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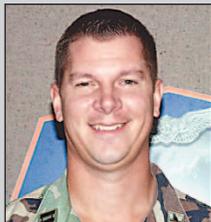
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By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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How do you fit the Alabama A&M University marching band into a nearly-filled, 700-seat auditorium?

With a little creative maneuvering, that challenge was solved Sept. 24 in Bob Jones Auditorium at the 2003 kickoff for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. The band played, the dancers danced and the program went on as planned.

Now the challenge is meeting the annual charity drive's \$1.6 million goal.

"We have come together in this 2003 kickoff celebration to say to all that are in need, all that are in misfortune, that you are not alone," Earl Johnson, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Combined Federal Campaign, said.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn
ALL SMILES— The Marching Maroon and White Band of Alabama A&M University performs at the CFC kickoff.

Domestic violence all about power and control

*Recognizing problem
first step to solution*

By **SANDY RIEBELING**
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Seven years ago in Alabama, a Jackson County man nearly beat his girlfriend to death with the hard sole of a sandal. Massive injuries, broken bones. He was convicted of attempted murder and thrown in jail.

The appellate court overturned the verdict. Even with the severity of the crime, he could not be charged with attempted murder because legally, a sandal is not considered a "deadly weapon."

By that time, he'd already served 18 months so he was free to go. Which he did, all the way to Texas, where he again, nearly beat a woman to death. Texas, however, has a much broader definition of deadly weapon. The man was convicted and won't get out for a long, long time.

"The point is, he did it again," Bill Farris, development manager for Crisis Services of North Alabama, said. "And you know the relationship didn't start out that way. He didn't come in on the first date and smack her around. No way. These guys, they are smooth. It's a process — and they know exactly how to work it. They are prince charming, at least at the beginning. They know what to say. He pulls her in by making her feel like she's the most important thing in the world, like he can't live without her. And then things start to happen. Something as little as him saying, 'You know, I really like it when you wear your hair short. You look so good that way.'"

So she goes out and gets it cut and he fawns all over her, Farris said. He tells her how wonderful she looks and how sweet she is for doing something for him. That's how it starts. Then he may



Photo by Sandy Riebeling
WORKING TOGETHER— Virginia Dempsey, Family Advocacy program manager, and Bill Farris, development manager for Crisis Center of North Alabama, work together to spread the word about domestic violence prevention and how to get help.

suggest she wear this shirt or not wear that skirt anymore; the whole time, he's telling her how beautiful she is. She complies because she wants to please him. It's natural. The problem is, none of this is about her. It's all about him and what he wants — control. From there the abuser casually mentions that a certain friend of

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Retiree day greatly appreciated

Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Day on Sept. 20 was a resounding success. Retired Col. George Shepard and retired CSM Ernest Weir were masters of ceremony. Maj. Gen. Joseph Bergantz opened the ceremony for approximately 1,500 retirees and family members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. Retired SFC Gloria Dorsey sang the national anthem, retired MSgt. Charles Kane played Taps, and Boy Scout Owen Devlin and his father, Col. Bob Devlin, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All in attendance were greeted with free breakfast donated by Halsey Foods, Redstone Arsenal Burger King, U.S. Foods and Krispy Kreme by arrangement of MWR, and prepared in the Sparkman Cafeteria. Fox Army Health Center provided excellent services, including cholesterol screening and bone density tests, and provided information on medical benefits to all retirees. Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion and the NCO Academy volunteered their time to prepare for the appreciation day, provide security, assist handicapped retirees with various activities, and extend hospitality to the retirees. Everyone genuinely enjoyed the music of the Huntsville Concert Band with

director Marsha Asquith. Their marches and swing melodies induced many of the retirees into an impromptu march or dance. Bill Bullen and the staff of the Sparkman Cafeteria provided an excellent breakfast and lunch.

Military Personnel Office issued more than 100 ID cards, the Legal Office issued 35 wills and powers of attorney, and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland Center executed more than 50 financial actions.

Speakers of the day were retired Lt. Gen. John Dubia, Mike Gray of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office, Mary Ann Schaefer of DFAS, and Lt. Col. Kathryn Sommerkamp of JAG. Retiree Appreciation Day was completed with drawings for door prizes donated by MWR, the PX and SATO.

Many accolades were given to the Retiree Advisory Council from those attending the event. The Retiree Advisory Council is seeking volunteers from all services to become members of the council. If you are interested in becoming a member and helping to make next year's event a success, please call Cindy Anderson at 876-2022 or Andy Pike at 313-6481.

Andy Pike
Military Personnel Office

Citizen soldiers deserve leave

I have recently found out that a person in our group, who is serving our country in Iraq, has been cashing in his annual leave in order to help support his family here in the states. His salary is much reduced from what he would normally be making in his normal job. This person has also been borrowing leave in advance in order to help meet these financial needs and it concerns me that he will arrive back to work with a large annual leave deficit. It could be a very long time before he can spend any significant time with his family.

I have indicated my desire (through my management) to transfer some of my personal annual leave to this person and they have gotten the reply that "this can only be done for medical reasons or sick family members." Through friends I was led to an Office of Personnel Management web site which indicates that leave can also be transferred in times of national emergency. It is my understanding that the Guard and Reserve forces are intended to be there for use in state and national emergencies; and unexpectedly they now have to spend up to a year or more away from their jobs and families. This should be considered a national emergency or there should be an additional category to transfer leave to co-workers who are undergoing significant hardships because of duty to their country.

As part of the Redstone family, I am compelled to request officials in the Department of Defense and OPM hierarchy to allow government employees to be able to donate their annual use-or-lose leave to these citizen soldiers upon their return from Iraq and Afghanistan. This is the least we can do to show that we really care and are proud of what they have done. It is only right that these soldiers are able to first spend time alone with their families in order to make up for the long separation.

It would also be terrific if the companies that support the Army and DoD can also do this for their employees.

Dennis Bangham

Editor's note: The Personnel and Training Directorate provided the following response. "Thank you for your

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Quote of the week

Itold the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.

—Henny Youngman

Flies time in cafeteria

The cafeteria in building 5400 deserves exuberant praise for its most successful efforts to attract flies. One may at any time during the day when the cafeteria is open enjoy the happy buzzing in ears and feel the sweet delights of wings flipping through hair or feet walking carefree over hand or face.

In particular, the management and staff and whoever else is responsible should be most assiduously praised for positioning the dumpster next to the cafeteria door. This remarkable insight into the psyche of the house fly affords the frequenter of the cafeteria a ready supply of flies eager to enter and please the patrons. For all of us who enjoy these insect companions, I wish to offer the cafeteria management an affectionate thank you.

Milton Jones
Engineering Directorate

Editor's note: The Post Restaurant Fund management provided the following response. "Thank you for taking the time to identify an area that can be improved at our cafeteria in building 5400. We are working with building management to relocate the dumpster farther away from the back entrance; and staff and delivery personnel have been directed to ensure the back entrance to the cafeteria is closed after each use. Our cafeteria staff will also take every appropriate means to eliminate any flies that do enter the cafeteria. Working together with the RDEC/building 5400 team, we are confident that this problem will be eliminated."

An open lane random survey

How has your job changed because of Operation Iraqi Freedom?

By **KELLEY LANE**
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Bill Trainer, contractor

"The workload has definitely increased. It's on a personal level for me. I'm retired Army so a lot of the customers are also friends and my son is an ordnance captain serving in Kuwait. It touches home. We've

definitely had an increased workload and I guess we're putting more heart into it. The sense of urgency and trying to satisfy the customers' needs is just that much more important to us today."

Capt. Bryan Phillips,
PEO Aviation

"I got to go to Iraq."



Darwin Oberlander,
DoD civilian

"It's basically changed the op tempo. We're doing a lot more for the warfighter. It's increased our workload and the way we've handled that is to volunteer to put in extra time to support the warfighter."



Steve Crowell,
DoD civilian

"I know the operational tempo that we've had to get in place has raised greatly. Not only do we do what we're normally doing in our jobs, but also the direct support of the guys

we deal with on a day-to-day basis overseas and the urgency of need has really driven the up-tempo of the office. We've had to work on weekends and nights to get things done, to support the troops and send people over to fix problems that we see. It's been almost a double in the workload in doing what you can do to support the troops."

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Albertville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?
There is something new every day
and I love working with people. I would
also say it is helping the soldiers.

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

Take care of my children, hang out
with my girlfriends, teach Sunday
school and do calligraphy.

What are your goals?

To make a difference in our world
and help people.

Only Congress can change leave laws

Leave

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question and your concerns for our
employees who are serving their country
as activated Reservists and National
Guards. Their contributions to the safety
and security of our citizens and nation, as
with our Regular Army soldiers, deserve
our heartfelt thanks and support.

"Federal employees who are called to
active duty military service can choose to
be placed in one of the following condi-
tions: leave without pay-military or separa-
tion-military. Both guarantee employ-
ees return rights to their positions once
their active duty is completed. If the
employee chooses leave without pay-mil-
itary, they may take their accumulated
annual leave as they wish during their
active duty service time. If the employee
chooses separation-military, they
may choose to retain their annual leave
or receive a lump sum payment for the
unused annual leave. An employee may
only be advanced the amount of annual
leave they would earn in the remainder
of the leave year. Under either
choice described above, the employee
would not continue to earn annual leave.
An employee does not earn annual leave
in a leave without pay status that extends

beyond 80 hours. Under both circum-
stances the employee is not eligible to
receive advanced annual leave.

"Under current federal law, for an
employee to be eligible for donated leave
they must be facing an absence from duty
without available paid leave because of a
medical emergency that is (or is expected
to be) at least 24 hours in duration. In
order to qualify as a leave recipient, the
employee must provide appropriate med-
ical documentation for himself or herself
or the family member needing care.

"Under certain limited conditions, an
employee may be eligible for emergency
leave donations if the president declares a
disaster or emergency and the employee is
facing an absence from duty without avail-
able paid leave because the emergency is
(or is expected to be) at least 24 hours in
duration. Employees on active duty are in
a pay status and, therefore, do not meet the
requirements established by Congress to be
eligible to receive donated leave under this
special emergency situation. The basic
laws establishing the leave transfer pro-
gram would have to be changed by Con-
gress in order for active duty servicemem-
bers to receive donated leave for other
than medical reasons. Neither the Depart-
ment of Defense nor the Office of Person-
nel Management has the authority to
change the terms of these programs."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Sept. 19 — An individual reported that
someone removed a hard drive from a
disk drive cradle from a server at Fox
Army Health Center. Investigation contin-
ues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 20 — A contractor reported that
he had found several types of unknown
pills and expended 9mm shell casings in
the parking lot of building 3499. Investi-
gation continues by the Provost Marshal
Office.

