

Workforce encouraged to report suspicious activity

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Everyone has a role to play in the safety and security of Redstone Arsenal.

Spot an individual taking pictures at a gate? Someone in an area of the installation where they shouldn't be? Something just not look right? If you see something, say something – immediately.

“We need the intel immediately, that way we can act and react,” said Roger Triplett, Directorate of Emergency Services operations officer. “Don't be afraid to call – we'd rather investigate and have nothing happen than hear nothing and have something happen.”

All suspicious persons and activities should be immediately reported to Redstone Dispatch at 313-6422. If an incident appears to be life threatening, call 911 immediately. Once you have called Redstone Dispatch, notify your supervisor and organizational antiterrorism officer.

“Everyone is a vital sensor when it comes to reporting suspicious persons or activity,” said Daniel Huber, Garrison anti-terrorism program manager. “Identifying suspicious activity or behaviors is not a difficult science. Rely on your judgment. Your suspicion of a threat could be confirmed with only one incident, or it could take a series of incidents. Your suspicions will need to be based on experience, judgment and common sense.”

Much like the Neighborhood Watch program, the Army instituted iWatch, an antiterrorism awareness program, to emphasize the importance of everyone's role in protecting the community from terrorist attacks. While August is Antiterror-



ism Awareness Month, the importance of following the philosophy of “See Something, Say Something,” is 24/7.

Individuals are encouraged to:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Immediately report suspicious persons or activity to Redstone Dispatch. “Time is of the essence,” Huber said. If it occurs while you're driving up to a gate, notify the guard.
- Get good descriptions of the individuals, vehicles and activities involved in any suspicious activity to provide to law enforcement.
- Don't confront those involved in suspicious activity – leave it to law enforcement.
- Don't be afraid to report the suspicious activity. “We'd rather have 99 false alarms than one incident,” said Mark Olson, Garrison antiterrorism officer.

Safety awareness focus for annual event

By JASON CUTSHAW

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

As summer approaches, Redstone Arsenal commands focus on the health and safety of their team members.

The Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and the Missile Defense Agency held the seventh annual Joint Safety Awareness Day and Health Expo to promote safety awareness Thursday at the Von Braun Complex on Redstone Arsenal.

SMDC/ARSTRAT also held another Safety Day for its team members stationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the same day.

“We have been doing this for seven years and it illustrates the great relationship we have with our MDA partners,” said Lt. Gen.



Photo by Jason Cutshaw

Lt. Gen. David Mann, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, spends time at the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety exhibit during the Missile Defense Agency and SMDC/ARSTRAT's seventh annual Joint Safety Awareness Day and Health Expo to promote safety awareness Thursday at the Von Braun Complex on Redstone Arsenal.



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On June 14 Team Redstone and the surrounding community joins in celebrating the Army's 240th birthday. We invite you to help celebrate our Army and its continued commitment to safeguarding our Nation's freedom.

The Army is and has always been a reflection of the strength of our Nation. This day is an occasion to reflect upon the true strength of our Army; its Extraordinary Soldiers and their Family members. Our Soldiers are the guardians of freedom. They are the less than one half of one percent of our population who have volunteered to go into harm's way to protect that which we hold so dear. In the nearly 14 years that have elapsed since the 9-11 attack on our homeland, our Soldiers and Families have endured tremendous hardship, and many have paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend this great land and its citizens. Continuing in the tradition of Molly Pitcher, who loaded and fired her husband's cannon at the Battle of Monmouth, Army Family members remain just as critical to our success. Today, they play an indispensable role in maintaining the readiness of our all-volunteer force.

On this day, we also recognize the contributions of our Civilian Workforce. They provided the continuity and institutional wisdom throughout many unit deployments that enabled our Army to remain adaptable and resilient.

Another vital key to the strength of our Army is the tremendous strength of our local communities here in Huntsville, Madison and the Tennessee Valley, where patriotism runs strong and who welcomed the Arsenal into its midst in 1941, at a time in which America's freedom was in grave peril. While there will always be those who seek to destroy our great Nation, our way of life and our dreams for the future; Americans everywhere can rest secure in the knowledge that the guardians of freedom and the communities that support them are still on watch.

Birthdays are an occasion to reflect upon past accomplishments and to assess the outlook for the future. Today, we live in a world that is changing at an exponential rate. Our world is much more complex and challenging than the one our forefathers knew. However, our Army's values remain unchanged. Our Army remains a reflection of the very best that America has to offer, and a beacon of hope to its citizens and to the rest of the world. Our Army stands ready, just as it did 240 years ago, to fight and win our Nation's wars in defense of freedom.

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?

Heaven. But you probably mean this side of eternity. I grew up in Snellville, Georgia, but I've lived here long enough that I consider Madison to be home. It's also the only home my kids know or remember.

What do you like about your job?

A lot of research and development is done through scientific collaboration. I really enjoy meeting engineers throughout the Department of Defense and industry, and having the chance to work with them to solve common problems.

What are your goals – personal, professional or both?

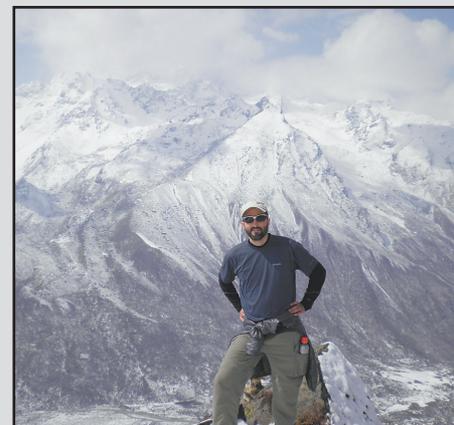
Personally, my goal is to be the best husband and dad possible to my wife and three kids. Professionally, I'd like to have a career such that when I leave, I will have made a positive difference for the Soldiers who serve on the front lines.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Chasing my three kids to their extra-curricular activities. Two are swimmers, the boys are into Scouting and the younger boy is involved with a leadership program at school.

What is on your bucket list?

It's a long list. Thru-hike the Appalachian Trail, possibly with one or more of my kids – I've section hiked from Georgia to about four miles into Virginia. Cruise the inside passage of Alaska. Visit all 50 states – I'm at 34, not including ones I've only driven through or landed at an airport in. I get to check off New Mexico in July when I take my oldest son to Philmont Scout Ranch. Learn to fly and get my private pilot's license.



Quote of the week

'Sure I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave? Sure I love my country with all her faults. I'm not ashamed of that, never have been, never will be.'

— John Wayne

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On this date in history: June 10

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- In 1760:** New York passes the first effective law regulating practice of medicine.
- In 1793:** Washington supersedes Philadelphia as the U.S. capital.
- In 1809:** The first U.S. steamboat to make an ocean voyage leaves New York for Philadelphia.
- In 1854:** The first class of the U.S. Naval Academy students graduate.
- In 1898:** U.S. Marines land in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.
- In 1908:** The first flying club, Aeronautical Society of New York, opens.
- In 1915:** British/French troops conquer the German colony of Cameroon.
- In 1940:** Italy declares war on France and Britain during World War II.

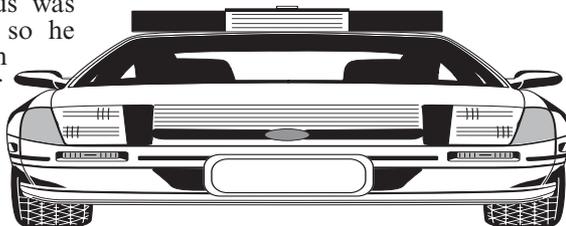
Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Division, provided the following list of reported incidents from May 24-30:

- May 24: A driver entering Gate 8 was selected for a Random Antiterrorism Measures inspection and was unable to produce his driver's license. An National Crime Information Center check revealed the license was suspended. He was cited and the vehicle was removed by a licensed driver.
- May 26: A contractor at the Visitor Center requested a pass. An NCIC check revealed he had a warrant from Killen. He was arrested and released to Killen authorities.
- May 27: A driver attempting to enter Gate 9 was unable to produce any identification. An NCIC check revealed his license was revoked. He was cited and the vehicle was removed by a licensed driver.
- May 28: At Vincent and Goss roads, a driver struck a vehicle that had yielded to oncoming traffic.
- May 29: A driver approached Gate 9 requesting directions to a Huntsville location. During turnaround procedures, he was unable to produce any identification. He was transported to the police station where his fingerprints were faxed to the FBI and an NCIC check of his immigration status was checked. He was not wanted, so he was escorted off the installation and released with citations for no driver's license and improper tags. His vehicle was towed.
- May 29: A contractor entering Gate 10 produced a non-driver identification. An NCIC

check revealed he had a warrant from Decatur. He was arrested and released to Decatur authorities.

- May 30: Police arrested a driver in the Shoppette parking lot for driving under the influence.
- May 30: A driver attempting to enter Gate 9 was unable to produce his identification. An NCIC check revealed he had a warrant from Decatur. He was arrested and released to Decatur authorities. The vehicle was removed by a licensed driver.
- Traffic citations issued included 14 for speeding, 3 violations of handicapped parking, 2 suspended/revoked licenses; 1 expired registration, 1 violation of traffic control device, 1 no driver's license, 1 driving under the influence and 1 improper tags.
- Throughout May, gate guards scanned 2,941 visitor IDs, of which 1,620 had an alert that caused further research. From those 1,620, 55 individuals were denied access to the installation, including two individuals with murder convictions, six sex offenders, nine with felony assault convictions, 10 drug offenses, and nine for felony convictions within the past 10 years. Sixteen individuals throughout May had warrants out for their arrest; and four were extradited.



Comment: Recently the Sparkman Center gym lost cable services. I go there to relieve stress from work but am forced to watch work related news (DoD news). Please get the cable back on so that the gym can be an enjoyable place again.

Response: Thank you for your ICE comment in reference to the cable at the Sparkman Fitness



Center. Unfortunately the loss of cable has not only affected the fitness center, but the entire Sparkman Complex, as well. There have been changes made in the way cable is delivered and the complex wiring system at the Sparkman Complex cannot accommodate digital cable services at this time. We have been informed that cable services should be restored in the Sparkman Complex in several months. Thanks for understanding and we hope you continue to enjoy the facility and equipment.

Tell us about your experience. Put it on ICE at ice.disa.mil. For more information or questions about the Garrison ICE Program, call Donna Johnson at 876-2924.

**Garrison Command Sgt. Maj.
Bob Lehtonen**



Photo by Adriane Foss, USASAC

International office call

Robert Moore, deputy to the commanding general of the Security Assistance Command, shares a moment with Australia's Brig. Gen. Andrew Mathewson, director of General Army Aviation Systems, during an office call Thursday. Mathewson is responsible for the acquisition and support to the Australia army's helicopter and unmanned aerial system fleets. He visited Moore to thank USASAC and the Aviation and Missile Command for the recent delivery of their CH-47F helicopters ahead of schedule and under budget.

Community Health Promotion Council corner

Pap smear prescribed for women age 21-65

By Maj. LATONA HARRIS

Community Health Promotion Council

Did you know that cervical cancer is on the decline within the United States because women are ensuring they are getting their Pap smears completed per recommended practice guidelines? Are you counted within those numbers?

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommend women age 21 to 65 receive screening for cervical cancer with cytology (Pap smear) every three years. According to this guidance, cervical screening begins at 21. The American Cancer Society recommends that women start cervical screening with Pap tests after three years of initiating sexual activity but by no later than 21. Although the American Cancer Society has slightly different recommendations, all governing bodies agree that screening should be completed during the most at risk ages for cervical cancer.

Human Papilloma Virus has an established correlation to cervical cancer. Due to this association, ACOG, USPSTF and ACS recommend women over 30 receive testing for the HPV virus every five years during their cytology exam. HPV testing is not completed routinely before 30 because HPV does not normally cause lasting cervical cellular change that is associated with cervical cancer at younger ages. HPV is commonly transferred from one person to the next through sexual contact. According to the CDC, almost every sexual active individual will acquire HPV within his or her lifetime (CDC, 2013). This virus has over 100 different strains of which two strains (HPV 16,18) causes over 70 percent of cervical cancer in women. In the United States, it is estimated that HPV has caused over 11,000 cervical cancer diagnosis and over 3,600 deaths in women in 2007 (CDC, 2013).

