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Office complex ahead of schedule

Von Braun first phase slated for November

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The first phase of a new office complex was originally scheduled to be finished this December or early January 2004.

"It's ahead of schedule," Bill Porr, director of public works, announced at last week's Community Town Hall Meeting. "Right now we're looking at November."

The first of three planned buildings in the Von Braun Complex will house the Space and Missile Defense Command and its 830 workers. The \$39 million, 220,000 square foot building is 65 percent complete, according to Porr.

The complex will accommodate tenants currently located in off-post leased facilities. Subsequent phases include a PEO AMD phase, containing an auditorium, and a MDA phase which contains a cafeteria.

Department of Army has recommended Congress appropriate \$37 million in fiscal 2006 for 238,000 square feet for the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense. The Missile Defense Agency has

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

PEDAL PATROL— Maj. Brad Scofield, far right, the provost marshal, introduces bike patrol members Pvt. David Furey, left, and Sgt. Joshua Lee.

American forces wage war against Iraqi dictator

Defense secretary praises just cause

By GERRY J. GILMORE
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WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld last Thursday praised American troops deployed overseas to disarm and oust Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, noting that their efforts support a just cause.

"It is essential to world peace and our security that we act against the regime of Saddam Hussein," Rumsfeld said in a taped message to servicemembers, as U.S. and coalition forces continued the military campaign against the dictator's regime.

"Know that this war is necessary, it is just, and that you have the resources and commitment you need to achieve victory," the secretary declared.

Rumsfeld pointed out that Saddam brushed off President Bush's March 17 ultimatum for the dictator to leave Iraq within 48 hours or face war.

"In rejecting the president's ultimatum, the Iraqi regime has chosen war over peaceful disarmament," Rumsfeld said.

"Saddam Hussein's regime will be now removed from power – and the Iraqi people will be liberated," he declared.

American service men and women "will deliver on the presi-

dent's pledge" to disarm Hussein's regime and oust the dictator, Rumsfeld said.

If Saddam isn't stopped now, the secretary pointed out, the dictator could provide his weapons of mass destruction to terrorists, who likely would attack the United States again.

"The result could be the deaths not of 3,000 people, as on September 11th, but 30,000 or 300,000 or more innocent people," Rumsfeld emphasized, noting that the mission of U.S. troops arrayed against Iraq "is to prevent that from happening."

U.S. troops "are the best trained, strongest, and most capable military in the world," the secretary said, adding that he and other senior leaders "have full confidence in your ability, your courage and your dedication to our country."

America's troops won't face danger alone, as they "will fight alongside the forces of such stalwart friends as Australia, Great Britain and many others," the U.S. defense leader said.

The president made the right decision to oust Saddam, Rumsfeld reiterated, noting that all diplomatic avenues to peacefully disarm the dictator had come to naught.

"We are at the point at which the risk of not acting is too great to wait longer," he emphasized.

Rumsfeld said the troops have the support of their commander in chief, of Congress and of the American people.

"I thank you for all you do for our country. May God bless you, and keep you, and guide you in the days ahead," he concluded.

Alert plans trigger question

I want to know the reason why the Arsenal will only allow so-called mission essential personnel during force on Delta alerts. The reason that I have read is that the gates will need to 100 percent inspection which will slow entering the gates and employees getting to work. Since an employee is issued a badge and has to have an auto decal on their vehicle, it should mean that they have been evaluated and given permission to enter the Arsenal. If the guards want to further make sure of the person's identity then maybe they should check for a driver's license.

Since Sept. 11 2001, I have been asked for license, auto insurance and vehicle registration which should prove one's identity and ownership of the vehicle. If a vehicle is the problem, then maybe under the high level alerts, shuttle bus service from the Arsenal should be provided a various locales in the Huntsville/Madison metropolitan area to bring employees to work. With all the work that is going on and will definitely be increased during high level alerts, I do not see what having a smaller staff in the office will be able to accomplish.

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Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Force Protection Condition system is a Department of Army and Department of Defense mandated system that prescribes progressive levels of security measures for implementation in response to threats to U.S. Army personnel, information and critical resources. FPCON Delta applies to an installation whenever a terrorist attack has occurred or intelligence indicates likely terrorist action against a specific location. An installation can either increase their FPCON independently or be directed by higher headquarters to attain a specific level based upon worldwide, national or regional threat intelligence information. Therefore, because of the potential danger and inherent risk associated with being on the installation during this increased security condition, only those bare minimum essential personnel required to perform the most critical missions on the installation are allowed access onto the Arsenal.

"The Key and Essential list mentioned in the March 5 Rocket includes command

and control, security, guard, police, fire, communication and utility employees as well as those personnel with unique managerial and technical skills required by the wartime mission.

"The mission essential list typically includes personnel involved with emergency services, force protection, intelligence collection and dissemination, support services (supplies, food, utilities, etc.) and minimum command and control elements. Additionally, because of the increased threat, additional security personnel will be implementing numerous security measures in response to any identified threat. Therefore, a reduction of personnel on the installation is essential to the conduct of the security mission in order to execute these increased security procedures. Keep in mind that FPCON Delta is designed to only be sustained for a short period of time (24-72 hours) in response to the immediate threat. Because of the increase in threat information and a like response in the increase of security procedures, it is imperative at FPCON Delta that all personnel are thoroughly identified, verified as mission essential and thoroughly inspected prior to being granted access to the Arsenal."

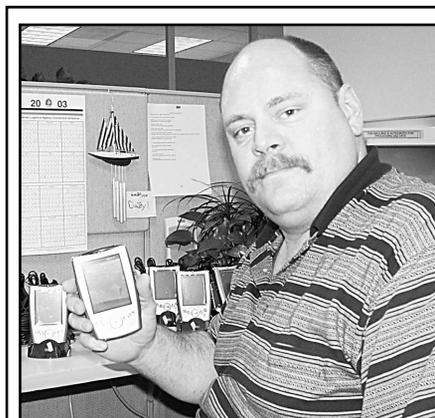


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Paperless product

Dorian Jessick, a computer systems analyst in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, shows one of the 21 personal digital assistants being deployed to U.S. soldiers in Kuwait. The paperless assistants serve as automated log books for aircraft. Jessick and co-developer Mack Raley work for Jacobs Sverdrup Engineering.

Resource managers' event jazzy

Annually, the American Society of Military Comptrollers sponsors a Professional Development Institute to provide a premier training opportunity for its membership and others interested in resource/financial management in the defense community. The PDI is an excellent forum for participants to exchange ideas and broaden their perspective of the challenges facing the financial management community. The primary goal of the annual PDI is to provide a very high quality program of educational and professional development activities for its members. This year's PDI will be held in New Orleans on May 27-30. The theme for this event is "Financial Management... and All that Jazz."

Over the last decade, between 2,500 and 4,200 participants from around the world have attended the PDI. Attendees represent a wide variety of disciplines in the resource management community - budgeting, accounting, cost analysis, and internal review, to name a few. Some attendees are experienced comptrollers or resource management directors; however, many are mid-level managers and analysts in the resource management fields. The majority of the attendees work in field offices, such as installations or bases; some work in major commands; and others work at headquarters activi-

ties. Participants range in rank from generals and admirals to lower ranked officers and enlisted personnel; and Senior Executive Service members to civilian employees primarily between the grades of GS-5 and GS-15.

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of ASMC consists of approximately 550 members (government and corporate) and is co-hosting the event this year with the New Orleans Chapter. The general sessions, mini-courses and workshops will be held at the Ernest Moriales Convention Center in New Orleans. To offset the cost of training, the chapter has chartered a 55-passenger bus for Redstone/Huntsville attendees (free of charge), which will depart at 6 a.m. May 26 from the parking lot of Kroger on Drake Avenue. The bus will return May 31. If you are interested in riding the bus, call Deborah Chambers at 313-0558.

Interested individuals (members and non-members) may go online at www.amsconline.org and register for the upcoming event. Individuals interested in becoming a member of the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter may call Don Clingerman at 955-7588.

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An open lane random survey

Do you think the income tax system is fair?

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Rick Harris, vendor
"I think it's pretty fair, it's been around for a while."



SFC Richard Gray
"The income tax system, I think, is probably the most complicated thing in our government right now. They should simplify it. If it was simplified

and made fair across all the different areas, it would be a good idea for the entire American population."



Pvt. Robert Stevens
"Why do we get taxed to pay ourselves? Everybody else pays us and we pay us, too."



Scott Claxton, Vendor
"You work all year then you have to pay a lot back. I just don't think it's fair sometimes."

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Hardware on stage for air show

Weapon systems displayed at Huntsville airport event

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

The Huntsville International Airport's 2003 air show Saturday and Sunday not only features the Navy's Blue Angels, but will also include numerous Army exhibits and equipment.

"The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are all supporting this community event," said Toby Strange of TMI, a contractor supporting the Aviation and Missile Command's Deputy Commander for Systems Support's Business Manager. There is no charge for admission to the air show, but parking is \$5 per vehicle. Airport gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. each day.

"Since many families will want to arrive early and get good seats before the flying demonstrations begin at noon, there will be ample time for them to examine our equipment and talk to the soldiers and other experts about their uses," Strange said. "There will also be things on site like the Army rock climbing wall, the Air Force aircraft mock-ups, the Marine Corps pull-up bar and Navy flight simulators that are specifically intended for the young people."

Equipment scheduled to be displayed includes the Apache, Black Hawk, Chinook and Kiowa Warrior helicopters, a Bradley armored vehicle, a Patriot launcher, and a Multiple Launch Rocket System among others.

