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Stop sticks deflate potential threats

Provost Marshal members
gain enforcement device

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A high-speed chase earlier this year could have been averted with the newest equipment in the Provost Marshal Office.

The intoxicated driver sped through Gate 3 and was pursued throughout the installation by security guards and police. He was finally apprehended when Huntsville police stopped his vehicle just after he exited Gate 9.

With stop sticks, members of the Provost Marshal Office would have been able to stop the vehicle before the gate or at the gate. About 20 of the 30 tire-deflation devices have arrived so far from the manufacturer.

"Stop sticks are a man-portable, man-throwable device that gives us the ability to prevent unauthorized vehicles from

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TRAFFIC STOP— Military police Spec. Rene Wiggins demonstrates proper deployment of a stop stick.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Yes, Virginia, there really are alligators at Redstone

Natural resources chief
confirms sightings

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The alligator got plenty of attention just by making an appearance.

Telephone calls and e-mails arrived soon after its photograph appeared in the June 18 edition of *Redstone Rocket*. Greg Patch, a photographer for Test Area 1, snapped the digital picture about 3 p.m. May 22 at Huntsville Spring Branch in TA 1.

"I was about 300 yards away when I shot it. I'd say he was anywhere between 12 to 15 feet long," he said.

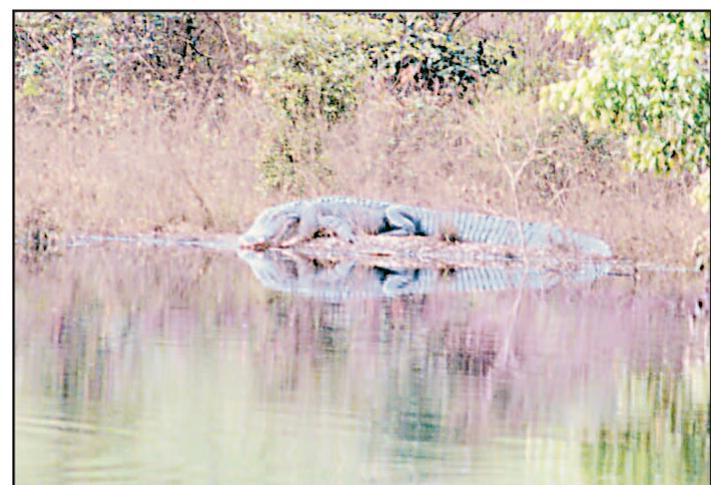
The alligator surfaced after heavy rain caused some flooding locally; and he or she stayed on the bank about two straight days. "That's the first time I've actually seen one out of the water," said Patch, among six members of the Photo Instrumentation Group who are affectionately called the PIGs.

"It makes you more aware of your surroundings out here," he said. "It makes you more careful if you're out in the water taking photos."

The *Rocket* contacted the command Safety Office which forwarded our questions to Danny Dunn, chief of natural resources division in the Directorate of Environment and Safety. The questions and his answers follow.

How common are alligators on post? Where are they?

Dunn: "There are 1 to 3 that usually stay on the installation that we know about. The most frequent sightings are on Test Areas 1 and 6. We don't encourage people to try to find them."



SUN BATHER— An alligator comes up for a little sun at Test Area 1.

Greg Patch/Test Area-1 Photo Group

How did they get there?

Dunn: "They are most likely part of the group of alligators that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released on Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge during the early 1980s in an attempt to help control the beaver population. Alligators really have no natural enemies, excluding man, once they reach about 4-5 feet in length, and may live 70 years in the wild. So we expect them to be around for a long time."

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Alarm sounds for fire safety

I have been employed in the same building for the past 10 months and the fire alarm system has been tested on numerous occasions with us being told before the test was done that it was a test.

Well, today a group of fire inspectors was going through our building (5436) when they decided to activate the alarm system checking strobes, based on my observation of the fire personnel in the building at the time.

We were a little complacent in that none of us evacuated the building due to the fire personnel were in the building with no firefighting equipment, other than the vehicle they rode over in, to indicate that there was any fire or emergency.

They criticized us for not leaving the building when the alarm was ringing. Eventually everyone did leave the building because we were told to by the fire personnel but they were not satisfied with our initial response to the alarm.

If the fire department wants to conduct a fire drill, would it behoove them to at least stay outside the building, activate the alarm system then evaluate the timely evacuation of the building instead of parading through telling us we are to leave the building at about the same time the alarm is tested?

When fire drills are conducted in schools, hospitals and the like, everyone is notified of the fact before the drill. Otherwise that could be construed as crying wolf. If a real incident should take place, it could lead to injury or death.

Oh by the way, after the drill, the alarm was sounded a second time (15 minutes later) without fire personnel and the response was to leave the building but we were told that it was the repair personnel that activated the alarm to confirm repairs and don't leave the building.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thanks for the opportunity to explain how fire drills are conducted and why it is important to evacuate the building when the alarm is activated. A fire or evacuation drill is totally different from the fire alarm test conducted periodically by the installation support contractor.

"The National Fire Codes require fire alarms to be tested at certain frequencies. This includes the audible and visual devices which are automatically or manually activated when there is a fire in the facility. The system also transmits a signal to the fire station and generates a pre-determined response of personnel, apparatus and fire equipment. Before the alarm test, building occupants are notified not to evacuate because we want to minimize the disruption to the building occupants. The day your facility conducted their fire drill, the fire alarm system didn't alert all areas in the building. The alarm contractor came in and made the notifications, repaired the system and tested it to ensure it was operational.

"A fire or evacuation drill is designed to practice what you should do in case of fire or other emergency that may require a building's evacuation. The firefighters in the building, during the drill, were checking to ensure all parts of the building were notified of the alarm. They also walk through the building to ensure all personnel evacuate. As you stated, personnel were a little complacent in that none of you evacuated the building. This is why the firefighters were asking the people to evacuate the building.

"Since fires are always unexpected, drills are conducted at different times and people aren't notified in advance. The drills are scheduled with the facility evacuation coordinator.

"Thanks for your concern for your safety and that of your co-workers."

Iraqi operations net Baath officials

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WASHINGTON — Coalition forces detained thousands of suspected Baath Party members and sympathizers during Operations Desert Scorpion and Sidewinder, Combined Joint Task Force 7 officials said Monday.

Desert Scorpion, which launched June 15, has resulted in 1,330 individuals being detained to date. Members of the 1st Armored Division and the 4th Infantry

Division also confiscated hundreds of weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition during the operation.

Operation Sidewinder, which is primarily in the 4th Infantry Division's area, began June 29, DoD officials said. Iron Horse division soldiers conducted eight raids on the first day of the operation. They detained 32 people and confiscated a number of weapons. A Baath Party colonel was among those detained, officials said.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

June 21 — An individual dropping off a soldier at Gate 10 was found to be in possession of a controlled substance during a vehicle inspection. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 21 — A soldier reported that someone removed the headlights in his lawn mower which was parked at his residence. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

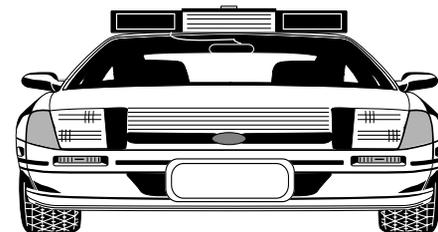
June 21 — A soldier reported that someone removed his weed eater and lawn mower which were parked at his residence. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 22 — An individual is under investigation after he dispensed gasoline in his motor vehicle and then left the Shoppette without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 22 — A government laptop computer was reported stolen at an off-post location. Investigation continues by the Huntsville Police Department.

June 23 — A contractor is under investigation after an investigation revealed that he had been misusing his government-provided computer to access unauthorized sexually explicit adult web sites.

June 23 — A soldier reported that someone removed his lawn mower from a neighbor's yard. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.



June 23 — An individual was detained after he was observed concealing items and then exiting the Post Exchange without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 24 — A military dependant identification card was reported stolen at an off-post location in Cullman. Investigation continues by the Cullman Police Department.

June 25 — A contractor was found to be in possession of a controlled substance at Gate 10 during a vehicle inspection. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 26 — A NASA employee reported that someone removed his Redstone Arsenal vehicle decal from his motor vehicle while it was parked at an off-post location.

Violation notices issued: speeding, 29; parking violation, 4; no driver's license on person, 1; and possession of controlled substances, 2.

An open lane random survey

What should be the legal age for driving?

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Mike Luna, civilian
"I think it should be 16 years old to drive. That's one of the very first points of maturity in your life when you think you're an adult and anybody can do that. Let them drive at 16."



Anne Hamilton, retired military

"I have a 16-year-old daughter and another one that's 16 and will have to wait until

she's 18. I think it should be 16."

Joel McGraw, civilian

"I thought it should be 16 when I was much younger, but since I turned 66 I think it should be 65 or older."



Sgt. Greg Hoel

"I think it should be 16, with the exception of cell phones. The kids who use cell phones should be restricted from using them when they're driving until they're 18."



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Merger forms close combat weapon systems office

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It was a day of change for members of the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles.

Col. Lloyd McDaniels became project manager of the newly-activated Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office in a ceremony June 24 at Bob Jones Auditorium. That office was formed by the merger of the Kinetic Energy Missiles Project Office and Close Combat Missile Systems Project Office which were deactivated in the same ceremony.

"This basically culminates a year's worth of work which we started late last September," Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, the program executive officer, said.

Col. Jed Sheehan, the former KEM project manager, retired with 27 years service. Col. John Weinzettle, the former CCMS project manager, was reassigned to the program executive office staff.

"I will always remember this job because it's been the best job in my career," Sheehan, KEM project manager since December 2000, said.

"Thank you to all of you in the work force," Weinzettle, CCMS project manager since August 2001, said.

McDaniels served since July 2002 as director of space technology directorate at the Space and Missile Defense Command. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children: Ryan, Erin and Morgan.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
NEW PROJECT MANAGER— Col. Lloyd McDaniels delivers remarks on assuming responsibility for the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office.

"I can only hope I can live up to the expectations inherent in my selection for this position," he said.

Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office products include Line-of-Sight Antitank, Javelin, Improved Target Acquisition System for TOW, Improved Bradley Acquisition Subsystem, Bradley Missile Subsystem and the Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided weapon system.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
ACCEPTING COLORS— Col. Lloyd McDaniels, left, accepts the flag of the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office from Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, the program executive officer for tactical missiles.

Garrison survey seeks customer feedback

By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

If you have complaints, concerns or kudos for the Redstone Garrison, your voice can now be heard.

The Garrison has developed a Customer Evaluation Survey that went online July 1. The site can be accessed at <http://garrison.redstone.army.mil/> or by going through the AMCOM home page to the Garrison web site.

The survey is to provide Garrison customers an easy way to evaluate the Garrison's 139 services and provide feedback. The survey will assist in measuring whether the expectations of the customers

are met. Survey results are first reviewed by the Business Management Directorate and then forwarded to the appropriate directorate and to the Garrison command- er for more evaluation.

The survey should only take a minute to complete. It has 10 questions that you can rate from strongly agree to strongly disagree or not applicable. Your name is not required on the survey; however, your organization is requested. Including the name of the evaluator's organization helps the Garrison pinpoint areas where improvements may be needed. A remarks block at the end of the survey, limited to 240 characters, provides an opportunity to add specific comments.