Sept. 20 — A contractor was issued a
violation notice at Gate 10 after an
inspection of his vehicle revealed a small
amount of marijuana and drug parapher-
nalia.

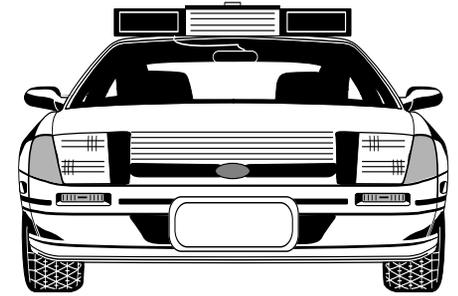
Sept. 21 — An individual reported that
she became involved in a verbal dispute
with her ex-husband which became phys-
ical when he grabbed and choked her.
Investigation continues by the Provost
Marshal Office.

Sept. 22 — An employee at Burger
King reported that someone vandalized
the restaurant with several paintballs
while it was closed. Investigation contin-
ues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 22 — An individual reported that
someone damaged his personally-owned
secured vehicle while it was parked and
unattended at building 5301.

Sept. 23 — An individual was
detained at the Post Exchange after secu-
rity observed him select a PC/CD Rom
game and then exit without rendering
proper payment. Investigation continues
by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 23 — An individual reported that
someone entered her personally-owned
vehicle and removed several personal
papers. Investigation continues by the
Provost Marshal Office.



Sept. 25 — A soldier reported that
someone stole his personally-owned vehi-
cle which was parked at his residence in
Huntsville. Attached to the windshield
was a Redstone Arsenal decal and con-
tained within the vehicle was his military
identification card. Investigation contin-
ues by the Huntsville Police Department.

Sept. 25 — A contractor was found to
be utilizing his government-issued com-
puter to access unauthorized web sites.
Investigation continues by the Provost
Marshal Office.

Sept. 25 — A person reported that an
individual wrote a personal check at the
Thrift Shop which was returned for insuf-
ficient funds. Attempts by the com-
plainant have met with negative results.
Investigation continues by the Provost
Marshal Office.

Sept. 25 — An individual was
detained at the Post Exchange after secu-
rity observed her select several packages
of lipstick and then exit without rendering
proper payment. Investigation continues
by the Provost Marshal Office.

Violation notices issued: speeding, 8;
no proof of liability insurance, 1; pos-
session of a controlled substance, 1;
possession of drug paraphernalia, 1; and
larceny, 1.

Retiring manager went extra mile to serve others



Photo by Kelley Lane

CENTER OF ATTENTION— Ann Owens, center, takes a moment at her retirement reception to look over the festivities with her family.

Army Community Service has sendoff for Ann Owens

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Ann Owens has been on several sides of the Army way of life. She has been active duty. She has been an active duty spouse. She has worked the offices as a secretary, clerk and program manager. Now she prepares for a new role — retiree.

On Sept. 18, Owens left her office at Army Community Service with 27 years of civil service behind her.

Owens left her home in Georgia to join the Women's Army Corps. While active duty she met and married a fellow soldier. Starting a family changed her career path.

"My husband went to Vietnam and I was at Fort Sill, Okla.," she said. "Back then in the Army, when you got pregnant, they didn't keep you in the Army. You had to get out."

Owens then waited for her husband's return at his home in Maine with a mother-in-law she had never met. He returned for her and their new daughter before they moved on to the next post.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

Retiring support

From left Kathy Wachs, acting director of Lead AMC Integration Support Office, reads retirement certificates Thursday for Sheila Norckauer (28 years service) and Wanda McClary (25 years service). Another member of the office, Ann Wright, retires with 25 years.

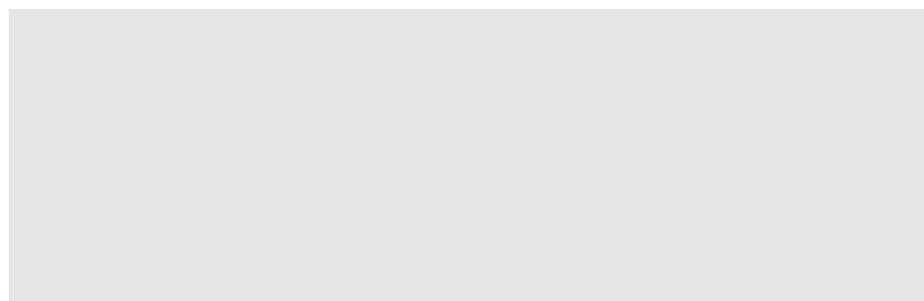




Photo by Skip Vaughn

Happy trails

James Foster, lead organizational development specialist at Personnel and Training Directorate, is congratulated Thursday on retiring with more than 37 years service.

■ Owens leaves stamp on community service

Retirement

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While her husband, Jim, was stationed in Germany, Owens took a job in customer service at the Post Exchange. "I really loved it," Owens said. "It was really easy because we lived right behind the commissary. I just had to walk down three flights of stairs and through the back door and I was at work."

She made the daily trek from home to work for three years before she and her husband chose Redstone as their next destination. "This was back when you could just pick where you wanted to come back to," Owens said. "We picked Redstone. We had never been here, but it was close to my home in Georgia."

Having never done civil service work before Germany, Owens had to retake the civil service exam once they arrived at their new post. She then worked as a receptionist at Fox Army Health Center's radiology department. After a two-year stint she then moved on to a secretarial position with the Patriot Project Office. Three years later she took a similar position at Integrated Materiel Management Center, which she held for two years before becoming a supply clerk there.

Health concerns and a cancer scare forced her to resign. Fortunately, she was able to return to work quickly. After more than a decade in various offices at IMMC, Owens came to Army Community Service in 1998. She has been a fixture there ever since. She credits her time at ACS with being the most rewarding of her long career.

"I've felt like I'm contributing. I'm doing something for the soldiers, so I'm giving back," said Owens, who served as

program manager for personal financial and deployment/mobilization readiness. "Each soldier that comes in here feels like my own. I want to help."

She has spent countless hours working with spouses, widows and soldiers. Since 9/11 she has spent most of her weekends in deployment briefings with Reserve and Guard units.

Owens' compassion and generosity will be missed at ACS. At her retirement reception, co-workers and soldiers were quick to hug her and whisper words of congratulations. Others proclaimed the depths to which she would be missed.

"Her patience amazed me," Sue Paddock, ACS director, said. "She spent numerous hours just listening and empathizing with those needing help. She went the extra mile to try to assist whoever entered her door."

Owens plans to take things easy now. She hopes to catch up on some of her obligations at home that had to take a second seat to her work.

"I haven't had a chance to get my house in order," she quipped. "I've had to give my house a lick and a promise. I've done the lick. Now I've got to keep the promise."

She also looks forward to buying a small farm where she can spend more time with her family and their three horses. Owens hopes to turn a hobby, Stampin' Up crafts, into a sideline business.

Owens expects to miss what she is leaving behind. "This is the best job," she said. "I think everybody should have to be in community service one time, for a week, to really see what the military is about. It's so gratifying. Everyone who goes into a job in community service comes out a better person."

Korea briefing arms journalists with Patriot facts

Media day draws worldwide notice

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

What do you do if you're the first one on your block to get the latest, fancy sports car? You invite the neighbors over to kick the tires, of course. That's exactly what the 1-43 Air Defense Artillery, based at Suwon, South Korea, did recently to announce to the news media that it had received the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile system.

Soldiers of B Battery prepared for weeks for the media day, which promised to gain international media attention. On the day of the event, 65 reporters from more than 30 Korean and international news outlets made the trip from Seoul to Suwon. They received a short background briefing from 1st Lt. Sang Park, fire control platoon leader for the battery, and then walked around in the rain to get a look at the system. Soldiers were on hand at each piece of equipment to explain its role in the system, with the explanation translated into Korean by an interpreter. The PAC-3 launcher, loaded with inert training rounds, was the centerpiece of the event.

As reporters milled around the launcher, Lt. Col. David Pendergast, the battalion commander, was careful to point out the defensive nature of Patriot and the upgrade to PAC-3 as a planned, incremen-



Photo by Tom Turner

NEWEST PATRIOT— Korean journalists photograph a PAC-3 launcher at Suwon Air Base.

tal evolution of the system, not an arms escalation. With tensions between North and South Korea increasing, and with the rise of anti-American sentiment in South Korea, they were points that could not be over-emphasized.

The most frequent questions centered

around the number of Patriot missiles on the Korean peninsula and if it could be used to make a preemptive strike against the North. The first question was not answered for security reasons and the second received an emphatic "no." The increased range and firepower the PAC-3 — with its 16 missiles per launcher and hit-to-kill technology — brings to the Patriot mix clearly boosts the defensive shield provided to South Korea by the system, Pendergast said.

After getting their questions answered, the reporters boarded their buses for the ride back to Seoul, a little soggy, but armed with all the facts about the newest version of Patriot. The story of PAC-3 coming to Korea did indeed go around the world; and with the exception of the expected non-factual, vitriolic response from North Korea, coverage was accurate and balanced. The hard work on the part of Patriot soldiers and their invitation to the neighbors paid off.