In order to combat cervical cancer in beneficiaries, Fox Army Health Center monitors female beneficiaries' compliance with women's health practice guidelines with



receiving a Pap smear at least every three years. If you have not had your Pap smear completed within the last three years and your primary care provider is located at Fox, please call 955-8888 to schedule your appointment today. Fox also offers the HPV vaccine series for male and female beneficiaries age 11-26 through their primary care providers. Appointments are not necessary for the vaccine series; walk-ins are welcomed. Vaccine is not effective for those who are over 26.

Beware of unsolicited health care calls

By Military Health System Communications Office

The Defense Health Agency, Office of Program Integrity has received a significant number of concerns from Tricare beneficiaries regarding unsolicited attempts by "Call Centers" to encourage them to provide personal identifying information and health information so that they can allegedly provide prescribed cream medications to the Tricare beneficiary.

Tricare and its contractors never call and ask for personal identifying information or health information. Beneficiaries should be wary of unsolicited attempts by any entity asking them for personal or health information, either by phone or in person.

The "Call Center" will normally cold call and say, "I am a representative calling from XYZ, we are calling to tell you about a benefit Tricare will cover for you for a prescription pain cream you are eligible for. Do you have any of the following medical issues (list of issues) or pain? If so, Tricare wants to get you taken care of, all we need are your doc-

tor's name and your Tricare information and we will contact your doctor and get these medications or supplies out to you immediately and submit a claim."

DHA PI strongly advises you to give no information to these types of unsolicited requests for your personal health information and personal identifying information. Often these "Call Centers" have identified what limited information they have through Google searches or through individuals who have approached you independently and obtained information directly from you.

Should you receive a phone call for this information provide no information. Also, please immediately submit a Fraudline report to the Pharmacy Benefits contractor ESI. You can report the issue to Express Scripts Inc.: Express Scripts Fraud Tip Hotline 1-866-759-6139; and email TRICAREfraudtip@express-scripts.com.

ESI can also flag your profile and reject attempts to bill for these medications. If you do receive unsolicited medication in the mail, you can refuse delivery.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Aviation engineers workshop

The Aviation Engineering Directorate, part of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, held a workshop June 1-4 in Huntsville to revise the Aeronautical Design Standard Handbook on the Condition Based Maintenance System for Army aircraft. Attendees included about 100 engineers and scientists throughout the nation and four international visitors from the Netherlands.

Children reading to rhythm throughout summer



Courtesy photo

With their decorated music note shaped cookies are Yuan-Chi, 11, and his sister Yu-Hsuan, 10, children of Chung-Hao Lin.



Courtesy photo

Trying the drums is Halle Lanier, 3, daughter of Maj. Patrick and Kristen Lanier of Redstone Arsenal.

By **BARBARA McGROARY**
Post Library librarian

The Post Library was rockin' to the rhythms of the AMC Band's Redstone Rockets on May 30. The Redstone Rockets helped kick off the library's "Read to the Rhythm" Summer Reading program. In addition to playing, the band members also talked about their instruments, and brought instruments for the children to play. Lines of children formed immediately to give a try.

The children also decorated music note shaped cookies. Icing was liberally applied and sprinkles were flying.

There was also a StoryWalk with the book "The Mole Music," by David McPhail, outside the library. The children and parents moved from station to station reading the book. The StoryWalk will continue throughout the summer with different books. StoryWalk project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kel-

logg Hubbard Library.

"Read to the Rhythm" Summer Reading Program will run through

July 18 culminating with an awards program at the School Age Center on July 23 at 5 p.m.



Courtesy photo

The AMC Band's Redstone Rockets include, from left, Staff Sgt. Lawrence Henry (trumpet), Sgt. Paul Scherer (saxophone), Staff Sgt. Jeremy Baharloui (drums), Spc. Andrew Noble (sousaphone) and Spc. Andrew Horton (trombone).

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:

Free movie Friday

This week's Free Movie Friday is "American Sniper," rated R. A free movie is shown every other Friday at Heiser Hall, building 3712 at Patton and Aerobee roads. The doors open at 5 p.m. for refreshments with the movie starting at 6. Remember, this is a free movie with snacks all sold for a nominal fee.

Trip to Tunica

Toni Terrell's Trip to Tunica is Saturday. Register for \$50 for this bus trip which includes grab-n-go breakfast, free Toni tees, discounted lunch at the Gold Strike Casino and \$5 free play. Departure is 8 a.m. from the Gate 9 Visitor

Center, with return around midnight. For more information, call 876-4531.

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 or nancy.l.green31.naf@mail.mil.

Bowling hours

Redstone Lanes is operating with summer hours: Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Summit catering

The Summit is your one stop shop for weddings and special events. It offers on site and off site catering, and multiple event locations. Call 450-9227 or 842-9600.

Card game

Looking for a place to play Texas hold 'em? Look no further. The Firehouse Pub holds weekly Texas hold 'em games every Friday. The pub opens at 3 p.m. with play beginning at 5:30. There

is a \$10 buy-in fee and a \$10 re-up fee. Prizes are awarded to the top three finishers at the end of the night. For more information, call the Firehouse Pub at 842-0748.

Leisure travel

Planning a summer getaway? Leisure Travel can help. Appointment hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 313-0090 to schedule an appointment.

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Army Materiel Command Band in concert season

The Army Materiel Command Band will help celebrate the 240th Army Birthday with performances both locally and on the road.

The band's Sonic Fusion will show off its versatility and kick off Redstone Arsenal's Army Birthday celebration and fun run at 6 a.m. Friday in the Exchange park-



ing lot.

The band continues its educational outreach mission this week at the Madison Music Camp at James Clemens High School.

The Raw Materiel rock band will perform at the Space and Missile Defense Command's Organizational Day at 10 a.m. Friday at the Redstone Activity Field.

Tell us about ...

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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Your thoughts of the American flag as we celebrate Flag Day on June 14.

"I just think it's very symbolic of our nation and what freedom is all about and what we're fighting for," said Mike Atkins, an intern with the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.



Mike Atkins

Elks Flag Day Ceremony

Huntsville Madison County Veterans Memorial
Monroe Street downtown Huntsville

June 13 at 11 a.m.

Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648 in conjunction with community leaders and veteran organizations, will present the annual Flag Day Program featuring the history of the flag of the United States of America.

Children discover science of the Bible

Photos by BRYAN BACON

Staff photographer

Bicentennial Chapel was transformed into a scientific discovery lab last week for Vacation Bible School, SonSpark Labs, which gave children in kindergarten through sixth grade the opportunity to learn more about God's love and his plan for creation. The weeklong program included Bible stories, songs, skits, crafts and games.



Chris Stratton, director of religious education, welcomes children to Vacation Bible School, dressed as a SonSpark Labs scientist.



Chris Stratton, right, director of religious education, interacts with children at Bicentennial Chapel's Vacation Bible School, SonSpark Labs.



Michelle Perrin, left, sings songs with her kindergarten class during Vacation Bible School at Bicentennial Chapel.



Stephen Jordan, left, assists Django Sarrow with dropping an egg into a glass of water during Vacation Bible School.



Dahlia Boots holds a craft she made during Vacation Bible School.

Historian builds understanding of Islamic world and culture



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Aviation and Missile Command historian Russ Rodgers discusses the differences in religious views followed by Judeo-Christian believers and Muslims.

By **KARI HAWKINS**

AMCOM Public Affairs

Understanding the beliefs of the world's religions can go a long way to understanding cultures that differ from what some consider the American way of life.

That is most evident when comparing Judeo-Christian principles with the Islamic view of the world, according to Aviation and Missile Command historian Russ Rodgers. The culture of the world's Muslims is based on the Islamic laws passed on to followers by the ancient prophet Muhammad.

And understanding those laws is essential to being able to understand the Muslim culture, said Rodgers, who has spent years conducting historical research into world religions. During a presentation June 2 that is part of AMCOM's "Religion and ..." lunch-and-learn series hosted by AMCOM's Chaplain's Office, Rodgers gave a brief introduction into the Islamic worldview, which is part of a more involved Islamic worldview course that he has taught several times to units of Soldiers preparing to deploy to the Middle East.

"How many Soldiers deploy to the Middle East who know something of Islam?" Rodgers asked the estimated 30 AMCOM employees at the lunch and learn. "They are told not to talk about religion or politics. But if they know the history of Islam, they can at least talk to

Muslim citizens and make decisions intelligently. And they could actually make a friend because they've taken the time to at least understand something about being Muslim."

Rodgers went on to explain the history of Islam as practiced by the prophet Muhammad and followed by Muslims today.

"I believe the Islamic worldview was not about converting everyone to Islam. It's about submission to the Islamic law system," Rodgers said. "You don't have to convert. But you must abide by Islamic law, and those who don't convert (but live in a nation governed by Islamic law) must pay a tax that can be as high as 80 percent."

Although much of Islam is not easily incorporated into the Western culture, Rodgers did say that Judeo-Christian believers can learn at least one thing from Muslims: how to take their faith seriously every day.

For some Muslims, they learn their faith through a process called "taqlid," meaning blind following. Other Muslims learn through a process called "ijtihad," meaning to struggle with the Islamic writings to find the true meaning and to live that meaning.

"There are plenty of Muslim moderates who are asking the question, 'Are we really Muslim according to Muhammad?' They're redefining Islam for themselves. Some Muslims practice tolerance and others want to force all citizens to follow the Islamic law," Rodgers said.

Spiritual living at Redstone

Bible's lessons remain relevant

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) GARY PAYNE

Garrison chaplain

Some believe the Bible is God's word – completely true and with no mistakes. Others believe the Bible is something that people invented.

I believe the Bible is God's word to us. Now in this article, I intend no disrespect for people of various religions that have their sacred texts. My intent is to share insights from my own quest to answer, "Why do you think the Bible is true?"

There are many facets one can discuss about its formation, its reliability, its accuracy. But in such a brief article as this, all I can do is hit some overarching, big-ticket items.

The typical "Protestant" Bible consists of 66 separate and unique writings. They were written by some 40 people with the first written collection dating between 1500 and 1300 B.C. But the development of the Bible started long before that as the people who encountered God (like Adam, Noah and Abraham) preserved their experiences through oral tradition. So, for several thousand years, the people who encountered the God of the Bible passed along their experiences, recorded them, collected the writings and held these collections as sacred.

There is no other collection of ancient writings like the Bible. There are many ancient and historical writings. They consist of random sayings, law codes, or even a story here and there. For the most part, they are fragments of standalone pieces that people wrote. For example, the Epic of Gilgamesh is an ancient poem which also includes an address of the Great Flood. Also from Mesopotamia, was The Code of Hammarabi – a law code. Another famous ancient writing is the Egyptian Book of the Dead. But no one ever thought about putting these in a collection and calling it sacred. These were writings that were important to the people who read them and used them in their place in history. No one thought there was enough significance or purpose to put them together in one unifying body of literature.

However, the Bible is a collection of oral traditions, historical records, wise sayings and prophetic voices. A people, a nation (Israel), and a movement (the church) collected these writings because they knew that it told of God's encounter with people. And they knew that these recordings would have value for all generations in showing God's interaction with us.

There is an amazing continuity in this collection of writings. In spite of oral traditions, multiple writers, spread over

Bicentennial Chapel Weekend Schedule

Catholic Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m.

Protestant
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Protestant Sunday Worship
Service 11 a.m.



Commentary

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several thousand years – in spite of being from various cultural, political and historical circumstances – there is an amazing interconnectedness. As you read the Bible, you see in its message that it has a major theme: God working to bring people into relationship with him. On top of that, there are prophecies and their fulfillments. There is nothing else like it.