"Almost everything you see is currently being used in military operations," Strange said. "As a matter of fact, we have really had to remain flexible because of deployments. But everyone in the Army has been great about providing replacements when something got pulled."

Strange also emphasizes that the range of equipment goes from the relatively standard Humvee to the high tech Unmanned Aerial and Ground vehicles, Short Range Air Defense gear and Air Traffic Control systems.

In addition to aerial demonstrations, there will also be demonstrations on the



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PARKING SPACE— This experimental Light Armored Vehicle will be among the displays at the air show.

ground. Redstone Arsenal's Provost Marshal Office will have its K-9 teams showing their capabilities each day.

Food and beverage concessions will be available as well as a variety of novelty, T-shirt and other aviation specialty vendors. Food and beverage, coolers, skateboards, rollerblades/skates, scooters, bicycles or pets may not be brought into the air show area, and there is no smoking on the air show ramp.

"Not only has the support been a mili-

tary 'purple' by having all the services involved in some way, but Team Redstone has been fantastic," Strange said. "The Army, NASA and many of our contractors will be there to show what we do here in Huntsville. The people of this community will truly be proud of Team Redstone's presence and support at the air show."

For more information about the air show, visit the web site at www.fly-huntsville.com and click on the Air Show 2003 icon.



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Top visitor

Maj. Gen. John Deyermond, deputy chief of staff for operations at Army Materiel Command, visits the Logistics Support Activity, March 13 to receive an overview of capabilities.

Fox Army Health Center makes emergency plans

FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER RELEASE

In case of post closure due to force protection condition Delta, you may expect the following from Fox Army Health Center. We will be here normal hours and can make an appointment to see you if the post is not closed. Check your local television stations every morning for notices of post closure.

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and we will direct you to where you need to go for health care.

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- Call in a prescription to a downtown pharmacy if you run out of a chronic or critical medication
- Reschedule missed appointments when security level has decreased.

If the post is closed and you have a medical problem, call your clinic or the advice nurse line at 955-8888 and select the advice nurse option from the menu. If you take medications for a chronic illness, be sure to have enough on hand to avoid running out if you can't get on post to the pharmacy for a day or two. Delta is not expected to last more than a couple of days and then we will return to business as usual. If you have a true emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

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NOW HIRING - APPLY AT THEATRE

Counselors give support to soldiers overseas

Trinity center staffers send care packages

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The war on terrorism is not unlike many U.S. military undertakings of the past — the home front is just as important as the front lines. Care packages and other correspondence from families and loved ones help take the edge off the uncertainty of being in a foreign land with a dangerous job. That's the idea that Marvin Kalachman, physicians assistant at Trinity Counseling Group, had when he decided to show his support for soldiers overseas through letters and care packages.

Other members in the office soon followed suit. Many of them have relatives in one or more of the units that are overseas or getting ready to go.

"I have a nephew in the 101st who is being deployed to Kuwait, so I got involved and we found out that a lot of people in the office wanted to help take care of our soldiers overseas," Roxanne Wysock, vice president of administration for the Trinity Counseling Group, said.

Some had gotten involved with the any soldier program that amounted to a collection of care packages and letters that could be given to any deployed U.S. soldier. In order to better protect the force, Department of Defense leaders decided that all packages would have to be shipped to specific soldiers from specific stateside addresses.

"This office has seven or eight participants. Right now we have three or four names of soldiers, and we are waiting for more. We had used the any soldier address, but when they canceled that we've been focusing on getting names so we can continue the effort," Wysock said.

The Huntsville community continues to be supportive of the military. Large numbers of retired military members and military family members live in Huntsville; so in one way or another, a large percentage of the population has been affected by a deployment sometime in their lives.

"It's a good way to show moral support. It also allows us to feel like we are contributing some way to the war effort. It's not a political thing, we are just showing our support for individuals who have been sent overseas to do a job," Wysock said.



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MORAL SUPPORT – From left April Thomas, Donna Barnhart, Cindy Weaver and Roxanne Wysock prepare a care package for shipping to soldiers.



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Education just a long distance call away

Digital classrooms bring training while keeping workers on job

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Getting a master's degree was a forgotten dream for Andy Dobbs, a general engineer at the Space and Missile Defense Command. With a wife and three children at home and a job with more work than hours in the day to get it done, going back to school seemed impossible.

"If it hadn't been for the distance learning program, I couldn't have done it," said Dobbs, who graduated in December with a master's degree in program management from the Naval Postgraduate School based in Monterey, Calif. "It was just like sitting in a classroom in California. When you take tests, a proctor comes in and makes sure it's all done right. And someone was always close by in case of technical difficulties. I'd recommend this type of learning to everyone."

This new type of learning, called the Army Distance Learning Program when it was established at Redstone in January 2000, has been renamed Distributed Learning System to help eliminate confusion with other programs. Even though the name has changed, the mission remains the same — to provide the infrastructure that delivers the Army's courseware.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

CLASS ACT— Folks from personnel and training visit the digital classroom in building 5304 at the Sparkman Center.

In simple terms, it provides the capability to deliver education and training to installations, instead of having to send soldiers and civilians out to get it.

The Army has 240 digital training facilities worldwide. Redstone's facility

has three identical digital training classrooms on post, one in building 5304 of the Sparkman Center and two in the Ordnance school area in building 3340. All have 16 student workstations with computer, monitor, keyboard and microphone. At the front of the room are two large display screens and a video camera mounted above them. The microphones and camera supply two-way audio and video for students with instructors at remote sites.

"The system is amazing," Gregory Caffie, digital training facility manager, said. DLS is managed by the Personnel and Training Directorate. "We have the capability for on-site face to face, videotape, video teleconferencing, computer-based instruction, online classes. Virtually any type of electronically sent instruction."

Benefits realized by distributed learning include more flexibility and access to training in the global environment; quicker delivery of information, education and training; reduced cost and less time away from work.

Challenges to the system aren't quite as obvious.

"There is a lag in utilization," James Foster, personnelist for Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said. "Partly because we don't have a population that coincides with the type of technology used. The generation more apt to use this system of learning is under 30. We don't have a lot of under 30 in our work force. The other problem is that large numbers of courses have not been digitally converted."

Many available courses address the educational needs in the Army acquisition field, for certification and continuing education credit. The most popular course to date is the Navy Postgraduate Course. Dobbs was among 10 graduates of the course in December.

"Something new the Army is working on is the NCO inventory leadership taught online," Caffie said.

Besides working within the Army to get more training converted to digital format, Foster is working with colleges and universities in the region, making them aware of the technology in the hopes that they will convert their curriculum to digital format. Academia benefit because they expand their pool of potential students and the Army wins because it can increase the knowledge base of its work force with less expense.

"This facility is not used often enough," Foster said. From January 2000 to January 2003, about 6,700 students logged more than 21,000 seat hours, a small fraction of its potential. "We want people to generate more need for DL. People need to identify what their education or training needs are so we can share it with course developers and they can provide it digitally. The system is designed for total use 24/7. That's our goal."

Dobbs would like to see that happen, too, for all the people who think college is out of reach.

"It was tough that first year, juggling family, work and classes but once you find your groove it gets easier," Dobbs said. "It's a quality education. I recommend it to everyone."

The Learning Center in building 5304 next to the digital classroom has a list of available courses or log onto www.dis.army.mil for more information.

Communications upgrade may disrupt traffic flow

GARRISON RELEASE

The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program project office is breaking ground for the new communication infrastructure, according to Richard Mathena, Directorate of Information Management, and I3MP team leader.

Constructions crews are working off north Patton and Almond roads near the steam pipes approximately one-eighth mile northeast of the Sparkman Center. They will also be working at the cloverleaf on the Martin Road east exit off Pat-

ton Road and on Toftoy and Digney roads near the jogging trail in the vicinity of the Wellness Center.

In the next couple of weeks, work at these locations could possibly cause traffic disruptions. Please take the necessary precautions when traveling these routes.

"The U.S Army Garrison-Redstone Arsenal and Directorate of Information Management would like to extend their thanks in advance to the Redstone community for their patience and support," Mathena said. For more information, call him at 876-0020.

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Division chief recognized for military support

Resource manager Steve Fisher shows consideration for team

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Steve Fisher felt he was just doing his job. But that's not how it was perceived by the recipient of his goodwill gesture.

Fisher, chief of force development and management division in Resource Management Directorate, received a Department of Defense commendation for support of the National Guard and Reserve. He was nominated for the honor by Terry Borman, a management analyst in his division.

Borman was deployed in Kuwait with the Air Force Reserves about two years ago. After some people were killed over there, Fisher did some checking and assured

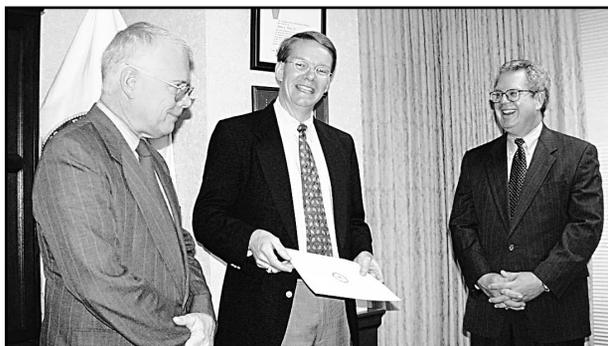


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NATIONAL HONOR— From left are Terry Borman, honoree Steve Fisher and Jim Flinn.

Borman's family that he was OK.