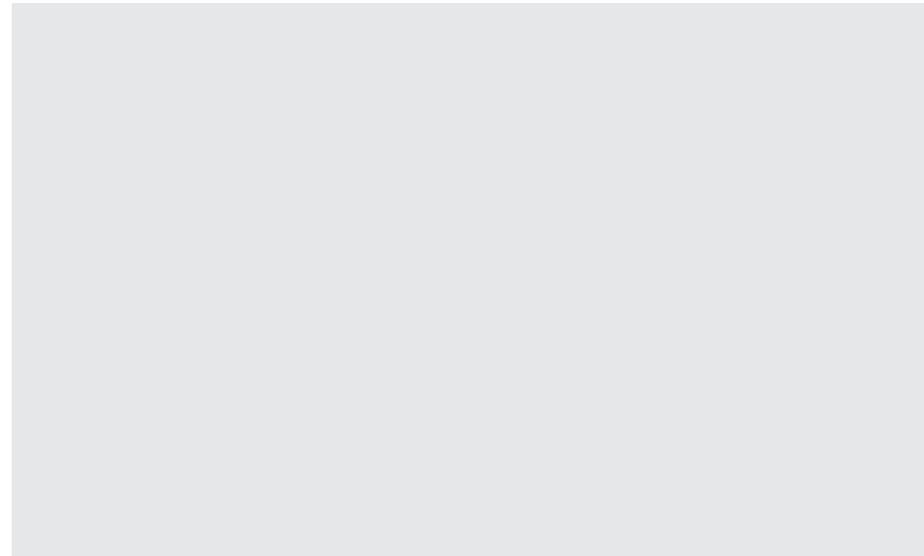
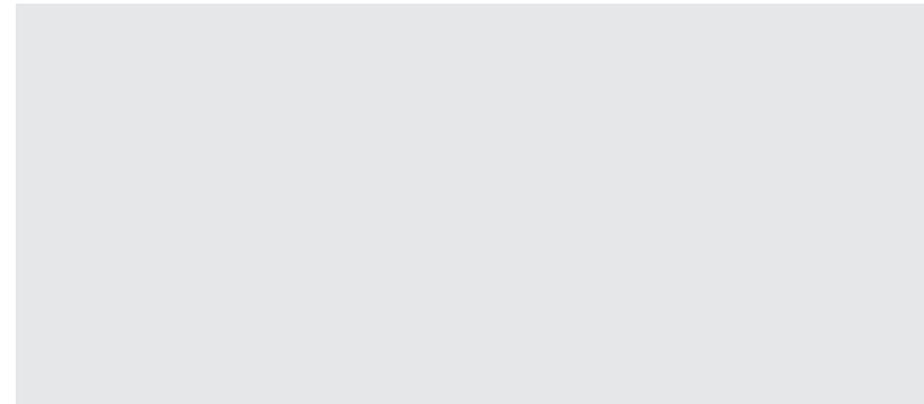
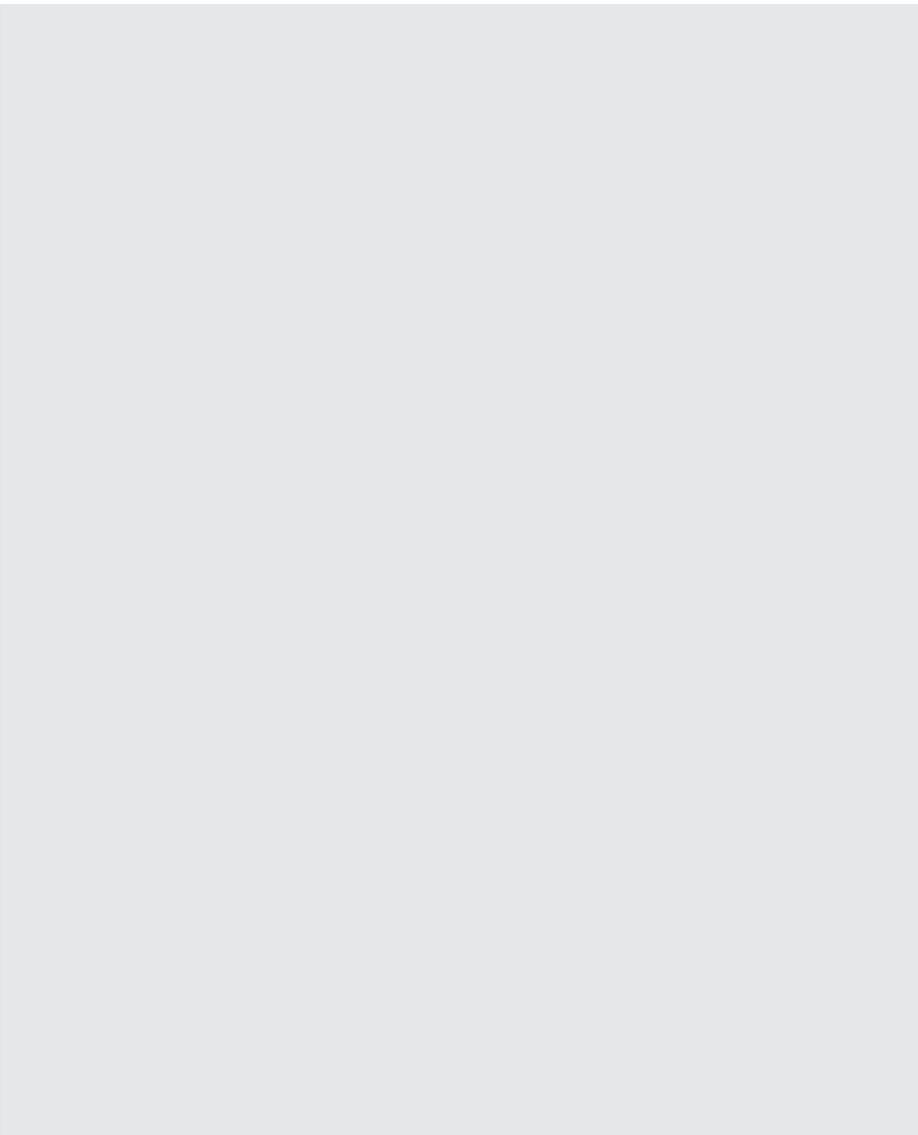




Photo by Kim Mason

Scouting helicopters

Les Haas, helicopter instructor pilot, teaches members of Grace Lutheran School Cub Scout Pack 173 about the UH-1H Huey. After visiting the airfield, the Scouts are to receive an aviation badge.

Post blood donors thanked for giving gift of life



Photo by Kim Mason

SHARING STORIES— From left Wilma Wheeler of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and Mary Ann Caissie of Lead AMC Integration Support Office talk with guest speaker Deanna Wood after the awards ceremony.

Red Cross leaders present awards

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The annual Red Cross awards ceremony was almost over but Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen had some unfinished business.

He asked the seven Red Cross representatives in the audience to come up to the stage for a photograph. They looked on while he shook hands with Mark Beddingfield, interim executive director of the Alabama blood region.

"That's going to be symbolic we're going to have another 50 years of service" with the Red Cross, Dodgen said.

Individuals and organizations throughout Redstone were thanked for their blood donations in the ceremony Sept. 23 at Bob Jones Auditorium. In fiscal 2003, members of Army organizations at Redstone gave 3,311 units of blood. The 1,187 units from Marshall Space Flight Center brought the total to 4,498.

"We here at the Arsenal have had a very long partnership with the Red Cross," Dodgen said.

The ceremony recognized the many volunteers who help keep Redstone "the top donor in Alabama," Col. Bob Devlin the garrison commander, said.

Guest speaker Deanna Wood of Huntsville related how blood transfusions saved her life in December 1998 when she had complications after delivering twins. She and her husband, Ron, have daughters, Caroline and Kathleen, 4.

"I would not be standing here without the efforts of people like you," she said.

Dodgen and Beddingfield presented the award citations as the names were read by Rick Cantrell, executive director of the Madison/Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

After the ceremony, Wilma Wheeler of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and Mary Ann Caissie of Lead AMC Integration Support Office were among the blood donors who thanked Wood for her inspiring message.

"We really liked her story," Caissie said. "People like her are the reason why we do this."



Photo by Craig Wysock

DOING THEIR PART— Mike Louque, left, and Alex Coma donate blood last June as Red Cross employee Jackie Jefferson assists them.

Air defenders take time to give back

Total Tots program *'in awe of support'*

By KIM MASON
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Members of the Air Defense Artillery Association made community service part of their luncheon agenda last week.

"It is our mission to provide to the community," Col. Tom Newberry, ADAA president, said. "This is the association's way of keeping with the spirit of the Army, which is the Army takes care of its own. The children who benefit from the Total Tots program are children of Army soldiers."

Total Tots, through Army Community Service, is an emergency and respite child care service for military families. It is completely funded by organizations like the ADAA which contributed \$1,000 at Thursday's luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"We're just in awe of the support you give to the Total Tots program," Pam Stieglitz, Total Tots chairman, told the

members. "Not just your financial support, but your moral support as well. I promise that every penny will be spent on the Total Tots program."

Guest speaker Col. Richard De Fatta, project manager for Short Range Air Defense, described where SHORAD systems are headed.

"Job No. 1 is sustaining soldiers currently in the field," De Fatta said. "Those guys are the most important."

The association honored seven recipients of the Order of St. Barbara, the patron saint of artillery. Those honored are air defenders who have made an extraordinary contribution to the air defense artillery branch.

Walter Jones, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, was inducted into the Ancient Order of St. Barbara. Those inducted into the Honorable Order of St. Barbara included Ronnie Golden, IMMC; Marsha Lawson, IMMC; Larry Phillips, IMMC; Pamela Caruso, Space and Missile Defense Command; Steven Moore, Ground-based Mid-course Defense Joint Project Office; and Rick Campbell, THAAD Project Office.



Photo by Kim Mason

GREAT EXPECTATIONS— Col. Richard De Fatta describes the future of short-range air defense

Stars & Stripes Association benefit has country flavor

Nashville performers salute military press

By WALT TROTT
For the Rocket

NASHVILLE — Music City artists are known for their patriotism and generosity; and once they learned about the Stars & Stripes Association and its mission, they offered a helping hand.

The result: Country Salutes the Stars & Stripes (Association, that is) at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Belcourt Theatre, boasting a bevy of stars. (This event kicks off the S&S' 15th annual Reunion, for the first time in Nashville, and spotlighting John Seigenthaler as its keynote speaker.)

Perennial favorites Dan Seals, Gail Davies, Eddy Raven, Margo Smith, Billy Walker, Jan Howard and Mac Wiseman are headlining the fund-raiser, with surprise guests also being scheduled.

For the uninitiated, the S&S Association is comprised of former GI journalists who helped produce a daily newspaper — The Stars & Stripes — for front-line forces serving abroad from World War I onward through the Gulf Wars. Net proceeds from Country Salutes Stars & Stripes will benefit the non-profit S&S Museum & Library at Bloomfield, Mo., where the first Stars & Stripes newspaper was printed for Civil War troops. CBS' 60 Minutes curmudgeon Andy Rooney (and Steve Kroft), as well as Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin (creator of the "Willie & Joe" military strip) were S&S soldiers of the press.

The museum will preserve S&S's historic collection for posterity.

Incidentally, from 1934-'36, the Belcourt served as home to the historic WSM Grand Ole Opry. Tickets for Country Salutes Stars & Stripes are \$20. To order tickets in advance, call (615) 846-3150.

Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients recognized

Display posted during month

As you walk through the Sparkman Complex on your way to the snack bar in building 5304, take a minute to look over the latest addition.

It is the Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients display, and it has made its return to the Sparkman Complex for Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

The Hispanic Heritage Committee put together the display for last year's celebration, and it was a great success. Many people stopped by the exhibit, and were impressed by the heroic efforts of the sailors, soldiers and Marines highlighted in the display. Here you will find Hispanics from all the services who bravely

served their country, and were honored by being awarded the nation's highest decoration.

The display includes the photographs or likenesses of the individual recipients together with the citations presented with the medal. The information was originally assembled by a non-profit organization whose web site is called the Home of Heroes (accessible at www.homeofheroes.com). It provides much greater detail about the MOH recipients. The web site is a learning tool for anyone interested in military history, or specifically the MOH.

The Hispanic Heritage Committee selected the display to honor the memory of Hispanic members of the armed services who received the Medal of Honor, a particularly sensitive issue in 2001 when the display idea was first conceived.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HISTORY MAKERS— Evette Brooks of the Public Affairs Office reads the display near Bob Jones Auditorium.

Crossword puzzle for Hispanic Heritage Month

Explore your knowledge of Hispanic and Latinos by solving the crossword puzzle facts.

Kelly Ann Buchanan developed this crossword puzzle and permission to reprint was provided by "Family Education Network."

Across

1. One of the styles of music that Tito Puente played
6. "Two" in Spanish
9. Mr. Fields, and others
12. Annual awards show which made its debut in the Year 2000: The ___ Grammys
13. Spanish title of respect for a man
15. Foot Part ...flipped around?
16. Positive, without the "refutable"
17. ___ Sound Machine (Gloria and Emilio Estefan's band which had a smash hit in 1985 with the song "Conga")
19. Part of the title of a "Rocky" sequel
20. Prefix to "system"
21. Monetary unit in #48A
23. Some Americans of Hispanic heritage might trace their roots to this country
26. Santana Song: "No ___ to Depend On"
28. Alphabet letters
29. Written Work
30. Cinco de Mayo: This holiday commemorates the victory that was achieved in battle in the city of ___ by the small army of #48A against the army of the French during the French occupation of #48A, in 1862
33. Last name of the sixth queen consort of Henry VIII of England
35. Alternative indicator
36. Edward James ___: Actor who portrayed the father of Mexican Tejano-style singer Selena (who was portrayed by #82A) in the biographical movie "Selena" (1997)
39. Things that were used by Frida Kahlo
43. Equal, archaically
45. This mission in San Antonio, Texas was besieged by forces from #48A under the command of General Santa Anna during the Texan war for independence, in 1836
47. Word heard in a Shakespeare play
48. See #21A and #30A for Related Clues
50. Documentary about a group of legendary Cuban musicians: "Buena ___ Social Club" (1999)
52. Three-toed sloth
53. Electric force unit
55. Many of them are hit by baseball hero, Sammy Sosa
57. Up to now
60. Orinoco tributary
63. ___ Lobos: Popular band that had a hit in 1987 when it covered legendary Hispanic rock star Ritchie Valens' classic "La Bamba"
64. Where #25D and #61D were born

67. Kate or Tim
70. Intruding Insect
71. Nickname of #4D: ___ Libertador
72. Some Americans of Hispanic heritage might trace their roots to this country
74. Atomic #28
75. Frost
76. Wath company
78. Habituat
80. Mr. Beatty
81. Pig's Pen
82. In 2001, she made history when she had the #1 album (See #37D) and the #1 movie ("The Wedding Planner") in the same week: Jennifer ___

Down

1. Fall away
2. Berne's river
3. Military Title, for short
4. He led the revolt of South American colonies against the rule of #57D
5. Certain Cuckoo
6. Form of theological rationalism
7. Computer status
8. Earth
9. Things that grow in #8D
10. Sweet thing
11. "West Side ___" (1961): Movie for which #25D received the 'Best Supporting Actress' Oscar
13. Shade Trees ...flipped around?
14. Famously controversial talk show host: Geraldo ___
18. Ms. West, minus the "M"
22. Celebrated Castaway, without the "Robinson Cru"
24. Cobra
25. There are very few performers who are as multi-talented ___ who has won Emmy, Golden Globe, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards
27. Building extension
30. Romantic creation
31. Recommend
32. Heard in the Gardening Store ...backwards!: "?ni stnalp worg ot D8# fo epyt doog ___ sl"
34. Heard in the Hotel: "Look at all of this grandeur. This certainly is ___ hotel!"
37. Hit album of #82A ...backwards!: "___J"
38. Nest Eggs, minus the "ings"
40. State in the U.S.A.
41. Droplet from the eye
42. "Six" in Spanish
44. Lumberjack's tool
46. Music syllable

49. Spanish conquistador who defeated the Aztecs and conquered #48A
51. Parcel of Land ...flipped around?
54. Paver's need
56. Compass point
57. See #4D
58. Weight measurement
59. Celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month
61. Mr. Martin who achieved international superstardom with the hit song "Livin' La Vida Loca"
62. "Eight" in Spanish
65. Bullring cheers
66. Healing Cream, minus the "ntment"
68. Concerning
69. "Ten" in Spanish
73. Comical Character, with Abner
77. Pronoun
79. Direction

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■ Fund-raising drive goes through Nov. 12

Campaign

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Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, serves as chairman of the campaign.

"Every dollar that we raise in the Combined Federal Campaign, with our partners in United Way, will go toward bringing hope where there is despair," Dodgen said.

Last year's drive exceeded its \$1.6 million goal by raising \$1,849,235, the most ever for the Tennessee Valley campaign. This includes workers in 37 federal agencies in six Alabama counties — Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Cullman, Lawrence and Limestone — plus Lincoln County, Tenn. There are 1,600 charitable agencies in this campaign.

United Way of Madison County is the local non-profit campaign coordinator or principal combined fund organization.

"It's a very gratifying thing that we do for the community," Melinda Seigler,

CFC director for United Way of Madison County, said.

Rick Gray of the Integrated Materiel Management Center and community volunteer Doris McHugh each told a personal story on how CFC dollars have helped their families. "It helps people that need help," Gray said.

Local radio personality John Malone, who hosts and produces Lite 96.9 WRSA's morning show, talked about the responsibility of meeting needs in the community. "We need you," he said. "I can't stress that enough."

"We've been motivated, we've been inspired, we've been challenged," Johnson said. "We want to thank you for coming and challenge you to go forward and inspire others who were not here."

The CFC drive is scheduled Oct. 1 through Nov. 12 with the theme, "You are not alone." Individual workers should be notified by their local financial chairman. If they can't reach that person or need more information, call the CFC office at 876-9143.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LET'S GET BUSY— Earl Johnson, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Combined Federal Campaign, speaks during the program.

■ Violence victims have places to go for help

Violence

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hers isn't really good for her or them as a couple. (She may be the friend that sees him for what he's really doing; the one that points out his insults and put downs.) He starts pulling her away from friends, then family. Very slowly and all for a good reason: He's looking out for her best interest.

His control intensifies as he isolates her from her world, all the while telling her that he's the only one who really loves her, who'll stay with her forever. At the same time, he's tearing down her self-confidence with a putdown here and there.

Then it happens. That shove — that slap. Instinctively she knows it's wrong. But he's so quick to apologize, pet her, treat her special and swears it will never happen again. She loves him. She wants to believe him. She doesn't tell a soul. Now he's got her.

One out of every four women in this country will suffer some kind of violence at the hands of her husband or boyfriend. Very few will tell anyone — not a friend, relative, neighbor or the police.

"There's still this stigma that surrounds domestic violence victims," Virginia Dempsey, family advocacy program manager at Army Community Service, said. "Women are ashamed. They don't want anyone else knowing. Most of the time the abuser has them convinced the entire situation is their fault anyway. That's what they do. That's how they control. And that's what domestic violence comes

down to — a cycle of power and control.

"We're here working together to tell people, there is a way out," Dempsey said. "Help is out here for you — for civilians and the military. The Army is serious about dealing with this problem, from the front end when possible. We like to get in there early, before the situation escalates to violence. We have programs and people available to help."

Crisis Services has a host of programs and services available to both military and civilians, everything from HelpLine, a crisis hotline, to legal advocates, counseling and shelter when needed.

"But really the first step is getting people to recognize the signs of abuse," Dempsey said. "We want people to see the warning signs in black and white. Ask themselves the questions. We want it to be a warning for people in relationships that haven't progressed to violence. And we want to help the ones that have already crossed that line. It's difficult getting victims to come to grips with the fact that they are being abused. It's so hard to admit. It's something that happens to other people"

Huntsville Police Department received more than 6,200 domestic violence calls last year. No one is alone in this problem. But there are places to go and people to help. If you or someone you know is in a violent or at-risk relationship, call Crisis Services at 716-1000, Dempsey at 876-5397 or the Army's Behavioral Medicine office at 876-9085.

Editor's note: October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

Are you being abused?

Look at your current relationship and honestly answer these questions.

● **Are you or your children afraid of your partner?**

● **Do you sometimes lie to family and friends to cover up your partner's abusiveness?**

● **Do you have to be careful of what you say and do when you are with your partner so he doesn't get angry?**

● **Does your partner constantly criticize you despite your efforts to please him?**

● **Does your partner embarrass you in front of family and friends?**

● **Does your partner put down your accomplishments or goals?**

● **Does your partner threaten you, grab you, shove you or hit you?**

● **Does your partner check up on you, such as setting time limits on your trips to and from the store and other places you visit?**

● **Does your partner prevent you from spending time with your family**

or friends?

● **Do you stay with your partner because you are afraid of what your partner would do if you broke up?**

● **Does your partner unjustly and repeatedly accuse you of having affairs or flirting?**

● **Does your partner not allow you to earn or keep your own money?**

● **Has your partner ever abandoned you in a dangerous place?**

● **Has your partner ever destroyed your personal property or other sentimental items?**

● **Does your partner manipulate you with lies and threats?**

● **Are you beginning to believe all the terrible things your partner accuses you of and says about you?**

If you answer "yes" to just one of these questions, you may be a victim of domestic violence. You are not alone. Resources are available to help stop the cycle of abuse. Get help now. On post call Virginia Dempsey at 876-5397, or Crisis Services of North Alabama at 716-1000.

Teen club serves youth who serve Christ

Rock band, free food and room to grow

By **SANDY RIEBELING**
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What do you get when you cross an ex-Marine and a bunch of hard-rock teenagers who like to hang out, play their music and grab a free meal?

