. ... Don’t stew on it, and don’t create your own truth. Don’t make things up in your own head. Ask the question.”

# 'Sky Soldier' reconnects with Lithuanian 'family'

By Staff Sgt. SCOTT GRIFFIN  
Army News Service

RUKLA, Lithuania – Nerijus Gvergzdis was born with his legs crossed. He has cerebral palsy. Born in the winter in Soviet-occupied Lithuania, Nerijus' mother, Egidija, was told by state doctors to wrap her son in wet clothes and leave him in a room with the windows open so he would contract pneumonia and die.

Egidija chose otherwise. There are about 600 "Sky Soldiers" of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, serving in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Poland as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, an exercise dedicated to demonstrating commitment to NATO obligations and maintaining interoperability with allied forces.

One of those is 1st Lt. Andrew Martin of Nashville, Tennessee, 2nd platoon leader for Troop A, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Of all the countries to which Troop A could have been sent in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, Martin's unit was selected to conduct combined training in Lithuania.

Cut back to America almost 20 years ago, Martin's grandfather, Fred Young, of Atlanta, a former U.S. Army corporal, was making a pizza run while visiting the family, when he made the acquaintance of Egidija and Nerijus. They were in town visiting Egidija's sister-in-law.

"It was just a trip, you know?" Egidija said. "My sister-in-law works at a pizza house, and she met (Fred and his wife, Valjean,) and she talked about us. They said, 'Oh, we want to help!' and they helped us. Just like that. They saw Nerijus and said to me they said 'Okay, we will help you.'"

Fred and Valjean quickly got to work and organized medical treatments for Nerijus.

"They went down to Atlanta, and there's this pretty famous pediatrician, Dr. Leila Denmark," Martin said. "My grandmother talked to her and they got Nerijus hooked up with some medical treatments with Scottish Rite," the famed pediatric hospital in Atlanta.

"Fred and Valjean helped with everything – the hospital, the insurance, everything," Egidija said.

Fred and Valjean enlisted the help of other family and friends to raise funds for Nerijus' expensive surgeries and treatment. He received hip surgery to uncross his legs as well as treatment for the muscles in his legs so they would work correctly. He received dental surgery to fix his teeth. Originally planned as a trip of just a few weeks, Egidija and Nerijus ended up staying for 18 months, while he received his treatment.

"It's so amazing to hear the story," Martin said. "I can only imagine what it was like to come to America and have that happen."

That help was more than just a one-time act of kindness. Fred and Valjean's assistance spanned years.

"It turned from a two-week vacation to staying for a year and a half," Martin said. "Once they had him fixed up they set them up with the proper equipment, so they'd buy him computers and they'd buy him chairs, stuff like that."

Fred and Valjean made the trip to Lithuania in 1996, to see their "family" once again. Martin found himself strongly moved by walking in his grandparents' footsteps almost 20 years later.

"When I found out I was coming to Lithuania, they told me all about their trip here back in '96," Martin said. "It's cool to see some of the places they went and visited."

During the visit, Egidija fondly recalled the Youngs.

"I remember so much, your grandmother, your granddaddy, they are so sweet," Egidija said to Martin when he visited. "They're very special people."

Martin said his family kept in touch with Nerijus and Egidija through emails throughout the years, never losing contact with their "extended family."

"Growing up, always hearing about Nerijus, we would read emails at Christmas or the holidays, and it was like distant relatives," Martin said. "'Nerijus is this many years old,' or 'Nerijus just finished this grade ...'"

Martin was able to find time to visit with Nerijus and Egidija at the family's apartment in Kaunas. Martin stood in the same spot his grandparents had in 1996 when Fred played checkers with Nerijus. Martin climbed the same stairs that Egidija does every day, carrying Nerijus down and back up five flights again whenever they journey out.

"It was really moving to see their home and see pictures, my family photos, sitting on the TV there!" Martin said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Griffin

**First Lt. Andrew Martin of Nashville, Tenn., 2nd platoon leader for Troop A, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, poses with Egidija Gvergzdis and her son Nerijus, left, at her apartment in Kaunas on Aug. 14. Martin's grandparents, Fred and Valjean Young of Atlanta, sponsored Nerijus, who was born with cerebral palsy, for multiple surgeries in the United States to have his legs uncrossed and his dental issues addressed.**

Martin was a toddler the last time he saw Nerijus and was happy to finally meet him.

"Granny and Granddad talked about how smart Nerijus was, how intellectual he is," Martin said. "He's just awesome."

Egidija said Nerijus finished high school with high grades.

"He can talk. His English is perfect!" Egidija said. "He watches movies, and only in English. He sees movies or games, something else, only in English. He says it's better in English to him."

Nerijus will always use a wheelchair. Egidija still has to carry him up the five long flights of stairs to take him home, but no one will ever tell her to leave her son to die again. Fred is cared for in a rest home now, suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Valjean still tries to make the drive to visit him every single day.

"My grandparents are such humble people, I didn't truly know the scope of what they did until almost 20 years later," Martin said. "It was all just 'Oh, I helped the family,' or 'I helped take care of these people.' It was just, you know, help. I didn't realize the true extent of their 'southern hospitality.'"

Call it luck or call it fate – cosmic coincidence, kismet or divine intervention – Martin was able to reconnect with his Lithuanian "family."

"To me, being the grandson, it's one of those stories you try to capture," Martin said. "You try and get a full scope of understanding of what they did, which I was blessed enough to do here."

# Youngren couple sweep 9/11 commemorative run

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Saturday's fourth annual 9/11 commemorative run at Pagano Gym started with the blare of a Redstone fire engine's horn.

The runners were asked to reflect on the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and to appreciate the freedoms that enabled them to participate in an event like this. Fifty-nine people preregistered and 29 signed up on race day. The 74 finishers included 29 women.

The engine's four-member crew included fire captain Joshua Hosack who delivered prerace remarks on the significance of 9/11.

"Have that enduring spirit and continue to fight," he said. "And ultimately never forget."