Then there is the impact the Bible has. Now that does not happen automatically. Thomas Jefferson was a brilliant man who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. He also put together a book called, "The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth," also known as the "Jefferson Bible." In this he took out everything that had to do with miracles, all of the Old Testament, and most of the New Testament. However, he did not do this because he was anti-religious. He did this because he did not agree with the orthodox Christianity of his time, but at the same time possessed a high respect for Jesus as a moral teacher. He read the "Jefferson Bible" every night because he wanted to be a moral person. But, one may ask, "How did that work out?" He had his issues – such as having children with one of his slaves. Just reading the Bible or even believing some of it has little value.

But, for people of faith, the Bible has great value. And from a biblical point of view, the Bible makes a difference because we are open to a relationship with God. Then the Holy Spirit transforms us through the message in the Bible. It's the transformation that is the miracle. I know from my life, if I had continued

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to go the way I was, I was a train wreck waiting to happen. One's life can get so out of sync with God, nothing can fix it. You will find yourself on a collision course to self-destruction. But the Bible works. You find yourself connecting with God. You learn what is most important.

The apostle Paul wrote the young evangelist Timothy to encourage him. Paul said, in essence, "There is a lot of godlessness around us. People make up their own standards. They decide for themselves what is right or wrong. Some have a distorted view of God. But remember what I stood for. And what I am about to die for." (Paul was soon to be executed by Emperor Nero's court.) Paul continues, "Timothy, you know the Scriptures from your youth. You know the benefit. You know that all Scripture is God-breathed – inspired." (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

I encourage you to read the Bible. I encourage you to be open to what you might learn from it.

Protestant women's ministry

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets on Thursdays at Bicentennial Chapel. The group gathers at 9:30 a.m. for fun, fellowship, refreshments, Bible studies, free

child care and home-school programs. For more information about the Bible study and upcoming fellowship opportunities, check out the PWOC Facebook page at facebook.com/PWOCRSA. Questions can be emailed to pwocrsa@gmail.com.

Women's Bible study

Every Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:30, a non-denominational women's Bible study is held at 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.

Men's ministry

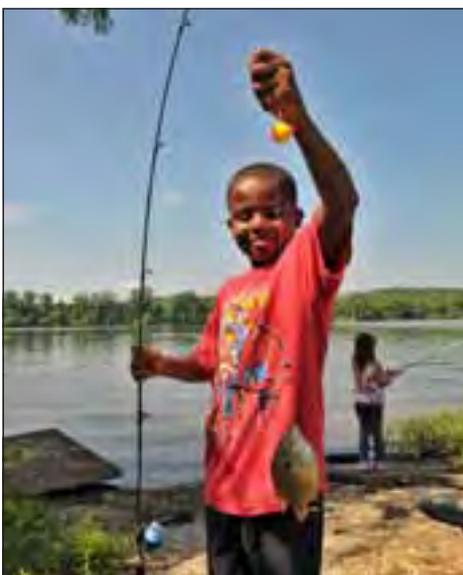
Men's Ministry, "addressing the needs of men and planting seeds for spiritual growth in Christ Jesus," meets on a Saturday each month – for exact date, call Harry Hobbs at 425-5307 – at 9 a.m. at the Links.

Weekly Mass

The weekday Mass at Bicentennial Chapel is at noon every Tuesday through Friday, and on Holy Days of Obligation at 6 p.m. (or as announced). Vigil Mass is on Saturdays at 5 p.m.

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

Free Family Fishing Day reels in fun for all



Photos by **BRYAN BACON**
Staff photographer

The Easter Posey Recreation Area was the hot place to be Saturday with the Free Family Fishing Day, which included fishing and a cook-out. Outdoor Recreation provided free worms.

At left: Brandon Walker, 9, shows off a fish he caught.

At right: People catch Saturday's opportunity to fish at the Easter Posey Recreation Area.



Caiden Williams, 8, puts a worm on his hook.



Raquel Ortiz teaches her daughter Michelle, 8, how to cast a line.

Huntsville Center seeks immediate customer feedback

By JULIA BOBICK

Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville Public Affairs

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Customer satisfaction is one of the key indicators of the health and success of the Army Corps of Engineers' Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, which operates as a nearly 100 percent cost-reimbursable organization. Getting feedback from customers more than once a year to better assess their satisfaction is the goal of a new customer comment card program launched at the end of April.

Huntsville Center customers can now simply click on the feedback link at the end of each program and project manager's email signature block to give real-time feedback.

While Huntsville Center had a good response rate (42 percent) and overwhelmingly positive feedback (91 percent overall satisfaction) on the 2014 External Customer Survey conducted Oct. 29 through Dec. 11, an end-of-year survey is not always the best indicator of how well the center is performing to meet customer expectations, according to Charles Ford, Huntsville Center's programs director.

"That's just one snapshot in time; it might not accurately reflect customer opinions or satisfaction for a project that might have finished several months before," he said.

Ford said he wants customers to be able to provide feedback immediately following an exchange with a project manager, a milestone achievement or completion of a project, or any time they have something they want to share with the center – positive or negative.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation system, commonly called ICE, provides the convenient, user friendly, flexible tool to solicit immediate feedback from customers at the point of interaction, according to Ford. The web-based Department of Defense tool enables agencies to monitor the customer service satisfaction levels through reports and customer comments.

Using ICE, Huntsville Center's process improvement and survey manager Carolyn Harris developed the short survey asking customers to rate Huntsville Center project managers on teamwork, communication, timeliness of service and overall satisfaction. There is also an optional field for customers to provide more detailed comments and/or recommendations for improvement.

"One good thing about the ICE program is that there is a follow-up response tool," Harris said. "Customers simply check a box if they would like for someone to get back with them. In addition, there is a tab within the ICE system that enables each program's ICE manager to record follow-up conversations and dates for full-circle reporting."

All the programs currently use the same comment card format, but each program has a separate URL and its own service provider manager who monitors and tracks responses. Harris said as the program evolves she would like to tailor the comment card questions for each program to elicit even more specific feedback.

"Are we meeting customer needs and expectations?" Ford asked. "These ICE comment cards are a great tool to help us determine that at every level of our organization."

Just over a month into the program the more than two dozen customer comment cards received have all rated the Center's service as excellent. Word of the customer comment card program is also spreading throughout the Corps. Both Ford and Harris have received calls from other USACE organizations interested in taking advantage of the Army's ICE tool for immediate customer engagement.

"I think it's critical for any organization – regardless of whether they are government or private, or who their customers are – to always have some sort of customer satisfaction measure in front of them when discussing the performance, health and service quality of the organization," Ford said. "Customer satisfaction and return customers are part of the equation for success in our organization and USACE as a whole."



Photo by John Cummings, SMDC/ARSTRAT

Program manager sendoff

Dr. Kip Kendrick, chief, Directed Energy Division, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's Technical Center, pins the Superior Civilian Service Award on Terrance Bauer, High Energy Laser Mobile Demonstrator program manager, during Bauer's retirement May 29. Bauer retires with 34 years of combined military and civilian service.

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Car show rolls in support for veterans

Photos by **BRYAN BACON**

Staff photographer

The 11th annual Charity Car Show, sponsored by Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners, was held Saturday at Milton Frank Stadium. All proceeds benefit veterans organizations, Semper Fi Community Task Force and Survivor Outreach Services.

Car enthusiasts look at the vehicles on display in the Milton Frank Stadium parking lot.



Navy Seabees veteran Jerry Rains stands next to his 1980 L82 Corvette.



Sports cars make fast friends during Saturday's event.



The Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners flag flies over the 11th annual fundraiser.

Coviello becomes special adviser at AMC

By AMC Public Affairs

The Army Materiel Command welcomed its first special adviser to the commanding general for intelligence and security in a ceremony June 2.

In conjunction with this appointment, Katherine Coviello became one of 38 Defense Intelligence Senior Level officers across the Department of Defense.

"I believe in protecting the underbelly of the Army – which is our industrial base," she said.

AMC deputy commander Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche presided over the ceremony and promoted Coviello to the DISL ranks – which is equivalent to a brigadier general.

In this position, Coviello will provide intelligence and security expertise, judgment and advice on national, joint, coalition and Army intelligence matters.

"Excellence does not happen by accident. It happens with hard work, passion and the willingness to make your best – better," Wyche said of Coviello.

Coviello has 30 years of experience in the intelligence field and this position being her third assignment with AMC. "This is like returning home," she said.

She previously served with the Communications and Electronics Command and the Research Development and Engineering Command, both major subordinate commands of AMC.

AMC photo

Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command, administers the oath to Katherine Coviello during her promotion ceremony June 2.



LOGSA commander arrives from headquarters



AMC photo

Col. Scott Lofreddo and his wife, Kathleen, are welcomed to the Logistics Support Activity.

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Col. Scott Lofreddo didn't have to travel far for his new assignment.

After serving as executive officer for the Army Materiel Command deputy commander, Lofreddo has become the commander of AMC's Logistics Support Activity. An assumption of command ceremony was held Friday afternoon in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"It's very humbling," Lofreddo said. "It's humbling because I get a chance to help shape the Army for the future, not just next week but for 2025 and beyond."

The Oscoda, Michigan, native enlisted

in the Army as a military policeman in 1984. He was commissioned in 1987, graduating from the University of South Florida with a bachelor's in history. He deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq during operations Desert Shield/Storm from August 1990 until April 1991.

"Today we honor the finest Soldiers, civilians and contractors in our sustainment community," he said during the ceremony.

He and his wife, Kathleen, have two grown children – Peter, an Army aviator, and Sarah, an intensive care unit registered nurse.

"You're the right guy for the job," ceremony host Maj. Gen. Clark LeMasters, AMC deputy chief of staff for operations and logistics, said.

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Engineer selected for Senior Executive Service at AMRDEC

By AMRDEC Public Affairs

Mike Bieri has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

In this promoted capacity, he will serve as the director for the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Engineering Directorate. His role is effective June 15.

Bieri currently serves as the deputy for acquisition and systems management, Program Executive Office Missiles and Space.

"With over 26 years of experience and demonstrated performance working across the entire defense acquisition spectrum, Mike Bieri is a proven and dependable leader," AMRDEC director James Lackey said. "He has very detailed knowledge of ED key technical competencies, understands our industry and academia partners, and has a great strategic sense and corporate, collaborative enterprise vision needed to enable progress and success of AMRDEC in execution of mission. His impressive array of executive level qualifications has prepared him very well to become a senior leader.

"Mike has the right balance of customer orientations, organizational leadership focus, lifecycle engineering technical skills and Army foundational values essential to lead ED through current and future challenges," he said.

"I am honored to be selected as the SES director for the Engineering Directorate," Bieri said. "I have been blessed



Mike Bieri

with numerous opportunities to serve the Army and this community in senior leadership positions and my intent is to bring lessons learned from those experiences to this position. I look forward to working with the AMRDEC team to build on the success and capabilities resident in the organization."

Bieri has a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from North Dakota State University. He has worked in a variety of positions at Redstone Arsenal since 1986.

A ceremony will be held at a later date.

Aviation product directorate gains experienced leadership



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Tim Vinson becomes the product director for Aviation Networks and Mission Planning and accepts the colors from Col. Jerry Davis, Aviation Systems project manager. At right is deputy product director Danny Mahan.

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Tim Vinson has rejoined the Program Executive Office for Aviation in a leadership role.

Vinson, who formerly served as deputy product manager for Air Warrior in PEO Soldier, is the product director for Aviation Networks and Mission Planning. He assumed the charter in a ceremony Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

“I am thrilled for the privilege to work with this great team,” said Vinson, a retired Army aviator who served as an assistant product manager for Apache helicopter sensors during his military career. “And I’m looking forward to the next three years.”

Vinson was among the 10 inaugural Department of the Army centralized selection board civilian product direc-

tors.

“I am grateful for the opportunity,” the Burns, Oregon, native said.

John Welch had served as the acting product director for Aviation Networks and Mission Planning, a 61-member organization.

“Today is a very special day for Tim and his family and the ANMP Product Directorate,” Col. Jerry Davis, Aviation Systems project manager, said.

Davis shared Vinson’s career highlights during the morning ceremony.