School bus signup just around corner

All military personnel living on Redstone Arsenal who desire bus transportation to the four core schools for school year 2003-04 must register each child for transportation.

Registration is July 7-11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Extended registration will be held at the Parent/Principal Night, July 22 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711.

Redstone will provide bus transportation to the following core schools: Williams Elementary (grades K-5), Williams Middle (grades 6-8), Westlawn Middle (grades 6-8), Butler High and New Century Technology (grades 9-12).

The city of Huntsville has agreed to provide bus transportation for students residing on Redstone Arsenal to special needs (handicapped) and magnet schools in the city. No transportation will be provided students

residing on Redstone who attend private schools.

Registration for Huntsville bus transportation to the magnet schools and special needs schools will be conducted at the aforementioned location, dates and times.

To qualify for school bus transportation, each registrant living on post must show proof of active duty status. Department of Defense personnel living off post will show proof of active duty status or a Redstone Arsenal employee identification badge, and enrollment in the School Age Service Program. Registration should be completed during this scheduled period to allow sufficient time to develop routes and establish bus stops.

For more information, call Leroy Pugh in the Directorate of Logistics, Garrison, at 876-6065, or Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations for Northrop Grumman, at 876-3938.

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832nd Ordnance Battalion under new leadership

Lt. Col. Brenda Tate assumes command

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The sun beamed down through a cloudless sky on the change of command proceedings early last Wednesday morning as the battalion colors were passed from the outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Craig Cotter, to the incoming commander, Lt. Col. Brenda Tate.

Static displays from each of the major training departments in the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School bordered the parade field as a reminder of the areas of responsibility awaiting the new commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

The battalion's companies formed on the field and the 98th Army Band from Fort Rucker played selections as the official party reviewed the troops. Col. David Hafele, OMEMS commander, then offered some remarks concerning his two-year partnership with the outgoing commander and shared his expectations for the incoming commander.

"I will tell you that (Cotter) effectively and confidently led the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, while ensuring the safety and security of his soldiers and influenced them to improve themselves and train to be effective soldiers out in today's Army. By every measure, the 832nd Ordnance Battalion has exceeded all of my goals and objectives —



Photo by Sgt. Evan Morrow

WELCOME ABOARD— Lt. Col. Brenda Tate receives the 832nd Ordnance Battalion colors from 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Col. David Hafele.

a superb performance," Hafele said.

Cotter took the lead in reforming the advance individual training system at Redstone by updating phase changing procedures for students and setting in motion a five year plan to renovate the AIT barracks. During his com-

mand, this battalion trained and graduated more than 7,000 Ordnance soldiers.

He implemented the battalion's first soldier readiness program to prepare all permanent party soldiers for deployment. Redstone Arsenal then adopted this plan as the standard for all units on the installation.

Cotter took the microphone next, and recalled his past two years at Redstone in the same engaging manner in which he enlivened the biweekly commanders and staff call meetings.

He mentioned tragic events such as the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the triumphs of seeing an Ordnance soldier, Spec. Justin Brown, win Armywide soldier of the year honors.

Tate took the microphone and outlined a plan for teamwork, overcoming adversity and achieving success to her new battalion.

Her previous commands include the 51st EOD detachment at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and the 94th EOD detachment at Fort Carson, Colo. She has also served as munitions/missile materiel management officer in the IX Theater Army Area Support Command in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff. She went on to serve as the executive officer for the 35th Supply and Services Battalion and as an ammunition officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Ammunition at the Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va.

"I have every confidence that the battalion will continue to excel and improve under her command," Hafele said.

Fun job comes to an end for retiring colonel

East Hampton, N.Y., native plans to remain in area

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

Col. Jed Sheehan felt like he was leaving his program in pretty good shape when he retired last week. As the Kinetic Energy Missiles project manager, he had shepherded the system through the initial design phase and leaves just as the system design demonstration contract is to be awarded.

"I have had more fun in the job than any other," he said. "We've built the initial hardware, and last week we went to the

range and fired the first full-up missile since 1996, and hit the target on the first try."

Along with Sheehan's retirement last week was a deactivation ceremony for the KEM Project Office and the Close Combat Missile Systems Project Office, and a ceremony for the standup of the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office that will manage the Line of Sight Anti-tank System, Javelin, TOW, and the Improved Bradley Acquisition Subsystem and Bradley Missile Subsystem. Col. Lloyd McDaniels is the first CCWS project manager.

Sheehan began his military career in 1977 as a tactical control officer on a Hawk missile site in Germany.

"I worked back-to-back duty for the better part of a year," he said.

One assignment that stands out in his mind was that of battery commander for Hawk at Fort Bragg, N.C., when he was a captain, from 1980-83 "in one of the worst battalions in the Army." "I was able to help them with their turnaround. When I came back six years later, it was one of the better units in the Army," he said.

As he reminisced, Sheehan pointed out that Fort Bragg has been a running thread in his career.

"I went there as a cadet for summer camp in 1975, then had two tours there, now I'm delivering equipment to soldiers there," he said. "We have built the initial hardware (for LOSAT). We have 12 fire units and 44 test missiles that we just delivered to the soldiers of the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg." They will participate in testing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and at Fort Bliss, Texas.

In the mid-1990s Sheehan worked on the Bradley Linebacker project, putting Stinger missiles on a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. He also served as the project manager for Patriot, bringing the PAC-3 through its early days of developmental testing.

Sheehan said he would probably remain in the Huntsville area after retiring, but had not yet accepted any job offers. He would like a job where he might actually see the missiles he works on fired. "I'm always in the blockhouse directing the test," he said.

He also has his third career planned out.



Photo by Pam Rogers

FINISHING WORK— Col. Jed Sheehan goes over work with his secretary, Pat Wells, before his retirement.

"I want to turn my hobby into a career," he said. That hobby is restoring old cars. As a matter of fact, alert drivers may have noticed him cruising to work in his restored, 1956 Packard.

He and his wife, Joanne, have lost count of the times they moved in their 27-year Army career, but they just may not move again.

"We've been here almost four years. It's our longest tour yet, and Huntsville is at the top of our list, if not the top. It has most of the things you want available, but it's small enough to avoid the ills, like traffic and high taxes," the East Hampton, N.Y., native said. The Sheehans have two children: Jed Joseph, 18, and Jennifer, 21.



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Cooperative helicopter research takes flight at center

Command, university establish agreement

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

Government and industry share a common dilemma.

They both realize that a modern treatment of systems engineering is needed in today's research and development environments.

In addition, the Department of Defense's acquisition reform efforts and priority for reducing Total Ownership Cost are placing more emphasis on innovative approaches to systems engineering and creating an advanced engineering environment for its implementation.

To help offset a potential shortage of qualified engineers in the future, especially those in the rotorcraft arena, David Weller, along with others, decided one answer might be to partner with academia to help create a solution. Weller is director of the Advanced Systems Directorate at the Research Development and Engineering Center.

The formation of the Aviation and Missile Command in October 1997 may have inadvertently helped play a role in a shortage of engineers, according to Weller.

"After the transfer of the aviation mission and functions from St. Louis, Mo., to Redstone Arsenal in 1997, we recognized that because of the loss of senior engineers at ATCOM (Aviation and Troop Command) who didn't relocate, and the aging work force, that not only the AMRDEC, but possibly the rotorcraft industry as a whole, had lost a lot of systems engineering expertise," he said. "There are few universities today which provide a graduate level program in engineering and research that is structured around a modern approach to rotorcraft systems engineering coupled with the creation of an advanced engineering environment."

To help alleviate the shortage, the Research Development and Engineering Center in August 2002 entered into a cooperative agreement with the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

"The cooperative agreement was competitive, and UAH won," Weller said. "The objective of the agreement was to

establish a Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center in Huntsville, Ala. And the purpose of the agreement was to share available resources, both personnel and dollars. We felt this would be synergistic with, and beneficial to, AMCOM's mission."

The Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center will subsequently operate under the direction of an Eminent Scholar. It also will incorporate a cooperative team of academic, industry and government researchers having a common goal of rapidly advancing rotorcraft technology and jointly resolving critical, time-sensitive, rotorcraft issues.

"Under the agreement, we gave UAH a number of tasks," Weller said. "Some of these tasks are to be completed within 36 months and some within 60 months."

Within 36 months, for example, UAH will establish an accredited degreed academic curriculum. "The primary goal is for UAH to become recognized as a scholastic center of rotorcraft engineering excellence within 60 months," Weller said.

"An Eminent Scholar, with a national reputation in aerospace systems engineering and simulation, will be the director of the Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center," he said. "The Eminent Scholar will serve as the focal point for developing a Huntsville-centric engineering environment that will consist of scholastic and academic research; modern educational, computational, communication and networking facilities; advanced simulation techniques and processes; and professional relationships applicable to aerospace applications."

The establishment of the Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center, the Eminent Scholar, and the cooperative agreement are steps toward developing viable local resources for superlative government research, development and engineering, as well as eminent educational opportunities. The center is expected to become a "center of excellence" within the rotorcraft community.

"Now, almost one year into the agreement, all participants are currently collaborating on various programs, exchanging technology and technical information, and sharing facilities, equipment and technical expertise," Weller said.



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APACHE LONGBOW— The establishment of a new Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center will provide a graduate level program focused on rotorcraft systems engineering.



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Guam natives to celebrate 59th anniversary of liberation

Local celebration slated July 26

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In 1941, just a few days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the island of Guam fell to Japanese invaders. It became the only populated American soil to be occupied during World War II. For 31 months, residents of Guam endured oppression and concentration camps while the war raged around them. It is a memory many who survived still recall vividly.

"I was liberated in Guam. I was 7 years old," retired Col. Frank Chargualaf said. He is master-of-ceremonies for a local celebration July 26 of the 59th anniversary of the island's liberation.

An estimated 600 native Chamorro people died during the 31-month occupation, including most of Chargualaf's family. At the onset of occupation, Chargualaf was one of seven siblings. At its end only he, his brother and mother were left. His father had been taken to a prison camp and his fate is unknown. Chargualaf said all who lived through this period of



Photo by Kelley Lane

THANKFUL— Retired Col. Frank Chargualaf remembers well what liberation meant to him and his family.

Guam's history, including several other families in the Huntsville area, have similar stories.

U.S. forces landed on the beaches of Guam on July 21, 1944. A three-week battle ensued with casualties on both sides in the thousands. When the fighting was over, Guam had been reclaimed by Amer-

ica and the concentration camps were no more. In commemoration of their liberation from Japanese occupation, July 21 is celebrated annually by the territory of Guam and by Guamanians worldwide. In Guam itself, Liberation Day is a large carnival-type event with parades. Chargualaf likens it to Mardi Gras in size and style. Outside the island, the celebration varies in style and size, but can be found anywhere Guamanians are present.

The last time a Guam Liberation Day celebration was held at Redstone was 1991. Since then, Guamanian members of the community have traveled to other installations and areas to take part in larger celebrations. Now 12 years later, they are once again planning to celebrate the 59th anniversary of Guam's liberation.

Size constraints and availability have moved the party off post. Since the official date falls on a Monday, the celebration will be held on the following Saturday. Chargualaf estimates the Guamanian population of the surrounding area to be about 30 families, and they expect another 200 or so guests from nearby states and communities. Without a location on post available for the date that could accommodate them, committee members have rented an

entire park in Meridianville on Kalea Lane for this year's festivities July 26.