A match made in heaven, according to the youth at Redstone Arsenal's Club Beyond.

"We love Mike," Nick Giberson, 17, said of the club's director, Mike Fishel. Fishel spent 22 years in the Marine Corps before following his missionary call into full-time ministry for military youth several years ago.

"Mike is awesome," R.J. Ortiz, 17, said. "He's the one who got us playing."

Ortiz and Giberson are part of "Twice After Tuesday," a contemporary Christian group that sounds more like a mix of hard-rock, punk and heavy metal. Ortiz writes Christian lyrics for the band's original songs while Giberson writes more secular music, "but none of it is obscene," he said.

Not all the 30 some teenagers that socialize at the Christian-based club play in the house band, and only one sports a mohawk hair cut, but they do all have one thing in common: They celebrate Jesus.

"Giving it up for Jesus – keeping the fun alive," said Chris Johnson, 17, member of Club Beyond and new lead singer for the group. "We'd love to have more people hang out here."

"Club Beyond introduces students to the Life Giver and helps them become like Him," Fishel said. "We're reaching students where they are; we're not expecting them to be a certain way. If they need to change, we let the Lord do that."

Fishel knows a little something about reaching out to youth. When he was first approached about ministering to youth, Fishel's first response was, "No way." He was a recruiter then, which meant he spent most of his time going out to high schools and talking with students. "It took me 12 years to surrender to that call."

But while he and wife, Chris, and their two children were stationed in Japan, he began ministering to youth. "I saw all those kids who'd spent the majority of their lives overseas. They moved around a lot. I saw the need for something stable in their lives, something they could hook into wherever they went. Club Beyond is worldwide."

So Fishel left his military career to answer a call to serve the military in a different way. He and his family became missionaries through Youth for Christ. One of its branches is Military Community Youth Ministries which sponsors Club Beyond.

Fishel established Redstone's Club Beyond through a contract with Bicentennial Chapel. "We wanted to provide kids a safe place to come and have fun, hang out



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

HOUSE BAND— Members of "Twice After Tuesday" include from left, Nick Giberson, Chris Johnson, R.J. Ortiz and Jesse Walker. They got their name because they perform on Wednesday night at the soldiers' church service and Thursday at Club Beyond meetings – twice after Tuesday.

and learn about Jesus."

"When Sept. 11 happened, this is where they came," Chris said. "They needed something stable and good. They needed to come here and find peace. I was glad we were here when they needed that so desperately."

Chris teaches Sunday school at the chapel and recently started a Protestant club for younger students called Patch the Pirate. "I think the kids here respond to Mike so well because he's one of them," she said. "He's just like them."

It's a bond that takes time, Fishel said. "I had to earn the right to be heard. I was the assistant coach for girls soccer at Butler High School for a couple of years. I coach middle school soccer here on post. Spending time with the kids on the field helps me to develop a relationship with them. They get to know me and see I'm not some fruit cake. It gives me an opportunity to reach out to them, invite them to Club Beyond."

Keeping the house full is a tough job in such a mobile community. Military move in and out so often, there are always students to reach out to, to compel them to come in. But he must be doing something right, because the kids are there, some of



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

HOMETOWN CROWD— Club members, friends and parents lounge on the lawn listening to Twice After Tuesday. The band performed for Club Beyond's back-to-school Burger Bash Sept. 20.

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Bicentennial Chapel delivers blessing for animals



Event is tribute to patron saint

Animals need love, too.

A special celebration to bless the animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, is Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen, the senior installation chaplain, will conduct the annual service.

This celebration is a tribute to St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, who died in 1226. He was noted for his love for nature and all creatures. It is said that animals responded to his kindness by listening to his sermons.

“The celebration at the chapel offers us a way to thank God for our relationship with our animal companions, and reminds us we are all creatures of God,” a prepared release from the chapel said.

All pets are welcome, accompanied by their owners. All pets should be leashed or in cages. Bring your dogs, cats, snakes, turtles, hamsters, horses, sheep, rabbits or any other pet you happen to have. Stuffed animals are also welcome.

Refreshments will be available for pets and humans. For more information, call Patty Wilson at 876-6874.

Courtesy photo

DOGS' WORLD— Max and Andy contemplate the upcoming Blessing of the Animals.

■ Youth ministry has rock and roll beat

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them nearly every day of the week — playing music, hanging out, helping themselves to whatever is in the fridge.

And the kids are learning to reach out to their peers.

Two weeks ago at the club's Burger Bash to kick off the new school year, four members of "Twice After Tuesday" stood on a makeshift stage and performed for the crowd stretched out on the lawn. One of the young men in the band, Jesse Walker, was there because a month earlier, Nick spotted a pair of drumsticks in Jesse's backpack when he was on the bus on his way home from school.

"The first thing I asked is, 'Are you a Christian?'" Nick said. "Then I asked him if he played in a band."

That night, Nick brought Jesse to Club Beyond.

"That's what Club Beyond is

for," Fishel said. "To show students that they can become missionaries themselves —share Christ with others. Teaching them to be like Him so they can build the church wherever they go."

Club Beyond is open to any students able to gain access to the Arsenal. The club is open after school and on weekends for informal get-togethers but they also have regular meetings on Thursday from 7-9:30 p.m. Club Beyond is located on Bomford Road (off Goss Road), the first house on the right.

For more information, contact Fishel at 489-0939 or 520-3670.



Claims Office treats health care cases seriously

Recovery program allows legal action

By Capt. ERIKA McPHERSON
Claims Office chief

One of the coveted benefits of being a servicemember is the access to unlimited free health care for the soldier and his or her dependents. While civilians are subject to fluctuations in health care coverage, a steady stream of free quality health care is guaranteed to the military community. While the majority of care is provided at military treatment facilities such as Fox Army Health Center, specialized services are often referred to civilian health care providers.

In certain cases, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Office seeks monetary reimbursement for the costs of medical treatment provided to military patients. Cost recovery helps ensure that responsible third parties pay for provided health care and that Fox is staffed with adequate personnel and equipment.

The Army's medical care recovery program allows the Claims Office to collect monies for medical treatment

rendered to servicemembers due to injuries caused by third parties. For example, if a soldier gets injured in a car accident caused by the negligence of another driver, Fox will provide medical treatment for the soldier and then the Claims Office will seek compensation from the negligent driver or his insurance company. The negligent driver will be responsible for the reasonable value of medical care as well as the military pay that was provided to the soldier while he was unable to perform his duties.

In some cases, the Claims Office will proceed against the soldier's insurance company for the costs of medical care provided. If the negligent driver has limited liability coverage that does not cover all the expenses incurred on behalf of the soldier, the Claims Office will seek the remainder from the soldier's insurance policy, if available. For instance, if the medical expenses total \$60,000 and the negligent driver had only \$20,000 in liability coverage, the Claims Office is allowed to seek the remaining \$40,000 from the soldier's private automobile insurance policy. This includes non-liability coverage and uninsured or underinsured motorists' coverage. In cases where no one is at fault, the Claims Office may

seek reimbursement from the soldier's personal injury protection, medical payments or no-fault insurance provisions of his private insurance.

There are exceptions to this rule. If the soldier was acting within the scope of his employment, the Claims Office will not seek reimbursement from his private insurance. This means that if the soldier causes injury to someone else entitled to government medical care, while performing duties on behalf of the government, or is himself injured, the Claims Office will not seek reimbursement from the soldier's private insurance. Another exception is if the soldier will suffer undue hardship by having to pay from his own private insurance for his medical injuries. Upon request by the soldier and a showing of good cause, Army regulation allows a waiver of some or all of the monies owed to the government. Each decision is made on a case-by-case basis.

Ultimately, the Claims Office wants to secure a fair outcome while ensuring that Fox is able to continue operating and providing needed services to the military community. All monies collected under the medical care recovery program are forwarded to Fox to help fund patient care.

New Zealand takes reins in Bamian reconstruction

By SSgt. KEITH THOMPSON
Army News Service

BAMIAN, Afghanistan — "Old Glory" came down to make room for the New Zealand flag, which will fly over the

Bamian Provincial Reconstruction Team compound in Afghanistan.

The mission was transferred Sept. 23 to about 100 servicemembers from New Zealand.

Today is a day the people of Bamian

will never forget," said Gov. Muhammad Rahim Aliyar, the Afghanistan Transitional Government's leader in the province and one of the many guest speakers at the ceremony. "We are sad the U.S. is leaving, but we're happy to have our new friends."

The "Kiwis," as the New Zealand troops are affectionately called due to the kiwi bird on their hats and unit patches, will be responsible for helping to maintain security and will oversee reconstruction efforts in the province known for its centuries-old Buddhas.

They will join other provincial reconstruction teams, manned by both Americans and British, in their mission to work with the Afghan Transitional Government to reverse the years of war and destruction that have left its footprints in the Afghan countryside.

"The security and peace we have in Bamian is because of the work of the PRT," said Aliyar. "They did a good job here."

Until the change-of-command ceremony, reconstruction in the land once controlled by Genghis Khan during the 13th century rested on the shoulders of U.S. civil affairs soldiers.

The New Zealand joint force is looking forward to the challenges they will face in

the historic province, according to Lt. Col. Neville Reilly, the new PRT commander.

"We're guests here ... and we're going to do everything we can to help you," Reilly said to the many guests present at the ceremony. "We're pleased and proud to work with the Afghan Transitional Government."

New Zealand's ambassador to Afghanistan, Neils Holm, echoed Reilly's optimism as he read a statement from the country's Prime Minister Helen Clark.

"Our countries may be distant, but in an increasingly inter-dependent world, the challenges of Afghanistan are also New Zealand's challenges," he said on behalf of the prime minister.

Holm went on to say that the PRT was a way that New Zealand could "join with the U.S. in a very tangible way" in the global war on terrorism.

Under a newly raised New Zealand flag, and with the 1,500-year-old Buddha statues as a backdrop, the New Zealanders ended the ceremony by performing a traditional Maori Haka dance to the crowd's delight.

Editor's note: SSgt. Keith Thompson is a member of the 4th Public Affairs Detachment.



Photo by SSgt. Keith Thompson

TRADITIONAL DANCE— New Zealand troops perform their traditional "Haka" dance for those attending the transfer of authority ceremony in Bami.