“Clearly every organization he has gone to has seen excellence. We expect no less from Tim,” Davis said. “He brings with him a wealth of experience, a wealth of knowledge, a wealth of leadership.”

Vinson and his wife, Maria, live in Madison. Their son, Matt, lives in Huntsville; and their daughter, Danielle, resides in Denver, Colorado.

Calibration organization welcomes new leader

By KARI HAWKINS

AMCOM Public Affairs

With 30 years of government career experience in science and technology, in managing large and diverse organizations, and in understanding the Army Materiel Command enterprise, Dr. Myra Gray would be an asset to any organization needing an effective and innovative leader.

But she's already been taken by the Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity or USATA.

A member of the senior executive service since 2007, Gray is the newest addition to Aviation and Missile Command's leadership team, an addition that will make a difference as USATA moves forward in its mission to enable the war fighter. The new USATA executive director will be welcomed by AMCOM and the Team Redstone community on Thursday at a 10:30 a.m. ceremony officiated by AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Richardson in the Bob Jones Auditorium.

"I was asked to be the director of USATA and I saw it as a target of opportunity. I am excited to be back in the operational world and especially here at this organization where there is so much potential," Gray said. "Our USATA employees are masters at their craft. They are the best of the best and they are so dedicated to doing the job. It is a blessing to me because I can support them and advocate for them as they work to enable Army readiness through calibration and repair of the test, measurement and diagnostic equipment that our Soldiers rely on every day."

Weapon system maintainers rely on calibrated TMDE to keep war fighter equipment operational. Although unsung, TMDE calibration support for Army maintenance organizations is essential, since it underpins virtually every

equipment repair, whether performed on the battlefield or at the depot. Every time a missile system is fired, an attack helicopter's flight instrumentation is serviced, or a new or emerging weapon system is introduced to the battlefield, calibrated TMDE is needed. USATA's team of nearly 600 employees stationed on three continents, and in eight countries and 52 support activities around the globe provide that calibration support.

"Without the work of our employees, the Army's accuracy would be gone. An accurate Army means that we don't miss our targets and we don't have an increased number of accidents. Using TMDE that is uncalibrated or out of tolerance can be dangerous, can be mission impacting and can cause the loss of confidence in a weapon system. An inaccurate Army cannot fight and win wars," Gray said.

"USATA is assuring that the Army is ready. We want to let the taxpayers know the value and impact this organization has on the Army mission. It has a pivotal role in enabling Army readiness."

Gray is from the Huntsville area, but left for 11 years as she took on various assignments of growing responsibility at the Pentagon and at Army locations throughout the D.C. area.

"I loved working in the Pentagon, but north Alabama/central Tennessee is one of the most beautiful places in the nation. There are so many cultural activities and outdoor recreation to enjoy here. There's something for everyone," she said. "And all that is wrapped up in the Southern charm and hospitality of the area."

She hopes to sustain the organization's budget by ensuring that government leadership and the taxpayer understand the impact of its mission and the connection of TMDE technology to the Soldier, and how that impact



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Dr. Myra Gray is the newest addition to the Aviation and Missile Command's leadership team. She became executive director of the Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity on June 1.

Welcome ceremony for Dr. Myra Gray
10:30 a.m. Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium

grows when units deploy; and by working with partners to ensure that service members and civilians involved in the TMDE community are unified in supporting the mission through training and understanding priorities.

As Gray looks to USATA employees to join her in furthering the organization's mission, and voicing ideas and solutions, she seeks out those with positive

attitudes to be the leaders within the organization and in the interaction with customers.

"Attitude is everything," she said. "Quality is very important. A job well-done is important. And understanding what we do is important. But attitude is everything. It's infectious, it makes you want to do your best, and it causes you to be proactive and a team player."

Soldier to celebrate service at Army birthday run

By KARI HAWKINS

AMCOM Public Affairs

When she joined the Army nearly 10 years ago, Staff Sgt. Cynthia O'Connor said goodbye to her 4-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son.

It was the hardest thing the 24-year-old had ever done in her life. But that four-month absence launched a military career that has been rewarding and has allowed her to support her family.

O'Connor isn't saying goodbye much these days to her now four children, Steven, almost 16; Heather, 14; Olivia, 7; and MacKenzie, 6. She has been stationed at Redstone Arsenal for about three years, first with the Missile Defense Agency and now with the Aviation and Missile Command's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

But on Friday, as Team Redstone comes together at the Exchange parking lot for Redstone's third annual celebration of the Army's 240th birthday, O'Connor will participate in a re-enlistment/reaffirmation.

The day will take on additional meaning for two reasons: her new five-year re-enlistment represents her commitment to being a career Soldier, and she is hoping for notification any day now that she is approved to



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Staff Sgt. Cynthia O'Connor is proud of her service and the example she has set for her four children. She will reaffirm her commitment to the Army at a ceremony that will be part of the Army Birthday Run/Walk on Friday.

transition from her human resources specialist military occupational specialty to a contracting specialist MOS. Her bachelor's from Columbia Southern University in HR, which is a business field, will help in her application.

"It's a good career move for me. It will be more challenging, and it will open some doors for me and give me more experience," O'Connor said. "When I do retire, there will

Army Birthday Run/Walk Friday at 6 a.m. Exchange parking lot

be more job opportunities for me if I have experience in the contracting field."

She also hopes the MOS change will keep her family here at Redstone Arsenal a little longer.

"With my two oldest now in high school, I am hoping we will be able to stay here for at least three more years until they both graduate," she said.

Gen. Dennis Via, commander of the Army Materiel Command, will conduct the re-enlistment/reaffirmation ceremony for O'Connor and several other Soldiers. For O'Connor, it is a reaffirmation ceremony because she actually re-enlisted in February, making the ceremony symbolic of her official re-enlistment.

The Cartersville, Georgia, native joined the Army for the opportunity it would provide her family, but it has become much more.

"Back then, the job market wasn't that great. I had wanted to join the military while

I was in high school but then I had children right away," she said. "After I got divorced, I needed something that would give my kids and myself financial stability. The hardest part of basic training was being away from my kids because I had never been gone from them for more than a day or so. But my mom took care of them and she was supportive of what I was doing."

In her job at AMCOM HHC, O'Connor is the training noncommissioned officer, where she takes care of various administrative tasks, including maintaining the Army Physical Fitness Test records for the 592 Soldiers stationed at Redstone Arsenal.

Overall, O'Connor enjoys wearing the uniform.

"I like the experience of Soldiering. I do like mentoring younger Soldiers, and we've all enjoyed moving and learning different cultures and meeting different people. My two older children were taught German and Spanish when we lived in Germany. It has been really enjoyable for us," she said.

But she's not sure if she will be running in the Army birthday run Friday. An ankle injury may sideline her.

"I'm going to the doctor next week to see if I am well enough to run," she said. "But even if it's not, I will be there to reaffirm my enlistment."

'It's about time we got welcomed home'

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Vietnam veteran George Rosenbaum was joking about his Army days. But he became somber and began wiping tears from his eyes when he remembered seeing a suspicious man.

During his yearlong tour in Vietnam from 1969-70, he was serving three months of security guard duty when this occurred.

"I have dreams about this one guy," Rosenbaum said quietly. "They wouldn't let us shoot so we just had to sit there. I think about that all the time. Did I fail to exact some revenge? He might've killed some American Soldiers, I don't know. Did I fail to prevent him from killing somebody else because we couldn't shoot?"

Rosenbaum, who will turn 66 on June 23, resides in Huntsville with his wife of nearly 34 years, Joyce. Retired from the Postal Service in 2012, he still calls the hills of West Virginia and Kentucky his home.

He served 24 years in the Army, retiring in December 1992 as a sergeant first class at Fort Lee, Virginia. He served in the quartermaster corps. Born in West Virginia, he lived there for nine years until the family moved to Kentucky. Rosenbaum graduated from Whitesburg High School in Whitesburg, Kentucky, in May 1968.

"Laid around for about six months (after graduating), didn't have nothing to do, had no plans," he recalled.

He and a friend decided to volunteer for the draft. They went to the basement of the post office, where all the recruiters were, and the only recruiter in the office that day was from the Army. They told the recruiter they wanted to volunteer for the draft but Rosenbaum didn't tell his parents. They signed up in November 1968, and Rosenbaum received an envelope in the mail in January directing him to report for duty.

Rosenbaum had 12 weeks of basic training at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

"That's where I learned to smoke, the Army taught me to smoke," he said. "They said 'Take 10. Smoke 'em if you got 'em. If you don't got 'em, bum 'em from a friend. If you don't, keep on working.'"

Next came 12 weeks at Fort Lee in advanced individual training, learning the Army supply system, in his military occupational specialty in stock control and accounting. After time in a holdover company awaiting orders, he got his orders to Vietnam where he served from June 20, 1969, until June 20, 1970. He landed in Phu Tai just days before his 19th birthday and a month before Americans landed on the moon.

He was a private first class in Company A, U.S. Army Depot Command. He did inventory on the warehouses but still pulled guard duty.

After leaving Vietnam, he arrived at Redstone Arsenal where he spent two and a half years in the then Headquarters & Headquarters Company MICOM working in the maintenance division. He also served on the honor guard and funeral detail. Subsequent tours took him to Korea, Fort Riley, Kansas, back to Korea, Redstone, Germany, Aniston Army Depot, Fort Lee, Germany and Fort Lee where he retired. He returned to Alabama.

"We were Soldiers," he said of his Vietnam service. "We went and did what our country wanted us to do, or we tried anyway. Ours was a just cause. Would I go back if asked today? Yes I would. It's an unfinished job. We weren't able to finish what we were sent to do.

"I probably would do some things different. I'd probably try to move into a different



Photo by Skip Vaughn

George Rosenbaum of Huntsville is saddened by the memory of seeing a suspicious man in Vietnam and not being allowed to shoot.

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field – maybe aviation, infantry, artillery, engineers. I'd probably choose another field or I might stay in the field I did and hope they wouldn't put me on the guard towers again."

Rosenbaum is a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Huntsville Chapter 1067, serving as its public affairs officer.

He has a National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four campaign stars, the campaign ribbon, four awards of the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Korea Service Medal and the NCO Ribbon.

He visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial about 1990 and said he found the wall to be "a moving solemn place."

"Just the appearance of it does bring me to tears," he said. "Even when I was on active duty, we never talked about Vietnam or anything. We recognized each other by virtue of looking at their chest in uniform. We could tell who had been where, who had done what. It's about time we got welcomed home."

Editor's note: This is the 22nd in a series of articles about Vietnam veterans as the United States commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Cruise missile defense celebrates 10th anniversary

By SKIP VAUGHN

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An estimated 250 people watched in Bob Jones Auditorium as a video depicted the power of the Army's cruise missile defense systems.

"Ah yes," master of ceremonies Steve Miller, operations chief in the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office, said. "Nothing like seeing explosions and bad guy planes falling in flames out of the sky."

The video presentation was part of the CMDS 10th anniversary celebration June 1. Nineteen former product and project managers attended the event.

Though the project office became part of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space in 2005, its legacy goes back to the days of Redeye in the 1960s. When the Redeye II upgrade was designated as Stinger, the Stinger Project Office was established in 1972.

"It's just phenomenal to think of the impact this one organization has had over these decades," Barry Pike, deputy program executive officer for missiles and space, said.

He delivered remarks during the celebration along with Col. Terrence Howard, the CMDS project manager for three years.

"From my perspective, the further backward you look, the further forward you can see," Howard said. "The CMDS Project Office is one of our national treasures."

Weapons and sensors developed through the years by the 350-member project office include Stinger, Avenger, Sentinel radar, Bradley Linebacker, the Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air to Air Missile system, the Q-50 Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar and the Q-53 Target Acquisition Counter-Fire Radar, the Indirect Fire Protection Capability Increment 2-Intercept and JLENS.

On static display behind the auditorium building were the Sentinel radar, Avenger and the IFPC Increment 2-Intercept.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Applauding during the celebration June 1 are Barry Pike, deputy program executive officer for missiles and space, and Col. Terrence Howard, the CMDS project manager.