Many activities are planned for the celebration which will begin at 1 p.m. Raffle and door prizes plus games for kids are being planned. Island dancing, always a popular and colorful event, will be demonstrated. A Chamorro band, Latte, will perform various kinds of music. The band takes its name from the culturally important Latte Stones of Guam and is comprised entirely of Guamanians. Between performances, karaoke will be available. Food, both Chamorro and American, will be in abundance. Also planned is a special thank you to the American military, in particular World War II veterans and those with a role in the liberation of Guam.

"We want to honor and invite those people to come to this celebration here in Huntsville," Chargualaf said. "Within the area, within commuting distance or if they live in Huntsville, we want them there as our honored guests."

Admission will be free to the public. For more information, directions or to participate as a World War II veteran, call Chargualaf at 426-1150 or event host Gilbert Manglona at 828-2274 or 509-7092.

Father and son reunite aboard USS Valley Forge

Sailors' family members experience life on ship

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To most people, a seven-day cruise from Hawaii to San Diego sounds romantic, luxurious, relaxing, and above all else, very enticing.

But many interested patrons would quickly sway their opinion when they read the itinerary and discovered activities such as a firepower demo and realized that they would be sharing a tri-level bunk with real members of the Navy.

Oh yeah, and the name of the vessel: the USS Valley Forge.

George Moore, a retired Army major, is not one of those people. In fact, this trip turned out to be right up his alley.

From May 27 through June 2, Moore and 47 other applicants took part in the Navy's "Operation Tiger Cruise 2003," a program offering sailors' friends and family members ("tigers") the chance to experience what life is like on a naval ship.

Due to the fact that this particular ship's crew was all male, only males were allowed to cruise with them. But according to Moore, had women been allowed aboard, many sailors would have chosen their mother or wife as their civilian cruise partner.

Moore's son Justin is a mess specialist, petty officer third class aboard the Valley Forge and, along with some 375 other crew members, has just completed a seven-month tour of duty in the Persian Gulf.

As a member of the USS Constellation Carrier Strike Group, the Valley Forge played a crucial role as the command and control platform for Special Forces units (Navy SEALs and USMC Fast Platoons) for the seizing of two Iraqi offshore oil platforms. And throughout Oper-



Photo by Craig Wysock

HOME AGAIN— Retired Maj. George Moore, right, spends quality time with his son Justin, who recently returned from a seven-month deployment in the Persian Gulf.

ation Iraqi Freedom combat operations, Valley Forge was the closest U.S. cruiser or destroyer to Iraq.

After spending seven days with Justin and his shipmates, Moore gained even more respect for what the men had just accomplished.

"I'm very, very proud of all those men," Moore said. "They all had great attitudes about what they had just accomplished. No one was bragging, but from what I saw, they all walked away with a lot of pride. It was a great experience."

The sailors were away from their friends and families for more than seven months dating back to last November, but they did get to enjoy stops in port-of-calls such as Bangkok, Singapore, Australia and, of course, Hawaii.

The "tigers" were responsible for their own transportation to Hawaii, but once onboard, costs were minimal. However, it wasn't as if there were elevators, spa-

acious living quarters or swanky seven-course meals to speak of either. It was real Navy living.

The 48 visitors were broken up into groups of 8-10 and after being assigned a group leader, they followed a unique itinerary.

"We basically got to see whatever we wanted," Moore said. "Things like the pilot house, engine room, galley, and all the weapons systems were toured. I certainly have a newfound respect for what those boats are capable of now."

The guests even got to witness an air show in the middle of the Pacific Ocean as well. Due to restrictions on flight speed and distance on the mainland, the "tigers" were treated (depending on how you look at it) with a few jets breaking the sound barrier no more than a couple of hundred feet away from the boat.

But Moore was quick to point out that the highlight of the trip was sharing the experience of returning home to San Diego and seeing thousands of loved ones waiting in anticipation for the sailors' return.

The Navy has a tradition called the "first kiss" and while at sea, the crew holds a raffle to see who wins that honor. The lucky sailor is allowed to be the first person to set foot on shore and then receives his "prize."

Following the first kiss, the new fathers are allowed off to join their new additions. During their seven-month deployment, 14 sailors became new fathers. After the new dads climbed ashore, everyone else followed suit and the trip was officially over.

Moore, who spends his days volunteering at Army Community Service, was grateful for the opportunity he had to share a week with his son. But when asked if he had to do it all over again, Moore was quick to pick a side.

"I didn't get seasick and I sure would love to have the chance to be in charge of that kind of unit, but I'd probably go Army again."

After choosing to spend a week "cruising" on the USS Valley Forge though, his choice just might be up for debate.

Post drinking water gets passing grade

Directorate of Environment and Safety has completed the installation's 2003 Drinking Water Quality Report and announces that Redstone's drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements.

DES has made the report available to residents on Redstone Arsenal through the U.S. Postal Service and to installation personnel and organizations via the AMCOM info web site: https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/ras/a/whats_new/water.rtf.

In 1998, former President Clinton announced the U. S. Environmental Protec-

tion Agency's drinking water right-to-know initiative, the Consumer Confidence Report Rule. The rule requires that all community water supply systems prepare annual drinking water quality reports for their consumers.

These CCRs will enable individuals to make practical and knowledgeable decisions about their health and their environment. Consumers are encouraged to review Redstone's report. For questions or comments regarding the post drinking water, contact: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Attention: AMSAM-RA-DES-IC (Gene Daniels), Redstone Arsenal 35898-5300, phone 955-7591.

Security force armed with tire deflation device

Sticks

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entering the Arsenal or evading or eluding patrol vehicles in pursuit," Maj. Brad Scofield, the provost marshal, said. "It's a safe and efficient way of stopping threat vehicles."

The 9-foot-long plastic bar, thrown across one traffic lane, contains Teflon-coated quills which puncture tires. The hollow quills break off and enter the tire, allowing air to gradually escape. All four tires should be flattened within a half mile.

"So it's a controlled deflation," SFC Jeffrey Cassell, operations sergeant in the Provost Marshal Office, said. "It's not like these things just blow the tires out."

"You don't experience blowouts, rollover or lack of control," Scofield said.

All the gates and patrol vehicles will eventually be equipped with stop sticks. Four gates so far have the larger, Barracuda version which can disable heavier vehicles.

"A stop stick is a tire deflation device and there are two primary reasons we would use that on the installation," Cassell said. "No. 1 is deter unauthorized access. And the other reason is to minimize the pursuit process."

The Provost Marshal Office got its first stop stick last November; and they've arrived periodically as funds became available. They cost from \$350 to \$500 apiece

from Stop Stick Limited, the Ohio-based manufacturer. About 150 law enforcement agencies nationwide use the device. Redstone's stop sticks are pre-deployed at some of the gates, mounted in 3-foot sections in the trunk lid of sedans, or carried in an SUV bag in larger vehicles.

"All police, military police, security guards and National Guard augmentation unit personnel are trained and certified in proper procedures for deployment and reporting," Cassell said.

"I believe our No. 1 threat on the installation is a car bomb inside of a U-Haul or moving truck," he said. "That's probably the No. 1 threat we have right now on our installation and that's what we're trying to deter."

A stop stick was successfully tested here on an MP vehicle which already needed new tires. So far the device hasn't been used for an actual stop.

"I think they'll be useful if we ever actually get to use them," military police Spec. Rene Wiggins said. "They're a good thing for the gates because if we ever have a vehicle we need to pursue that's heading off post, we'll be able to stop it before it exits post."

"This is really an interim measure" at the gates, Scofield said. Within the next year or two, he hopes to have pop-up barriers for all lanes of traffic at the gates. But even with that long-term solution, stop sticks would continue for the patrol vehicles.

Alligators best left alone by humans

Alligators

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What should people do if they encounter them?

Dunn: "Leave them alone. Alligators really don't pose a hazard to people as long as you stay away from them."

Anything else you'd like to say?

Dunn: "Alligators typically move away from people and don't like to be close to humans or human activity. The exception is when people begin feeding alligators. Once alligators begin accepting food, they begin to associate humans with food, and lose their dislike of being near humans. This creates a dangerous situation. Alligators may look slow and clumsy on land, but they are actually very fast and agile for 10 to 15 yards. And their tail can easily break a person's leg.

"Alligators were already here when the dinosaurs ruled the earth, and remain relatively unchanged. They are a marvel of

ecological and biological success.

"Alligators are also one of the great success stories of the Endangered Species Act. The American alligator was one of the earliest species listed as 'threatened' under the Endangered Species Act. They were threatened throughout their range by over harvesting by people, due to the demand for alligator skin purses, shoes and luggage. Alligator populations plummeted throughout its entire range. Protection from hunting allowed the alligator to recover throughout its range. It has been removed as a threatened species from the Endangered Species Act list. Had it not been for the Endangered Species Act, the American alligator would likely now be extinct in the wild. It is still listed as 'threatened due to similarity of appearance,' because it is difficult to tell the difference between the American alligator and the endangered American Saltwater crocodile, found in extreme south Florida. The alligator is also protected by state law."



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Aeronautical university soars with extended campus

Embry-Riddle center offers weekly classes

By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

Since lifting off in April, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has boarded many passengers.

"Known as the world's oldest, largest and most prestigious university specializing in aviation and aerospace, Embry-Riddle is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees at the associate's, bachelor's and master's levels," Christy Pinero, Huntsville Center director, said. "Embry-Riddle is also the only regionally accredited aviation-oriented university in the world. It has residential campuses in Daytona Beach, Fla., and Prescott, Ariz., as well as an extended campus dedicated to providing education-

al opportunities to working adults worldwide."

'We received a very strong reception from the Educational Center and the entire Team Redstone family.'

— Christy Pinero
Huntsville Center director,
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

The extended campus includes the College of Career Education's classroom and distance learning operations. The college has more than 130 learning centers in 37 states and five European nations. Though geared more toward the non-traditional student, Embry-Riddle is open to everyone and also offers web-based distance learning courses.

The university's degree programs

include an associate of science degree in professional aeronautics, aircraft maintenance and aviation business management; a bachelor of science degree in professional aeronautics and management of technical operations, and a master of aeronautical science. Certificates may also be obtained in the areas of aviation safety, aviation maintenance/airframe and power plant, and aviation logistics.

"The university requires a student to have completed 60 semester hours for an associates degree, 120 semester hours for a bachelor's degree and the master of aeronautical science program requires 36 semester hours," Pinero said.

Embry-Riddle operates on the semester system, offering five terms per year with each term lasting nine weeks.

"At the present time, classes meet on Wednesday, but as the school keeps adding to its class schedule, they may eventually add more class meeting dates including weekend classes," Pinero said. "Each class meets only one night per week, with classes being held at the Flying Activity, building 4828."

Admissions requirements include a minimum grade point average of 2.0 and this GPA must be maintained throughout enrollment at Embry. There are no minimum classroom hour requirements, with students who enroll in two classes per term being considered full time.

Prior learning credit/advanced standing credits may be given for coursework from other colleges and universities; training and experience gained with military, other governmental agencies, and private organizations, with presentation of proper documentation.