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Agee, of the Army Materiel Command's Big Bang Brass Band, performed the national anthem on tenor sax. He and the other band members played the "Rocky" theme after the horn sounded and the runners took off.

Rob Youngren won the 10K race in 37 minutes and 42 seconds. His wife, Kathy, was the first female finisher in 43:18.

Youngren, 40, is a computer scientist with Simulation Technologies Inc. at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center and a member of the Army Ten-Miler Team.

"It was deceptive," he said of the humid morning. "It felt cool at first but then after a mile or two it started getting hot. We could feel the humidity. And it was just survival after that.

"But it was good. I like the course, I like the event. Just fortunate to be able to do this kind of stuff, do the race and help out. Just survival."

Tim Vinson, 50, also a member of the Army Ten-Miler Team, finished second in 38:41. The deputy product manager for Air Warrior is attending school for a year as a senior service college fellow at the Defense Acquisition University.

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Rob Youngren wins the 10K race in 37 minutes and 42 seconds.

Photo by Skip Vaughn



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Runners start the 9/11 commemorative 10K Saturday in front of Pagano Gym.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Kathy Youngren is the first female finisher in 43:18. She has won the race all four years.

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"It was at the end of a fairly high mileage, high quality week," Vinson said of the race. "So after a couple of miles, I got very hot. Just tried to stay steady to the finish."

Kathy Youngren, 40, has been the female winner all four years. She works at Fleet Feet.

"There's some shade out there (on the race course) so that helped to keep the heat at bay," she said. "I like the heat anyway."

Fifteen members of the Vets With Vettes organization brought their Corvettes and served as road guards. Race director Gaylene Wilson thanked all the volunteers and the runners.

"Awesome," Wilson said of the outcome. "A little muggy and hot. But about what we expected."

Here are the overall and age group winners:

**Male, Overall** – Rob Youngren (37:42).

**19-29** – Corey Brydon (44:34), Bryan Dirren (54:41), John Vollmer (59:57).

**30-39** – Gene Stone (43:34), Brian Sykes (55:22), Patrick Davis (56:20).

**40-49** – Matthew Urbanic (41:46), Jeffrey Bott (41:51), Mark Smalley (48:16).

**50-59** – Tim Vinson (38:41), Steve Fisher (44:33), Gregory Knight (48:40).

**60-over** – Bruce McIntire (49:25), James Champion (52:28), Stephen Seniuk (58:07).

**Female, Overall** – Kathy Youngren (43:18).

**19-29** – Nicole Reed (51:56), Jenny Lawson (53:55), Kathryn Beyer (58:45).

**30-39** – Kimberly Hanson (52:04), Maryuri Sanchez (53:40), Nancy Montuno (56:00).

**40-49** – Roberta Hauck (46:48), Shelley Sanders (49:02), Annie Anderson (50:59).

**50-59** – Christine Dicarlo (1:04:34), Marian Guidry (1:13:48).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**Redstone senior commander Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuiston and her husband, Leif Johnson, are among Saturday's participants.**

**59** people preregistered  
**29** signed up on race day  
**74** finishers included  
**29** women



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**Fifteen members of the Vets With Vettes organization brought their Corvettes and served as road guards.**

# Gallery of softball champions for 2014



Courtesy photo

**The Division C champion Renegades include, from left, kneeling, Denise Pritchard, Jim Lomas, Laura McIntyre, Trace Turner, Allison Young Chambers; and standing, Joe Dowd, Rich Gladwin, Dan Mullane, John Hutt, Joel Anderson, Cody Hawes, Jai Johnson, Bryan Chambers and Preston Cupp. Not shown are David Rhodes, Yvonne Barbour and David Moore.**



Courtesy photo

**Division A's champion Got the Runs include, from left, kneeling, David Whitener, Brian Roberson, Paul Prichard, Jason Marske, Tommy Young; and standing, Carl Williams, Corey Harrell, Lou Whitlow, Chadd Felder, Travis Garrett and Jay Hollenbeck. Not shown is Gator Grissom.**

The Renegades, TBE Integrators and Got the Runs are this year's champions in the Army/NASA softball league.

The Renegades captured the Division C crown by beating the Rotorheads 37-14 on Aug. 26 at the NASA field. The Renegades (13-3) won their first title in their third year in Division C. They were the premier team in Division A in the mid- to late-1990s when they won 4-of-6 championships and were in the finals all six years.

TBE Integrators, which formed in 1999, won their second straight Division B championship and third in the last four years by beating Wyle 9-5 on Aug. 27 at the NASA field. Teledyne Brown Engineering's team has won in 2014, 2013 and 2011. The Integrators finished 12-3-1 this year.

Got the Runs successfully defended their crown in Division A by beating the top-seeded Ballistic Bombers 17-16 in the final Aug. 28 at the NASA field. The Ballistic Bombers won the day's first game 19-9 to force a deciding nightcap. Got the Runs finished at 13-4.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**The Division B champion TBE Integrators include, from left, in the front row, John Geiger, Austen Young, Leigh Weston, Garrett Williams, Kayla Watson; and in the back row, Lance Watson, Mandy Lowman, Erek Allen, Clif Jones, Michael Cluxton and Jeff Coots. Not shown are Lou Whitlow, Kim Coots, Kelsey Coots, Courtney Sellers, Cristy Presson and Grant Lowman.**

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# Free registration opens for lacrosse league

By MEGAN COTTON

Garrison Public Affairs

Fall has always been known for the start of football season, but in the Tennessee Valley another sport is about to begin.

Fall ball registration for the Huntsville Lacrosse Association is open for anyone age 7 and up, beginners or seasoned players. And this year the association is making fall ball registration free for all new players.

"To help grow lacrosse in the area we have made registration for the fall season free for any new player," Huntsville Lacrosse Association president Brian Russell said. "We want to encourage as many people as possible to try lacrosse and fall ball is the best season to learn the sport, so it made sense to waive the registration fee. Families will still need to pay for U.S. Lacrosse membership but we believe this will help bring in more players who have been thinking about trying lacrosse."

