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# Connecting patients with doctors

Fox Army Health Center workers  
care about customer satisfaction

By KIM MASON

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Since arriving 18 months ago, Col. Steven Klamerus, Fox Army Health Center commander, has worked to establish a system that allows patients to make appointments when they want them, at their convenience.

"When patients can get seen quickly and reliably, they stay healthier and are better served," he said. "Our 'open access system' is 95 percent of the way there. When you pick up the phone to call for an appointment, we can almost always give you one within 24 hours with your doctor."

Fox is the only Army health facility in the region and one of only a handful Armywide using this system.

Fox has six primary care clinics, each staffed with two or three doctors. Patients normally see the same doctor every time they visit so they can be assured of quality care from a doctor who knows them.

"To enhance the primary care doctor-patient relationship, we have changed our evening and weekend hours. Each of our doctors has available hours every week outside the normal duty day," Klamerus said.

Also, the health center offers full lab, X-ray and pharmacy support on weekends and evenings. Patients who visit on an evening or weekend get the same level of care as they would during the workday.

"This is part of the concept of connecting patients to their doctor," Klamerus said. "We strive to ensure that every time you



Photo by Kim Mason

FOX MEASURES UP— Hank Linsky, a nurse at Fox Army Health Center, takes Jerome Hammonds' measurements for a checkup.

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# Team Redstone Santas answer e-mail request

Workers brighten holidays  
for kids without presents

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Christmas almost didn't happen this year for some of Redstone's military children. On Dec. 18, the deadline for Angel Tree adopters to turn in their gifts, organizers realized that the unthinkable had happened. Eighteen angels of the 97 who had been adopted had no gifts.

For whatever reason, those who had signed up to provide presents, had not. Faced with the prospect of military children waking up to empty stockings and trees without presents, a call went out. Cynthia Lagewaard was notified of the situation, having helped fill in gift shortages in the previous year. Enlisting the help of other Redstone workers, she set out to make things right.

"I just wanted to cry," Lagewaard said. "How do you explain to these soldiers that some children got gifts and others didn't?" She knew that once they heard about it, the Redstone community would not let this happen.

Lagewaard, a contract price/cost analyst in the Acquisition Center, was attending a class all week and was unable to get the word out alone. She decided to send an e-mail explaining the situation to acquisition workers and the Sparkman Center en masse. She asked if anyone could donate a gift or spare a dollar for Redstone's military children. She enlisted the help of Michele Fortner and Fran King-Wilburn to collect any donations and spread the word that Redstone's children needed their help.

Then she crossed her fingers and went to class, hoping that the community spirit

of Redstone would do the rest.

"I just told them 'I need your help. Some of the gifts didn't come back. I know I'm asking a lot, but if everyone gives a dollar, we have the power to fix this.' I told them the deadline for the cash is tomorrow," Lagewaard said. "Who would think that people would do all this?"

She checked her e-mail from class as often as she could, hoping to get some idea of the response. Reports were coming in from those who had volunteered to be collection points for donations. Word had spread from office to office. People were giving their lunch money, the contents of their wallets and breaking out their checkbooks to give everything that they could. One man, who wished to remain anonymous, gave \$500.

**'I am so proud to be a part of such a loving community.'**

— Cynthia Lagewaard  
Acquisition Center

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# An open lane random survey

What is your New Year's resolution?

By **KELLEY LANE**  
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Marty Alexander, contractor



"My resolution is to not make any resolutions."



Dennis Andersen, DoD civilian  
"My resolution is to lose weight and stay in shape."

SSgt. Derrick Davis, PEO Aviation



"I think my New Year's resolution would be to be a better NCO."



SFC Beler Watts  
Delta Company  
"My resolution is to lose weight and get in a little better shape."

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Dec. 26:** An individual reported that his personal vehicle was taken from his off post residence without his permission. Affixed to the windshield was his Redstone Arsenal vehicle decal.

**Dec. 26:** An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant after being stopped on Mauler Road for speeding. He was issued a violation notice and then released to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

**Dec. 29:** A contractor reported that a military member verbally threatened him at building 3438 while he was at work. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Dec. 29:** An individual reported that someone removed his Redstone Arsenal

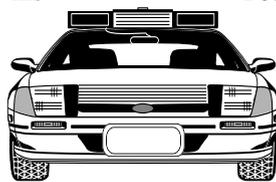
vehicle decal from his off post residence.

**Dec. 30:** An individual reported that his personal vehicle was damaged when he ran over a metal security barricade at Gate 8.

**Dec. 31:** An individual reported that someone removed her wallet while at a food court in Huntsville which contained her dependent identification card.

**Jan. 1:** A soldier was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Violation notices issued:** speeding, 22; parking violation, 1; failure to obey a traffic control device, 2; failure to maintain liability insurance, 2; improper passing, 1; and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license, 1.