"This would also include credits for national standardized tests such as CLEP and DANTES as well as certain aviation licenses and ratings," assistant center director Patty Wietzel said. "Embry-Riddle uses the American Council Education guide to determine the number of credits given for service schools/ratings."

Certificate program and course costs vary, depending whether they are undergraduate or distance learning. Distance-learning courses are priced at \$164 per semester hour, graduate classroom courses at \$278, and graduate distance-learning courses at \$357 per semester hour.

"Because Embry is fully accredited, the tuition rates are approximately one-fifth the cost of regular residence centers," Wietzel said. "Significant savings are possible because Embry is an extended campus on a military installation and has a partnership with the military."

Embry-Riddle accepts all types of grant and loan money and can certify veterans for GI Bill use. Tuition assistance, a deferred payment plan/local loan program, and scholarships known as aviation excellence awards are also available to students.

The deferred payment plan/local loan program allows a student to pay one-third of the tuition and defer the rest over the course of the term.

To qualify for an aviation excellence award, the organization to which the potential scholarship recipient belongs must have a system set up for off-duty

education which recognizes employees for outstanding performance.

"For example, a civilian who has been recognized by his or her organization as employee of the month, quarter, year would be eligible as would a military member who has been recognized as soldier of the month, quarter or year by their organization," Pinero said.

Embry-Riddle and the Redstone Educational Center are working together to ensure a smooth transition.

"We are happy to have Embry-Riddle as a part of Team Redstone. We are continuing to add educational opportunities for soldiers and civilians," Joe Winston, chief of military personnel services and operations, said. "Counselors are available to provide academic guidance to potential and current students. They provide the soldier with counseling in terms of accredited courses geared toward where the soldier wants to go with his or her education."

"We received a very strong reception from the Educational Center and the entire Team Redstone family," Pinero said. "In conjunction with the Education Center, Embry-Riddle will work to continue toward building and adding to the education opportunities for the soldiers and civilians here at Redstone. We feel very, very welcome and at home here."

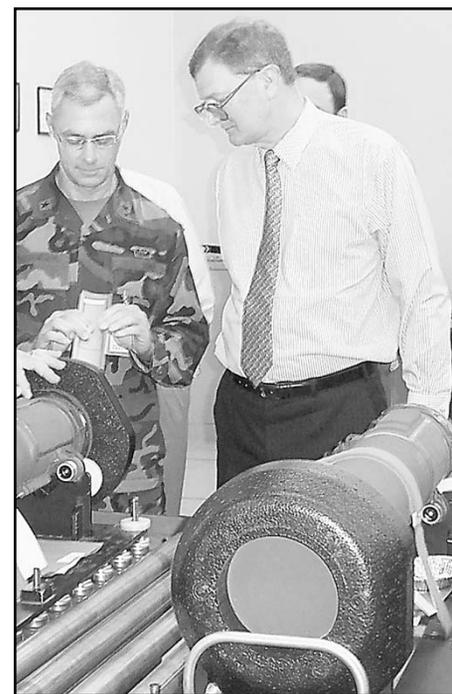
The next term is Aug. 4 through Oct. 4. Registration is under way and applications may be obtained by stopping by the Education Center, building 3222, or calling 876-9673. Information may also be obtained by visiting the Embry-Riddle site at www.embryriddle.edu.



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Service certificate

Dr. William McCorkle, left, director of Research Development and Engineering Center, presents a 50-year service certificate June 24 to Bennie Robison, an industrial specialist in the industrial operations division, Engineering Directorate.



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Javelin hardware

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, program executive officer for tactical missiles, examines an umbilical cover during a recent visit to Lockheed Martin's Javelin production facility in Troy. During the visit Stan Porter, right, of the United Kingdom, and Sorenson signed a memorandum of understanding for upgrading the Javelin system.

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Program executive office adds space to name

Organization responsible for Army space products

By DEBRA VALINE
Space and Missile Defense Command

In a ceremony June 20, the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense became Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense. The ceremony also recognized the transition of the Army Space Program Office from the Space and Missile Defense Command to PEO ASMD.

"Today is a day of historic proportions," Lt. Gen. Joseph Cosumano Jr., commander of SMDC, said. He likened transferring ASPO to losing a teenager who has matured to the point of moving out of the house. He discussed the history of ASPO up to its success in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"Without them (ASPO), the conflicts of recent months would not have been as successful," Cosumano said.

"Today we are renaming PEO AMD to PEO ASMD," said Maj. Gen. John Urias, the program executive officer and SMDC's deputy commanding general for research, development and acquisition. "It's a small change in name, but a significant change in mission."

"PEO Air, Space and Missile Defense is the Army's first Space Program Executive Office," Urias said. "Having a single PEO to manage and integrate these systems will

help institutionalize the use of space products in the Army. It will also provide a transition point for mature space technologies developed in SMDC to be brought into the formal acquisition cycle and incorporated into future space products."

Claude Bolton Jr., the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, signed the memorandum transferring operational control of ASPO and designating the new PEO ASMD in May.

Gaining the operational control of ASPO will include Blue Force Tracking, Situational Awareness and the Army's Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities Program. Also included in the transfer is the Tactical Applications Program, previously handled by SMDC.

The transition is being made for several reasons, including consolidation of space control and synergy of program development. These moves are also being made to comply with the October 2001 Chief of Staff of the Army guidance to realign acquisition programs to the PEO structure.

The PEO ASMD takes weapon systems developed by SMDC and moves them into acquisition and eventually the hands of the warfighter.

"PEO ASMD will be the linkage between the requirements, technical development, experimentation, testing and integration and the formal acquisition process for space products to be delivered to the warfighter," Urias said.



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MAJOR EVENT— Maj. Gen. John Urias, program executive officer, addresses the renaming of his organization to the Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense.

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Top resource managers

The 2003-04 officers of the American Society of Military Comptrollers are installed at the monthly luncheon meeting June 12. From left are treasurer Jennie Gardner, corresponding secretary Kim Jean, recording secretary Freida Waits, third vice president Christina Ridgeway, second vice president Helen Drake, first vice president Debra Kelley and president Mit Merritt.

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Command leans toward plan to improve workplace

More efficient processes should save time, cost

By **JOHNNIE BRADT**
For the Rocket

Jim Flinn, deputy to the commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, gave the Society of Logistics Engineers an overview of AMCOM Lean and its depots' Lean efforts June 17 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Flinn also just happens to be the change agent for Lean at the command. Lean is a term that has generated much buzz of late. Is it a diet? No, in the traditional sense, but yes in the sense that it is forcing organizations to eliminate waste.

It is one of Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen's seven focus areas; and Army Materiel Command commander Gen. Paul Kern has taken a personal interest in what the depots and major subordinate commands are doing to implement Lean, and more pointedly, what cost avoidance or cost savings are realized as a result of Lean.

AMCOM leadership has embraced Lean as an underlying business strategy that will be applied to new and existing programs. With existing programs, the proliferation is structured to employ a just-in-time approach, rather than en masse training and deployment. So, with that said, what exactly is Lean?

Lean is basically comprised of a few basic tenets: letting the customer define

value; eliminating waste in processes; setting aggressive goals and measuring them; creating a culture of continuous improvement, that is, never stop improvements even after meeting a goal. These factors lead to reduced time and cost and improved quality. Lean is about results.

Flinn started the briefing with a summation of what Lean is from feedback received from the first AMCOM Lean "white collar" team, the Administrative Lead Time Strategic Implementation Team. That summation is to "just do it!" The ALT SIT started learning Lean principles and applying them in October 2002, but the team actually formed a few months earlier as a result of excessive ALT. Since using Lean, the ALT SIT has held seven kaizens, or change for the good, events. What happens during the course of an event is quite radical: for a week, the team focuses on a specific area and identifies problems and opportunities for improvement. After some analysis, the focus moves to improving key problems or opportunities. What happens next is the really radical part: change to the process is made on-the-spot — not after weeks or months of planning and meetings.

Kaizens occur where the work is accomplished, allowing team members to go to their work area as part of the kaizen and enact the change. If the change does not work, change it. Too often, the culture is so risk averse that new ideas and ways of doing business are not articulated, and the current process is not challenged.



Russell Moore/Photo Lab

AGENT OF CHANGE— Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, discusses the Lean business approach June 17 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Exactly what results has the ALT SIT and its offspring Kaizen teams achieved? Baseline Linear ALT for Aviation and Missile systems in September 2002 was 229 days. The SIT has a goal to reduce Linear ALT to 99 days. In May 2003, ALT, minus stacking due to lack of funding, was at 139 days. In monetary terms, the savings per day saved are substantial — one day ALT equates to \$3 million. Therefore, a decrease of 90 days translates into \$270 million in one-time savings, while also getting closer to true customer value. The ultimate goal for ALT is zero days. And with results thus far, confidence levels are high that this goal is achievable, versus a year ago when a resounding "never could we reach zero days" was the mindset. For the Apache kaizen team, the team members were walking 23,000 feet per contract package; that number was reduced to 18,000 feet during the week of the kaizen event, and is now at approximately 10,000 feet.

In addition to the ALT SIT, Flinn gave the audience examples from Corpus Christi (Texas) and Letterkenny (Pa.) depots. Corpus Christi has two major lean projects, the UH-60 A to A Recap Line, and the T-700 engine. Letterkenny has three Lean initiatives: Patriot launcher, antenna mast group and ground mobility vehicle. Turn-around-times have improved for all depot initiatives thus far, a critical measure for readiness. The floor space utilized for the Corpus Christi UH-60 A to A AVIM was reduced 48 percent, from 25,000 to 12,800 square feet. On the Letterkenny ground mobility vehicle, floor space was reduced 53 percent, from 75,600 to 35,500 square feet. This frees up space for additional work.

Flinn also addressed the eight "deadly wastes" that are eliminated with Lean: overproduction, motion, inventory, waiting, transportation, defects, underutilized people and extra processing. Value stream mapping of the current, future and ideal state of a process is also a vital tool in Lean that aids in identifying waste and major areas with opportunity for improvement. With this tool, the Apache kaizen team (offspring of the SIT), realized that total hands-on time of the ALT process was only 6 percent of the total ALT. As part of the ALT reduction using Lean, the AMCOM AC is also using the Lean tools called "5S" and Point-of-Use Storage. 5S stands for Sort, Shine, Set-in-order, Stan-

dardize and Sustain, and basically is getting the workplace clean and organized, operating under the premise of at-a-glance visual management. For example, another team member or leader should be able to go to the work station of an employee that is unavailable and find a specific work package or file through the visual management aspect — without searching. Though this may sound insignificant on the surface, it has taken days off the lead time. This process primarily tackles the wastes of motion and transportation.

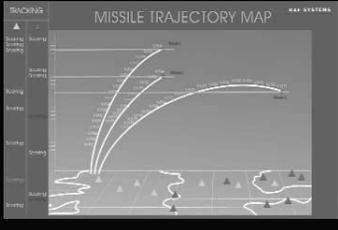
Flinn also spoke on the AMCOM management structure for Lean. Accomplishments at AMCOM thus far have been under the tutelage of AMCOM's Lean "sensei" or expert, Dr. Mel Adams of University of Alabama-Huntsville. He is in essence a black belt in Lean. His understanding of the Lean philosophy, derived from the Toyota production system, has enabled AMCOM to translate Lean from manufacturing to the white-collar environment.