Russell, who works for AMRDEC's System Simulation and Development Directorate, likes fall ball because it is a more relaxed atmosphere, which gives new players a chance to learn fundamentals. Games are held on Sunday so they do not conflict with players' other activities.

"Lacrosse is the oldest sport in North American with its roots going back to Native American Indians," Russell said, "and (it's) the fastest growing sport in the country."

Lacrosse is a contact sport where a player uses a stick and ball to score in an opponent's goal. Because it is a contact sport, equipment such as shoulder pads, gloves, helmets, elbow pads and mouth guards are required for men's lacrosse. In women's lacrosse, only a mouth guard and goggles are used. Lacrosse utilizes endurance, speed, hand-eye coordination and agility.

"Lacrosse is commonly called the fastest sport on two feet," Russell said. "It's a mix between soccer, hockey and basketball."

Russell coaches in addition to his role as league president. He notes that lacrosse is more than just a high-intensity sport – it also teaches players important life skills.

"It's not about winning or losing – there is more to lacrosse than that," he said. "It is how you act as a team. I enjoy seeing the players forming friendships and coming together as a team."

Almost 700,000 players participate on organized lacrosse teams each year, according to the U.S. Lacrosse organization.

"Lacrosse is a great sport for players of all ages and skill level," Russell said. "If you've never picked up a stick before, we urge you to give it a try at fall ball."

For more about the Huntsville Lacrosse Association – including registration information – go to [www.huntsvillelax.org](http://www.huntsvillelax.org). Games begin Sept. 14.



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**Huntsville's Anna Michaels (4), Kavi Nallamala (45) and goalie Marissa Sammarco (18) stop a Hoover player from scoring.**

## Quick facts:

**Play will be Sundays  
Sept 14th – Nov 16th**

**Cost \$50.00 for returning HLAX Members**

**Free for "brand new to Lacrosse" players**

**US Lacrosse Membership required**

**Players supply their own equipment**

**Locations and time will be announced  
after close of registration**



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**The Huntsville Panthers players rush onto the field after winning their game.**

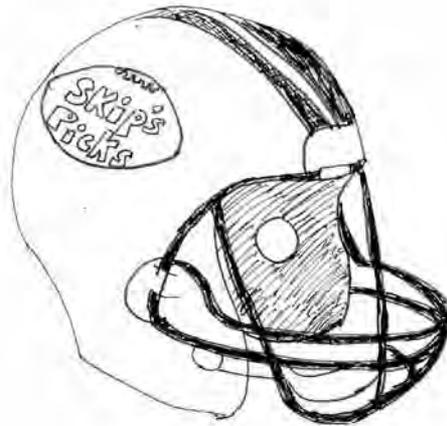
# UCLA favored over Texas on road

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Skip's Picks went 67-10 for 87 percent in week one. Here are my predictions for this week's games in college football:



UCLA at Texas – **UCLA**  
 Southern Miss at Alabama – **Bama**  
 Kentucky at Florida – **Florida**  
 Houston at BYU – **BYU**  
 Toledo at Cincinnati – **Cincinnati**  
 Baylor at Buffalo – **Baylor**  
 Syracuse at C. Michigan – **Syracuse**  
 Kent St. at Ohio St. – **Ohio St.**  
 Pittsburgh at FIU – **Pittsburgh**  
 Indiana at Bowling Green – **Indiana**  
 Ohio at Marshall – **Marshall**  
 West Virginia at Maryland – **West Virginia**  
 UCF at Missouri – **Missouri**  
 East Carolina at Virginia Tech – **Virginia Tech**  
 Ga. Southern at Georgia Tech – **Georgia Tech**  
 Massachusetts at Vanderbilt – **Vanderbilt**  
 Boise St. at Connecticut – **Boise St.**  
 Louisville at Virginia – **Louisville**  
 Air Force at Georgia State – **Air Force**  
 Wyoming at Oregon – **Oregon**  
 Indiana St. at Ball St. – **Ball St.**  
 N. Carolina St. at South Florida – **South Florida**  
 Arkansas St. at Miami (Fla.) – **Miami**  
 Arkansas at Texas Tech – **Arkansas**  
 Georgia at South Carolina – **Georgia**  
 Miami (Ohio) at Michigan – **Michigan**  
 Iowa St. at Iowa – **Iowa**  
 Kansas at Duke – **Duke**  
 Alabama A&M at UAB – **UAB**  
 UL Lafayette at Ole Miss – **Ole Miss**  
 Minnesota at TCU – **TCU**  
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 Army at Stanford – **Stanford**  
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 Abil Chr. at Troy – **Troy**  
 Tulsa at FAU – **Tulsa**  
 Furman at Presbyterian – **Furman**  
 Purdue at Notre Dame – **Notre Dame**  
 USC at Boston College – **USC**  
 Tennessee at Oklahoma – **Oklahoma**  
 Penn St. at Rutgers – **Rutgers**  
 Navy at Texas State – **Navy**  
 SE Louisiana at Tulane – **Tulane**  
 South Dakota at Montana – **Montana**  
 Rice at Texas A&M – **Texas A&M**  
 Arizona St. at Colorado – **Arizona St.**  
 Nebraska at Fresno St. – **Nebraska**  
 Nevada at Arizona – **Arizona**  
 N. Iowa at Hawaii – **Hawaii**

## Pet Waste and Water Quality

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*Pet waste left to decay on the street or grass, or waste washed into storm drains, is a threat to water quality and public health*

Pollutants from animal wastes can be washed into streams and storm drains during rain or snowmelt. Storm drains around your housing area and elsewhere on the installation usually discharge directly into streams, ponds, or rivers. Are you cleaning up after your pet?

### How Do You Dispose of Your Pet's Waste?

Pet waste left to decay on the street or grass, or waste washed into storm drains, is a threat to water quality and public health. When pet waste enters a stream with storm water runoff, it consumes oxygen upon decay. The oxygen reduction can harm aquatic life and adversely affect overall stream health. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. In addition, pet waste may carry infectious organisms, bacteria, and other pathogens that can make streams and ponds unsafe for recreation.