Photo by Jason Cutshaw, SMDC/ARSTRAT

Major promotion

Col. Chad Skaggs, deputy chief of staff, G-3, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and retired Col. Lorenzo Mack, former deputy chief of staff G-3, SMDC, change the rank of newly promoted Maj. Mary Thornton, SMDC G-3 executive officer, during her promotion June 1.



Photo by Carrie E. David, SMDC/ARSTRAT

NCO retirement

Lt. Gen. David Mann, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, pins the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal on Sgt. 1st Class Charles Peters, SMDC Headquarters and Headquarters Company noncommissioned officer in charge, during his retirement May 29. Peters retires with 26 years of service.

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Logistics, industry leaders talk sustainment

By KIM HANSON

AMC Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. – Nearly 200 military and industry leaders converged June 3 to discuss logistics and sustainment in a “Hot Topic” forum hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army.

Titled “Strategic Sustainment for a Globally Responsive and Regionally Engaged Army,” the forum included a series of keynote remarks and panels featuring subject matter experts from across the Department of Defense, industry and academia.

“Army logisticians have played and will play an indispensable role in providing materiel,” retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, AUSA president, said opening the event.

Introducing three key points – logistics leader development, Army readiness and force 2025 – Lt. Gen. Gus Perna, Department of the Army deputy chief of staff, G4, provided opening remarks that set the stage and agenda.

“The Army is a force that is simultaneously in transition, in action, and in preparation,” Perna said. “That is why we must regenerate our expeditionary logistics capabilities, create and sustain materiel readiness, and leverage innovation as much as humanly possible.”

Perna also stressed the criticality of Global Combat Support System-Army for the future of Army logistics.

“We as logisticians need to inform our maneuver commanders and ensure that they understand and grasp the importance. Maintenance and supply is not logistics business, it is commanders business, but we are held accountable to be the experts,” he said. “I have confidence that you will be the experts, and you will coach, teach, mentor and be a part of the success of this program. (GCSS-Army) is clearly the game changer in logistics.”

Army Materiel Command deputy commander Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche gave keynote remarks, highlighting the \$58 billion organization’s vision and strategic priorities.



Photo by David Vergun

Army Materiel Command deputy commander Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche gives a keynote address at an Association of the U.S. Army “Hot Topic” forum, titled, “Strategic Sustainment for a Globally Responsive and Regionally Engaged Army,” in Arlington, Va., June 3.

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“AMC’s diverse sustainment portfolio includes building partnerships, providing acquisition and technology support, operating the Army’s Organic Industrial Base, and providing strategic agility and operational flexibility to the six geographic combatant commanders,” Wyche said. “We are adapting to provide global sustainment to win in a complex world.”

Emphasizing a theme that would carry throughout the forum, Wyche noted the critical importance of partnering with industry and academia. Industry and defense leaders shared insight and dialog during panels on innovation, materiel readiness and leader development.

“As we move forward, you remain critical enablers in providing global sustainment and logistics,” he told the audience. “I see opportunities for partnering in sustainment and support operations, manufacturing and technology, foreign military sales and many other areas.”

In closing remarks, Alan Estevez, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, noted the declining budgets, but told the entire industrial base to look within for savings.

“If we are not looking inside our structures and leaning out our overhead, making ourselves as efficient as possible, across the joint force and across our industrial partners, then we’re spending money that should be spent on combat capability,” Estevez said. “And we can’t afford to not spend money that needs to be spent on combat capability.”

He also challenged the audience to cross-level ideas and best practices across industry and the services.

“Great ideas do not emanate from (leaders); great ideas come from the people who have to execute the missions – who are out every day from the front lines of Afghanistan to the front lines of the depot,” Estevez said.

Maj. Gen. William Hix, director of strategy, plans and policy, office of the deputy chief of staff, G3/5/7, articulated best the overarching theme from the day.



Photo by Kim Hanson

AMC deputy commander Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche joins Army Combined Arms Support Command commander Maj. Gen. Steve Lyons and Google DoD account manager Jim Young on a panel about “Shaping Army Sustainment for the Dynamic Environment of 2025” at the Association of the U.S. Army “Hot Topic” forum.

“Sustainment is not only an Army core competency, it is an Army competitive advantage that is unique among other armies around the world,” he said. “We cannot concede this advantage to anyone.”

Security assistance team visits Saudi Arabia unit

By **ADRIANE FOSS**

USASAC Public Affairs

Several members of the Security Assistance Command conducted a staff assistance visit to the Office of the Program Manager-Saudi Arabian National Guard.

The five-person team were welcomed by colleagues at Eskan Village in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and assessed operations in their respective directorates.

Prior to the visit, OPM-SANG personnel reviewed a checklist of regulatory requirements provided by their USASAC counterparts in each of their functional areas. During the visit, USASAC's subject matter experts analyzed OPM-SANG operations, trained personnel and shared best practices.

"Without visiting and conducting a SAV, there's no efficient method for a commander to determine whether a staff is in compliance with regulatory requirements and policies," said USASAC operations planner (G3) Roger Bauer.

Bauer was the lead planner for OPM-SANG and other USASAC SAVs. He has participated in more than 20 SAVs during his military and civilian career.

"The element and staff may be operating with several deficiencies and without knowing what right looks like," he said. "Therefore, it's the commander's responsibility to set their organization up for success and make available technical ex-

pertise to his staffs."

The Organizational Inspection Program integrates four components: command inspections, staff inspections, Inspector General inspections and external inspections. The purpose of the OIP is to coordinate inspections and assistance visits into a single, cohesive program focused on command objectives. SAVs may include the characteristics of an inspection, but are considered unofficial inspections without ratings.

Bauer said visits are conducted only by request or authorization of the commander, or as directed by the USASAC command group. In addition to operational improvement, SAVs also serve to strength relationships between the staffs.

"It really is setting element and staffs up for success, allowing everyone to see what right looks like," Bauer said.

He said the OPM-SANG visit went exceptionally well. Having the checklists in well in advance of the visit, conducting regular IPRs between both organizations, and constant communication between counterparts made it a relatively smooth process.

An outbrief to OPM-SANG program manager Brig. Gen. Paul Laughlin is scheduled for June 23. Laughlin will then provide McDonald with results of the SAV, corrective actions that were made, areas that need improvement and an overview of the readiness of the organization.



Photo by Adriane Foss, USASAC

Service of merit

Maj. Gen. Mark McDonald, commander of the Security Assistance Command, awards Col. Stephen Smith, USASAC's director of Pacific Command/Southern Command, the Legion of Merit during Smith's Friday retirement ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. Smith is retiring after 26 years of service.

Competition decides contracting command's best warrior

By Lt. Col. DAVID HYLTON

Army Contracting Command Public Affairs

Sgt. 1st Class Enes Memic has been named the Army Contracting Command's Best Warrior for 2015. Memic and five other Soldiers participated in a series of competitive events May 29-30.

Memic, a 51C contracting noncommissioned officer from the 419th Contracting Support Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was also named the Mission and Installation Contracting Command Best Warrior. The runner-up, and Expeditionary Contracting Command Best Warrior, was Staff Sgt. Cory Anderson, 413th CSB, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

"This was a challenging competition," Memic said. "I enjoyed both the urban orienteering and road march because they put your mind and body to the test."

Memic will represent the command at the Army Materiel Command competition in July at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Command Sgt. Maj David Puig said the Best Warrior Competition "tested the mental, physical and emotional strength of the competitors." He added that the Soldiers "endured long hours and demonstrated great stamina along with technical and tactical skills in completing the competition."

Soldiers from across ACC came to Redstone Arsenal to compete for the title of ACC Best Warrior. The competition was also used to determine the Best Warriors for the ACC Contracting Centers, Expeditionary Contracting Command, and Mission and Installation Contracting Command. Other Redstone Arsenal organizations could also send their Soldiers to participate, said Sgt. Maj. Rafael Monge, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the competition.

According to Puig, the event was planned and executed by the combined ACC/ECC staff along with support from ACC-Redstone and the Army Materiel Command Band. "The support we received from ACC-Redstone and the band was critical to the success of the competition. Their Soldiers provided an essential mix of skills and experiences that took the Best Warrior to a new level," he said. The events were held at various locations around Redstone Arsenal.

In addition to Memic and Anderson, the other ACC competitors this year were Staff Sgt. Comfort Johnson, ACC-Warren, Warren, Michigan; Staff Sgt. Chiffon Canty, 411th CSB, Camp Coiner, Korea; Staff Sgt. Paul Gaeth, ACC-Redstone; and Staff Sgt. Elijah Felton, 418th CSB, Fort Hood, Texas. Sgt. Brandon Clark and Spc. Adam Walton, both from the AMC Band, participated in the events to prepare for the AMC Best Warrior Competition.

Participants endured two days of mental and physical challenges. Day one included the Army Physical Fitness Test, warrior tasks and battle drills, weapons qualification and urban orienteering. The second day involved a road march, a written test and essay and an appearance before a board of command sergeants major. Before the actual competition each competitor had their height and weight checked and conducted an equipment layout.

All of the participants remarked about the difficulty of the competition. Felton said, "This is the most difficult competition that I've ever been in and it was rough. It is an experience I will never forget."

Anderson said, "I really love how intense the whole thing was. I really liked the road march; it was physically demanding and it took you to the limit."

Brig. Gen. Michael Hoskin, commander of ECC, presented the awards at the closing ceremony. He said all of the competitors could be proud of their achievements. They all had worked hard to get here and have represented their units, ACC, and the Army well, he added.

"It was a tough competition. I applaud all the fine noncommissioned officers who stepped up to the plate and accepted the challenge," Puig said. "Sgt. 1st Class Memic has the ability to represent not just ACC at the AMC competition, but AMC at the Army level. I am very confident that he will make this command proud."

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Sgt. 1st Class Enes Memic



Photo by Lt. Col. David Hylton

Sgt. 1st Class Enes Memic, the winner of the 2015 Army Contracting Command Best Warrior Competition, fires the M9 pistol during the mystery event portion of the competition. Memic and five other Soldiers participated in a series of competitive events May 29-30.



Photo by Lt. Col. David Hylton

The participants and their sponsors in the 2015 Army Contracting Command Best Warrior Competition receive their reporting instructions from the president of the board during the board phase of the competition May 29. The participants include in the front row, from left, the runner-up and Expeditionary Contracting Command Best Warrior Staff Sgt. Cory Anderson, 413th CSB, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; the ACC winner and Mission and Installation Contracting Command Best Warrior Sgt. 1st Class Enes Memic, 419th Contracting Support Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the ACC Contracting Center Best Warrior Staff Sgt. Comfort Johnson, ACC-Warren, Warren, Michigan; Staff Sgt. Paul Gaeth, ACC-Redstone; Staff Sgt. Elijah Felton, 418th CSB, Fort Hood, Texas; Staff Sgt. Chiffon Canty, 411th CSB, Camp Coiner, Korea; Sgt. Brandon Clark, Army Materiel Command Band; and Spc. Adam Walton, AMC Band.

Soldiers complete missile defense operator course

By JAMES TRAVERSE

SMDC/ARSTRAT GQC course manager

Eight Soldiers graduated from the Ground Based Midcourse Defense Fire Control Operator Qualification Course in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

These Soldiers participated in a demanding seven-week program of instruction under the tutelage of instructors from SMDC's Directorate of Training and Doctrine.

The graduates will be assigned to the 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, Alaska, and the 100th Missile Defense Brigade at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, and Vandenberg AFB, California.

The students ranged in rank from sergeant to lieutenant colonel. Collectively, they achieved a class average of 97.29 percent on eight graded closed-book performance-based written examinations. They also achieved perfect scores on three performance tests, which were graded on a go/no-go standard.

The course teaches Soldiers how to defend the homeland from incoming Intercontinental Ballistic Missile attack. Students learn the behavior of the GMD weapon system, including sensors, communications and shooters, and also how the system of systems works together to defend the nation. They also learn how to operate



The eight Soldiers gather for their graduation from the Ground Based Midcourse Defense Fire Control Operator Qualification Course in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Courtesy photo

the weapon system by practicing in a lab designed to replicate their working conditions when they get to the field.