As alluded to earlier, Lean also is very visual in nature. Visual at-a-glance metrics are posted, whereby, someone not familiar with the process can visually tell what is happening. For example, trend lines are good indicators over time; color coding such as commonly used red, green and amber are used as they are universally understood. Lean employs many tools to foster waste elimination and ingrain it into the corporate culture; the latter is often the hardest aspect of any change, especially one of such magnitude.

Flinn addressed the Lean Implementation Strategy at AMCOM and addressed how Total Quality Management has taught us invaluable lessons. In a conversation with the AMCOM ALT Lean Team prior to the briefing, this question was posed by Flinn, "How is Lean different from TQM?" Some of the responses included, "TQM is clean; Lean is rolling your sleeves up and getting dirty." "TQM was touchy-feely; with Lean, you go to where the work is done and start improving immediately!" Another interesting observation was that with TQM, empowerment was taught in a classroom setting, but employees did not feel empowered when back at their work stations. With Lean, the "just-do-it" mentality reigns. A notable example of "just doing it" is duplication of effort that was identified and eliminated between two organizations during the initial ALT SIT kaizen event. The employees who no longer do the work are freed to focus on other meaningful work.

To illustrate the Lean thinking visual aspects, Flinn showed before and after pictures of Hangar 47 at Corpus Christi where the A to A Recap work is done, and of an employee's desk in the Acquisition Center. In both instances, the results were barely recognizable from their former states. In today's competitive environment, doing business smarter, more efficiently and effectively is critical. On that note, Lean is a strategy that ensures AMCOM and the depots are providing our warfighters the most value for scarce resources.

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Housing rules have room to accommodate needs

Assignment to quarters determined by eligibility

By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

When it comes to governing the housing of military members on Redstone Arsenal, Army Regulation 210-50, Housing Management, takes over.

Most soldiers know how housing preference works at a military installation because they do their research, according to Cynthia Ziegler, military housing manager.

"Many of them bank on getting on-post housing, therefore they are usually very knowledgeable in how the system works," she said. "However, we here at the housing office still take the time to explain the rules to them just to ensure that they are accurately informed."

For example, when a servicemember has a permanent change of duty station and seeks military quarters, he or she is placed on a waiting list at the new duty location. Assignment to this list is in accordance with the eligibility date, which is the date the servicemember signed out of his last duty station. However, if a servicemember is coming from Korea, or from an unaccompanied hardship tour, the eligibility date will be the date he signed out of his last stateside duty station. These servicemembers' eligibility dates are rolled back an extra year.

"Servicemembers coming into Redstone have to provide a copy of their orders upon arriving here," Ziegler said. "These orders would show where they are coming

from, and this helps us to know the right questions to ask the soldier."

For example, a soldier arriving from Korea at Redstone should provide the last stateside station signout date. A soldier coming to Redstone under these circumstances usually questions why his eligibility date goes back as far as it does, with the explanation being found in AR 210-50.

The Arsenal maintains a housing placement waiting list for servicemembers who PCS. The waiting list times are projected based on a servicemember's rank and bedroom eligibility requirements for quarters. This projection helps the housing office to determine the length of a servicemember's wait.

Arsenal housing is separated by rank and bedroom requirements. Three- and four-bedroom junior enlisted requirements can be met within 30 days, while two-bedroom requirements take longer because there are more people on the waiting list and fewer people moving out.

"When we have excess three-bedroom quarters, excess being that the quarters are vacant with no one waiting to move into them, we go to the two-bedroom list and put these people into the three-bedroom quarters in order to keep them occupied," Ziegler said. "The same thing goes with excess four-bedroom quarters."

A servicemember can turn down the first housing assignment offered. Upon doing so, he may go to the bottom of the waiting list; and if he turns down a housing assignment a second time, he is dropped from the list and must reapply.

"This used to happen regularly because people were waiting on the new quarters to be built, but now it is very infrequent," Ziegler said.

She credits former garrison commander Col. Brent Swart with helping to solve this problem.

"Col. Swart basically told the soldiers that they could no longer wait for a particular unit or area to become available, nor could they specify where they wanted to live," Ziegler said.

Redstone is also equipped to handle special needs soldiers and their families. Special needs families don't compete with soldiers on the regular waiting list for quarters. They are serviced, upon providing proof, depending upon the need. For example, a special need because of a physical disability requiring a wheelchair may require housing quarters with wider doors. Some of the quarters are handicapped equipped and handicapped accessible.

Depending on the special need, a family may have to wait while work is done to a unit to fit the special need.

"It is the Army's goal as well as the military's goal as a whole to see to it that military members who reside off post should not have any out-of-pocket expense with reference to renting their home," Ziegler said. "The Basic Allowance for Housing has been annually increasing in hopes of accommodating these servicemembers so that they incur no out-of-pocket expenses."

Upon completion of all construction, there will be approximately 500 living quarters at Redstone. Any active duty soldier at Redstone or the surrounding community is authorized to reside on the Arsenal.

IRS wants some taxpayers to confirm child's residency

Earned income tax credit pre-certification required

By Capt. FRANK ULMER
Legal Assistance chief

The Internal Revenue Service is preparing to launch a program requiring some taxpayers to pre-certify their eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

This program requires certain recipients of the EITC to pre-certify their eligibility for the credit prior to filing their tax returns for the year. Starting this August, affected taxpayers will receive a notice from the IRS along with the necessary forms to be completed and returned. This article explains this new program and tells you where to go if you need help preparing the pre-certification forms.

Every year, millions of taxpayers participate in the EITC program. In the 2002 tax year alone, 19 million taxpayers submitted EITC claims totaling more than \$32 billion. Although the EITC has been enormously successful in helping working families, the EITC program also suffers from high noncompliance. For example, between \$8.5 and \$9.9 billion of EITC claims during the 1999 tax year were erroneous over claims.

To address this noncompliance prob-

lem, the IRS is implementing a new pre-certification program. Specifically, this pre-certification program will address the residency of qualifying children. The IRS may require a taxpayer to pre-certify that each qualifying child claimed for EITC purposes resided in the taxpayer's home for more than half of the tax year. Residency pre-certification may be required in any tax year regardless of how many other years the taxpayer has certified residency. The taxpayers required to demonstrate residency will be those who, based on IRS research, are more likely to claim children who do not satisfy the residency requirement, such as caregivers other than the child's parents and fathers who do not file joint returns.

A new IRS form, Form 8836, will be used to accomplish this residency pre-certification. Form 8836 requires the taxpayer to certify a child's qualifying residency in one of three ways. One, the taxpayer can submit school records, medical records, day-care records, or social service agency records that show each child's address and dates of residency. Two, the taxpayer can send a letter on official letterhead from the school, health care provider, or clergy that shows each child's address and dates of residency. Finally, the taxpayer can have an authorized person sign the affidavit provided in Form 8836 attesting to the affiant's personal

knowledge of each child's address and dates of residency.

If you receive a pre-certification notice and choose not to pre-certify, you will be required to send in the same forms and documentation with your tax return. If you choose to pre-certify, you will receive your EITC refund faster than taxpayers who send information with their tax returns. If you do not pre-certify or send the required information with your tax return, you will be given an additional opportunity to certify residency, after which time, you will be denied the EITC for the claimed child.

During this first year of the program, only 45,000 EITC recipients will receive notice requiring them to pre-certify. These 45,000 filers will be chosen from among those taxpayers who received the EITC before the 2002 tax year. From this 45,000, the number of military EITC recipients who will receive this notice in

2003 is expected to be few. However, beginning in summer 2004, the IRS may require more than 2 million EITC recipients to pre-certify.

The bottom line for taxpayers is that if you receive a pre-certification notice, you should fill out the forms and send in the documentation before you file your tax return. Even though you can send in the information with your tax return, you should send it in before filing so you can get the EITC refund as soon as possible.

Of course, if you need help filling out the forms or gathering the required documentation, the Legal Assistance Office will be glad to assist you. We provide free legal assistance by appointment to active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents. We are located in building 111 on Goss Road. We book appointments a week in advance, so call early. Our phone number is 876-9005.

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Summer youth program enjoying growth spurt

Children stay busy at camp on post

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

Wow, school is out for the summer! You have 13 glorious weeks of freedom, and your main objective is to decide how you're going to spend your time. Sometimes, making that decision isn't always easy. Especially when you're a kid somewhere between kindergarten and fifth-grade.

So little time and so much to do! Like swinging, skating, bowling, biking, painting, weaving, being an actor or actress, learning how to make movies, forming a band, going fishing. You could learn how to work on a car — change a tire, put in a new air filter, check the spark plugs and air pressure.

Or maybe you're more into sports — like swimming, volleyball, hockey, fitness, bowling and basketball. Perhaps you prefer the excitement of field trips to places like Russell Cave, Ditto Landing, Willow Lake, Southern Adventure and lots of other fun places.

All this, and so much more, is exactly what kids are doing at Summer Camp on Redstone Arsenal.

Some 225 families have children currently registered in Summer Camp. "Our average daily attendance is as high as 196," Myra Garriott, coordinator of Child and Youth Services which operates the School Age Services Summer Camp Program, said. "However, attendance fluctuates somewhat because of parents taking their children on vacation, or going to the grandparents for a visit, or going to boys' and girls' camps, church camps, cheer-leading and other sports camps. But when they return, the children come right back here to Summer Camp.

"Wanda Thomas is our director of School Age Services," Garriott said. "We're all very proud of her and her staff for the great job they do with this program. With so many children in their care and so many activities going on, we feel really fortunate we have such a terrific staff."



Photo by Jim Bowne

ON STAGE— Struttin' their stuff at Summer Camp from left are Kiera Qualis, daughter of Ronald and Ingrid Qualis; Deondra Davis, daughter of Charie Monroe; Jesha Williamson, daughter of Sgt. Reginald and Yonda Williamson; and Jasika Williams, daughter of Kathy Williams, who is behind Aliya McCain, daughter of SSgt. Steven and Maria McCain.

The Child and Youth Programs are experiencing a growth rate of 85 percent this year. "We're very proud of our growth," Garriott said. "Our programs are not age-based, but are set up by grades — kindergarten through fifth-grade, sixth through 12th, and so forth.

"All our programs are 'kid driven.' We ask the kids for their ideas, and then they all vote. We feel it is important that they have a say in our programs. We have a staff of about 20 members, both full and part time, as well as summer hires, some of whom return year after year.

"And we have our own transportation. That is, we have our own buses as well as (Directorate of Logistics) school buses and bus drivers. Some of our bus drivers, as do summer hires, come back every year. They're like a part of the family."

Needless to say, everything at Summer Camp is in a state of perpetual movement. And with so many campers and so much to do, it's not unheard of for some things to turn out a little differently than planned.

"There are always funny things happening, and we enjoy them as much as the

campers," Garriott said. "One day we were on field trip fishing and one little boy caught a bass that weighed about two pounds. He was ecstatic and adamant that he wanted to take it home to show his parents. He didn't want to accept the fact that he was not going to be allowed to do that. However, the conversation ended abruptly when he accidentally dropped the fish back in the water.

"Another time the kids were on a field trip out at Wheeler State Park. We were walking a trail to the lake, and everyone was taking photos. Then, one of the kids spotted a snake and took photos of it. Some of the kids were scared, though, and so they all got back on the bus. Their nature walk didn't last long, but they all had an exciting story to tell when they got back to camp."