### Are You Risking Your Health?

Improper disposal of pet waste is not just a water quality issue. Pets, children who play outside, and adults who garden risk infection from the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste. Fortunately, there are some simple things you can do to help keep the installation and our streams clean and healthy.

### You Can Make a Difference!

Cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking a plastic bag or paper cup along on your next walk. But what should you do with the waste you collect? Here are some tips for proper disposal:

### Flush it down the toilet.

The water from your toilet goes to a wastewater treatment facility. Special processes there can remove animal waste prior to discharging the water to a stream, pond, or river. Remember to prevent plumbing problems by not flushing rocks, sticks, or kitty litter down the toilet. Cat feces may be scooped out and flushed down the toilet, but used litter should be put in a closed bag for disposal as household garbage.

### Bury it in the yard.

Dig a hole or trench that is about 5 inches deep, and away from vegetable gardens, ponds, streams, rivers, ditches or wells. Fully cover the waste with soil. When the waste begins to decay, valuable nutrients are released as fertilizer for nearby plants.

### Put it in the trash.

Bag the waste and place the closed bags in the trash.

### Around Your Home:

For yard pet waste, be sure to clean up areas near wells, drainage ditches, waterways, and storm drains. Promptly remove pet waste from areas where children play. To prevent possible contamination, thoroughly wash hands with soap and water, after any contact with pet waste.

**Keep Redstone Arsenal water streams free of pollutants. For more information call the Garrison Environmental Office, Storm Water Program Manager at 955-8501.**



Improving Storm Water Quality

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## Sports & Recreation

### Fundraiser 8K

The Urban Assault 8K, with 18 obstacles in five miles, starts at 8 a.m. Oct. 4 at Benders Gym, 1111 Knight Drive in Decatur. Entry fee is now \$55. The first 200 entrants are guaranteed a tech T-shirt. Proceeds will be donated to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Register at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) with keyword Urban Assault.

### Rowing regatta

The Rocket City Rowing Club will have a rowing regatta Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ditto East, Rocket City boat house off Hobbs Island Road. About 160 boats are expected. For more information, visit [www.rocketcityrowing.net](http://www.rocketcityrowing.net).

### NASA duathlon

The third annual "Racin' the Station" Duathlon, a non-sanctioned USAT run/bike/run event where the participants will "race" the International Space Station as it completes one Earth orbit in 91 minutes and 12 seconds, will be held Sept. 27 at 8:30 a.m. Marshall Space Flight Center will track the starting location of the ISS at the race start time and see who "beats" the Space Station by completing the event before the 91-minute and 12-second mark. The Marshall Association sponsors this competition which benefits the association's scholarship fund. For more information, email [issduathlon@gmail.com](mailto:issduathlon@gmail.com) and visit [www.imathlete.com/events/RacintheStation](http://www.imathlete.com/events/RacintheStation).

### Desert Storm vets golf

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association will present its annual Golf Scramble on Friday with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. at the Meadows Farm Golf Course, 4300 Flat Run Road in Locust Grove, Virginia. Cost is \$80 per player. For more information, call Hoa McNabb (703) 562-4163 or email [VIICorpsDSVA@aol.com](mailto:VIICorpsDSVA@aol.com).

### Ribbon Run team

Breast cancer survivor Donna Johnson of the Garrison and her Redstone Roadrunners team are recruiting runners and walkers for the 5K Liz Hurley Ribbon Run, Oct. 18. Registration is now open for this 11th annual event at [www.lizhurley-ribbonrun.org](http://www.lizhurley-ribbonrun.org). The registration fee is now \$30. To register as a Redstone

Roadrunner, visit the website at [www.lizhurleyribbonrun.org](http://www.lizhurleyribbonrun.org), click on register here, then click on Join A Team and choose the Redstone Roadrunners team.

### Scholarship golf tourney

The Alabama A&M Homecoming Scholarship Golf Tournament is Oct. 3 at 8 a.m. at the Sunset Landing Golf Course. The proceeds will be used to support golf scholarships at Alabama A&M University. Registration is \$200 per team. It will be a two-person scramble team format with prizes for three places in four flights, along with hole-in-one and straightest drive. Tournament scholarship sponsorships are available as follows: platinum sponsor, \$2,500; corporate sponsor, \$1,500; eagle sponsor, \$1,000; birdie sponsor, \$750; par sponsor, \$350; and hole sponsor, \$150. Payment may be made by check, money order or online via PayPal at [www.aamualumni.org](http://www.aamualumni.org), or mailed to: AAMU Alumni Association Inc. Homecoming Scholarship Golf Tournament, Attn: Dr. Taylor Byrd, P.O. Box 1717, Normal, AL 35762; phone 565-0212; and email [taylor.byrd@aamu.edu](mailto:taylor.byrd@aamu.edu).

### Cancer survivor's team

Breast cancer survivor Jane Hardebeck of the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office and her "Running for the Cure with Lucy and Ethel" team are recruiting runners and walkers for the 11th annual Liz Hurley Ribbon Run 5K on Oct. 18. Registration fee is \$30. To register as a member of Hardebeck's team, visit the website [www.lizhurleyribbonrun.org](http://www.lizhurleyribbonrun.org), click on "Register Here," click "I agree" to the Waiver/Agreement, then click on "Join a Team" and select "Running for the Cure with Lucy and Ethel" team. If you would like to purchase a team shirt, email Hardebeck by Sept. 26 at [janiegh@comcast.net](mailto:janiegh@comcast.net).

### Benefit golf tournament

The annual Aviation Systems Project Office Golf Scramble, to benefit Army Emergency Relief, is Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Links. Cost is \$45 for Links members, \$65 for nonmembers. Cost includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and AER donation. There will be door prizes, closest-to-the-hole prizes and longest drive prizes. To register your team, make a donation or sponsor a hole, call Amanda Medley 313-4014 or email [amanda.medley.civ@mail.mil](mailto:amanda.medley.civ@mail.mil).