"I wrote to the National Guard Bureau to recognize Mr. Fisher because of his continuous support of the Unit-

ed States military," Borman wrote. "He has always been there for me more times than I can remember, with consideration and understanding when I have been called to duty. When overseas, my division located me in Kuwait with information to call home during an emergency. Mr. Fisher and my division are like family to me. Mr. Fisher has told me I am a great American, but it is Mr. Fisher who is the great American, supporting the U.S. military in time of conflict, but more important, in peacetime always. Mr. Fisher deserves recognition."

That was what he received in a ceremony Thursday. Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general of the Aviation and Missile Command, presented the certificate. Fisher called Borman "a superb person" and "a great team member."

"It's an honor to have one of your employees take time to recognize you," he said.

Fisher, 41, has worked for the government 19 years and been at Redstone since 1994. He has three children: Sarah, 14, Mark, 12, and Rachel, 7.

Army leadership features gender diversity

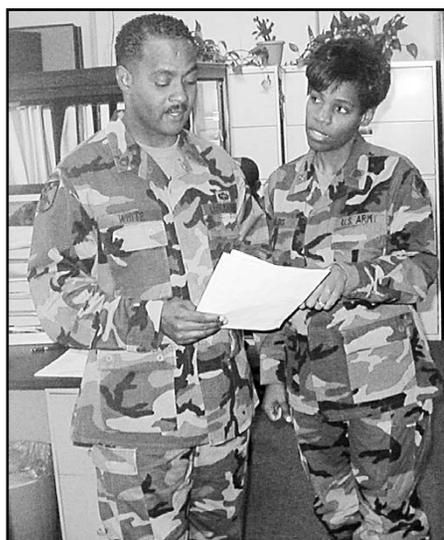


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SHARING INFORMATION— Brigade S-1 NCO-in-charge SFC Arthur White briefs brigade executive officer Maj. Desiree Burgess-Fields on personnel.

Female officers paving the way

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"As the Army has evolved in the last 200-plus years, the soldier population has begun to move toward a reflection of the actual United States population," Maj. Desiree Burgess-Fields, 59th Ordnance Brigade executive officer, said.

The Army has 212 ways to be a soldier and women are handling more of these positions. On both the officer and enlisted side, females are offering their unique perspectives and talents to the military service. The opportunities for women in the military have increased dramatically over the last 10-15 years. The Army has followed a natural progression toward diversity within its command structure.

"Women have been holding more high ranking high responsibility jobs since I've

been in," said SSgt. Tiwana Posey, who recently completed drill sergeant school at Fort Jackson, S.C. "We're seeing more female first sergeants, sergeants major, colonels and other important billets in a variety of units at home and abroad."

"The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School is looking forward to the arrival of its first female commandant in late August," Burgess-Fields said. "This will be a milestone in the Army's move toward gender integration."

The Army's female leaders display several dynamic qualities as they continue to be at the forefront of the transformation from the traditional legacy force to the modern objective force. The archetype for the female soldier and officer has also changed over time.

"There is an understanding that women in leadership roles do not have to be harsh or masculine to be effective," Capt. Monica Hurst, commander of HHC 59th, said. "There is more latitude for maintaining femininity and still being

firm when it comes to making command decisions."

These leaders also include mothers who have more than just their soldiers depending on them for guidance and leadership. Having two families is quite a responsibility: It's a guarantee that the challenges keep on coming 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"One of the keys to balancing motherhood and the military is making use of the support systems within the military community," Hurst said. "I have made many close friends while in the military, and they have often helped me out on the home front when I have late hours in the office or at a company event. Prioritizing the tasks that come up everyday is a challenge that keeps me flexible."

"Having kids and playing an active role in running the household makes a smooth transition into leadership in the military workplace," Burgess-Fields said.

Editor's note: March is Women's History Month.

Non-commissioned officers have place of own... again

NCO club program opens at Challenger Center

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The Backbone Club, Redstone's new non-commissioned officers club program, opened March 8 at the Challenger Activity Center. Army and Marine NCOs enjoyed good food, beverages and each other's company.

It has been over a decade since a non-commissioned officers club has existed on Redstone Arsenal. The Officers and Civilians Club has served as the venue for both officer and enlisted events on the Arsenal.

"It was time NCOs had a place of their own again on the Arsenal," 832nd Ordnance Battalion

CSM Gary Stepp said.

The NCO Club on Redstone Arsenal was closed in 1992 due to the mass deployment of NCOs for the Gulf War and its aftermath.

"Active participation in the club and club activities is absolutely essential to keeping any sort of organization going. I am strongly encouraging BNCOC and ANCOC students to be members of the club for the duration of their stays on the Arsenal," Stepp said.

The goal of the grand opening and subsequent events is to bring the club back and maintain it even through times of heavy deployment. In the case of another mass deployment, the retired NCOs will have to step up and make their presence felt at the Backbone Club.

"There are a lot of NCOs in a lot of different capacities here on post, and no reason why they

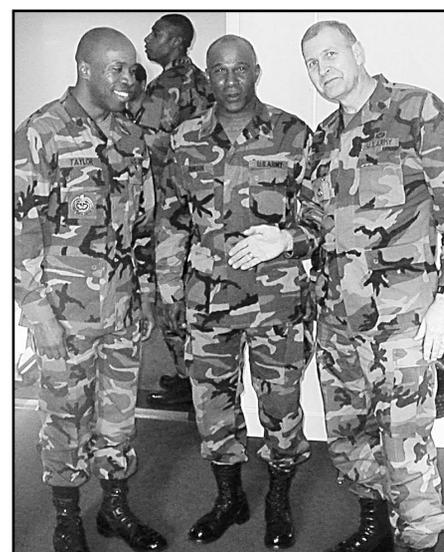


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GOOD TIMES— From left 59th Ordnance Brigade CSM Larry Taylor, post CSM Roscoe Johnson and 832nd Ordnance Battalion CSM Gary Stepp enjoy the festivities at the opening of the Backbone Club.

See Club on page 7

Volksmarch, Mayfest promise fun for whole family

Military community gets ready to enjoy seasonal festivities

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The Redstone Arsenal chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association and MWR would like to invite the entire Huntsville community to participate in the Mayfest Volksmarch, May 3 at the Soldatenstube.

The Volksmarch, or people's walk, originated in Germany as a way to appreciate the beauty of nature and to promote good health. The walk route traditionally winds past historic or scenic areas, and in Germany the routes are usually 10-20 kilometers.

Walkers can start on the trails in between 8 a.m. and noon. Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hit the trail at 7:30 and 7:40 a.m.

For this event, two routes are available to accommodate the preferences of the walkers. A 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) trail has been marked off for those who favor a long route while a 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) trail is available for less enthusiastic walkers.

The 5K trail is rated as a "2" trail. It contains dirt and paved segments as well as small streams, depressions and ditches. The trail is challenging, so strollers,

wheelchairs and small children may encounter difficulties negotiating the trail. The 10K trail turns up the difficulty to a "3" rating. On this trail, wheelchairs, strollers, wagons and those who do not consider themselves "strong walkers" are strongly discouraged.

The Mayfest celebration will include an antique car display that will be up and running at 10:30 a.m. and a horse shoe competition. Plenty of German food and assorted beverages will be available throughout the day. At noon, there will be a Maypole Dance Celebration, and a show put on by the Cahaba Clowns who were recently voted the "Best Clowns in the Southeast."

Along with the march and festivities, participants will have opportunities to purchase walking sticks, mugs and other memorabilia. The sponsors will distribute all proceeds to various organizations, clubs and charities. These include the Redstone Wanderers Walking Club, Redstone Arsenal Mayfest and Oktoberfest, Retiree Day, Bingo Fund-Raising Games and Events, Space Camp Scholarships, Crime Night Out, Community Block Party, American Red Cross Angel Tree, Redstone Arsenal Family Symposium, various Christmas charities and the College Merit Scholarship Program.

For more information, call Bob Borden at 842-9673, e-mail Robert.borden@omems.redstone.army.mil or rb26915@charter.net, or go to the web site www.ewarrants.us/wanderers.

■ Backbone Club grand opening draws crowd

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shouldn't make their presence known," Stepp said.

Many NCOs are looking forward to the growth of the club and the services it will be able to offer in the future.

"With a big screen television, activities could be built around major sporting events," SFC Richard Weber of HHC 59th said. "With the addition of pool tables and dartboards, weekly competitions might be a good idea. Karaoke night is another activity that would beat sitting around the house with nothing to do after work."

"I hope they'll find a way to have it appeal to the younger NCOs as well," Sgt,

Keneshia Taplin of HHC 59th said. "They also need to take into consideration the different times that the NCOs on post get off work when it comes to the happy hour."

"Camaraderie is the end result of a successful NCO club," Stepp said. "The club will be a place for NCOs to talk business, plan the next week and discuss professional military topics. It is also a place where they can relax and enjoy their time off."

Plans for the club include a move to the building where the child day care center is located, right next to the site of the new Soldatenstube. The senior enlisted leadership is looking forward to a time when NCO/Soldier of the Quarter and Soldier of the Year luncheons can be held at the Backbone Club.

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Customer feedback moves badging office hours

Earlier opening proving popular

By **KIM GILLESPIE**
For the Rocket

The Vehicle and Badging Office is now open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Based on customer comments, we have expanded our operating hours and aligned them more closely with the average employee's duty hours," Susan Velez, team leader, said. "Our office is committed to customer service, and we hope this helps us meet our customers' needs."

To help increase the speed and efficiency of the vehicle decal and badging process, customers are urged to have the required paperwork completed and signed when they arrive at the office. "For badges, a completed and signed SAM Form 1116 is

all we need. Once we record the information from the form and take your photo, your badge is issued on site," Velez said.

Army civilians are also advised to renew their badges on their birthday or the first business day after. "All Army civilian badges expire the month of their date of birth, so this is a good way to help people remember to get it renewed, and it helps spread badge requests throughout the month," Velez said.