Defense Department identifies Army casualties

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced Sept. 22 the deaths of four soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Three soldiers were killed in an ambush by small arms fire and rocket propelled grenade Sept. 18 in Tikrit, Iraq. Killed were: Sgt. Anthony O. Thompson, 26, of Orangeburg, S.C.; Spec. Richard Arriaga, 20, of Ganado, Texas; and Spec. James C. Wright, 27, of Morgan, Texas.

The soldiers were assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th

Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

SSgt. Frederick L. Miller, Jr., 27, of Hagerstown, Ind., was killed Sept. 20 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Miller was conducting a security patrol when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. Miller died from his injuries. He was assigned to Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

These incidents are under investigation.

Soldiers supply aid to Koreans after typhoon

By Sgt. LISA JENDRY
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — At almost the same time Hurricane Isabel was causing havoc on the East Coast, U.S. soldiers were aiding Korean citizens who had been devastated by a typhoon.

“We’ve lost everything,” sobbed South Korean Kim Keah-weol, as she pointed to the devastation that Typhoon Maemi caused when it swept through her village in September.

This is the second year a typhoon has hit Kim’s home and other villagers of Bongjung-Ri in Kangwon Province.

Members of 18th Medical Command and 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, answered the call Sept. 19 to assist the Republic of Korea Army in relief efforts.

Two American UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and one ROK helicopter were greeted by villagers with hugs and tears of gratitude when they flew in from Yongsan Barracks with relief supplies, including blankets, food, diapers, fresh water and medical supplies. There were also doctors and medics on hand to provide any medical assistance that the Koreans may have needed.

“South Korea and the ROK military are very functional and very proficient in everything they do,” said Lt. Col. Robert Pipkin, environmental health consultant, 18th MEDCOM. “We’re just trying to see if there are any needs ... and determine if those needs can be met by us.”

Pipkin said U.S. Army Preventive Medicine has been involved extensively in



Photo by Sgt. Lisa Jendry

LOST EVERYTHING— A U.S. Army officer consoles South Korean Kim Keah-weol during a relief effort after Typhoon Maemi devastated her village in September.

this kind of consequence management all over the world, providing relief for the victims of disasters such as fires, hurricanes, typhoons and floods.

“We’ve done it in South America, we’ve done it in Central America,” he said. “It’s not a new mission for the United States Army.”

Pipkin said there are several goals that must be met when dealing with consequence management missions.

“We have to make sure we meet the immediate mission of getting the medical supplies delivered,” he said. “The other

mission we have is to see what the needs are here and just basically get an idea of what the mission is.”

1st Lt. Nicholas Dille, a Black Hawk pilot for Company A, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, participated in a similar relief mission last year when Typhoon Rusa devastated areas of South Korea.

“We deployed the same number of Black Hawks out to Sokcho and provided the same exact kind of relief for about four or five days,” said Dille, “and we’re expecting this to be the same kind of mission this time.”

Upon arriving at the site, the extent of the damage was immediately visible with destroyed houses and a bridge devastated by the sweeping currents of the nearby, swollen river.

“Once we got to the site where the disaster was at and we saw the extent of the damage, we felt even better because we knew that we were there for a purpose and that they really needed the supplies that we were bringing up there,” said Dille.

Dille stressed the importance of safety when dealing with missions that involve extensive damage and debris that can pose landing problems and other complications.

“We know it’s important that they get these supplies, but it’s extremely important that we practice safety first, otherwise we’re hurting ourselves,” he said.

Dille said that he was thankful for the opportunity to provide assistance to his host nation.

“We’re here in Korea as their neighbors and guests,” he said, “and when they need us to do something like provide humanitarian relief, we’re very happy, and I think it’s very important.”

Seeing the reaction on the villagers’ faces when the soldiers flew in with the supplies was especially touching for Dille.

“I felt great when I saw that,” he said. “It just made the mission a thousand percent better.”

Editor’s note: Sgt. Lisa Jendry is a member of the 8th U.S. Army Public Affairs.

Deployed soldiers get halftime break from Iraq



Photo by SSgt. Carmen Maldonado

DADDY'S HOME— Spec. James Short holds his 8-week-old daughter Rachel Elena for the first time after arriving at BWI airport, Md., Sept. 26, for a two-week rest and recreation pass from his tour of duty in Iraq.

Their rest and recuperation plans range from marriage to football

By **BEAU WHITTINGTON**
Army News Service

BALTIMORE — The first 192 troops to return to the states under the Operation Iraqi Freedom “Rest and Recuperation” Leave Program arrived at BWI Airport Sept. 26.

While the group was homogenous in their desert camouflage uniforms, their directions were as varied as their personalities. Some were headed home just to share time with family and friends, as they rest from the stresses of the desert mission. One was looking forward to his wedding and one looking forward to his son’s birth within the next 48 hours.

Numerous others were heading home to see newborns they’d never seen. But one, simply wanted to see his Alabama Crimson Tide beat 14th ranked Arkansas. (Arkansas won 34-31 in double overtime.)

A handful of family members began to gather an hour before the 7 a.m. scheduled flight.

One of them, 21-month-old Angelina Short, seemed a little confused as she quietly waited in momma Melissa’s arms. Though she didn’t realize daddy Spec. Jim Short would be home for a short break from his 4th Infantry Division mission, she soldiered on with a grin anytime a reporter pointed a camera her way. Sister Rachel was a little calmer, as she slept her way through the commotion. The 8-week old couldn’t miss a father she’d never seen.

The media frenzy began, as the soldiers began arriving through customs. First out of the gate was Spec. Adrian Dupree. Cameras and microphones surrounded him — reporters knew his plans.

Waiting in the wings was Mirasha Pompey, Dupree’s high school sweetheart. During Dupree’s leave the 24-year-old lovebirds plan to marry.

“It’s about time,” Pompey said. “Ten years is a long wait.”

When the reservist deployed in March he promised Pompey he’d be home as soon as possible to share the vows. He saw the leave as an opportunity to keep his promise. He admitted it would be difficult to return to the desert, but said the break would provide, “The vigor and confidence to complete the tour.”

Once the soldiers satisfied the media’s hunger, they headed in different directions. Some for phones, some to rearrange travel and some just wanted a hot shower.

Sgt. Donald Stanford was headed home to see his wife and five children — ages 7 to 2.

“This is great,” the Kansas native said about being able to see his family after five months. “I thought it’d be at least a year.”

Stanford’s mission with the 1st Armored Division is, “keeping the streets safe and helping the Iraqis get back to business,” he said about peace keeping.

“Some people love us, some hate us,”

he said about the Baghdad view of his job. “You just have to deal with the people.”

Spec. Robert Hernandez headed straight for the ticket counter. His goal was to do whatever he could to avoid a six-hour layover in his trip to North Carolina. He said he’s in a hurry to see the 5-month-old he’s never seen.

“I didn’t think I’d get to see them until January,” he beamed about his short notice trip. He knew there were plans for the new R&R, but like the rest, he wasn’t sure when it would begin.

“I’d come in from a mission and gone to bed,” he recalled about the last 36 hours. “Then the first sergeant tapped on the shoulder and said, ‘pack your bags, you’re going home.’ I thought I was sleeping, but I got up to be sure.”

Spec. Timothy Martin headed to the phone to call his wife to come pick him up. He said having only five hours notice before he departed, he wanted to make sure he made it on time before his wife began the drive from Williamsburg, Va., to pick him up.

Though their destinations varied and many would have liked more time to prepare, they all showed appreciation for the free trip home.

Under the program, servicemembers and DoD civilians serving 12-month tours in hostile fire or imminent danger pay areas can qualify for 15 days of chargeable leave and a free flight to either Germany or the United States. Troops become eligible for the respite once they have boots on the ground for 89 days, but leave must be taken prior to the 11th month of their tour.

“The program enables our servicemembers to get away from the stresses associated with their missions and to focus on family and friends,” said Lt. Col. Lorelei Coplen, Army G-1 spokeswoman for the program. “We see this as an investment in our force’s quality of life that will actually improve readiness.”

Beginning Sept. 26, one flight a day will carry up to 270 troops from Kuwait City to Baltimore. The flight will stop at Rhein Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany, for refueling. Passengers who wish can depart the flight there for their leave.

In the first group using the program, 78 soldiers opted to spend their R&R in Europe.

“The leave clock begins ticking at midnight the day troops get off their flight and stops when they sign back in for a return flight,” Coplen said. “We don’t want to charge leave to anyone who may have to wait for delayed flights.”

Program officials are already looking at ways to extend the program, Walt Wood, Army G-1 point man for the program, explained.

“We are trying to add more entry ports in the continental U.S. to provide more equity to the soldiers,” he said. “We want to get them closer to home.”

Wood said long-range plans call for as many as three flights a day supporting 650 troops.

MPs get Iraqi canine unit under way

By Sgt. MARK RICKERT
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. Army Military Police soldiers renovated an abandoned torture chamber, and the cells are now air conditioned, clean and filled with dogs.

Reservist Sgt. Emily Frasca, a police

academy instructor with the 382nd Military Police Battalion, from San Diego, Calif., helped kick start the new Iraqi canine unit. Along with other soldiers in her unit, Frasca teaches classes at the police academy in Baghdad. When someone asked her to help with the canine unit, she jumped at the opportunity.

"I love working with dogs," Frasca

said. "And when they offered me the opportunity to be the liaison for the trainers and coordinate with the 18th MP Brigade to get equipment for these guys, I saw an opportunity to share what I know and what I've learned."

The canine unit is quickly progressing. The Iraqi trainers are learning new methods of training, and the dogs are multiplying — one German shepherd has already given birth to five pups.

But the Baghdad canine unit has not always received this kind of support. Before the war, the canine unit was moved to a facility outside of Baghdad. Here, the trainers received very little support. They lacked the money to buy training equipment, vaccinations and training manuals. Frasca said that the unit became so out of touch with the other police officers that they eventually became ineffective.

"The trainers were cut off from money and other dogs to breed theirs with," Frasca said. "They ended up inbreeding the dogs and working with the older training styles. They started training dogs that weren't fully capable of being police dogs."

After the coalition forces became involved with the Baghdad police force, they decided to bring the canine unit back into Baghdad. They cleaned out one of the old prison facilities and transformed it into a kennel for the dogs.

"When I saw the old torture camp, I looked into the cells and saw the potential

for a kennel," Frasca said. "We turned the prison into a 13-room kennel, with an office in the back and a room for trainers to stay in overnight, so they could protect the dogs."