## Conferences & Meetings

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will meet Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Summit.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at The Summit. Breakfast is available at the club. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For information call president John Perry 922-9300, ext. 214, or vice president Ivory Whitaker 313-0865/2066.

### Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Research Park Club 4838, which meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Senator offices, 315 Wynn Drive, Suite 1. For information call Marva Morse 430-0860. The Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets on the second and fourth Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at building 4488, room D-107. For information call Claudinette Purifoy 955-9422. The Redstone Toastmasters Club 1932 meets Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Christian Church, 171 Indian Creek Road. For information call Dan Cutshall 684-2359. The Confidentially Speaking Toastmasters Club 1422738 meets the first and third Thursday at noon at building 4545; potential members must have access to Redstone Arsenal. For information call Shelton Torbert 313-7134 or Larry Davis 313-7127.

### Resource managers

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly luncheon Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Guest speaker Stephen Williams will address the top of TSP, the Market and Retirement Options. For ticket information, call Raquel Ayres 842-0009 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

### Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American

Military Engineers will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Madison Square Holiday Inn on University Drive. Scotti Bozeman will bring the Spotlight presentation on Plexus Scientific. And keynote speaker Dr. Dan Turner will tell of his recent experiences as a member of the Alabama Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Cost for the luncheon is \$20. One PDH/contact hour certificate will be provided to those who desire. Make reservations by 3 p.m. Sept. 16 at [samehsvpost.org](http://samehsvpost.org).

### Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Dr. Earl Hess, a distinguished speaker from Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee, will present "After Fort Sanders: Longstreet in East Tennessee." No charge for the program; optional chicken buffet is available at 5:30 for \$8.95. Visitors are welcome. For information call 278-5533.

### Adjutant general association

The Rocket City Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association holds a monthly meeting every second Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Toftoy Hall building 3495 on Patton Road. You can bring a brown bag Lunch. The AGCRA meetings are open to all military and civilian Human Resources professionals in the commuting area. You can join the Rocket City AGCRA at [www.AGCRA.com](http://www.AGCRA.com). For information call Chenita Henderson 450-5880 or email [chenita.l.henderson.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:chenita.l.henderson.ctr@mail.mil).

### Councilman public meeting

Huntsville City Councilman Bill Kling holds a community Town Meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in meeting Room A in the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library on St. Clair Avenue. Huntsville government issues, complaints, road repair needs and other issues are discussed. Everyone who works at or lives on the Arsenal is welcome.

### Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Support Group of Huntsville will meet Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Baptist Church, 7625 Bailey Cove Road. Jennifer Jonas, a board certified music therapist, will demonstrate how music is used as a therapy to strengthen the voices of Parkinson's patients. Family, friends and caregivers as well as those with Parkinson's disease are invited. For more information, call Hank Geige 859-6523.

### Community women's club

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Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon Oct. 14 at 10.30 a.m. in The Overlook, building 150 on Golf Course Road. The program is "The Art of Cooperation," according to a release. "We are proud to partner with the Huntsville Museum of Art for this event and encourage all members and friends to attend to have the opportunity to create a wearable piece of art." Price per person is \$18 for a buffet meal. No vouchers will be available. RSVP by noon Oct. 10. For more information or reservations, visit [www.rsacwc.org](http://www.rsacwc.org), email [rsacwcreservations@gmail.com](mailto:rsacwcreservations@gmail.com) or call Fern 975-2293 or Laurie 706-464-0309. Like them on Facebook: Redstone Arsenal Community Women's Club to stay up to date on their events.

## Genealogy society

The Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library. HGCS member Geoffrey Hintze will bring lectures by genealogist Dr. John Philip Colletta via DVD. Talks to be presented include "The Genealogical Proof Standard" and "Assembling an Account of Your Discoveries." These DVDs were published this year by The Great Courses. The meeting is free and everyone is welcome. The HGCS website is [www.hgcsociety.org](http://www.hgcsociety.org).

## Field artillery group

The North Alabama-Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Field Artillery Association meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub. All current and former members as well as those interested in joining the association are welcome to attend. For more information, call Ed Poniatowski 426-8874 or email [Skibert@aol.com](mailto:Skibert@aol.com).

## Warrant officers association

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officers Association holds its monthly meeting the second Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Summit, in the Loft Room. Come join the meeting and have lunch. For more information, visit [www.redstonewarrants.com](http://www.redstonewarrants.com).

## Miscellaneous Items

### Education center

The Redstone Army Education Center's mission is to plan, prepare and implement ACES educational programs and services to support the professional career and personal goals for Soldiers, family members, Department of Army civilians

and veterans. The center provides education counseling and academic advisement, GoArmyEd Support, career/academic goal counseling, group briefings, basic academic skills counseling, test administering (no proctoring) and interpretations, Army personnel tests (SIFT, TABE, AFCT), defense language tests, military testing credit evaluation, financial aid information and veterans benefits information. Visit the center at building 3495, Toftoy Hall, on the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads or call 876-9761.

### NASA surplus

NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales website. Go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov), search by state of Alabama, and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-1774.

### Motorcycle safety training

Motorcycle training is mandatory for all Soldiers who desire to ride a motorcycle regardless of riding it on or off Redstone Arsenal. All Soldier motorcycle riders are required to take the Basic Riders Course prior to operating a motorcycle. The BRC is a one-time requirement. All Soldier motorcycle riders will be required to complete advanced motorcycle training consisting of either the experienced riders course or the military sport bike riders course within 12 months following completion of the BRC. The BRC and ERC are provided on Redstone for Soldiers on a monthly or as needed basis (except during winter months). Classes will generally start in March and end in November. The Garrison Safety Office will schedule the times and dates of the training. Classes are provided at no cost to active duty military. Military will not be charged leave to attend training. Soldiers may take the civilian equivalents in lieu of the Army provided ERC or MSRC, at no expense to the government, within 12 months following completion of the BRC. The civilian equivalents include the Basic Riders Course II, synonymous with the ERC, and the Advanced Riders Course, synonymous with the MSRC. Soldier motorcycle riders are encouraged to take advanced motorcycle training optimally 60 days after the BRC but must complete training within 12 months. For more information, call Keith Coates of the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383.