Contractor badges should continue to be renewed when they expire. Individuals with a change in command codes should also come to the office for a new badge at the time a SAM Form 1116 with the new command code is signed.

Personnel requesting vehicle decals should arrive at the office with driver's license, registration, proof of insurance and military ID or Redstone Arsenal security badge. "Just having customers arrive with

all the necessary paperwork with them helps speed up the process," Velez said.

If your vehicle decal has expired or security personnel at the gate indicate your decal should be replaced, the same documentation is required. "In cases where the registered vehicle is sold or traded, we do need you to remove the decal from the car before it leaves your possession and bring us the destroyed decal along with the proper documentation so we can issue you another decal," Velez said.

The earlier 7 a.m. office opening is proving to be popular. "We are continuing to implement methods to lessen the waiting time for our customers, and we welcome suggestions," Velez said. "We think our new and expanded operating hours are a step in the right direction."

The staff can be reached at 876-5770. The office is in building 3423 on Gray Road.



Photo by Kim Gillespie
SATISFIED CUSTOMER— William Daryl Warden, a disabled veteran, gets a vehicle decal from data entry clerk Terri Sharp at one of the Vehicle and Badging Office's busiest times — lunch hour. His wait was "not long," he says.

Software conference coming to Huntsville

Huntsville/Madison County is a technology-rich region with the second highest per capita concentration of scientists and engineers in the United States, and a ranking of fifth in the nation in software employment. Software and computer technologies change rapidly. A key way that software and other technical professionals keep up with changes and initiate change is through participation in major national conferences. Huntsville is privileged to be the host city for the second

annual Southeastern Software Engineering Conference, April 1-3 at the Von Braun Center.

The conference, with the theme "Software Engineering in an Uncertain World," will provide a forum and venue for software engineers, programmers and computer scientists to discuss the latest developments in software engineering, software program management, computer network operations, and information technologies for Homeland Defense. The con-

ference will feature three days of invited and refereed presentations, a doctoral symposium, industrial exhibits and a job fair. The conference cost is \$115.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association, the Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute, Vanderbilt University, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Auburn University, the University of Alabama, the University of Alabama at Birmingham,

Alabama A&M University and several corporations. In addition to the named sponsors, the Aviation and Missile Command's Software Engineering Directorate, Army Space and Missile Defense Command, and Marshall Space Flight Center will participate in the conference.

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asked the Defense Department to appropriate \$39 million in fiscal 2005 for 259,000 square feet for MDA.

Other construction projects Porr outlined during the meeting March 18 at the Recreation Center included:

- A hazardous devices training facility, funded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, represents \$23 million and is scheduled for completion in March 2004.

- An enlisted personnel dining facility, representing \$7.2 million, should break ground in May with estimated completion in March 2004.

- An ammunition surveillance facility, \$2.7 million, is 40 percent complete and expected to be finished in November.

- A 32-lane bowling center, or "fun center," was approved for \$6.4 million and should break ground in May with anticipated completion in May 2004. The project, north of Honest John Road, between Zeus Drive and Patton Road, will include bowling lanes and support areas, a Strike Zone Restaurant, Sports Bar, party and meeting rooms, arcade, control counter and offices.

In other business, Todd Hutto, director of business management, described emergency weather operations on Red-

stone Arsenal. Col. Steven Klamerus, commander of Fox Army Health Center, discussed West Nile virus and said the risk for an individual getting the virus is low.

Maj. Brad Scofield, the provost marshal, introduced Pvt. David Furey and Sgt. Joshua Lee, two members of the bike patrol in the housing area. The other two members include Sgt. Charlene Booth and Spec. Carl Robinson.

Scofield explained the plans for limiting access to Redstone during an expected increase in the force protection level, depending on world events.

"We're going to do 100 percent inspection" when the force protection level rises to Delta, according to Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander. Three gates would close and only key and essential personnel would be allowed through the other three.

An NCO Club program opened a few weeks ago at the Challenger Activity Center. More than 130 members have signed up so far, according to Dan Ahern, director of personnel and community activities. Program benefits include happy hour every Friday, quarterly birthday dinner; a variety of morale, welfare and recreation discounts; and \$3 haircuts to begin in June. Dues are \$10 a month which will increase to \$12 when the barber shop opens for business.



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WELCOME— Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander, addresses the community town hall meeting.

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Exotic plant life can mar Arsenal landscape

Natives, exotics have differences

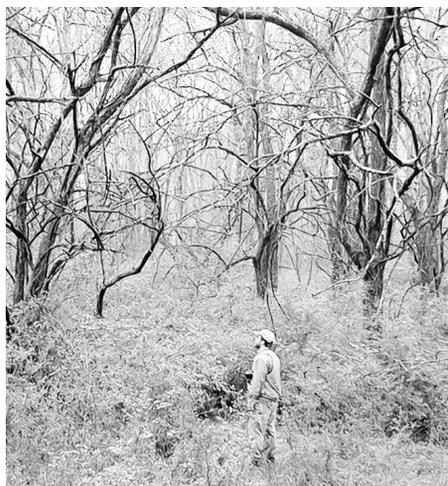
By SUSAN WEBER
Directorate of Environment and Safety

Now that spring is here and the buds are about to break on the trees, many folks entertain thoughts of turning the earth and planting something. This instinct is strong in humans, and goes back to the days when we had to raise our own food for survival. Today, with all the hybrids and imported plants, there is a vast choice of species offered to the home gardener and to those on Redstone who are responsible for landscaping both new and old buildings. Many of the plants species available on the market are exotic species, and at least on Redstone and other federal lands, red flags go up when we are presented with them in the landscape plan.

The term "exotic" conjures up the poster of Hawaii at the entrance of SATO Travel. Instead of a tropical paradise, the word actually means "from another part of the world, or foreign." And that leads to the subject of this article, the Army's requirements to promote native plant landscaping and avoid the use of exotic plants in the Redstone Arsenal landscape. "Native" in contrast means belonging to this county; but in more appropriate eco-

logical terms, "native" means native to this region of the Southeast. Most species native to the West, or even to the coastal plain of the Southeast, are not adapted to this climate and the soils.

So what plant species are exotic? Most of the plants available at nurseries are cultivars from foreign countries, mostly China and Japan which were introduced in this country as ornamental plants. Now ornamentals can be either exotic or native, but landscapers tend to chose the exotic



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PLANT INVASION— Chinese privet is taking over forests on Redstone.

ornamentals more often, and have used exotic plants for decades or longer. Some exotic plants like kudzu were introduced in the 1800s. It is not an ornamental plant, but was introduced to control soil erosion and it has done a poor job of that.

I mention kudzu because it is well known to everyone in the Southeast. Today, kudzu claims about 126,000 new acres each year. It is a pest that has adapted well to Southeastern climate. Kudzu, like many other species that have been brought here with good intentions, kills native forests and replaces them with a monotypic wasteland. Privet, which was planted extensively as hedges along yards and property boundaries, has become one of the worst exotics to invade into natural and disturbed areas all over the Eastern U.S. Plants like privet and bush honeysuckle (another exotic), out-compete native plants for space forming a complete barrier for native plant reproduction, eventually eliminating native plants altogether. Even seemingly innocent ornamentals like nandina ("sacred bamboo") and Oregon grape are now spreading to natural areas.

How does this shrub, vine, or tree that has roots firmly planted in the ground manage to escape from that spot? Many exotic ornamentals produce a fertile fruit that is eaten by wildlife, which spread the durable seeds over wide areas. The seeds inside the fruit can pass through birds and sometimes mammals, undigested, intact and unharmed. Many who appreciate the wildlife say, "What will the birds or the deer eat, if we take away their autumn olive, privet or honeysuckle?" Wildlife will eat the hard and soft mast and seeds that they ate before all the exotics were brought to the U.S. The rationale for using native species are that they are adapted to this climate, and are part of a community or ecosystem that includes many other species, along with disease, insects and competitors that keep them in check. On the other hand, the exotics have done so well because they have few predators and disease to control them, they have changed our wetlands and forests into "biological deserts" with very little diversity to sustain wildlife.

As a result of the research that has been done on hundreds of species of exotics, federal laws have been passed to reduce the number of imported exotic species of both plants and animals that come into this county. The federal government has also encouraged states to form their own Exotic Plant Councils to head off problems with exotic plants. Executive Order 13112, on invasive species states, "Each federal agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species shall, to the extent practicable and permitted by law: prevent the introduction of new invasive species, detect and control populations of invasive species, conduct research on invasive species and promote public education on invasive species and the means to address their control."

From this executive order, Army regulations were developed to curb the use of exotic plants on Army facilities. The idea

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is to get back to using the native plants to restore biodiversity to the land. Army Regulation 200-3, states, "Emphasis will be on the use of low maintenance indigenous [native] plants... Indigenous and cultivatable threatened and endangered species are to be given primary consideration." Many of the native species, if given a chance to be used around our buildings will truly surprise and delight the senses with colors, smell and textures to which few are regularly exposed. To promote environmentally sustainable landscaping, the Directorate of Environment and Safety has compiled a list of more than 40 exotic plants that are problems on the installation, and these have been written into the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.

What this means for Redstone is that all new or replacement landscaping has to be approved through DES before the first plant can be installed. To make this change easier for those who can't give up their crape myrtles and Bradford pear trees, we are allowing a 1:3 ratio of non-natives to natives to be used in a landscape plan. That is 75 percent of the total number of plants have to be native species, and 25 percent can be non-native ornamentals. To make it easier for project planning, DES has a landscaping list of about 150 native species that can be used for landscaping designs, along with wholesale nurseries that can supply those plant species. Also to be considered is that none of the exotics from our moderate to severe invasive list can be planted on Redstone. For any new building or landscaping projects, we strongly recommend that landscape plans be developed early in the process, so that DES can review them and make any required changes to the plant list before any plant materials are purchased.