They learn how the computer allocates missiles to conduct an intercept in the midcourse phase of an enemy attack. The students are required to brief instructors and classmates on threat engagements, to include predic-

tive analysis of weapon system performance.

Graduation was held at the MDIOC on Schriever Air Force Base. Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Alflen, command sergeant major for the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, served as the graduation speaker for class 15-001. Also in attendance were SMDC

Missile Defense Division chief Clement Morris and 100th Missile Defense Brigade operations Sgt. Maj. William Ray. Jim Traverse, GQC course manager, presented certificates to the graduates. Tim Deramus,

GQC instructor, narrated the ceremony; and Tom Bartek served as profiler.

Harlem Hellfighter's valor in battle inspires Americans

By DAVID VERGUN

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The German soldiers, who overran his position, fled in fear as Pvt. William Henry Johnson wielded his bolo knife, hacking away at them after expending his bullets.

The French and American Soldiers, he served with on the battlefields of France during World War I, were in awe of him following that epic struggle.

Johnson, an African-American, was born in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He moved to New York as a teenager, where he worked in various jobs as a chauffeur, soda mixer, laborer in a coal yard and a porter at Albany's Union Station.

A mere two months after Congress declared war on Germany, June 5, 1917, Johnson enlisted and was assigned to Company C, 15th New York (Colored) Infantry Regiment – an all-black National Guard unit, which would later become the 369th Infantry Regiment of the 93rd Division, American Expeditionary Forces.

Johnson was rather small when he enlisted – 5-4 and 130 pounds. The Literary Digest reported that his wife Edna, who called him Bill, once said: “Bill ain't big, nor nothin' like that, but oh, he can go some!”

Edna's summary of Bill was prescient of



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Henry Johnson, of the 369th Infantry Regiment, was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for bravery during an outnumbered battle with German soldiers. This photo, from Feb. 12, 1919, was taken just before his discharge from the Army.

events, which were soon to transpire.

When the 369th deployed to France the following year, Johnson and his unit were brigaded with a French army colonial unit in front-line combat on the western edge of the Argonne Forest in France's Champagne region.

Johnson and a fellow Soldier were pulling sentry duty at night in the vicinity of the Tourbe and Aisne Rivers, northwest of Saint

Menehoul, May 15, 1918.

A German raiding party of at least a dozen soldiers attacked their forward position, opening up with intense small-arms fire.

Despite receiving significant wounds, Johnson mounted a brave retaliation resulting in several enemy casualties, according to the White House Medal of Honor announcement for Johnson and Army Sgt. William Shemin, who also fought during World War I, May 14, 2015.

Although badly hurt himself, Johnson ignored the pain and bleeding to assist his fellow wounded Soldier, who was in immediate danger of being taken prisoner.

“Johnson exposed himself to grave danger by advancing from his position to engage an enemy soldier in hand-to-hand combat,” according to the announcement.

At the time, Johnson was wielding a bolo knife, which he used to great effect after firing all the rounds from his Lebel rifle. He quickly dispatched the enemy soldier with the knife, thereby saving his fellow Soldier from being taken captive. The other enemy soldiers, who had witnessed Johnson's ferocity in battle, fled back to their lines.

“Displaying great courage, Johnson held back the enemy force until they retreated,” the White House announcement said.

Besides inspiring his fellow American and French Soldiers, Johnson's deeds of

courage and commitment inspired African-Americans back home, especially in New York, said Stephen Harris, author “Harlem's Hell Fighters,” a 2003 book about the 369th, which was often referred to by that moniker.

When Johnson and others from his unit returned to the United States, they rode in a victory parade down New York City's Fifth Avenue and into Harlem. About a million showed up to welcome the Soldiers back, Harris said.

Although Johnson would never live to see his Medal of Honor, which was presented to him posthumously by President Barack Obama during a White House ceremony, June 2, he did receive an equivalent award – the French Croix de Guerre avec Palme, that nation's highest award for valor. He became one of the first Americans to receive the award during the war.

When Johnson was discharged from the Army, Feb. 24, 1919, he had attained the rank of sergeant. He returned home to Albany, but was unable to be employed at his pre-war porter position due to the severity of his 21 combat injuries.

He died July 5, 1929, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, in Section 25, Grave 64.

In 1996, Johnson was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and in 2002, the Distinguished Service Cross.

Safety

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David Mann, SMDC commander. “We have a lot of vendors here and a lot of people who put in long hours to make this a success. Today is about you, the workforce, and we want to make sure we take care of our most important resource.

“Losing one Soldier or losing one civilian, is one too many. In 2014, we had 6,000 civilians who were injured due to accidents. I would venture to say that nobody in here expects to go out and get into an accident. We have to make sure we don’t become complacent.

“You are all vitally important to the mission. But you are also vitally important to your families. Between now and Labor Day is when we experience the most accidents and weather related activities. Be safe out there and remain vigilant at all times.”

The purpose of the joint venture is to promote safety awareness and to minimize the risk of unintentional death, injury or damage caused by mishaps, promote proactive safety measures within the command elements in Huntsville and recognize June as National Safety Month. The day’s activities focused on safety demonstrations and inspections performed by members of Redstone Arsenal, Colorado

Springs and their surrounding communities. **Leaders emphasized the importance** of taking time out of regular work schedules to focus on safety topics. They reinforced the importance of making safety a priority and maintaining awareness to help prevent mishaps as well as helping to develop a safety culture within the workforce.

“The health and safety of our workforce is very important to MDA leadership and we challenge all employees to make health and safety your first priority,” said Brig. Gen. Kenneth Todorov, MDA deputy director. “Our employees are our most important resources within the agency. This says a lot about the importance and value MDA places on employee well-being. We know that our employees will remain motivated if they if they have a safe and healthy working environment.

“Today’s event is about nurturing a positive culture within our organizations. This joint effort allows us to demonstrate our dedication to our workforce by bringing in local displays to provide safety and health information and to increase awareness of various safety concepts and equipment that is available to keep you and your families safe.”

The Safety Day expo highlighted SMDC’s and MDA’s commitments to employee safety and health by bringing in local vendors to demonstrate and promote safety awareness.

“The expo promotes safety within the SMDC and MDA communities, not only at work but home,” said Randy Joyner, SMDC command safety director. “It is an important element of SMDC’s Summer Safety Campaign and the National Safety Month. SMDC will host a similar event at Peterson Air Force Base for command personnel and their family members on the same day. It highlights and reinforces SMDC’s commitments to the safety and welfare of employees.

“The safety officer and POCs from organizations across the command solicit and identify safety topics that interest the workforce. This collaboration with employees allows both the command and agency to bring in interesting exhibits and training that highlights important safety topics, on and off duty.”

With summer approaching, Joyner emphasized the importance of being safe, not only at work, but at home as well.

“Warm weather and higher temperatures means increased outdoor recreational activities, home maintenance projects and summer travel for leisure,” Joyner said. “Accidents around the home cause an increasing number of injuries to our workforce. Safety awareness and risk mitigation should be their number one priority, no matter how ridiculous it may seem. Ensuring safety measures are in place on and off duty not only protects us but it also ensures the welfare of our family members. It is vital that all personnel be cognizant of their surroundings and the associated hazards to prevent accidental mishaps.”

MDA and SMDC employees and family members at Redstone Arsenal got a firsthand chance to learn about local safety and health issues unique to Alabama and the Tennessee Valley. They learned about several issues confronting them both indoors and outdoors.

Exhibits and safety demonstrations in Huntsville included: Redstone Arsenal Fire Department; Redstone Arsenal Police Department; Redstone Arsenal Game Warden; Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Activity; Redstone Arsenal Substance Abuse Program; Fox Army Health Center Health and Wellness; Mr. Electric electrical safety; Army Ready and Resilient Campaign; Grainger safety equipment; Fleet Feet sporting safety equipment; Madison County Community Emergency Response Team Association; Lowes ladder and home safety; ISSI UXO and Consulting LLC unexploded ordnance safety; City of Huntsville Natatorium pool safety; Academy Sports sports safety; Alabama State Troopers; Soil Water and Air Technologies Environmental RADON safety; Bicycles Etc. bicycle safety; Briggs Chiropractic Clinic; Safe-T-Shelter storm shelters; Federal Occupational Health; Rocket Harley Davidson; Terminix pest control; SARTEC Search and Rescue Team (with dogs); North Alabama Firearms weapons safety; Community Emergency Response Team; U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather preparedness safety; Industrial Hygiene; Alabama Department of Transportation; Huntsville Utilities; and others.

“Everyone has something they live to see, experience or love,” said Bobby Taylor, SMDC command safety deputy director. “No matter what that may be, we practice safety each day so we can live for those things.

“Safety Day allows the SMDC and MDA safety offices a convenient way to provide tons of great safety information to our workforce families. It gives us all the opportunity to interact with each other in a relaxed environment to discuss everyday safety issues that affect us all.”

Sons of Pitches overrule Judgment Day



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Judgment Day centerfielder/coach Rob Barnsby slugged two home runs in his team's loss at the NASA field.

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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One inning made the difference and the Sons of Pitches got the better half. They rode a 13-run bottom of the first to a 23-13 win over Judgment Day on June 2 at the NASA softball field. Both teams moved to 2-3 in Division C.

"This is the first time we really pulled together as a team," Sons of Pitches second baseman/coach Russ Cox said. "We're playing a lot more relaxed this year. Great team effort. We never expect all the hits to fall like they did but when they do it's nice. A lot of hits fell for us tonight. Great team win."

Mike Clark went 2-for-3 with an inside-the-park grand slam, a triple and five runs-batted in. Cox, Oralondo Hicks and Jack Schaefer had three hits apiece. Winning

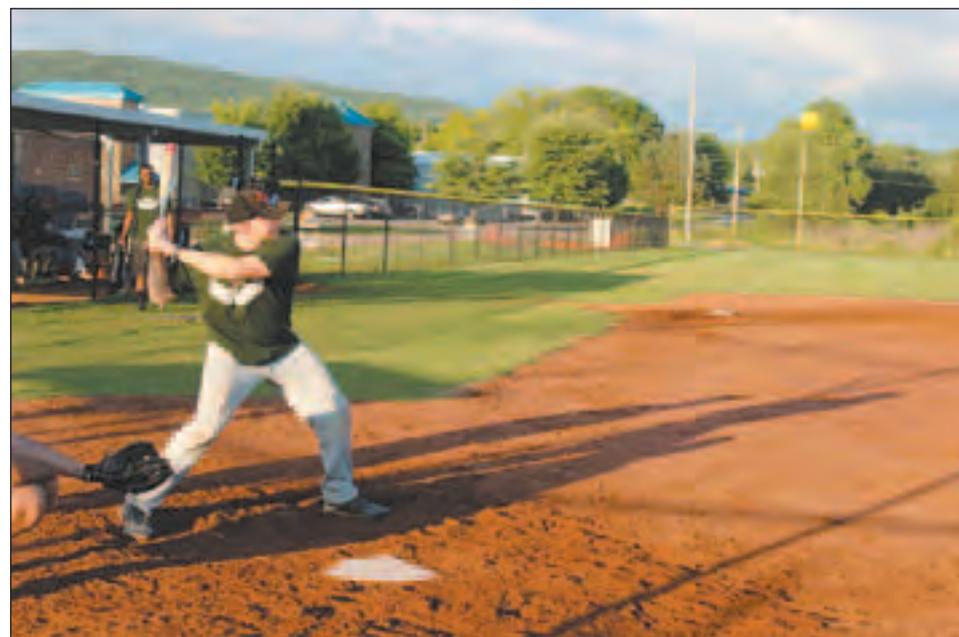


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Mike Clark went 2-for-3 with an inside-the-park grand slam, a triple and five runs-batted in for the Sons of Pitches in their 23-13 win over Judgment Day.

pitcher Avis Charley had two hits with an inside-the-park homer. Alfonso Martinez added two hits.

"It's a great second win," Clark, the left center, said. "Team played well together. Good teamwork, good hitting."