### Community celebration

The CARE Center will hold a three-

day Community Celebration on Oct. 18-20. The festivities begin in New Hope with "I Grill because I CARE," and a community-wide picnic Oct. 19. The celebration concludes Oct. 20 with the annual "I Golf because I CARE" tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course in Hampton Cove. "Everyone is welcome to all events as we will highlight the great strides that have been made in our local schools and in the community and with our neighbors," a prepared release said. To register for the events, call the CARE Center 723-2273 or visit [www.thecarecenter.us](http://www.thecarecenter.us).

### Statewide veterans reunion

The Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission announces the inaugural Alabama All Veterans and Family Reunion, a series of events Sept. 26-28 across Tuscaloosa. The events begin at 5 p.m. Sept. 26 with the Alabama Veterans Welcome Reception at the Tuscaloosa River Market and Motorcycle Honor Ride. On Sept. 27, TTSC will hold the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall, Veterans Marketplace, Military Aircraft and Vehicle Dis-

play, and Military Ball. To conclude the celebration, a Memorial Service and Breakfast will be held Sept. 28 from 8-10 a.m. at the Tuscaloosa Veterans Memorial Park, followed by an opportunity to "Visit a Vet" at the Tuscaloosa VA. This commemorative weekend will be offered free to all attendees with the exception of the Military Ball. It is asked that all attendees register for the event to ensure that the proper accommodations can be made for the weekend. For more information and to register, go to [visittuscaloosa.com](http://visittuscaloosa.com).

### Destruct truck service

Effective Oct. 1, the Logistics Readiness Center will no longer provide document and media device destruction services for Redstone Arsenal tenants. Local vendors are capable of providing the same services at a competitive price. LRC Logistics Note 8 has been sent to resource managers and logistics representatives in reference to this service, with a list of local vendors. The center recommends that Redstone tenant logistics supervisors and resource managers initiate action

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to avoid a lapse of service. For more information, call Humberto Rivera 876-1718 or Cory Thomas 876-3119.

## First aid training

The AMCOM Safety and AMCOM's Leader Investment for Tomorrow Program are sponsoring AED/CPR certification classes given by the American Red Cross Sept. 8-12 and Sept. 22-26 from 8 a.m. to noon at Toftoy Hall, building 3495. This course is open to AMCOM employees located in the Sparkman Center. The training is designed to train volunteers to be ready, willing and able to perform life saving measures in an emergency situation. Successful completion provides the volunteer with recognition from the American Red Cross as a certified AED/CPR volunteer with a thorough understanding of basic life saving skills. Registration is required in TIP using catalog number SFA. For more information, call Mike Davis, AMCOM Safety Office, at 842-8642 or email michael.A.Davis55.civ@mail.mil; or a Lift team member: shannon.Marion@us.army.mil (876-6787), torri.j.johnson.civ@mail.mil (955-1199), robert.w.hearon.civ@mail.mil (313-3695), dennis.w.granger.civ@mail.mil (313-2377) and elizabeth.m.blankenship7.civ@mail.mil (842-8284).

## 9/11 honor walk

A 9/11 Honor Walk will be held Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The labyrinth walk begins at 1 with music provided by Microwave Dave. The celebration begins at 3 with music by JED Eye, Distinct Grace and The Representatives. The event is sponsored by Still Serving Veterans, Turning Point Consultants and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

## Community party

United Way's second annual Block Party is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Big Spring Park east – where the spring emanates. The theme for this campaign kickoff is "Unite – Be the One." There will be free hot dogs, pizza, cake and children's activities.

## Rolling Thunder event

The local chapter of Rolling Thunder, a veterans group advocating for full accountability for Prisoners of War/Missing In Action service members, announces the third annual POW/MIA Recognition Day at the state capitol in Montgomery on Sept.

20 at 11 a.m. The local chapter is assisting its sister chapter in Spanish Fort with the event. For more information, call George Cross 714-9293.

## Crafts show

The annual Fall Craft Show, sponsored by the Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's Association, is Sept. 19-21 at the Von Braun Center's South Hall. Hours for this free event are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 19-20 and noon-5 Sept. 21. For more information, call Annie Hannah 880-7967, Shirley Pettiti 883-2199 or Elizabeth Crum 423-4312.

## Volunteers sought

The 2014 Special Olympics Track and Field Event for the Madison County area will be held Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Milton Frank Stadium. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Volunteer escorts must be 16 or older. Volunteers under 16 can assist in the activity tents and other areas as needed. The Volunteer Committee includes Camille Gardner, Lindsey McMicken, Georgina Chapman and Beth Middleton (Beddingfield). Call 922-0802 or email so@aegistg.com.

## Army aviation testing

Residents may see and hear flares being dispensed from low flying rotary and fixed wing aircraft through the beginning of October, according to the Redstone Test Center. Coordination with all necessary agencies has been conducted to ensure these test are contained over the test ranges of the Arsenal. Redstone Test Center thanks you for your ongoing cooperation as it continues to test equipment for America's Soldiers and military. Any inquiries should be directed to Garrison Public Affairs at 876-4161 or usarmy.redstone.imcom.mbx.cmdinfo@mail.mil.