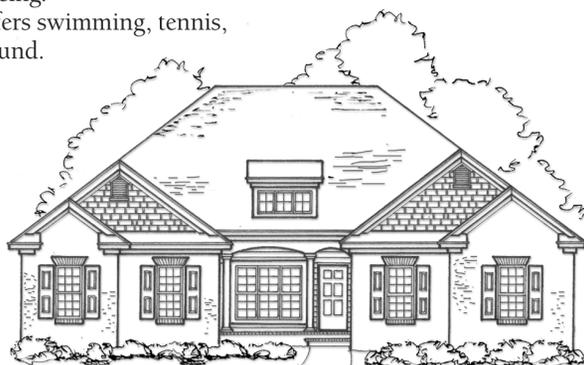
Anyone can obtain both lists of the native plants for landscaping on Redstone (or use at home) and sources for native landscaping plants, by making a request by e-mail to Susan Weber of the Natural Resources Division of DES at susan.weber@redstone.army.mil or by calling 842-0019. In addition, DES has the list of exotic invasive species that cannot be planted on Redstone. We also add new native species to the list when we can identify local or regional sources for those species.

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Volunteers urged to spring into cleanup effort

Team Redstone joins city in picking up litter April 5

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

Tree hugger alert! Team Redstone members are encouraged by Susan Weber, ecologist for the Garrison Environmental Office, to have some fun and help out the environment by volunteering for the April 5 trash cleanup of Redstone Arsenal's Spring Branch creek.

"This event will allow people to get out into the fresh air, and see the trees bursting into life, as well as see some interesting habitats on Redstone that they have never seen before," she said.

The April 5 volunteer cleanup begins at 9 a.m. and will end at approximately noon. The Spring Branch cleanup is in conjunction with the City of Huntsville's Operation Green Team, Boy Scout Troop 308, Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"Our plans for the cleanup are that Team Redstone volunteers, or those with military ID or Redstone civilian badges, will meet that morning at Gate 1, Martin Road, in the old visitors center parking area," Weber said. "We hope that civilians who do not have a Redstone badge will volunteer with the Operation Green Team group that is meeting that same morning and time at the Huntsville Natatorium on



Courtesy photo

WATERWAY— Experienced canoeists, like these Boy Scouts, and environmentalists will help with the Spring Branch cleanup April 5.

Drake Avenue."

The Spring Branch waterway is the unfortunate victim of the most widespread of environmental crimes: littering. "Many who like to fish on Redstone are well aware of the great amount of trash that comes down McDonald Creek and gets trapped in the most beautiful bottomlands about a one-half mile down from Martin Road," Weber said. Fast food paper, cans, and even larger household trash and car tires find their way into water and are pulled downstream into Redstone Arsenal, the marshes of Wheeler Wildlife

Refuge, or the river. "Wheeler is so happy about this effort they are supplying drinks and snacks for all our Team Redstone volunteers," Weber said.

Volunteers are not required to have any special skills, just a love of nature and enough energy to place trash in a bag. "Since we are doing this along a waterway, anyone who has knee or hip waders, even galoshes or rubber boots is encouraged to bring those so they can clean up in the wetter areas," Weber said. Bags and gloves for the cleanup will be supplied by Tennessee Valley Authority.

Maps of the cleanup routes will be available. "We are going to take a great many of the people down to McDonald Creek via Creek Road, and place the majority at the south end, where McDonald Creek joins Spring Branch (because McDonald Creek is a major source of the trash). There they will be able to clean the Spring Branch and McDonald Creek bottomlands," Weber said.

Redstone organizations are encouraged to form volunteer groups to compete against one another, with the group filling the most trash bags being recognized at the April 22 Earth Day celebration at Redstone's Path to Nature. The biggest award, however, will be the chance to experience Redstone's natural beauty.

"The water tupelo swamps should be turning the freshest color of green that weekend, and many of the spring wildflowers such as spring beauty and bitter-cress should be in bloom," Weber said.

If the force protection level at Redstone is suddenly raised before the cleanup and restricts entrance to Redstone, Weber hopes volunteers would join the Operation Green Team cleanup on Drake Avenue. She also encourages volunteers to carpool.

Team Redstone members interested in volunteering should contact Weber at 842-0019 or susan.weber@redstone.army.mil by April 3. Individuals interested in joining Operation Green Team cleanup on Drake Avenue should call 532-5326.

Post prepares to swat mosquito population

Odds of infection from West Nile deemed remote

GARRISON RELEASE

It's that time of year again when the temperatures rise and the spring rains provide habitat for the emergence of mosquitoes on Redstone Arsenal and the surrounding community. This year we have improved our plans to monitor mosquito populations and take appropriate action to ensure those living and working on the installation are safe from West Nile virus and other mosquito borne diseases.

Last year was an eventful year for the Center for Disease Control and Alabama Department of Public Health. With more than 3,300 cases of human infection nationwide, the virus had spread across the country. All but one of the 67 counties in Alabama confirmed the presence of WN virus last year. This year we expect the WN virus to be present in every community. Last year Alabama had 52 human cases confirmed along with 194 human and 597 bird cases. Three elderly persons, two women in Montgomery County and one man in Mobile County, died in Alabama as a result of the virus in 2002.

According to CDC, even in areas where the virus has been documented, very few of the mosquitoes (less than 1 percent) are infected. In addition, less than 1 percent of individuals who are actually bitten by an infected mosquito

develop severe symptoms. Therefore, a person's chance of becoming seriously ill from any one mosquito bite is extremely small.

Redstone will again work closely with Huntsville-Madison County Health Department, installation medical and veterinary staff, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the CDC to monitor and take appropriate action to prevent and control mosquito populations on the installation. Up to 15 adult mosquito survey traps will be placed at various locations on the installations and monitored twice a week from April 1 until the end of the mosquito season, around Oct. 1. Additionally, mosquito larvae (young premature mosquito) samples will be taken in conjunction with the adult mosquito samples to determine the potential of adult mosquito population and efficacy of control measures implemented. This year a mosquito lure, not a mosquito zapper, has been purchased as an additional tool to control adult mosquitoes without using pesticides. It is paramount that the mosquito traps and lures remain undisturbed throughout the mosquito season.

Redstone is also monitoring dead crows, blue jays and raptors (i.e., hawks, falcons, owls, eagles) in the virus surveillance program. Should you detect a sick or freshly dead blue jay, crow or raptor, call the environmental health manager at Fox Army Health Center at 955-8888, extension 1441 to prepare the collection

and processing for the virus determination.

Safety net

So what can one do to help in preventing the buildup of mosquito populations and potential infection? The most important and effective measures are as follows.

Practice these personal protective measures to reduce the exposure to mosquitoes:

- Limit outside activities during the late evening, night and early morning hours when mosquitoes are most active.

- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored long sleeves and long pants.

- Avoid aromatic cosmetics and dark clothing, which may help attract unwanted insects.

- Use mosquito repellents if you must be outside. Apply DEET repellent to exposed skin following manufacturers' directions. Spray clothing with repellent containing DEET or permethrin.

Unwanted sites

Take these additional measures to

eliminate mosquito breeding sites in order to prevent the buildup of mosquito populations:

- Look for containers that can contain water, and turn them over or put them under cover.

- Change the water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.

- Change water in pet dishes daily.
- Keep swimming pools and wading pools clean and replenish water twice weekly.

- Clean out all gutters regularly.
- Keep boats drained or covered so they will not collect water.

- Put old tires under cover or dispose of properly.

- Repair leaky faucets or pipes.
- Put children's toys where they will not collect water.

- Empty saucers under potted plants at least twice weekly.

For more information about prevention and control efforts in the installation mosquito program, call post forester Jesse Horton at 876-6145.

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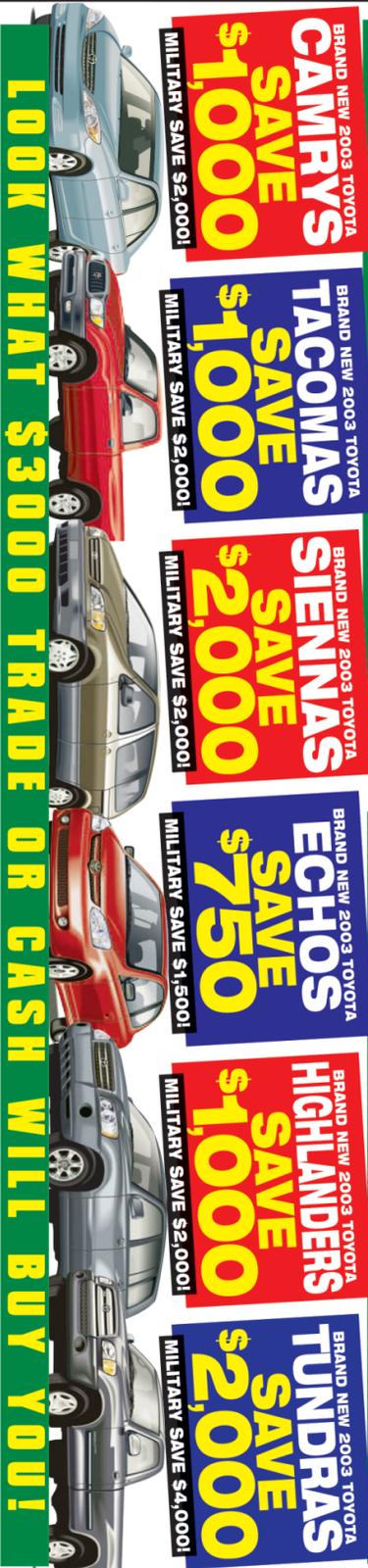
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There's a fair number of cookbooks on the market today but you'd be hard-pressed to find one with as much variety as the one published by volunteers at Army Community Service.