Judgment Day went up 3-0 in the first on Rob Barnsby's three-run inside-the-park homer. Barnsby homered over the left field fence in the third, added a two-run double in the fifth and finished with seven RBIs. Chuck Wedin, losing pitcher Kyle Barrentine and Mike Pillsbury added three hits apiece for the team from the Army Materiel Command Legal Center.

"We had one bad inning but we're just out here having fun," said Barnsby, center-fielder/coach. "And in that regard, it was a great success."

"Not bad for a bunch of lawyers," he quipped. "We have fun. But the truth is they hit well today and placed it where we weren't. There were a lot of good hits there, so all credit to them."

Judgment Day (2-3)

	AB	R	H	RBI
C. Wedin	3	3	2	0
K. Barrentine	4	2	3	2
R. Barnsby	4	3	3	7
M. Pillsbury	4	1	3	1
S. Corley	4	1	1	0
E. Hernandez	3	0	0	0
K. Sledgister	2	1	0	0
M. Bryan	2	0	1	0
A. Bryan	2	1	0	0
A. Corley	3	1	0	1
Totals	31	13	13	11

Martinez	3	3	2	0
M. Clark	3	3	2	5
Charley	3	4	2	1
R. Cox	3	3	3	2
C. Smallwood	3	2	1	0
O. Hicks	3	0	3	5
J. Schaefer	3	2	3	1
C. Karlson	3	1	1	0
J. Thompson	1	2	1	2
A. Raper	2	2	0	1
Totals	31	23	19	19

Sons of Pitches (2-3)

	AB	R	H	RBI
Westenhofer	4	1	1	2

	R	H	E
Judgment Day	3	0	3
Sons of Pitches	1	6	13
	13	2	
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	4	3	19
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Ballistic Bombers strike late to beat RTC

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Trailing by three runs in their final at bat, the Ballistic Bombers needed a rally.

Their four-hit, four-run explosion did the trick.

Greg Chapman doubled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh as the Ballistic Bombers beat RTC 7-6 on Thursday at Linton Field. Austen Young scored the deciding tally from third.

After tying the score 6-6 on Lance Watson's one-out sacrifice fly with the bases loaded, the Ballistic Bombers got Chapman's long drive to right center.

"I just knew I had to put it in play somewhere," Chapman said. "Got it just enough to get over the outfielder's head."

Hits in the inning also included Fito Valdez's leadoff single, a run-scoring single by Greg's son Scott Chapman and a double by Young. Garrett Williams reached on an infield error and scored. Player/coach Mike McKay was intentionally walked to load the bases.

"We played good defense," McKay said. "Our hitting was not great until the last inning when it counted. Some timely hits in pressure situations. We're destined to win the tournament this year."

Left-hander Cary Hale got the win for the Ballistic Bombers (4-1), who play in Division A.

Scott Chapman and Young had three hits apiece. Greg Chapman doubled twice while Williams and Watson added two hits apiece.

Doug Tucker and Quenton Hawk had two hits apiece for RTC (1-3). Stan Deerman took the loss in the circle.

"It's hard to win with only six runs," RTC player/coach Mark Calhoun said. "We didn't get our bats going early enough in the game."

Fly-Outs and We Dem Boyz tie: The Fly-Outs fell behind early, rallied to take the lead and saw We Dem Boyz score one run in the bottom of the seventh for an 18-18 finish.

"We started kind of slow, let them get ahead their first at bat," Fly-Outs player/coach Kyle Carpenter said. "And we chipped away at them the rest of the game, slowly came back and held their bats at bay for the rest of the game with solid defense."

Joe Lang hit a solo homer to right in the third inning for the Fly-Outs (1-3-1). Mike Elhadj hit an inside-the-



Austen Young scores the winning run in the Ballistic Bombers' 7-6 win over RTC.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

park two-run homer in the fourth. Luis Loma also hit an inside-the-park two-run homer and finished 3-for-4.

Vincent Fails went 4-for-5 and Austen Young had three hits with a double for We Dem Boyz (2-2-1).

"We started hot as normal but quickly cooled off," player/coach Brad Harris said. "We played like garbage after inning two. We will rebound and I will make the necessary changes to get us back where we need to be."

RTC (1-3)

	AB	R	H	RBI
R. Lee	4	0	1	1
M. Calhoun	3	0	0	0
J. Hall	3	1	0	0
D. Tucker	3	1	2	1
J. Branch	2	1	0	0
S. Deerman	3	2	1	0
J. Ridenour	3	0	1	1
Q. Hawk	3	1	2	2
B. Thompson	3	0	0	0
B. McCain	2	0	1	0

Ballistic Bombers (4-1)

	AB	R	H	RBI
J. Johnson	4	1	1	0
G. Williams	4	1	2	0
S. Chapman	4	1	3	1
A. Young	4	1	3	0
M. McKay	3	0	0	0
L. Watson	2	2	2	1
G. Chapman	4	0	2	1
C. Hale	3	0	0	0
M. Kutis	3	0	0	1
F. Valdez	2	1	1	0
Totals	33	7	14	4

RTC

	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	8	4
RTC	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	8	4
Ballistic Bombers	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	7	14	4



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Rainbow city

An afternoon rain shower June 1 leaves a rainbow over southeast Huntsville.

Army/NASA softball league standings

Here are the standings for the 2015 Marshall Athletic Recreational Services Softball Club after last week's games:

Division A

	Won	Loss	Tie
Got the Runs	5	0	0
Ballistic Bombers	4	1	0
We Dem Boyz	2	2	1
Fly-Outs	1	3	1
RTC	1	3	0
Hit Circus	0	4	0

Division B

	Won	Loss	Tie
Fireballs	4	0	0
The Other Team	3	1	1
TBE	3	1	1
Integrators	3	2	0
Hat Trick	3	2	0
Sports NASA Meet	3	2	0
Balls	3	2	0

Unmanned & Unafraid	2	3	0
Renegades	1	3	0
Wyle	1	3	0
Hit to Kill	1	3	0
Space Balls	1	4	0

Division C

	Won	Loss	Tie
Misfits	5	0	0
Rotorheads	5	0	0
Yulista	2	1	0
Ice Cold			
Pitchers	3	2	0
Space Cowboys	3	2	0
One Hit			
Wonders	3	2	0
Bit Players	2	2	0
Sons of Pitches	2	3	0
Judgment Day	2	3	0
Hits w Mits			
DTS	2	4	0
LEC NERDS	0	5	0
Redstone			
Rebels	0	5	0



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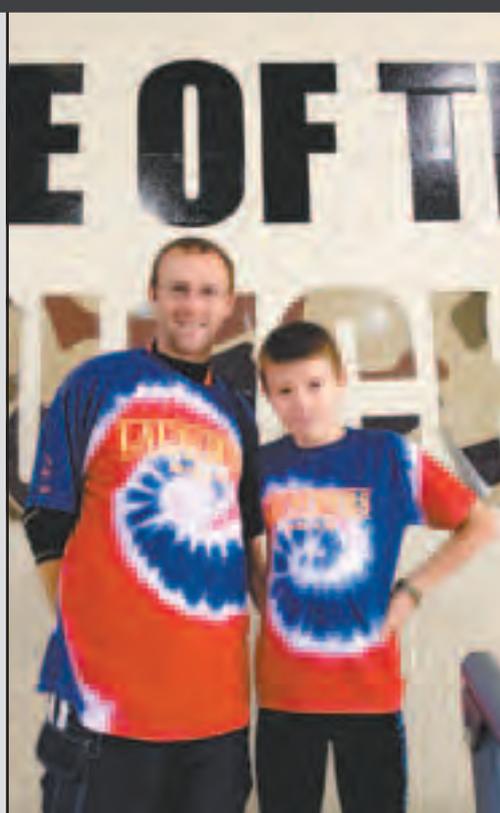
Rotorheads and Misfits have rainout

The Rotorheads led 6-1 while batting in the bottom of the second inning with two outs against the Misfits on June 1 at the NASA softball field when the game was called because of rain. It's going to be rescheduled, according to umpire David "Bingo" Cross. In the Rotorheads dugout, from left, are right fielder Ric Rivera, third baseman Tim Peavy, pitcher Molly Denman and outfielder/designated hitter Jeff Johnson. Barton Harper pitched for the Misfits; and the teams play in Division C.

Photo by Barbara Stokes

Swim team launches season

The Redstone Launchers swim team opened their season June 3 with a loss to Greenwyche. This marked the debut for new coach Arthur Fortin, standing next to Riley Groves who is in his sixth season. Competing in the boys 9-10 age division, Groves broke a Rocket City Swim League record from 1984 in the 50 meter back. He finished in 36.47 seconds to eclipse the old record 36.7. Groves also was within 200th of a second of breaking the 50 meter butterfly record from 1984. Signup for the Launchers is still underway; call Mike Gates, sports and fitness director for Child, Youth and School Services, at 479-2169 or 313-3699.



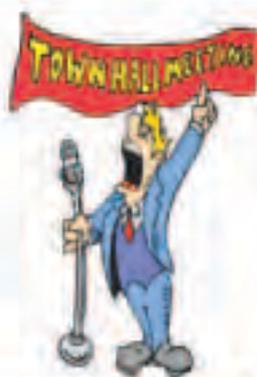
TEAM REDSTONE TOWN HALL

WHAT: Town Hall

WHEN: Date Change: **11 June 2015 @ 12pm**

WHERE: MWR HQ, BLDG 1500

POC: Mrs. Christal Howard, 256-876-2073



Please join COL Bill Marks, Garrison Commander, for a Team Redstone Town Hall. Information will be provided from various service providers including MWR, The Exchange, Commissary, Fox Army Health Center, and other providers. Also, participants will be able to voice their concern and ask questions for issues impacting the installation. The event is open to everyone residing or working on Redstone Arsenal.

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JUNE 12
EXCHANGE PARKING LOT

Meet at Exchange Parking Lot at 0600
Celebration Starts at 0630.

You can walk or run with the option of joining us for a 5K or a 2.5K event.

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The Run will be led in Army formation. This is a celebration and not a timed event.

No Registration or sign up in advance required.

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Rocket Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Senior softball

Get into the swing of Senior Slow Pitch Softball. There are three leagues: age 55-plus, 63-plus and 72-plus. To sign up for 55-plus, call Steve Myers 715-0560 or (443) 540-7989. The other league contacts include: 63-plus, John Corcetti 497-6756; and 72-plus, Greg Bogue 534-4091.

Football officials camp

North Alabama Football Officials, in conjunction with the Huntsville Sports Commission, will hold the 2015 Football Officials State Camp in August. NAFOA is conducting several fundraising activities to support the state camp. The primary fundraiser is a golf tournament at Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Hampton Cove on June 20. Cost is \$85 per golfer (includes lunch and prizes) for Four Player Scramble, with mulligans available at the course. Shotgun start is 8 a.m. with check-in by 7:30. The tournament is open to the first 36 teams to pay. Make checks payable to Huntsville Sports Commission. Mail checks and registration to: NAFOA Golf, 14224 Hunter Road, Harvest, AL 35749. For more information, contact Almon Majors at almonmajors@att.net, phone 426-0775, or David Terry at dterry2882@gmail.com, phone 429-8166.

Youth football/cheerleading

Madison Youth Football and Cheer-Knights registration continues through July 18 online at www.MadisonYFC.org. On-site registration at Dublin Park Recreation Center will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday regular price and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18 with late fee. For more information, call 289-1398.

Screaming Eagles golf

All are invited to join the second annual Screaming Eagles Golf Tournament on July 24 at the Links. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30. The cost for a team of four players is \$260, or \$65 per individual player. Cost includes cart, green fees, breakfast and lunch. Mulligans and power drive are \$20 per player. Proceeds from the event will help the North Alabama Screaming Eagles chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association support past, present and future Screaming Eagles. To register, email Jeff Wishik at jwishik@yahoo.com or Phil Thompson at NAS-ECSecretary@gmail.com.