## Ordnance school reunion

A Redstone reunion is planned for alumni of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, which moved to Fort Lee, Virginia. The former brigade commanders, command sergeants major, civilians, officers, warrant officers, NCOs and Soldiers will come together Oct. 24-25 for a 59th Ordnance/OMEMS reunion. All previous members of the 59th and OMEMS are invited to come out and rekindle old friendships, meet new friends and share stories from the past. They will also hear from

the current 59th brigade commander, Col. Jeffrey Carter, on how the brigade and school have evolved. The agenda includes: Oct. 24 – dinner with the brigade commander leadership; and Oct. 25 – golf from 8 a.m. to noon, barbecue lunch at the Links clubhouse noon to 2 p.m., social hour 6-7 p.m. and a reunion dinner from 7-11 p.m. Cost is \$40 for golf and barbecue lunch, \$15 for barbecue lunch only and \$30 for the reunion dinner. Make checks for golf and barbecue lunch payable to the Links; and make checks for the reunion dinner payable to The Summit. Mail to 59th Ordnance Brigade and OMEMS Reunion, 128 Taurus Drive, c/o Lewis Lockett, Harvest, AL 35749. For more information call Lockett 990-2388, email lewis\_lockett@yahoo.com; Reginald Battle 763-1439, email RCB552000@yahoo.com; Cynthia Hughes, Chugh1@hotmail.com; Deitra Floyd, msstang92@hotmail.com; Johnie Keeter, keeterw4@knology.net; or Ed Banville, edbanville@hotmail.com.

## Retiree event

The 43rd annual Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Day is Sept. 18-20. Retiree bulletins announcing the date and the planned activities have been mailed to 40,000 retirees throughout the Tennessee Valley. The theme for this year's RAD is "Strength of the Retirees: Support Warriors, Veterans and their Families." The RAD is organized by Redstone Arsenal's Military Retiree Council. Schedule includes: Sept. 18 – MWR Golf Scramble at the Links at noon; Sept. 19 – Free continental breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. at The Summit, Retiree Health Fair presented by Fox Army Health Center beginning at 8 a.m. at The Summit, Commissary welcome with refreshments from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Challenger Bingo beginning at 6:45 p.m. at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road; and Sept. 20 – Breakfast from 7 to 8 a.m. in the Sparkman Cafeteria with music provided by the Army Materiel Command Band, opening ceremony at 8 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium followed by a morning of informational speakers and information booths until 2 p.m. Other services provided during the Saturday event will be ID card issuance and assistance at the Sparkman Center, and Estate and Legal Services – including wills, living wills, advance health care directives and powers of attorney – from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Legal Assistance Office, building 3439 on Honest John Road (transportation to and from building 3439 will be provided from the Sparkman Center parking lot near the auditorium).

Also on Saturday, the Exchange will celebrate its Grand Reopening and Retiree Appreciation Day with cake and punch served at 3 p.m. For information call 842-2421.

## Hold 'em, fold 'em

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Hold 'em or Fold 'em Night is Sept. 17-19 at 5 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub, building 114 on Hankins Drive. The event will include prizes for the winners. Registration is \$10 per day or \$25 for three days. To pre-register, call Sgt. 1st Class John Fulton 450-9530 or email at John.Fulton1@yahoo.com. Registration will also be accepted the days of the event.

## Strong bonds

Strong Bonds Families Enrichment Training for military couples stationed at Redstone Arsenal and Fort Rucker is Sept. 19-21 at the Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park. The conference is hosted by the Aviation and Missile Command's Unit Ministry Team. For more information, call 842-6814 or Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Boulware 842-7247, email james.r.boulware.mil@mail.mil.

## Base supply store

The Base Supply Store – building 3775 and satellite location at building 5220 – will close from Oct. 1-7 to conduct an annual inventory. Both locations will reopen Oct. 8. Plan accordingly and procure your office supplies by Sept. 30. The Base Supply Store will process emergency procurements should the need arise. Fax emergency requests to 313-1854.

## Ammunition amnesty

The Logistics Readiness Center-Redstone announces an Amnesty Day, Oct. 23 in accordance with Army Regulation 710-2 and Garrison Policy 385-64. Amnesty Day's purpose is to allow free delivery/disposal of those abandoned/unauthorized ammunition and explosives materials that are not being stored properly and present a hazardous situation. Items must be delivered to building 8762 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Go south on Patton Road, cross over Buxton Road, turn right at the first paved road, and building 8762 is on the right side. As a reminder, at that same intersection below Buxton Road, on the left, is sand-bagged amnesty barrel open 24/7 for anyone wanting to dispose of small arms/caliber munitions. For information call Kevin Waldrep, QASAS team lead, at 842-9085, email joseph.k.waldrep.civ@mail.mil.

## Combat veterans fellowship

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be  
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served along with fellowship at the Combat Veteran Fellowship event hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5162, on Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. Veterans are invited to share their memories, pictures and mementos at this event. Veterans who wear their uniform will receive a prize. Reservations should be sent by Oct. 15 to VFW5162@gmail.com with "fellowship" in the subject line, or call or text 503-3551.

## Vietnam commemoration

All are invited to attend the 2014 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Lecture Series, Nov. 3 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Drive in Huntsville. Admission is free. The event, which will feature guest speaker retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti, also includes exhibits, complimentary breakfast and lunch. Exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with Libutti's remarks at 11. To register, visit [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com). Complimentary breakfast will be at 10, lunch at 12:30.

## Wellness fair

The North Alabama Health and Wellness Fair is Saturday in the Student Health and Wellness Center at Alabama A&M University. The community event will offer free medical screenings, health information and more. Public transportation will be provided by the city of Huntsville from selected locations, and Spanish interpreters will be available. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with a community health and fitness walk with the Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be free healthy snacks and door prizes. The health fair is free and open to the public, and is a joint collaboration between AshaKiran, A Ray of Hope; 100 Black Men of America-Greater Huntsville Chapter; the North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless; Alabama A&M University Student Health and Wellness Center; Madison County Commission District 6 and the North Alabama Medical Reserve Corps. For more information about the health fair, call Earnest Starks 975-5519 or Bhavani Kakani 698-4446.

## WWI trip

The Greater Huntsville Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is conducting a trip to Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 26-28 to witness the 100th Anniversary of World War I Dawn Patrol Rendezvous at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The Dawn Patrol Rendezvous features vintage original and reproduction World War I aircraft

in flight, radio-controlled models, era automobiles, period re-enactors, educational activities and a collector's show. The AIAA will also tour the museum with presentations by Air Force veterans, a photo contest and a scavenger hunt for the kids. On Saturday evening, the group will have a dinner with a lecture on Air Force Research Laboratory hypersonic propulsion research. Before returning on Sunday, the group will tour sites on the historic Aviation Trail. The trip is open to AIAA members and Air Force Association members, and their families. For more information see [www.hsv-aiaa.org](http://www.hsv-aiaa.org) or email distribution@hsv-aiaa.org. Register before Sept. 12 at [www.hsv-aiaa-events.org](http://www.hsv-aiaa-events.org).