"We've had pot lucks here for years and years," Phyllis Montgomery, ACS volunteer and cookbook coordinator, said. "Someone's always asking for the recipe for this or that so we thought maybe we should put a little cookbook together. Then someone suggested that we turn it into a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief."

It started with recipes from ACS staff and volunteers and mushroomed from there. Once Montgomery put out the call, recipes came pouring in from people all over the Arsenal, including a few recipes from the Officers and Civilians Club.

"We wrote Huntsville Mayor (Loretta) Spencer, who sent us six recipes, Senator Shelby, Senator Sessions, Governor Siegelman, when he was the governor, and lots of Redstone's senior lead-



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

IN THE KITCHEN— Army Community Service volunteer Phyllis Montgomery puts banana-nut bread recipe to the test.

ership," Montgomery said. "We had a great turnout."

The recipes are as diverse as the community from which they were gathered — Monkey Bread, Congo Squares, Funky Grits, Carrot Soufflé, Potatoes Royale,

Fried Green Tomatoes, Posse Stew, Spaetzle, Ginger Soy Salmon, San Francisco Fudge Foggies, Cheese Burger Pie, Dove on the Grill and the unforgettable Lard Can Dinner.

"Some friends of mine hosted a party and cooked the whole dinner in a lard can," Montgomery said. "They got the recipe from Joe Davis, mayor of Huntsville from '68-88. The recipe even tells where to go to buy the lard can."

The recipe for Spaetzle comes from Dan Ahern who brought it back from Germany with him and upon his arrival to Redstone in 1999, taught "Boo" at the Soldatenstube how to make it.

"We have several authentic Italian recipes from Mrs.(Antonella) Parisi, Lt. Gen. (Franco) Parisi's wife," Montgomery said. "We had to translate them to English for the cookbook." Her recipes include Pork Fillet with Mushrooms, Pasta with Artichoke Hearts, Tuna Mousse and Pesto.

Hamburger stew comes from Lorraine Kraus, who learned it from "an old farm girl from Michigan. It's a recipe that can be adjusted," she said. "If you don't like something in there, leave it out and throw in anything you do like."

Besides food, the cookbook has a section titled "This and That" which includes recipes for friendship, a military wife, dirty

Santa gift swap, how to preserve a husband, homemade finger paints and play dough.

Once the 130-plus recipes were collected it was up to ACS volunteers to design the cover and divider pages, type the recipes, copy and cut pages and then assemble the books.

The cookbook, Always Cooking Something, sells for a minimum \$5 donation and debuted at the AER kickoff March 3. Most of the first 100 printed have already been sold but more are in the works.

Sgt. Tyrone Stewart, AER co-chairman, was one of those who bought a cookbook at the campaign kickoff.

"I saw that recipe for hamburger stew, went home at lunch time and put all those ingredients in a crock pot," Stewart said. "I'm a single guy so I get a lot of crock pots for Christmas gifts. Anyhow, I let it cook all afternoon, five or six hours and it turned out real good. I ate on it for three or four days. It's easy to make for someone who's not a good cook."

Proceeds from cookbook sales will be donated to AER, a program that provides emergency assistance through grants and interest free loans to active duty soldiers, military retirees and eligible family members.

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- Army Community Service Volunteer Cookbook on sale for \$5 through May 15; sponsored by the Garrison, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities and Army Community Service. Call Phyllis Montgomery or Mary Breeden 876-5397.
- Snack Sale through May 15, sponsored by the Program Executive Office for Aviation. Call MSgt. John Savage 876-2708.
- Bake Sale today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sgt. Bryan 842-0883 at Military Personnel Office.
- Plant Sale, April 17 in the Sparkman Center parking lot, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call SFC Snead 842-7883 or Romona Rice 313-1641.

• Book Sale, April 21 through May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, second floor, sponsored by Command Analysis Directorate. Call Brian Barry 842-9909.

• Garrison "AER Fun(d) Day," April 29 at building 4488. Call Donna Johnson 876-9675.

• Bake Sale, April 29 at 7:30 a.m. at building 5300, north hallway, sponsored by LAISO. Call Adrienne Wilson 842-6755.

• Cookout/bake sale, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5400, sponsored by Research Development and Engineering Center. Call Janet Martin 313-1996.

• Car wash, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at building 3494, sponsored by Military Personnel Office. Call Sgt. Bryan 842-0883.

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Non-prescription medicine should be taken with care

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By SSgt. MELVIN JONES
Public Health and Education Center

You had a long day out on the golf course your body aches from all the activity. You return home and reach for your favorite over-the-counter medication to relieve your aches. Many older Americans turn to OTC medications to self-treat uncomplicated health problems such as arthritis pain, insomnia, constipation, indigestion and headaches.

OTC medications can be a preferred choice for many reasons. They are easy to get, and generally cheaper than prescription medications, making them attractive to anyone on a tight budget. They can be purchased at most grocery and convenience stores and they do not require a prescription.

Some people believe these medications won't cause harm and that's why they are available over-the-counter. In fact, severe and life threatening reactions happen every year from the use of OTC medications. When one chooses OTC medication, the education one would normally get from their doctor, nurse or pharmacist is bypassed.

Using OTCs carries little risk if you use them wisely. Self-education is the key to safety. Learn to treat OTC medications as you would prescription medications and remember each drug affects people differently. Many people do not tell their health care providers or pharmacists about the OTC medications they use. Many consumers learn about OTCs from brand-name advertisements that can lead consumers to expect quick and safe fixes from the use of these products. These ads neither inform consumers about less costly generic preparations nor do they typically suggest ways to relieve symptoms without medication.

Here are some tips to follow when it comes to OTC medications:

- Don't take OTCs unless you need them; ask your doctor during necessary visits, which OTC medications are safe for you.
- Write all your medications down (OTC and prescription) on a list and carry it with you at all times.
- Pharmacists are easily accessible in most grocery stores; they are a great source for answering common medication questions.
- Mark your calendar to check expiration dates monthly; discard expired medications.
- If starting a new OTC medication, take the lowest dose possible to see how your body reacts, then increase dose if necessary and safe.
- Ask your doctor about alternatives to medication.
- If you want to save money, ask your pharmacist if a given drug has a cheaper generic version.
- Store all medications as directed; improper storage may cause medication to be ineffective or harmful.
- If traveling by air, keep medication in its original container to avoid confiscation by security or customs.
- Always learn about possible side effects of a medication before taking it.
- Show your medication list to your pharmacist and ask if there are any negative interactions among your medications.
- If you are having trouble taking medication as directed, ask if it comes in another form. Many oral medications come as a tablet and a liquid.

For more information, you can go to <http://www.elderweb.com> or <http://www.fda.gov>.

Editor's note: SSgt. Melvin Jones is NCO-in-charge at the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center.

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Delta remains force in postseason tournament

Devastating Dragons advance to semifinal

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The troop postseason basketball tournament went as expected last week — with one surprise.

Headquarters & Alpha upset second-seeded HHC 59th, the preseason champion and last year's post runner-up, 70-65 on March 19 at Pagano Gym. HHC 59th fell to the losers' bracket while Headquarters & Alpha (9-11) advanced to play top-seeded Delta in a semifinal scheduled March 24. The final was slated March 25.

Delta (19-1) did its part by nipping the Marines 76-73. Laquaine Bess scored 20, Sheldon Goldsmith had 16 and Bruce Hollis added 14 for the Devastating Dragons.

"It was a close game all the way down to the end," Delta coach Cedric Tims said. "And luckily Sheldon Goldsmith was able to capitalize on his free throws."

Jason Davis scored a game-high 30 and Damian Cason had 22 for the Marines.

"They changed their defense up to a 1-

2-2 and turned it into a little bit of a half-court press. And it kind of startled our offense for a minute but we were able to adjust, make an adjustment to it," Tims said.

HHC 59th (17-3) stayed alive by beating Bravo-1 51-41 Thursday. The 59th was scheduled to play the Marines (14-8) March 24. The Marines eliminated the NCO Academy 48-36 to advance in the losers' bracket.

"We dug ourselves a hole," 59th point guard Patrick Perry said. "We're fighting to come up on out of the losers' bracket. We're just fighting for our life right now. We're trying to get some people healthy. Hopefully we can come up on out of the losers' bracket."

Perry finished with 23, including four 3-pointers, and Eddie Bryan added 14. The 59th led 28-19 at halftime but only 38-36 with 6:16 left.

Chris Thomas and Reggie Williams had 10 apiece for Bravo-1 (9-11).

In other games last week, HHC 59th d. Bravo-2 58-36, Bravo-1 d. AMCOM 52-49, Headquarters & Alpha d. NCO Academy 45-35, Delta d. Bravo-1 43-34, Marines d. Charlie 60-44, AMCOM eliminated Charlie 49-47, NCO Academy eliminated Bravo-2 27-13 and Bravo-1 eliminated AMCOM 69-64.