Aside from coaching the trainers on new methods of training, Frasca also helps assess the animals for strong and weak points. The dogs are then chosen for specific job training, such as bomb detection, attack or narcotics. If, for example, a dog has a favorite toy as a puppy, it is easier to train that dog for bomb detection.

"We look for the love of a toy," Frasca said. "This makes it easier for us to instill sniffing behaviors. We can test the dog to find the ball in a bush or in rubble. If they have a good sniffing behavior, it is easier for us to carry that behavior into searching patterns later on."

Frasca said the dogs are also learning a new language. Because Frasca teaches in English, the Iraqi trainers bark English commands to their canines. In a way, this provides the trainers and their dogs with a coded language.

"This allows police officers to communicate with their dogs without the (Iraqi) locals understanding," Frasca said. "And in some situations, this can give us the upper hand."

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Photo by Sgt. Mark Rickert

TRAINING DAY— An Iraqi canine trainer coaches Hawon, a German shepherd police dog, as they search for TNT hidden in the wheel well of a new Iraqi police car during a training exercise at a police station in Baghdad Sept. 16.

HHC 59th builds momentum for regular season

Flag football team uses passing attack

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The 2002 post runner-up made an impressive start last week in the preseason flag football tournament.

HHC 59th opened Sept. 22 with a 36-6 win over the Marines. So the team with the "Raise up" motto is as strong as ever, right?

Not necessarily, according to 59th quarterback Jerry McIntyre.

"We're weak," he said. "New players coming in. Right now we need a lot of practice, a lot of work to catch up with (defending champ) Delta. Right now we're rebuilding."

That's a scary thought, considering the

59th's debut. McIntyre threw five touch-down passes — two apiece to Patrick Perry and Delbert Francis and one to Josh Zirbel.

The final for the preseason double-elimination tournament was scheduled Sept. 30; and the regular season should start Oct. 6 and finish in November with the postseason tournament. Games are Monday through Thursday at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at the flag football field on Patton Road.

Here are last week's results:

Sept. 22 — MEDDAC d. Bravo 13-8 and HHC 59th d. Marines 36-6.

Sept. 23 — Headquarters & Alpha d. Charlie 20-12 and Delta d. 2117th 26-8.

Sept. 24 — 2117th won by forfeit over Charlie, HHC 59th d. MEDDAC 20-13 and Bravo d. Marines 24-22.

Sept. 25 — Delta d. Headquarters & Alpha 26-0, Bravo d. Headquarters & Alpha 14-0 and 2117th d. MEDDAC 15-14.

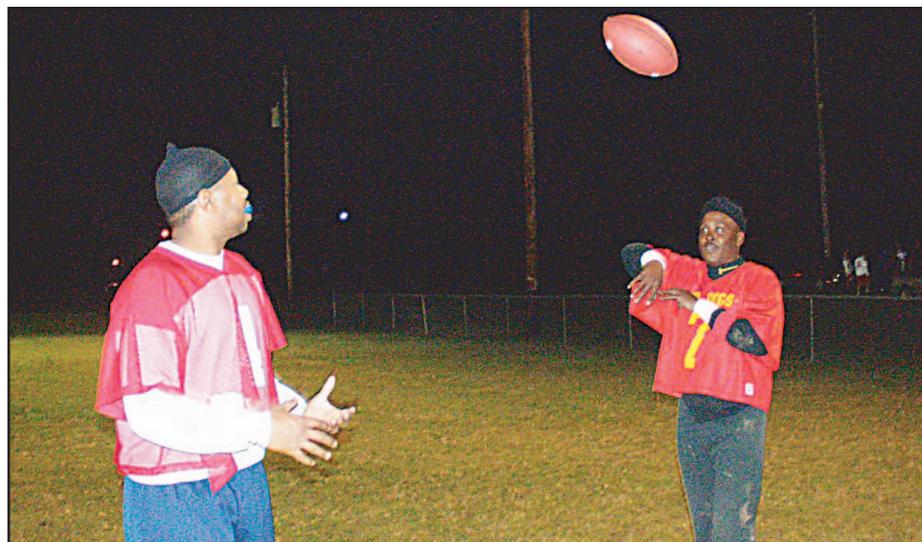


Photo by Skip Vaughn

AIR THREAT— Wide receiver Laevrmonde Watts and quarterback Jerry McIntyre are among the 59th's returnees.

Tennessee Volunteers rock Auburn's world

Rocky Top wins on the road

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My college football predictions are 116-40 after six weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Tennessee at Auburn — **Tennessee**
- Alabama at Georgia — **Georgia**
- Ole Miss at Florida — **Florida**
- Vanderbilt at Mississippi State — **MSU**
- Texas Southern at Alabama A&M — **A&M**
- Air Force at Navy — **Air Force**
- Arizona at Washington State — **Wash. State**
- Southern Cal at Arizona State — **USC**
- Army at Texas Christian — **TCU**
- BYU at San Diego State — **BYU**
- Colorado at Baylor — **Colorado**
- Clemson at Maryland — **Maryland**
- Furman at Western Carolina — **Furman**
- N.C. State at Georgia Tech — **N.C. State**
- Illinois at Purdue — **Purdue**
- Indiana at Michigan State — **Mich. State**
- Michigan at Iowa — **Michigan**
- Oklahoma at Iowa State — **Okla.**
- Kansas State at Texas — **Texas**
- Louisville at South Florida — **Louisville**
- West Virginia at Miami — **Miami**
- Minnesota at Northwestern — **Minn.**
- Virginia at North Carolina — **UNC**
- Oregon at Utah — **Utah**
- Oregon State at California — **Oregon St.**
- Wisconsin at Penn State — **Penn State**
- Virginia Tech at Rutgers — **Virginia Tech**
- Texas A&M at Texas Tech — **Texas A&M**
- Texas-El Paso at Southern Methodist — **SMU**
- Washington at UCLA — **Washington**





Sports & Recreation

Hunter orientations

Redstone Arsenal Hunting Orientations, for everyone planning to hunt on post, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Participants only have to attend one session. For information call Missy 876-4868 or Mike 876-0901.

Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America is sponsoring its semiannual bass tournament Saturday, launching from the Easter-Posey recreation area at 6:30 a.m. For more information call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Tony Giannelli 313-6054 or Tom Geoffroy 313-4444.

Butler golf tournament

The Butler High Baseball Booster Club will hold a golf tournament Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Cost is \$60 per player, \$240 per team. A meal will be provided and prizes awarded. For information call Butler High 428-7950 and leave a message for the baseball booster club president.

Army football game

Discount tickets are available for the Alabama-Birmingham vs. Army football game Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at Legion Field in Birmingham. Military personnel are invited to purchase UAB flex packs which include four tickets for \$25. Regular single admission tickets start at \$12. Flex packs can be purchased before Oct. 28 by sending checks payable to UAB Athletics to the following address: Ashley Fulmer, c/o Army Flex Pack, AB 1370, 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0113. Purchasers are asked to include their name and shipping address with payment.



Conferences & Meetings

Protestant women

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Thursdays from 9:30 to noon at Bicentennial Chapel. Four studies are offered. "Come for fellowship, worship, prayer and Bible study," a prepared release said. Child care is available. Other classes are held Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and in the evening. For more information, call Tonie Welch 489-5646 or Jennifer Devlin 716-0107.

Simulation conference

The annual Huntsville Simulation Conference, sponsored by the Society for Modeling and Simulation International, is Oct. 29-31 in Huntsville. This year the conference is adding a day of classified presentations to be held entirely on the first day, Oct. 29 at the Army's Advanced Research Center. Admittance to the classified sessions will be limited to U.S. citizens with secret clearances who submit proper visit requests. There is no extra charge for the classified sessions. Visit the web site for details at www.scs.org/hsc. For more information, call chairman Joseph Gauthier 520-2275.

Aeronautics group

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will have its October dinner meeting Oct. 14 at the Holiday Inn at Research Park (by Madison Square Mall). Social begins at 6:15 p.m., with dinner at 7. Scheduled speaker is David Franz, vice president of the chemical and biological defense division for Southern Research Institute and a former UN chief weapons inspector for biological weapons in Iraq. Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations call Joe Sims 544-4650 by noon Oct. 10.

Overeaters anonymous

Do you have a problem with food? Overeaters Anonymous of Madison is presenting a series of newcomers meetings beginning Oct. 7 on Tuesday night from 6-7:30. There are no dues or fees. For more information, call 890-0948.

Federal bar symposium

The Federal Bar Association will hold its 31st annual Symposium, Nov. 5-6 at the Huntsville Marriott next door to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The title is "Recent Developments in Government Contracting." Cost is \$250 for both days. To register call treasurer Cindy Van Rassen 955-5717.

Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday morning at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments start at 9:30 and the program at 10. Scheduled speaker is Gary Chandler, legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer (D-Huntsville). For more information, call 881-4944 or 881-3168.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. at building 3202, conference room, on Mauler Road.

Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club meets the second Thursday of the month; and its next meeting is Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. "The theme is tacky night, so dress the part and enjoy some food afterward," a prepared release said. "We help the local community with scholarships and time donated to many events." Membership costs \$15 per year. The group is open to all spouses of active duty, retired, or widowed servicemembers, and GS 1-8 civilian employees. For more information, call Jennifer Kennedy 895-6782 or 837-3310.



Miscellaneous

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.

Plastic modelers

Huntsville Plastic Modelers' Society will

have its 27th annual model contest Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jaycees Community Building on Airport Road. Admission to view the models is free. For information call David Lanteigne 880-2288.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club each year presents Merit Awards to qualified applicants based on their scholastic achievements, citizenship and sincere desire to pursue higher education. These awards are designed to help offset the cost of tuition, books and related fees. All applicants must meet the following criteria: be a member, spouse of a member, or the dependent of an OCWC member in good standing as of Oct. 1, 2003 and live within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. Candidates may compete in one of four categories: high school senior, undergraduate, graduate and member/spouse. Previous award winners may compete in succeeding years, but may win only once in each category. Additionally, students receiving full scholarships are not eligible to apply for a Merit Award. Applications will be available at all OCWC board meetings and luncheons beginning in October. The deadline for Merit Award consideration is Feb. 11, 2004. For more information call Michelle Archer, the Merit Award chairperson, 534-5783.

Emotional intelligence course

The South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center is working with her sister CPOCs to present "Effective Leadership Using Emotional Intelligence" via distance learning in two different time zones on two different days. This course will be presented live for members of the Redstone community in building 5304, room 4387. The first session will be offered Oct. 8 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the second session on Oct. 9 will be from 8-4. There are 25 slots for each day. The cost is \$50 per participant. Marsha Samples of Training and Learning Center, the course manager, may be reached at 842-6543 for registration and payment information.