These adventures, like everything else that goes on at Summer Camp, are full of "teachable moments," as Garriott likes to call them. "The incident with the snake gave us an opportunity to talk to the children about safety in the woods, about the dangers of poisonous snakes and how to identify them, and what to do in emergencies."

"Teachable moments" just seem to pop up everywhere at Summer Camp. The Auto Craft Shop is another example. It's one of the most popular destinations for the kids. "The instructor there always begins with a basic safety class," Garriott said. "The kids learn about the proper clothing to wear, how and where you can get caught in moving parts, what parts get hot and can burn you, things like that."

After they learn the basic safety features, both boys and girls learn how to identify the parts of an engine, the basics of how a car runs, and even how to change the oil. For those who are more into the arts and drama, there are also plenty of activities to choose from. Campers often put on their own versions of "American Idol," sing, dance, and act out fairy tales. They pretend they're standup comics, and even form their own bands.

"They have access to all kinds of instruments, like a keyboard, guitars, drums, bongos, flutes and even rain-sticks," Garriott said. "Not only do the kids enjoy performing and being 'stars,' but their peers and the staff enjoy watching them and cheering them on. Many of the campers also enjoy learning how to weave and paint and do paper Mache. Some of them have formed a group and are making a quilt."

There may be some future movie producers among the campers, according to Garriott. "Within our computer lab, kids are taking digital photos, moving the camera slightly, and taking another photo. When they film all these photos in sequence, it makes a 'movie.' Kids are very creative and are really into whatever they are doing."

With all the excitement going on, sometimes it's nice just to sit down and read a book. That is, if you can find a little quiet, which is rare. The Summer Reading Program has all the kids rising to the challenge of collectively reading 100,000 pages by July 31. Right now, the tracking "thermometer" is colored in up to the 30,000-page mark.

"When a camper reads a book, a staff member signs off on it and lists the number of pages read," Garriott said. "We also make trips to the library and do scavenger hunts where the kids try to find certain things in the library. When the reading program ends, we'll be presenting trophies and awards."

Parents are also involved with Summer Camp, often volunteering to help at the camp with various projects and accompany the children on field trips. "Feedback from the parents shows they love the camp as much as their children," Garriott said. "Both the children and the parents are happy. I guess it all boils down to happy children, happy parents and happy workers. What better mark of success is there?"

For more information about the Summer Camp program, call Chris Carter at the Central Enrollment Office, 876-3704 or visit the program in building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road.

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Experience pays off for Acquisition summer hires

Twenty-five area students on excellent adventure

By CRAIG WYSOCK
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While most kids are spending their summers flipping burgers or bagging groceries, 25 students from across the Tennessee Valley are gaining invaluable experience through a program offered by the Acquisition Center.

The program, which encompasses eight weeks, provides ample opportunities for recent high-school graduates and undergraduate college students to gain the skills necessary to thrive in an office setting.

The new additions have been trained how to operate basic office equipment, learned how to organize and file important documents, and are now proficient in software applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

Even getting selected for the job was an educational process for most of the "summer hires."

After making a formal announcement in May, group organizer Tammie Terry was blown away at the number of young adults who responded.

"We received well over 100 applications," Terry said. "But after setting a few standards, (i.e. GPA) we were left with 48 candidates.



Photo by Craig Wysock

ON CALL— Jocelyn McGhee seems to be enjoying her summer job at the AMCOM Acquisition Center.

"We then interviewed those remaining students and really got a chance to get to know them individually before we made our decisions. We are very pleased with the 25 we selected."

Andrea Sawchak, a recent graduate of Bob Jones High, came away from her first "real" interviews feeling very positive.

"I was nervous at first," she said. "But going through it was a real learning process and I'm so glad I did it. I'd probably be working fast food right now if it wasn't for this."

Jocelyn McGhee, another recent high school graduate who plans on attending Florida State University in the fall, shared the same opinion about her good fortune.

"I love it out here, I wouldn't trade it for anything!" she said with a smile. "I'm debating between business and medicine right now, but the time I've spent out here has really helped the argument for business. It's been great."

In fact, of all the summer hires interviewed, every single one was ecstatic about their job and the requirements asked of them. The smiles and demeanors alone were evidence enough of that.

"It's nice to be able to bring that kind of enthusiasm into the workplace," Terry said. "We, as employees, can get too caught up with the everyday hassles that come with the job every now and then, and it's great to see the youthful energy and spirit out of these guys. They have been a tremendous addition."

Most offices on Redstone Arsenal provide student employment during the summer, but few, if any, have such a large collection of eager learners.

The Acquisition Center prides itself on being somewhat of an innovator when it comes to the seasonal increase in staff.

"We're just happy to be able to give these kids an opportunity to do something that will benefit them down the road," Terry said. "It's even turned into a bit of a recruitment oppor-

tunity for us. Who knows, some of these kids could end up working for us one day."

Many of the "recruits" had no idea what exactly went on behind the restricted areas of the Arsenal until this summer, but all of them have been pleasantly surprised with how enjoyable it's been.

"There's always something going on up here," Geoffrey Babb, a self-described military brat and second year computer engineering student at University of Alabama-Huntsville, said. "It has been a very positive workplace and I'll leave with a great deal of experience and an overall positive view of what exactly government civil service is all about."

Babb isn't the only one who will conclude his tenure as a government employee with a newfound admiration for the hundreds of professionals who call Redstone Arsenal home, though.

Quintin Lundy Jr., a Sparkman High graduate who will attend Tuskegee University in the fall, summed up the two-month adventure best when he said, "There are nice people everywhere out here, and we've been having so much fun over the past few weeks. I could definitely see myself working for the government."

General consensus of the group: creating a spreadsheet is a lot "cooler" than creating a Big Mac, and discussing a project with co-workers beats the heck out of deciding which is better, paper or plastic.

Admin professionals award two scholarships



Courtesy photo

HONOREES— Jennifer Robinson, left, and LaTasha Watkins received scholarships from the International Association of Administrative Professionals, Redstone Arsenal Chapter.

The International Association of Administrative Professionals, Redstone Arsenal Chapter, presented two scholarships — one to a recent high school student and one to a college student.

LaTasha Watkins and Jennifer Robinson each received a \$1,000 scholarship. Fifteen members and eight guests attended the awards luncheon June 17 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Twenty-seven students completed applications this year to compete for the two scholarship awards.

"We are pleased to assist these ladies with the furtherance of their education in the business field," Patricia Motes, the awards chairman, said. "The selections were based on academics, activities, financial need and an essay."

Watkins, a Calhoun College sophomore majoring in business, is a student aide in the management and business directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center.

Robinson, a graduate of Madison County High, will attend the University of North Alabama this fall and major in business administration. She is a summer hire at Redstone Arsenal.

"Hopefully our scholarships will help these young women succeed in obtaining their educational and career goals," Motes said. She praised the members of the Scholarship Committee: Ellen Mahathey, Rob Archer and Lisa Rushing.

For information regarding the IAAP scholarships for next year, call Julie Man-

ning at 876-1501.

Chapter officers for 2003-04 include president Julie Manning, vice president Myria Chastain, recording secretary Susan Douglas and treasurer Rob Archer. For information membership, open to all administrative professionals, call Chastain at 876-2024.

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Armed Forces Celebration Week has musical opening

389th Army Band to perform in park

By KIM GILLESPIE
 For the Rocket

The 389th Army Band, AMC's Own, will help kick off Armed Forces Celebration Week by performing at Huntsville's "Concerts in the Park" series July 14. The free concert begins at 6:30 p.m. in Big Spring Park, near the eternal flame.

Armed Forces Celebration Week is July 14-18; and the Monday night concert featuring a military band has become an annual event.

"The Arts Council has always requested military bands for various events, but we've tried specifically over the last several years to schedule a military band for Armed Forces Week," Shannon Magers of the Arts Council Inc. said.

The free concert is a co-production of the city of Huntsville and the Arts Council. "The Armed Forces Week concert usually has one of the highest attendances of the series, outside of the opening and closing concerts. Last year we had more than 3,000 people attend," Magers said.

In addition to the concert, military hardware exhibits featuring aviation and missile systems will be set up along the perimeters of Big Spring Park and the Von Braun Center.

"This is truly a family-oriented event. It's also a great way to bring the military and the community together," Magers said.

While the 389th Army Band is the featured performer, the local band Liquid Caravan will open the concert at 6:30. Liquid Caravan plays an innovative brand of rock, jazz and blues, including both covers and originals. The 389th will begin at approximately 7:45, and the concert concludes at 9 with a fireworks display.

The 389th Army Band's history goes back almost 60 years, and its lineage can be traced to the 13th Cavalry Regimental Band and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band. The 389th Army Band was activated at Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1944. During World War II, the band helped sell more than \$1 million in War Bonds, and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for its contribution to the war effort. In 1986, the secretary of the Army designated the 389th Army Band as "AMC's Own," meaning the band represents all of the 65,000 Army Materiel Command military and civilian personnel.

The band is commanded by CWO 4 Robert Larsen. Larsen began his career at Fort Polk, La. Since then he has had 12 Army band assignments, including nine years with the 82nd Airborne Division



Photo by Kim Gillespie

JAM SESSION— The 389th Army Band, AMC's Own, will be the featured performer at the Concert in the Park in Huntsville's Big Spring Park, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. as part of Armed Forces Celebration Week.

Band at Fort Bragg, N.C. Larson has some local ties, having received his master's degree from Jacksonville State University.

The only difference attendees may notice between the other weekly Concert in the Park performances and the Armed Forces Week performance is less parking available, according to Magers. "As

usual, there will be concession stands selling pizza, soft drinks and snacks, and attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics," she said.

For more information about the Armed Forces Week Concert in the Park, call the Arts Council at 519-2787, visit the web site at www.artshuntsville.org, or call the Public Affairs Office at 876-5302.

Patriotism takes center stage at Soldier Show

'Legacy' theme for 2003 event

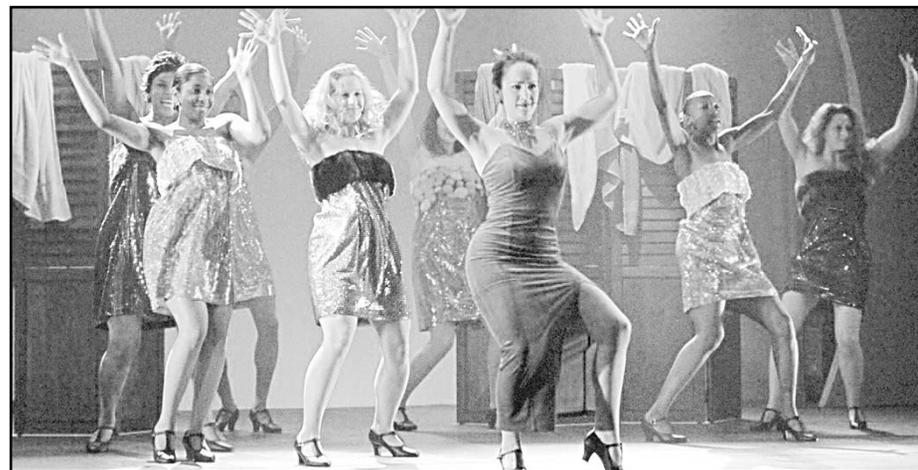
By KIM GILLESPIE
 For the Rocket

Quality entertainment and no charge for admittance make the 2003 Soldier Show the best deal in town. So what's the catch? Seating is limited and reserved through tickets that will be distributed by Morale, Recreation and Welfare and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce beginning July 8.