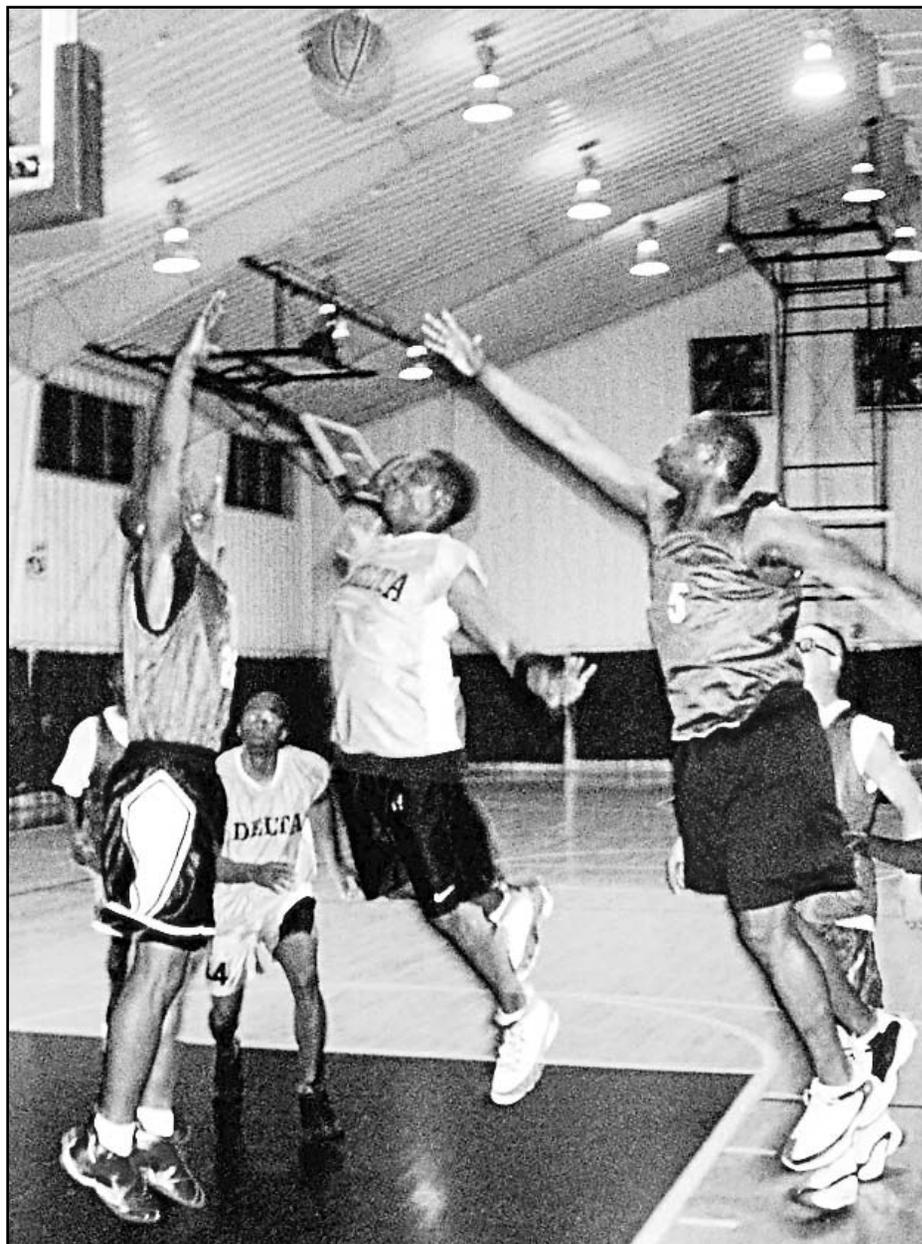


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SHOT'S AWAY— Delta point guard Keith Broughton (in gold jersey with white stripe) shoots against HHC 59th, March 12 in the season. Delta won 61-46.

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4s bring Islanders to earth

Team 4 ensured the Islanders were grounded last week in the Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League.

With team captain Pam Anderson, the 4s blanked the Islanders 25-10, 25-9, 21-7 on March 19 at Redstone Fitness Center. The 4s featured power spiking from Lawrence Chargualaf and Tim Powell and some well-placed shots from Sharee Smith, Celeste Banks and Henry Zamora.

They outdid the Islanders of team captain Paul Banks, Al Johnson, Alberta Parks and Alexis Ashton, who was hampered by an ankle injury.

In the second match, 5 Alive downed Team 3 by 25-17, 27-25, 21-18. Led by team captain and lefty spiker Bill Young, 5 Alive featured setters Cathy Young and Donna Lowen, spiker Randy Pestona, place hitter Gary Seal and serve specialist Nancy Pestona. The other member of 5

Alive's family trio, daughter Amy Pestona, added some fancy defensive and offensive moves.

Team 3 countered with Wanda McDonald and her daughter Tiffany along with Weldon Ragland and team captain Ricky Roundtree. They put up some good volleys but couldn't score crucial points.

Everyone is invited to open play Sundays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the fitness center off Patton Road. For more information, call Banks at 842-6131 or Felix Milar at 313-6091.

Milar expressed his condolences to George Guzman, a member of team 4, whose young daughter, Jassmine, died while awaiting a heart transplant.

"All the volleyballers send their sympathy and condolences and comfort," he said. "God bless their family."

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Sports & Recreation

Post softball team

Tryouts for the post softball team, military only, are March 27 at 5:30 p.m. on the field behind the initial entry training barracks. Sign up by 5 that afternoon at Pagano Gym or Redstone Fitness Center. For information call Sgt. Stephen Dix 876-5698.

Youth tennis clinic

Registration continues through April 4 for the Child and Youth Services' Tennis Clinic. The tennis clinic is Saturdays, April 12 through May 17. Each session is an hour, at 9, 10 or 11 a.m. and cost is \$68 per child for the six-week clinic at the Redstone tennis courts on Goss Road. Central registration fee of \$15 per child or \$35 per family (if not already registered at CYS Central Enrollment, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road). All youth attending must have proof of current physical upon registration. Children of any person, including contractors, who can access, works on or lives on Redstone Arsenal, ages 7-18, may participate (parents may also register). Minimum class size is six participants. The instructor is Al Garrett from Garrett Tennis Academy. Call 313-3699 for details or 876-3704 to register.

Hunting update

As a direct result from the March 13 Hunting and Fishing Town Hall Meeting, a change in the upcoming turkey season has been implemented. Turkey season on Redstone Arsenal will be open the entire month of April. The change will be that civilian and contract personnel will be afforded the opportunity to hunt. Military personnel will have priority the first three weeks of the season. After noon each day, civilian and contract personnel may then register to hunt in areas that are available. The final week of the season will allow for all personnel to register for a hunting area without priority. An additional change in registration will require that military personnel bringing guests must identify their guests at Outdoor Recreation upon checking back in from their hunt. For more information regarding the newly established turkey quota and permit requirements call Outdoor Recreation,

building 5129, 876-HUNT.

Chess championship

The All Army Chess Championship is June 20-27 at the Fort Myer, Va., Community Recreation Center. Application deadline is May 28. Players must have played in a U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament and/or have a USCF rating. Travel arrangements and lodging will be arranged and funded by CFSC. Participants must request approval prior to participation through their command chain. These will be USCF Official Rules of Chess, using a seven-game round robin format. To apply online: Go to <http://www.armymwr.com> and scroll to Rec. and Leisure, click on "Recreation Centers" and click on "Army chess" to fill out the application, then click "submit." You may also apply by calling Kris D'Alessandro (703) 681-7204. The All-Army Chess Championship is part of the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation community recreation program, an activity of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

Run and bike race

3D Research Corporation will sponsor a duathlon April 26 in Hampton Cove to benefit the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. The race includes a 5K run and 25K bike course and is limited to 250 competitors. Cost is \$25 for individuals, \$40 for relays, if postmarked by April 12; fees are increased \$10 thereafter. For more information, call race director David Swinford 464-9494 or log onto <http://www.springcitytri.org>.



Conferences & Meetings

Federal attorneys

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present its first Personnel/Labor Law Symposium at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, April 15. Speakers include Merit Systems Protection Board administrative judges, an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission administrative judge, a former general counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, an assistant U.S. attorney, and a labor relations specialist. Application for six hours of Alabama and Tennessee Continuing Legal Education credit has been

made. Managers, employees, human resource professionals, union officials and attorneys are the focus audience. Topics include evolving issues in employment discrimination, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 update, Litigation before the MSPB and significant cases, and labor relations in the post partnership era. For more information, call 955-4521 or 895-1104.

Joint electronic warfare

The Navy will hold the 48th annual Joint Electronic Warfare Conference, May 6-8 at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. The conference is for U.S. government personnel only. For more information call Susan Hynds, Naval Air Weapons Division, (805) 989-4018 or Melody Dates (805) 989-7832.

Test and evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency will sponsor its sixth Army T&E Days — "Building Test Capabilities for the Future: Supporting FCS, The Objective Force, and the Next Generation Army" — on June 3-5 at the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. Guest speakers invited include Claude Bolton Jr., ASA(ALT); Lt. Gen. John Caldwell Jr., MILDEP, ASA(ALT); Lt. Gen. Johnny Riggs, Dir., OFTJ; Walter Hollis, DUSA(OR); Maj. Gen. Robert Armbruster, Cdr, ATEC; and Dr. Mike Andrews, DASA, R&T-Ch Scientist. An exposition will be held in conjunction with the conference. Government and industry organizations are encouraged to participate in the exposition. Registration is \$325 (form is on web site) and is in TIP. For more information, call Michael McFalls 876-3462 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715. The web site is www.testevaldays.com.