Basketball camp

J Smith Hoops presents the eighth annual J Smith All-American Basketball Camp, for ages 6-15 (boys and girls), on July 6-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Columbia High School. The cost is \$115. For more information, visit www.jsmithhoops.com.

Conferences & Meetings

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 Sentar 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 604-9339.

Adjutant general association

The Rocket City Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association holds a monthly meeting every second Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Java Café, Pershing Welcome Center, building 3434 off Honest John Road. The AGCRA meetings are open to all

military and civilian Human Resource professionals in the commuting area. You can join the Rocket City AGCRA at www.AGCRA.com. For information call Chenita Henderson 450-5880 or email 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.

Amateur radio operators

The Marshall Amateur Radio Club, under the call sign of WA4NZD, conducts a monthly meeting every first Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at building 4622, on the NASA side of Redstone Arsenal just off of Centaur Street where all the antennas are located. For more information, visit wa4nzd.wordpress.com/ or email stephen.j.duncheskie.civ@mail.mil.

Field artillery group

The North Alabama Chapter of the Field Artillery Association meets at the Firehouse Pub at 5 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month. “Please add this meeting to your calendars as a recurring meeting each month and join us,” a prepared release said. “These gatherings are a lot of fun and are great opportunities to meet with fellow Redlegs in the North Alabama/RSA community.”

Women in defense

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Women in Defense will hold a Breakfast and Annual Meeting event Oct. 1 from 7:30-9 a.m. at The Westin, Bridge Street. Laura DeSimone, Missile Defense Agency director of acquisition, is the keynote speaker. Registration details will be posted soon.

Historical society

Join the Huntsville/Madison County Historical Society on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library. Huntsville Police K-9 Unit supervisor Sgt. Joe Jenkins and Officer Cory Upton will bring Gunner, a specially trained member of the K-9 unit, who will show off unique training exercises. They will share the history of this unit as well as some hilarious stories of how HPD’s four-legged officers have captured local criminals. This meeting of the Huntsville/Madison County Historical Society is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jacque Reeves 509-3940.

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will present “Reconstruction in Alabama,” by Richard Bailey, Alabama author/historian, on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. There’s no charge for the program; optional chicken buffet is available at 5:30 for \$8.95. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 278-5533.

Vietnam veterans

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1067, meets the second Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Civitan Care building, 3053 Leeman Ferry Road. For information call first vice president and membership chairman Richard Knight 722-3027 or visit www.vietvethsv.org.

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 Redstone Lanes bowling center, meeting room 1. Come join the meeting and have lunch. For more information, visit www.redstone-warrants.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 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, 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 active Soldiers who desire to ride a motorcycle regardless of riding it on or off Redstone Arsenal. 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). Scheduled classes include the BRC on June 18-19 and the ERC on June 20, according to the Garrison Safety Office. 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.

Acquisition courses

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, 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.

Automated configuration

MEARS is a web-based, government-off-the-shelf application that automates the Configuration Management and CDRL process and is managed at Redstone Arsenal. For more information, contact MEARS program manager John Rogers at john.a.rogers.civ@mail.mil and 876-8834.

Housing services

The mission of Housing Services Office is to provide: assistance to customers with all of their housing needs, guidance and assistance pertaining to

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all aspects of relocation, mediating disputes, re-financing, and providing guidance on local housing needs. If you can access the Arsenal, they would be happy to assist you – incoming and departing military personnel, retirees, government civilian workers and government contractors. For more information call Minnie Rhoden, of the Housing Services Office, Directorate of Public Works, at 876-6666 or email minnie.s.rhoden.civ@mail.mil.

Redstone Thrift Shop

Spring cleaning? Let the Thrift Shop help you. They take donations and give out tax receipts or you can consign and make some extra cash. If you have an ID card, badge, civilian or contractor you can consign with them. If you would like more information, stop by or call. The shop is always looking for volunteers, so stop by. If you are interested in consigning, visit 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 off Hercules Road, is located behind the One Stop. The phone number is 881-6992. Business hours

are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 9-5 and the first Saturday of the month from 10-2. Consignments hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-11:45 a.m. 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 please leave items in the gray box under the pavilion or as close to the door as possible.

Korean War veterans

Legacy 4 Korean War Veterans Foundation will hold its 10th annual luncheon honoring Korean War veterans July 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Summit. The guest speaker is Gen. Dennis Via, commander of the Army Materiel Command. Lunch is free to Korean War veterans. Cost is \$20 per person for all others. For more information, call KC Bertling 541-0450, email samnk@knology.net or visit www.legacy4koreanwarveterans.org.

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Superior civilian service

Gary Mayes, engineer at the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, presents Denise Jones, an engineer with the Research and Advanced Concepts Division, SMDC's Technical Center, the Superior Civilian Service Award during her retirement May 28. Jones retires with 29 years of service.



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Overseas deployments

Use your experience and expertise to support Department of Defense operations overseas by volunteering to deploy as a member of the U.S. Central Command's Civilian Expeditionary Workforce. The CENTCOM CEW allows current DoD civilian employees to use their initiative, capabilities, experience, skill and knowledge in support of the DoD in accomplishing its mission overseas. Employees interested in applying their expertise in a challenging, austere and unique environment can volunteer for positions supporting the U.S. military in the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility. Deployable civilians are needed to fill critical vacancies in Afghanistan and other locations within the CENTCOM AOR. Volunteering to deploy provides an extraordinary opportunity to exercise your talents and expertise while directly supporting operations in support our National Security objectives. Department of the Army employees should submit the endorsement of their command leadership along with an application and their resume to the Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel CEW team. Full details of the Army application process are available on the CPOL.Army.Mil CEW homepage at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/mobil/>.

Airborne chapter

The North Alabama Screaming Eagles Chapter invites past, present and future members of the 101st Airborne Division and their families to join its ranks. It provides current and former 101st Screaming Eagles in North Alabama an opportunity to assemble and socialize, recognizing and honoring their service to the Army and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) throughout the ages. For information, email NASECSecretary@gmail.com, springlarry1@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/NorthAlabamaScreamingEaglesChapter/.

Computer classes

Would you like to improve your proficiency with the 2013 versions of Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Word? Army Community Service offers free self-paced classes that are packed with information covering the new features of Office 2013. The classes are ideal for any individual looking to enhance their computer skill set. Classes are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each class has at least three

sessions which will take three hours each to complete. Call to schedule a class at 876-5397.

Rescue mission banquet

The Downtown Rescue Mission is celebrating their 40th anniversary and you're invited. The mission is a nonprofit organization serving the homeless of northern Alabama. It anticipates 400 guests for its 40th anniversary banquet Thursday. Proceeds from this event will support the life changing resources that the Downtown Rescue Mission provides for men, women and children. Register for tickets today by calling Tonia Beverly 713-4343 or emailing tonia@downtownrescuemission.org. As this ministry continues to grow, they also seek volunteer drivers to deliver food to those in need. For more information, call Corey Buckner 713-4316 or email corey@downtownrescuemission.org.

Military police reunion

There will be a Fort McClellan reunion for Military Police and civilian employees that were previously assigned to the Provost Marshal Office, 111th MP Company, Fort McClellan MP Company, Company A 701st MP Battalion, 209th Battalion and affiliates of the USAMPS or Training Brigade. The reunion is Saturday in Anniston near the post. There will be a post tour at 1 p.m. leaving the old Provost Marshal Office parking lot; a reunion dinner at 5 at Heroes followed by a meet and greet from 6-6:30, presentation/honors from 6:30-7 and concluding with a free concert/dance featuring The Tim McDonald Band from Nashville at 7. Cost for the reunion is \$20 for singles/\$30 for couples and should be paid by May 30 by check to Yellow Rose Production, Attn: 1361 Dry Hollow Road, Anniston, AL 36207 or paypal to gailwhite256@bellsouth.net. For more information call Gail White 236-5201, 225-1727 or 624-8761.

Youth talent showcase

The 2015 Madison County's Got Talent Showcase will take place during the 2015 Community Awareness for Youth event Aug. 1 at John Hunt Park, 2180 Airport Road. Youth ages 12-18 are invited to participate by showcasing their talents through singing, dancing, spoken word, comedy and other forms. Awards will be given in several categories. For registration information, call Daniel Kasambira 468-1801, Kenny Anderson 883-3993 or go to www.cafyhuntsville.com.

A limited number of free backpacks with school supplies will be available to early attendees. There will also be free food, door prizes, and the talent show from 1-2:30 p.m. There will be community resource information, inflatables, and many more ways for children and youth to have fun and to connect with organizations that will help them develop their academic and career lives.

Therapy pet fundraiser

The annual Dog Days of Summer event benefiting Therapy Partners will be held July 31 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the home of Christine and Mike Wicks. Enjoy live music, a silent auction and food – all to benefit Therapy Partners and their owner-and-pet teams who work as a therapeutic tool for several organizations in the Huntsville community. The cost is \$75 per person. For tickets or sponsorship, call Anne Sennell 881-5700.

Lifesaving training

Beginning in June, the Garrison's Fire and Emergency Services will offer Heartsaver CPR and AED training for all Team Redstone Department of Defense civilians and military employees as well as local Guard and Reserve units. The free training class will be held the last Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. until noon at the Fire and Emergency Services Training Center, building 3545. The first class is scheduled June 25. The class covers cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED use with adults, children and infants. There is space for up to 18 students per class. To register email Capt. Josh Hosack at joshua.r.hosack.civ@mail.mil or firefighter Edward Herbster at edward.m.herbster.civ@mail.mil.

St. Louis reunion

In the late 1990s as a result of the end of the Cold War, a major military base was closed in north St. Louis. Some employees were offered the option of relocating to Huntsville or other facilities around the nation, others retired or looked for work locally. So what happened to these 8,000 lives? Employees, friends and relatives of the 1960-90s Army Aviation and Troop Commands – PEOs, DFA, UNCLE, FMS, SOS and DMIS – stationed 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard in St. Louis, Missouri, are invited to a reunion. Activities include a picnic at Shelter 3, Blanchette Park, 1900 Randolph Street, St. Charles, Missouri, on Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. Bring lawn chairs and a dessert to pass if you want. Tickets are \$15 by Aug. 1, or \$25 after that date. Make checks payable to Avscom Reunion; and mail to 1108 St. Charles

Ave., St. Charles, MO 63301. All monies must be received by Sept. 1. Include an email address if available. For more information, contact Steve Bossomo on Facebook, call Gary Neuninger 704-9683 or email Pat Guy at puguysmile@yahoo.com.

Eat Wings fundraiser

The Rocket City Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association will hold its monthly Eat Wings, Raise Funds Day on June 24 from 11 a.m. until midnight at Buffalo Wild Wings, Madison Square Mall, 5901 University Drive. Buffalo Wild Wings will donate to AGCRA 15 percent from the Raise Funds Ticket proceeds of all pre-taxed food sales. Funds from this event will be donated to the Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen. For tickets contact Charlie Hardin Jr. 450-5734, at charlie.hardin.civ@mail.mil, and Chenita Henderson 450-5880, at chenita.l.henderson.ctr@mail.mil.

Dance camp

A summer dance technique camp is July 8-10 at the UAH University Fitness Center. For information and registration, visit www.dancetechcamp.weebly.com.

Victory Day celebration

A Victory Day Celebration, celebrating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, will be held Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Davidson Center at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. "An Outpouring of Thanks From a Grateful Nation" is sponsored by the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

Food service job openings

Redstone's Army & Air Force Exchange Service is recruiting for food service workers for Church's Chicken, Burger King, Subway and Charley's. If you are interested, visit www.applymyexchange.com to view current job opportunities. You can apply to Continuous Food Job Vacancy Announcement, VA-0887FOOD-0315. For more information, call Sherelyn L. McSwain, HR manager, 650-5928.

ID/CAC cards section

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, delays are possible July 2 and July 6 at the Identification/Common Access Cards section at the One Stop. Some of the workers will be on leave those days. "So the process might be a little slower during that time," Glen Reese, Military Personnel Division chief at the Garrison, said. There will be regular hours both days, 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments should be made online. For more information, call 842-2413. The section is in the One Stop building 3494 on Honest John Road.