## Patriotic mosaic

The EarlyWorks Family of Museums has begun creating a second mosaic in a 10-part series to be displayed on the grounds of the Historic Huntsville Depot Museum. The second mosaic will be unveiled Veterans Day and will join the first mosaic already on display. Local residents are invited to contribute to the second mosaic by submitting photos of veterans along with a \$25 donation per photo. Donations will be used to fund EarlyWorks Family of Museums education initiatives and the Patriot's Pathway Initiative. The submitted photos will be incorporated into this unique tribute to service members. Veteran photos can be submitted online at [visionofvets.com](http://visionofvets.com) or a hard-copy photo can be delivered to the EarlyWorks Children's Museum, the Historic Huntsville Depot or Southerland's Photo on Whitesburg Drive. Posters of the 2014 Patriot's Mosaic will be available at the dedication on Veterans Day. For more information, call 564-8100.

## Fall Back festival

The AMCOM Logistics Center will hold a Fall Back Festival organizational day for its employees Oct. 9 at 7 a.m. at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreational Area. The day's activities will include softball and soccer tournaments, horseshoes and corn-hole, a car show, a fishing tournament, Bingo and music by DJ Darryl Shelton. New this year will be ALC Family Feud, ALC Who's Got Talent, ALC karaoke, a motorcycle show and children's activities (the event is during Fall Break for local schools). Vendors will include Jumbe Jenga, Table Classics, AAMU Wellness Center, Florida Institute for Technology and University of Alabama in Huntsville. Employees are invited to bring a picnic lunch or buy their lunch from the following food trucks that will be on site: Crave Heat, I Love

Bacon, BBQ King and Food Fighters. Employees should bring their own lawn chairs, umbrellas, blankets, tents and mosquito repellent. Boats are welcome. To purchase a ALC festival ticket, call one of the following: building 5301, Celeste Staggs 313-2041; building 5302, Cathy Granville Scott 876-3889, Odri Hastings 876-0194, Carla Gafford 876-2362; building 5307, Katherine Rowell 842-1431, LaTonia English 313-0281, Danielle Prude 313-1413; building 5308, Celia Holland 313-1617; building 5309, Monique Harper 313-1553, Susan Deloach 955-6461, Eva Miles-Casin 955-8860; building 5678, Ashlyn Isom 313-3386, Ameisha Collins 313-3390; Wynn Drive, Sharonda Grandberry 313-1124; or Main Street South, Johnnie Wright 213-5244.

## Logistics achievement awards

The 2014 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon is Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. at The Summit. Two awards will be presented: the Management/Executive Award to GS-13s and above (or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award to GS-13s and below (or military equivalents). These awards are presented annually to recognize Team Redstone individuals who have made notable contributions to the efficiency and quality of logistical support, and demonstrated excellence and professionalism in his or her assigned duties in the field of logistics. Tickets will be on sale Oct. 1 through Nov. 4 for \$17. For tickets call event coordinator Shannon McNatt 842-9064, Barbara Harris 876-3805, Alisa McBride 955-8842, Darlene Readus 876-2392, Kelly McDaniel 313-1641, Joezer Lopez 876-7966, Kim Lund 842-5586, Sandy Morris 842-1009, Suzanne Wolf 955-0135, Willis Morris 955-7180, Carla Gafford 876-2362 or Amanda Staggs 313-2041.

## Bells across America

The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their annual Bells Across America event in celebration of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, on Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. at Alabama Constitution Village. Hosted by the Maple Hill Chapter, other participants will include the Huntsville Chapter, Hunt's Spring Chapter and Twickenham Town Chapter, DAR; Tennessee Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; John Hunt Society, Children of the American Revolution; and the Army Materiel Band's Brass Quintet. This event is

free and open to the public.

## Acquisition course opportunities

Defense Acquisition University South has available seats for classes. To see the complete list to include the DAU South offerings in Huntsville, visit [icatalog.dau.mil/onlinecatalog/tabnav.aspx](http://icatalog.dau.mil/onlinecatalog/tabnav.aspx), and click on the blue "Low Fill Classes" link on the right side of the page. Additional training course information can be accessed by clicking on the link for the particular training course. For general inquiries, call Jacqueline Fontenot 922-8752 or email [jacqueline.fontenot@dau.mil](mailto:jacqueline.fontenot@dau.mil).

## Commissary case lot sale

The Commissary will have a case lot sale Sept. 18-20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. "Commissary case lot sale shoppers get 'bargains by the case' and savings up to 50 percent off regular prices on popular items," a prepared release said. Check out the webpage at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

## Redstone Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop staff members thank all of you for being patient during the shop's renovation. They took this opportunity to rearrange the shop; so, stop by and see their changes and browse. Holidays are coming soon and they have a section of seasonal items for sale. If you are interested in consigning, stop by and pick up a packet. The shop goes by color coded tickets and changes them weekly; it also has a 50 percent off section. The shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is located behind the One Stop. The phone number is 881-6992. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-5 Thursday and 10-2 the first Saturday of the month. Consignment hours are 9-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday unless otherwise stated on the No-List machine. Call the No-List number 881-6915 Mondays after 3 p.m. to see what they are not taking for that week and any announcements for the shop. Donations are welcome anytime; after hours, leave them in the gray box under the pavilion or as close to the door as possible.

## Team building

The John Maxwell Team Huntsville will present "L2: Learn-Lead" on Oct. 10 at Asbury UMC, 980 Hughes Road in Madison. It features John Maxwell, Linda Kaplan Thaler and Tim Sanders. To learn more about L2, visit [www.L2Huntsville.net](http://www.L2Huntsville.net). Individual and group tickets are available.



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