The Soldier Show is scheduled for two performances, one at 2 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m. July 16 at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. The Soldier Show performances are among the many events celebrating Armed Forces Week, July 13-19.

"The Soldier Show is always one of the most popular Armed Forces Week activities, with all tickets normally distributed on the first day of availability," Brandie DeRemer of MWR said.

Tickets are distributed first to active duty servicemembers beginning July 2, and all remaining tickets will be available to the public starting July 8.



Courtesy photo

IN CONCERT— Tickets for the Soldier Show will be available to the public beginning July 8 at the Recreation Center and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

"Tickets can be picked up on Redstone Arsenal at the Recreation Center, building 3711 on Patton Road during MWR's normal business hours of Tuesday through Fridays, 1:30-10 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce will also have tickets for distribution at their building

located downtown at 225 Church St., and they are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," DeRemer said. Tickets are limited to four per person.

But individuals without a ticket to the show can take heart: Any unfilled seats will be available for those who choose to come to the Von Braun Center Concert

Hall prior to each show and wait. "It's not a guarantee of a seat, but chances are good that some seats will be available," DeRemer said.

While a ticket reserves a seat, the ticket stipulates that if the ticket holder is not seated 15 minutes before the show, the ticket will no longer be valid. "We are doing this because there are many free tickets that are taken but not used. Our goal is to make sure the seats are filled, and we hope this alternative works for those individuals who are unable to get tickets," DeRemer said.

DeRemer emphasized that the show is free because of national sponsors and local support. "First Command Financial Planning and the Army National Guard are sponsoring this year's show. Locally, the Chamber of Commerce is assisting MWR with the performance venue and other requirements," she said.

The Soldier Show offers a variety of music and entertainment designed to appeal to all age groups and taste. Patriotism also plays an important part in the show. This year's theme is "Legacy."

For more information about the Soldier Show or tickets, call DeRemer at 313-1203.


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Dix carries big stick for HHC 59th



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DESK DUTY— Stephen Dix is administrative NCO for the instructional systems department at building 3340.

Power hitter leads team to preseason championship

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
Rocket editor
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Stephen Dix is a major reason HHC 59th has high hopes in the troop softball season.

Dix, batting third in the lineup, went 14-for-15 as the 59th went 4-0 in the preseason tournament. He had four two-run homers, two triples, two doubles, 16 RBIs and 12 runs scored.

"He's a complete player," 59th left fielder Patrick Perry said. "He does it all — strong arm, big bat, great glove."

In his fourth year with the team, Dix plays left-center field for the

59th. This is his last year because he's leaving in October to become the testing NCO-in-charge at the Military Entrance Processing Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

He hopes to have a troop softball championship in tow when he departs. The 59th beat Bravo 20-9 on June 24 in the preseason tournament final.

"Out of the four years that I've been here, we've got the best one this year," Dix said, comparing the 59th team to its predecessors. "We don't have any weak spots on the infield or the outfield. And everybody hits pretty good."

Especially Dix.

"I know I'm a better hitter than I am a fielder but I like fielding better because it's more of a challenge," he said. "And I think making a great catch is more gratifying than hitting a home run."

The Troy native likes pregame batting practice. "If I hit before the game, I'll usually hit a lot better dur-

ing the game," he said. "I don't know if you just get warmed up or get your timing better."

Dix, 30, played two years of baseball at Charles Henderson High in Troy. He was a third baseman and pitcher for the Trojans as a sophomore and junior. The youngest of three children of retired senior chief petty officer Jesse and Joyce Dix, he graduated in 1991. He has been in the Army 11 years and arrived at Redstone in June 1999 from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The staff sergeant is administrative NCO for the instructional systems department at building 3340.

Dix has two daughters: Victoria, 10, and Halee, 8. In addition to sports, he likes lifting weights and reading suspense novels and magazines.

At 5-foot-10 and 200 pounds, Dix plays flag football, basketball and softball for the 59th. Which one is his favorite? "Softball because that's the only one I'm good at," he said, laughing.

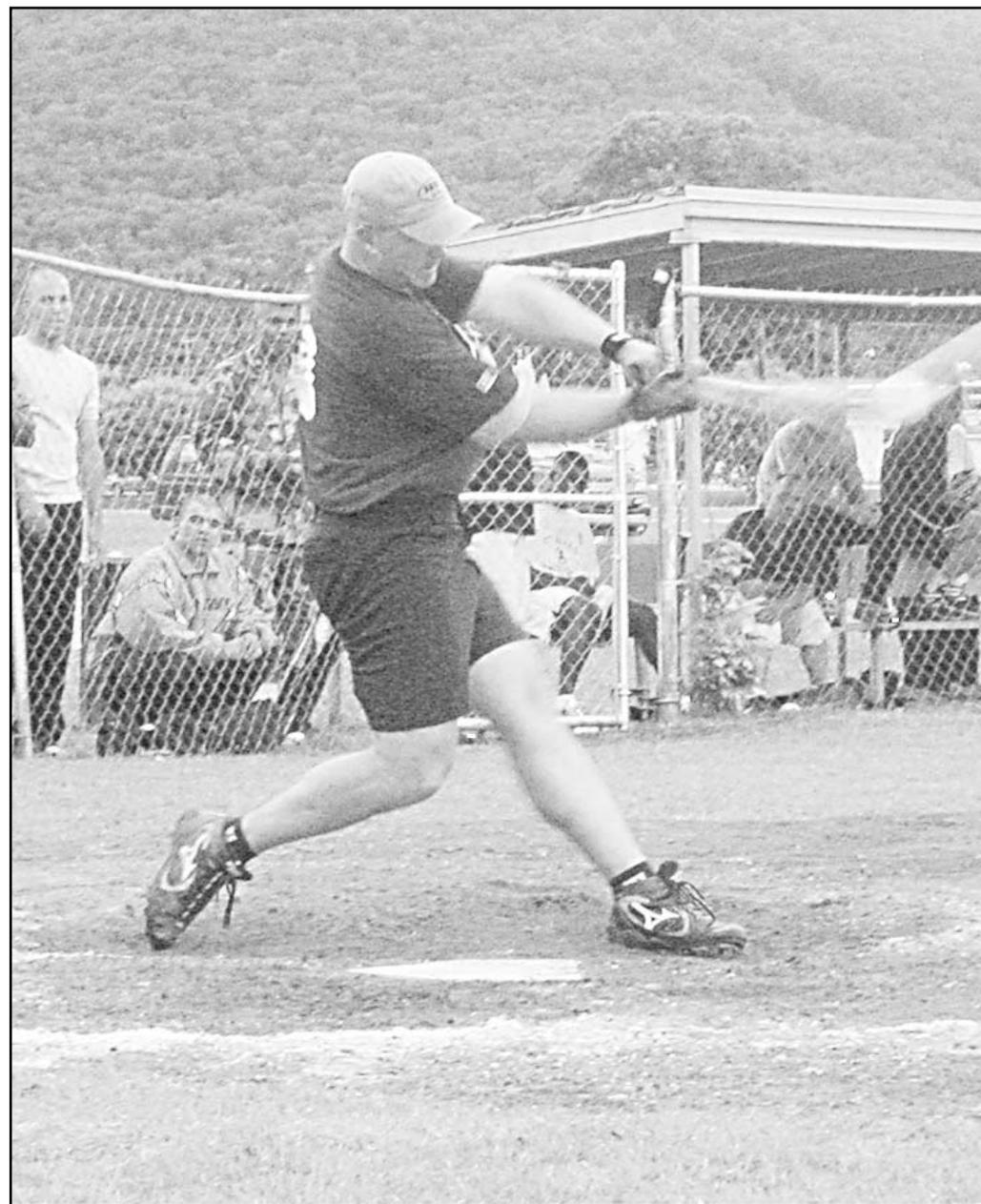


Photo by Sgt. Evan Morrow

DEEP THREAT— Stephen Dix, connecting in a game last year, regularly sends softballs over the fence for HHC 59th.

Underwood lands hole-in-one

Keith Underwood made his first hole-in-one June 23 at Redstone Golf Course.

The contractor employee used a 5-iron for the shot on the 175-yard, par-3 sixth hole at Hillside. Witnesses included Mark Burkett, John Wilson and Richard Harski during play of the Intergraph Golf League.

"It was great, mind-boggling. Never thought I'd do it," Under-

wood, 39, said. He's a senior support analyst with Shaffer Solutions, a NASA subcontractor.

Underwood has a 10 handicap in the Intergraph league which plays at Redstone on Monday and Tuesday nights. He's played golf about 10 years.

He and his wife, Kathy, have a daughter, Courtney, 16, entering her junior year at Grissom High.

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TEA & CRUMPETS.....5.00
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TEA & BISCUITS.....4.00
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Sports & Recreation

Basketball clinic

A girls and boys basketball clinic is July 12 and again July 19 at Randolph School, 1005 Drake Ave. Times are 9 a.m. until noon for grades four through six, and 2-5 p.m. for grades seven and eight. The \$65 fee includes a free T-shirt and water bottle. Call 325-7529 for registration and more information.

Youth basketball camp

Registration is under way for the Child and Youth Services' Basketball Camp, July 7-11 for children 6-16. Instructors will be Kelly McCarty, Israeli pro basketball player, and Doc Martin of the University of Alabama and the Huntsville Flight. The pros will be teaching defense and offense, shooting, ball handling, rebounding, as well as passing and receiving. The cost per child is \$55 plus \$15 Central Registration fee if not already registered. Times are 8:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 6-10 and 12:30-3:30 p.m. for ages 11-16. This program is open to all active and retired military, DoD, Department of Army, NASA and contractors' dependents. For information call 876-3704 or 313 3699.

Bowling promotion

Redstone Lanes is host for another summer of fun with Mystery Bowl II. New prizes, more prizes, and chances to win await you at the bowling center. Eighty-seven Army bowling centers are participating in this summer's promotion. The nine weekly winners at each participating bowling center will be entered into a drawing at Community and Family Support Center for a chance to win one of two resort packages, plus \$500 to defray travel costs. The resort vacation includes hotel/resort accommodations for seven nights at the Palm Desert Resort in California, and a vacation activities and amenities package worth at least \$2,000 in-kind services per package. The promotion runs for nine weeks, with weekly winners from each installation entered into a chance to win resort vacation packages. For more information, go to www.redstonemwr.com or call 876-6634.

Triathletes

The Spring City Triathletes meet at 6:30 p.m. July 21 at Logans Roadhouse restaurant off Airport Road. For information call Matt Brass 464-9002.

Rocketman triathlon

The 10th annual Rocketman Triathlon is Aug. 24 at 7:30 a.m. at the Col. Hudson Recreation Area. For information call Bob Mulkey 883-7399.

Ten-miler tryouts

Redstone will have tryouts for its Army Ten-Miler team 7 a.m. Aug. 9 and Aug. 23 on a 10-mile course that begins and ends in the parking lot at Sparkman Fitness Center. The team will have six mil-

itary and four civilian members. The annual race is Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Skip Vaughn 876-1500 or Alexander Steel 876-3867.