Native American club

The Flying Eagles Club meets Thursdays at School Age Services, building 3400 on Gray Road. The club highlights Native American drumming and dancing. Participants also learn about Native American culture. Parents are invited to attend with their children. This activity is open to children of any active duty and retired military personnel, Guard, Reserve, DoD, Army, contractor and NASA dependents registered at Child and Youth Services. For more information, call the Youth Center 876-6595 afternoons Monday through Friday.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its regular monthly membership meeting April 14 at 5 p.m. at the Union Office, building 3202. All employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp trollers will hold its monthly meeting April 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Retired Lt. Gen. James McCall, executive director, ASMC national headquarters, is scheduled speaker. For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members — call Virginia Moore 955-6262, ext 165.

Project management institute

The North Alabama Chapter of the Project Management Institute will meet Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m. at ELMCO Inc., 6000 Technology Drive, building 1, Suite N. Rick Curns of Pimsol is to demonstrate how a project manager can make informed decisions using a web-based, project control hub. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. For reservations call Bill Kessinger 776-0026.

Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.



Miscellaneous

Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards to a high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is April 30. For more information or a scholarship application, call Patricia Motes 876-9317.

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Public affairs survey

In an effort to improve the way the Garrison and Aviation and Missile Command's Public Affairs Office does business, the office has developed an online Customer Satisfaction Survey. The online survey can be accessed on the web at the following sites: https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/pub_affairs/ or http://www.redstone.army.mil/pub_affairs/. The Public Affairs Office hopes to receive input from both past customers and potential customers. The survey has 10 questions, half of which may be answered by simply clicking on your desired response. Available responses to these questions range from 1 to 5, Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree. The remaining five questions require answers that must be typed in the space following the questions. When you complete the survey, simply click on the "Submit" button. The survey takes little time to complete. The Public Affairs Office is looking for submissions that reflect honest responses and will use the survey results to improve its services to its customers. By having customers and potential customers respond to the survey, the PAO will better know what its customers expect, what it is doing right or wrong, and how to function more efficiently.

Thrift shop donations

The Thrift Shop is accepting written applications for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. The deadline for requests is April 14. Please include your federal tax number and mail to Redstone Thrift Shop, Building 3209, Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Thrift shop hours

Effective April 2, the Thrift Shop hours are Wednesdays 9-5, Thursdays and Fridays 9-4 for shopping. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. The shop has appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. The shop is now accepting homemade crafts for consignment. "The

Thrift Shop is looking for smiling faces to volunteer," a prepared release said. "Bring us your yard sale leftovers; tax slips are available." For more information, call 881-6992.

Teams week

Huntsville's military, space and academic communities are gearing up for the third annual Technological Excellence in Aviation Missiles and Space week. TEAMS week, March 31 through April 3 at the Von Braun Center, will feature four concurrent conferences. This year's theme is "Delivering Technology Today - Developing Technologies for Tomorrow." The event is sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies.

Engineering scholarships

Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics announces its 2003 Engineering Scholarship Program for high school seniors. For more information and applications call Victor Giuliano 721-2422, G. Alan Lowrey 544-7684 or Kevin Connell 782-5972.

Tax assistance center

The Redstone Tax Center, building 3489 off Ajax Road, provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty and retired military and their dependents. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 for walk-in services. For an appointment, call 842-1040.

Women's history program

The Team Redstone Women's History Program is Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Madison Mayor Jan Wells is scheduled speaker. The 2003 theme for Women's History Month is "Women Pioneering the Future."

Isbell academy

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is accepting registration through March 31 for the 2003-04 school year for students in grades 2-8. For more information, call the school 746-9206. The Isbell Academy, a non-profit, tax-exempt school, services students who are struggling in a traditional classroom.

Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation 8:30 a.m. April 1 at building 3338 at the intersection of Mauler and Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, refreshments and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Participants receive Morale, Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently stationed at Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Training opportunities

South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center's Training and Learning Center announces its third quarter regional

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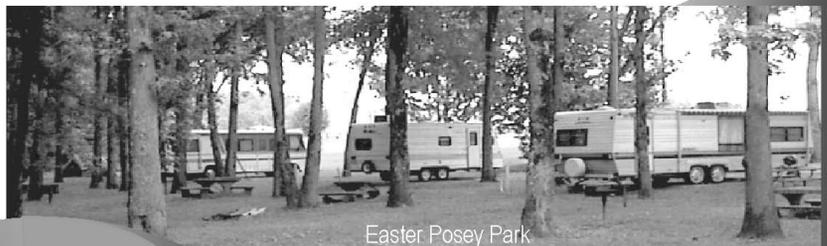
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Mountain boxes

From left, Mountain Gap Elementary students Phillip, Charlene and Samie McArdle, children of Bill and Renee McArdle of Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, collected more than 500 pounds of personal care and snack items for deployed soldiers. Jeff Hilton, also of the PEO Tactical Missiles, assisted the McArdle children in organizing the donated items for shipment. "The kids had a great time and learned the value of volunteering their time and effort for the good of our soldiers and our country," Renee McArdle said.

training opportunities. The complete course announcement is available on its web site at <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/scr/>; scroll down and click on Training Information and then click on Training Opportunities-SC Region. A listing of all training available in the South Central Region will appear. Select the course you are interested in and you will have the complete course announcement, including enrollment procedures. You must contact the course manager for a payment authorization sheet to complete your registration. For more information, call Louise Olszewski 842-6540 or Marsha Samples 842-6543.

Professionals week

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will sponsor its annual Administrative Professionals Week training April 22 from 8-noon in the SELA Auditorium, building 5400. Registration is 7:30-8 a.m. For more information, call Arnita Lee 842-6038.

Butler High reunion

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20-year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427.

Father of year

The Madison County Father of the Year for 2003 will be honored June 21 at a gala event in Huntsville's historic Depot Roundhouse. Sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Madison County, the gala will

announce the 2003 Father of the Year and raise money to benefit the center. It will feature dancing to the music of "Chevy 6" as well as heavy hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Nominations for the Father of the Year will be accepted until April 21. Forms and more information are available by calling the Volunteer Center 539-7797 and from the center's web site: www.voluntccrshv.org.

Economic summit

The 2003 Tennessee Valley regional economic summit is May 27-29 at the Von Braun Center, U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer (D-Ala.) announced.

Union election

The election for officers of AFGE Local 1858 is April 14 from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Union Office, building 3202. Eligibility to vote requires membership in good standing by March 31. The candidates include: for president, Billy Clemmons, Don Eiermann and Abner Merriweather; executive vice president, Lew Jeter and Homer Reynolds; secretary, Ethel Brandon and Ronald Johnson; treasurer, Mary Armstrong and Billy "Mack" Ennis; and SMDC vice president (professional), Frank Bowels and Jim Brothers. For more information call Ken Weihs, chairman of the election committee, 842-7268.

Military children's month

Child and Youth Services will kick off the Month of the Military Child with a parade

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April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center. For more information, call 876-7952 or 313-3701.

Summer camp
Child and Youth Services will accept applications to the Summer Break Camp at the School Age Services (grades K-5) and Youth Services (grades 6-12). Programs will run from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 30 through April 30. Application and registration information packets may be picked up at Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road (Challenger Activity Center). Registration costs \$15 and a current immunization record must accompany registration. This is open to children of all military and military retirees, DoD/Army civilians, NASA, and DoD/Redstone contractors. For more information, call 876-3704 or 955-6309.

Army family team building
Make a difference in the lives of Army families by becoming an Army Family Team Building instructor. Instructor training is March 31 through April 3 from 6-9 p.m. in building 3338 on Redeye Road. Space is limited. Call 876-5397 by Friday to reserve your seat and arrange for free child care.

Aeronautics awards
The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Alabama-Mississippi Section is requesting nominations for the 2002-03 annual Section Awards. The awards will be presented at the Officers

and Board of Director Installation and Awards Banquet, May 15. Submit nominations by April 18. For more information, call Steven Noneman 544-2048.

Postwide garage sale
Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a Postwide Garage Sale – in addition to the housing area garage sale — open to the entire Redstone community April 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. Those selling items can purchase their permit at the ITR office, Recreation Center, building 3711 for \$5. One permit is two parking spaces. Also those selling may begin setting up at 7 a.m. and must be ready by 7:45 with vehicle parked, due to safety issues, ready for the public to begin shopping. All items must be personally owned or used — no vending. Private organizations may also purchase a permit to hold fund-raisers; these are the only people who can sell baked goods or beverages. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-1203 or the Recreation Center 876-4531.

Child care speaker
Sondra Clark, 13, spokesperson for Child-care International, is to speak at the Sunday morning worship services at 9:30 and 11 at Whitesburg Baptist Church.

Catholic community
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel holds Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, through April 18, at 6 p.m. A soup supper will follow. Sign up during fellowship to bring soup or bread. Good Friday will be

celebrated April 18 at 3 p.m., with stations at 6. Easter Vigil Mass is April 19 at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass is April 20 at 9:30 a.m. Mass is held Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Sorority luncheon
Delta Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will present the unveiling of the Zora Neale Hurston Literary Postage Stamp at 11 a.m. April 12 at the Huntsville Space Center Marriott. Scheduled speaker is Valerie Boyd, author of "Wrapped in Rainbows," the biography of Hurston. For tickets to this scholarship benefit luncheon, call 539-1886.

Commissary promotion
Procter and Gamble and the Commissary will sponsor a Tide and Downy promotion April 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "The Tide Race Car Exhibit will include great prizes, plus a representative from the Tide Race Team who will be in uniform answering questions," a prepared release said. "For all Tide and Downy purchases we'll give away caps, T-shirts, Tide race cars, and a few Jackets. Come out and enjoy in the fun."



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Watching door
Sharon Strickland, a security badge checker for Phoenix Services, verifies identification of people entering building 5308.

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