Hispanic heritage month

Team Redstone is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct 15. An educational and festive program will be held Oct. 9 from noon until 2 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Winning entries to the essay and static display contests will be named and awards will be presented at a program at Heiser Hall beginning at 4. The focus of the event is informative and entertaining, sharing the cultural diversity of the Hispanic community. Everyone is encouraged to attend. An exhibit profiling Hispanic American Medal of Honor winners is on display outside the auditorium. The guest speaker for the program is Irma Tudor, president and CEO of Analytical Services Inc. A dynamic lineup of entertainment includes not only accomplished local performers, but also the Ballet Folklórico from Birmingham, and international performers, Inca Son-Music and Dance of the Andes (visit their web site at www.incason.com). El Camino Real Restaurant will also be on hand with sam-

ples of the flavors of the Hispanic culture. This event is open to the entire Redstone community; and directors are encouraged to allow their employees to attend these events to experience the diversity that is Team Redstone.

Community service volunteers

Would like to increase your job skills, meet new people, while making a difference in your community? Army Community Service invites you to the next new volunteer orientation Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. Many volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, call Inger Frye 876-5397. ACS will conduct quarterly volunteer training Oct. 14 from 11-noon at building 3338. All ACS volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Income tax course

The Redstone Arsenal Extension of Calhoun Community College has scheduled a course on how to prepare individual income tax returns. Course dates are Oct. 16 through Dec. 17, Monday and Wednesday, from 7:20-10 p.m. Registration begins today. Call 876-7431 for more information.

Officer classes

Command and General Staff College classes will start in mid-October. Classes will be held Monday nights from mid-October through April. The course is open to promotable captains, majors and lieutenant colonels. Even those who have enrolled in the correspondence course may be eligible to switch to classroom instruction. Both Phase I and Phase III courses will be taught in the Huntsville area. This year they are offering both a weekend and Monday night Phase I course. Interested officers should call Lt. Col. Komp 876-8825 or Lt. Col. Smith 774-1048. It's important to start now, according to officials. Non-resident studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., has announced that the current CGSC curriculum will no longer be offered to students after this academic year. "Those of you currently enrolled will be protected," a prepared release said. "The Phase I instructors this year will stand down next year to train up for the new curriculum, while our Phase III instructors carry those of you who are enrolled through completion of the four phases. Therefore, we will not begin a new CGSC cycle until fourth quarter fiscal '05."

Reserve unit

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal is looking for prior active duty soldiers who want to return to duty, or soldiers who wish to transfer from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 74B information systems operators, and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification/waiver action to 74B if you can document with resume your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, PC

programming languages, networking/systems administration and telecommunications skills. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the character and personal qualifications to pass a SBI Investigation check to obtain a top secret clearance required by the specialty. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For MOS 75B/H, you must be MOS-Q prior service or transfer from another unit. For information call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

Physics lecture

Dr. Eric Cornell, co-recipient of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physics, is scheduled speaker for the sixth annual Putcha Venkateswarlu Memorial Lecture at 3 p.m. Friday at the J.F. Drake/Learning Resource Center, multipurpose room, at Alabama A&M University. A reception will follow at 5 in the west campus William Knight Center. Cornell, of the University of Colorado, was co-recipient with Carl Wieman and Wolfgang Ketterle for the 2001 prize for Bose-Einstein Condensate, a new form of matter. For more information, call professor Ravi Lal 372-8148 or 372-8138 or Jerome Saintjones 372-4863.

Girl Scouting

"Adventures in Girl Scouting" gives girls a sneak peek into Girl Scouts. Girls in grades K-5 should plan to attend Oct. 14 from 3:30-5 p.m. at School Age Services, building 3400. Girls in grades 6-12 will meet Oct. 15 from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Girls will participate in activities that will allow them to get a taste of Girl Scouting. If you are interested in volunteering for Girl Scouts, you are invited to attend either day. For more information, call Jennifer Slaton at Girl Scouts of North Alabama Inc. 883-1020, ext. 241.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5 and Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. The Thrift Shop seeks more volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays. The shop's first craft fair, to

become an annual event, is Saturday. Signup sheets will be available at the shop. For more information, call 881-6992.

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Jane Wyatt 876-4106 or Maj. Felicia Carter 313-3867.

Post garage sale

Morale Welfare and Recreation will hold a postwide garage sale from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the south end of the Post Exchange parking lot. Permits to sell items can be purchased at building 3711 (corner of Patton and Aerobee roads) for \$5. All items being sold must be personally owned or used and sellers must be in place by 7:45 that morning. Prohibited items include new commercial items, food items, pets or live animals, drug related items or home remedies, and items of questionable ownership or origin. No vendors will be allowed. This is a one-day event, rain or shine. Call 313-1203 or 876-4531 for more information.

Flying activity

Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will have its annual Open House, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. There will be Mini Flying Lessons for \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. The event also includes certified flight instructors on hand, simulators, and hamburgers/hot dogs and refreshments for a minimal price - free to members. It's open to the entire Redstone community. Active duty, retired and Guard/Reserve military, DoD, Redstone/NASA contractors and dependents are all invited. Initiation fee (\$28) will be waived for joining the Flying Activity at the open house. For more information, call 881-3980 or 880-9495.

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus

property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to www.gsaauctions.gov. For more information, call 544-4667.

Community outreach

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will assist CASA in the annual winterization of houses for Madison County elderly and homebound Nov. 1. To volunteer to help, call Bill Trevey 313-2607 or Karen Trevey 955-9784.

Computer classes

Would you like to enhance or learn new computer skills? Army Community Service offers free computer classes on CD-ROM in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access and Publisher. Classes are available Monday through Friday. You can work at your own pace and receive a certificate after successfully completing each course. To register for free computer classes, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its master of business administration program Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. RSVP at 800-672-7223, ext. 5026. Weekend classes meet in Huntsville on an 18-month alternate weekend format. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center will begin its winter term Oct. 13. Classes offered include Aircraft Accident Investigation, Aviation Legislation, and Aircraft & Spacecraft Development. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels. Call 876-9763 to register by Oct.10 to reserve a seat.

Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation, Oct. 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Red-eye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale, Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Subcontractor recognition

NASA deputy administrator Fred Gregory has presented the agency's Minority Subcontractor of the Year Award to Arcata Associates Inc. for its outstanding performance on two communications contracts at Marshall Space Flight Center. The award ceremony was Sept. 23 in Washington, D.C.

Waiting spouses

The Waiting Spouses will have a Family Fun Day, Saturday. All spouses whose husbands are deployed, away on unaccompanied tours, TDY, etc., are welcome to attend. For more information, call Kristi Foster of Army Community Service 876-5397.

PX news

The Post Exchange will have the following holiday hours Columbus Day, Oct. 13: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; concessions, closed; GNC, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 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, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Churches, closed.

Fox center hours

Fox Army Health Center announces the following holiday hours for Columbus Day. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Saturday and Monday, Oct. 10, 11 and 13 for scheduled appointments. All other clinics and the Pharmacy will be closed. The health center is closed Sundays. 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.

Child care food

Child and Youth Services announce sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals are available at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the Child Development Center and School Age Services and are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. If you believe you or anyone has been discriminated against, write: Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, 301 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. For more information, call Gena Wade 876-7801.

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Challenger bingo

Oct. 10 is "Special Pack Night" for bingo at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Buy one game pack and get one free. "Every Saturday in October, we'll have extra games to keep the programs jumping," a prepared release said. "On Oct. 15, the manager's having a birthday and he wants to give you a free game pack to help him celebrate. Last but not least, on Oct. 31 we're having another great Halloween Bingo Bash with free punch, cookies, a costume contest and lots of door prizes." Challenger bingo is open to anyone over 19 years old. Call 837-0750 for program hours and information.

Fayetteville mills

The annual homecoming for all former employees and retirees (and their families) of Fayetteville, Tenn., Elk Cotton Mills is Oct. 12 at the Fayetteville Recreation Center located at 1203 Winchester Highway (U.S. 64 East), just over two miles northeast of the Town Square. Fellowship, along with sharing of photos and memorabilia, will begin with a "walk down memory lane" at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 1 p.m. Rachel's Restaurant of Fayetteville will cater the meal. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. In order to pay upfront expenses and to calculate the correct number of attendees for the catering requirements, the committee requests all payments in advance. For more information call Gilbert King at Fayetteville's "Please-U Barber Shop" (931) 433-4349, Carol Pigg (931) 433-6410 or Lila Logan (931) 433-8550.

Logistics achievement awards

The 2003 Ernest Young Logistics Achievement Awards will be presented Nov. 6 at a luncheon ceremony at Officers and Civilians Club. The award winners for the Professional/Technical and Management/Executive categories will be select-

ed from 32 nominations submitted from Team Redstone organizations. Integrated Materiel Management Center nominees include Intiaz Ather, O.V. Bonner, John Chapman, Kathy Elfrink, Thomas Fitzgerald, Judith Gerley, John Henrikson, Manuel Jones, Marsha Lawson, Mitchelene Pryor-Betts, Elaine Rucker, Dennis Urhahn and Bernhard Wiegand. Nominees from the Acquisition Center include Sheri Baskins, Cheryl Moore Davis, Charles Miller and Brian Wood. Nominees from the PEO Aviation offices include Ronald Dalton, Michael Haragan, Capt. Bryan Phillips, Barbara Quick and Ralph Smith. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems Project Office nominees include Anthony Grayson, Ani Powers and Terri Schwierling. Nominees from Letterkenny and Corpus Christi Army Depots include Hallie Dubia and Carol Bullington. Missile Defense Agency nominee is James Hatchett; Lower Tier Project Office nominee is Gifford Lee; representing PEO for Tactical Missiles is Lisha Adams; Space and Missile Defense Command nominee is Lt. Col. Robert Steward; and the Garrison nominee is William Holliday. Tickets for the luncheon are \$13. For more information, call Faye Yates 876-1757.

Simulation council

The newly-formed Alabama Modeling and Simulation Council will hold its first public event Oct. 29 at the Holiday Inn Research Park. There will be speakers from government, academic and commercial organizations. For more information, call Charlotte Sallas 922-0802.

Space talk

Benjamin Donahue, third generation space technology task lead for Boeing, is to give a space-related talk Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe St. This free event is open to the public. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 721-1083.