Conferences & Meetings

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.

Industry briefing

The 2003 Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is July 15-17 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of the Army's long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities. APBI early registration cost through July 1 is \$425 for industry and academia, and \$300 for military and government employees. APBI registration from July 2-17 is \$475 for industry and academia, and \$350 for military and government employees. Registration the day before the conference will be available July 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the auditorium. For registration or information visit the web site at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>, or call Lauretta Mitchell 876-4270 or Christi Wilson 519-6682.

Air defenders

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is having a membership appreciation social and general membership meeting July 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub. This social is free to members in good standing and prospective members. Applications for membership will be accepted at the door. For more information, contact the association secretary at mhowell@adt-it.com.

Info technology professionals

The Garrison-Director of Information Management would like to invite interested persons to the kickoff meeting of the Redstone Configuration Working Group. The CWG is a technical working group designed for Information Technology professionals who provide the "day to day" IT operations for their organization. The work group provides support to the Redstone community in identifying issues and providing enterprise solutions for today's technology concerns. The meeting is 1-3 p.m. July 8 in Sparkman building 5309, EMS Green Room. For more information, call Robert Brown 876-1627 or Lillian White 313-1298.

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Association scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will award a \$1,000 scholarship in August. Applications are due by July 15. For more information, call Bob Belton of Quantum Research International 971-1800, ext. 257.

Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing interested students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov. 1. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

Youth sponsorship

Youth Sponsorship Training will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Youth (grades 6-12) that would like to become a Youth Sponsor or youth that have recently moved to the Redstone community are invited. For more information, call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Car show helpers

Volunteer are needed for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising car show, "Cars and Camouflage," July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking area off Zeus Road near Gate 10. Volunteers are needed for everything from directing participants to staging areas and traffic control for public parking areas, to registration, setup and judging (some experience or background is required for those volunteering to judge). Individuals interested in volunteering should call SFC Thomas Perkins 955-8888, ext. 1141 or e-mail him at thomas.perkins@se.amedd.army.mil.

Academy fund-raiser

The third annual Charity Fund Raiser Dinner for the Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is July 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parish Life Center, 2300 Beasley. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two tickets. Scheduled speaker is Mayor Mims Hackett of Orange, N.J., a Birmingham native. He was a teacher for 32 years, twice winning "Teacher of the Year" for his excellence in teaching science. The evening will feature a fashion show, dinner, silent auction and dancing. For more information call Lillie Townsend, executive director, 746-9026.

Theater tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring Broadway Theatre League season tickets for 2003-04. There are five shows in the season ticket package this year: Miss Saigon, Oct. 21-26; Jesus Christ Superstar, Nov. 28-30; Cats, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1; Grease, Feb. 20-22; and Les Miserables, April 27 to May 2. Performance times and discounted ticket prices for orchestra-2 seating are: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., \$210; Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., \$198; Sunday at 7 p.m., \$192. Contact Charles Urban at charles.urban@redstone.army.mil to purchase season tickets. Ticket payments must be made by July 9 at Sparkman building 5303, first floor, room 3136. If you had reserved seats for last year's season and would like to reserve your same seats for this season, please e-mail your reply by June 27.

Scholarships aired

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is accepting nominations for local scholarship awards. The Embry-Riddle Excellence Award consists of a certificate and eligibility for authorization of payment of non-reimbursed tuition expenses for one 3 or 4 credit hour course, or for the books for one term up to the amount of 1 credit hour of tuition. Nominations will be accepted from military and civilian organizations that have a formal recognition system for regularly identifying outstanding employees; and who provide employees with partial or full tuition assistance for voluntary, off duty enrollment in college courses. To be eligible, nominees must have received an employer-sponsored award for outstanding performance, and must be nominated for the scholarship by their employer. Nominations must be submitted in writing and must include an organization and employee name, the type of award, and

the date received. ERAU Huntsville is in the Army Education Center, building 3222. For more information, call director Christy Pinero 876-9763.

Soldier Show

The 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform two shows July 16, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Morale, Welfare and Recreation will distribute tickets to active duty military personnel beginning July 2. Tickets will be available (limit four per person) for Redstone Arsenal employees beginning July 8 through MWR at the Recreation Center, building 3711, on Patton Road and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. Individuals that do not receive tickets can go to the Concert Hall for "standby" seating. While seating is not guaranteed as with a ticket, any seats that remain unfilled 15 minutes prior to the performance will be offered to the individuals on standby on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-1203.

Health center hours

Fox Army Health Center announces holiday hours for Independence Day. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon July 3-5 for scheduled appointments. All other clinics will be closed. The health center is closed Sundays. The pharmacy will be open regular hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. July 3 and closed the Fourth of July. Advice nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Access to the building may be gained through the Pharmacy entrance on the south side.

PX hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours the Fourth of July: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; concessions, closed; GNC, closed; mall barber shop, closed; beauty shop, closed; cellular service, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; furniture store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; service station, closed; Burger King, closed; military clothing, closed; barber shop, building 3479, closed; Food Court - Anthony's, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Churches, closed.

Virtual sweepstakes

Drop your "virtual business card" at www.redstonemwr.com for a chance to win prizes — MWR merchandise, dining

coupons, gift certificates and more. Simply go to the web site any time and drop your virtual business card and you're registered to win. Entries will be drawn weekly and winners will be contacted via e-mail or phone.

Military personnel office

The Military Personnel Office will be closed July 3-4. That closure includes the ID Card Section (building 3494) and Transition Center (building 3493).

Troop movement

HHC AMCOM/Garrison has moved from building 3437 to building 3206 on Little John Road next to the Drug and Alcohol building and across the street from NCO Academy.

Army concert tour

Redstone Arsenal MWR is once again hosting the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour featuring Ted Nugent and Foreigner lead singer Lou Gramm on Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. Get your tickets early at www.ticketmaster.com and these outlets: Recreation Center ITR (building 3711 Patton Road), Sparkman Cafeteria, Hotel Redstone, Officers and Civilians Club, PX Customer Service, or by phone at 876-4531. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate. Go to www.redstonmwr.com for more information.

Challenger Bingo

Although Challenger Bingo is closed July 4-8, it plans a great month of free game packs, extra games, winning and fun beginning with a Special Pack Night, July 11 at 5:45 p.m. MWR Appreciation Day is July 19 where you'll receive a free game pack and extra games. Plus, show your MWR card at the door and receive a free bingo dauber. Challenger Bingo is open to the entire Redstone community over 19 years of age. Call 837-0750 for details.

PX news

Post Exchange is having a Furniture Store Whirlpool Appliance Sale, July 5-10. Take advantage of this coupon sale with a truckload of appliances for you to choose from.

Armed forces week

Armed Forces Celebration Week spans July 13-20 and many of the events are free to the military and the public. For more information call the Public Affairs Office 876-5302, the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce 535-2000, or visit the web site at http://www.redstone.army.mil/pub_affairs/.

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SCBK03202719	Admi Support Asst (OA)	3-Jul-03	CofE Huntsville	GS-0303	6	6	28,759 - 37,386	X												
SCBK03197992	Secretary (OA)	3-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0318	6	6	28,759 - 37,386	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03204479	Secretary (OA)	3-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS0318	6	6	28,759 - 37,386	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03193966	Supvy General Engineer	5-Jul-03	CofE Huntsville	GS-0801	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X								X		X		
SCBK03198408	Accounting Officer	7-Jul-03	SMDC	GS-0510	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X								X				
SCBK03197693	Technical Information Spec	8-Jul-03	SMDC	GS-1412	11	12	47,299 - 61,494	X												
SCBK03204255	Aerospace Engineer	9-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0861	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03192847	General Engineer	9-Jul-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03198757	General Engineer	11-Jul-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK030190580	Lead Human Resources Spec	12-Jul-03	AMCOM-PT	GS-0201	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X												
SCBK03200622	Program Analyst	14-Jul-03	PEO Aviation	GS-0343	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X												
SCBK03201719	Supvy Technical Systems Analyst	14-Jul-03	SMDC	GS-0301	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X								X				
SCBK03197506	Environmental Engineer	14-Jul-03	SMDC	GS-0819	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X								X				
SCBK03204347	Program Analyst	14-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0343	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK03203192	Program Analyst	14-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0343	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK03190593	Civil Engineer	15-Jul-03	SMDC	GS-0810	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X												
SCBK03197643	Equipment Spec (Gen)	15-Jul-03	PEO-COMBAT-SPT	GS-1670	12	12	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03197297	Supvy Program Analyst	18-Jul-03	PEO-COMBAT-SPT	NH-0343	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03203751	Electronics Engineer	18-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0855	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X												
SCBK03204189	Log Mgmt Spec	18-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0346	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X												
SCBK03204193	Electronics Engineer	18-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0855	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03204389	Program Integrator	18-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0301	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK03239757	Security Assistance Analyst	18-Jul-03	SAMD	GS-0301	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X												
ALU301446	Supvy Program Analyst	25-Jul-03	PEO TAC	NH-0343	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03204215	International Prog Mgmt Spec	28-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0301	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X											
SCBK03204452	Program Integration Spec	28-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	GS-0301	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK03203778	Supvy General Engineer	28-Jul-03	PEO-Aviation	NH-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCEG03204968	Electronics Engineer	20-Aug-03	ATTC	GS-0855	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCEG03205103	Aerospace Engineer	30-Aug-03	ATTC	GS-0861	13	13	67,143 - 87,289	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCEG03205144	Flight Test Pilot	30-Aug-03	ATTC	GS-2181	14	14	79,344 - 103,150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD-DH-02-0665	Audiologist/Speech Pathologist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0665	11-13	13	44,668 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0683	Dental Lab Technician	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0683	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0603	Physician's Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0603	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0682	Dental Hygienist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0682	5-7	7	25,467 - 45,493	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0681	Dental Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0681	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0680	Dental Officer	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0680	12	12	55,958 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0662	Optometrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0662	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0668	Podiatrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0668	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0610	Registered Nurse	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-12	12	38,588 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03197863OC	Safety and Occupational Health Spec	31-Dec-03	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	47,266 - 61,494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD-03-2653	Medical Technologist (VOS)	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0644	7-9-10	11-12	31,546 - 72,746	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2673	Social Worker	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0185	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2682	Counseling Psychologist	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0180	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03147126OC	General Engr,Civil Engr,Architect,Mech Engr,Elect Engr	31-Dec-03	Shchuchy,Kurgan, Region,Russia	GS-0801-0810-0808-0830-0850	15	15	85,140 - 110,682	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03127239	Architect	2-Jan-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808	11	12	47,240 - 70,841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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X-LW-03-5381-RD	Editor (Printed Media)	8-Jul-03	Office Sec of Army	DE-1082	3	3	43,050 - 73,697	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-5355-RD	General Engineer	14-Jul-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-5358-RD	General Engineer	14-Jul-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-5387-FL	Supvy Program Analyst	24-Jul-03	Office Sec of Army	NH-0343	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5363-PO	Engineering Technician	25-Jul-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0802	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5364-PO	Electrical Engineer	29-Jul-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0850	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AL-03-5210-RD	Electrical Engineer	15-Aug-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0850	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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- H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
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