## Quote of the week

'Chance favors only the prepared mind.'  
— Louis Pasteur

## Letters to the Editor

### Help improve quality of life

Redstone Arsenal will conduct its 16th annual Army Family Action Plan Conference on Jan. 13 and 14. This program is a grassroots process designed to give the total Army family (active duty, family members, retirees, civilians, National Guard and reservists) an opportunity to participate in identifying and recommending solutions to community and family issues.

This year's theme is "Excellence Through Communication." Communication is the key to understanding, and this process allows us to better plan and meet the needs of our communities and families. A focus on continuous improvement will also enable us to recruit and retain quality soldiers, sustain readiness, and enjoy a high quality of life throughout

the Army.

I challenge all community leaders to use this opportunity to share information, strengthen our programs, and improve the quality of life for everyone in our Army family. I encourage your participation in and support of this important community event.

**Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury**  
commander,  
AMCOM and Redstone

*Editor's note: Redstone's 16th annual Army Family Action Plan Conference is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 13-14 at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Larry Leggett of Army Community Service at 876-5397.*

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## Getting to know you

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**Job:** Support services assistant, Sparkman Management Office

**Where do you call home?**  
Huntsville, Ala.

**What do you like about your job?**  
Getting to meet a lot of interesting people. It is a very customer oriented job.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Read, work on my new house, go to my kids' sports events.



**What are your goals?**  
To be the best person that I can be.

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# Administrative support specialist enjoys Kuwait tour

*Susan Morris ready to sign up again*

By **GEORGE EATON**  
*For the Rocket*

“Can I transfer to Kuwait permanently?”

That is what Susan Morris is thinking after completing a 179-day tour providing administrative support to AMC Logistics Support Element Southwest Asia. She has perhaps taken the first step by volunteering for a follow-on deployment to begin in January.

Morris is the administrative support specialist for the AMC Logistics Assistance Office at Fort Rucker. She has been a federal employee for more than 23 years, with the last 19 of those years at Rucker. Although, due to the aviation focus at Rucker, she feels like she has worked more for AMCOM, Morris is an employee of the Army Field Support Command, Rock Island, Ill. The Rucker logistics assistance office is part of the Armywide Logistics Assistance Program managed by the field support command. In wartime, employees from the LAOs for deployed logistics support elements serve as Army Materiel Command’s interface with the soldiers in the field. Each deployed division and corps has a logistics support element.

In October 2002 the field support command issued a call for volunteers to staff AMC LSE Southwest Asia in Kuwait. Morris saw that the rest of the office would probably be deployed. Her response was: “You are not going to leave me alone.” However, by the time she volunteered in November 2002 she was running the office as the rest of the team had deployed and AFSC did not approve her deployment. In March 2003 another request for volunteers was issued and this time the field support command approved her deployment. By the end of April, she was in Kuwait.

She had personal reasons for wanting to deploy. Two of her children are in the military or married to a military person. Also, she had worked for Army Materiel Command for 19 years, but only knew about the Rucker piece of it. She wanted to experience the rest of the AMC mission in support of the deployed Army. Finally, she was not worried about the desert environment. In fact, she looked forward to it. Her father was career Air Force and she lived more than

four years at an Air Force base in the Libyan desert. Morris wanted to see if it was like she remembered. It was. Morris said she liked the dry arid environment, “except for the sandstorms!”

Morris acts as the AMC greeter in Kuwait. She is often the first to meet the new people. She conducts the welcome briefing and sees all the normal worries and concerns from the new arrivals.

“I try and calm them down and let them know that I am here to help them,” she said. She plans recreation activities, prepares memos, handles the mail, and does in- and out-processing. She was excited about coming back after the holidays so she can continue to serve the soldiers and civilians of AMC LSE-SWA.

Morris said she was pleasantly surprised when she got to Kuwait. The other logistics assistance representatives had told her horror stories about quality of life. Her son’s stories about Iraq painted a similar picture. She began to wonder: “Do I really want to do this?” But as soon as she arrived, she realized Kuwait was going to be fine. She was billeted in a wood floor tent. She lived there in the one room with 10 other women. Later she was offered to move into tents that had been divided into 10 rooms, but she declined. Morris said that the tent “had become my home. There was camaraderie that I did not want to leave.”

In addition to the tents she likes, there is lots of food, access to recreation facilities, Internet, phones, and the post exchange. There are also some franchise food outlets if you do not want dining facility meals. Medical care is provided. It was hot in the summer, but really bad for only a couple of weeks.

“This can be anything you want to make it — good or bad. I would not change anything about the experience. The people are great,” Morris said. She even gets to work with her Rucker boss. Ron Barcum works out of the same building at Camp Arifjan.

Morris has been encouraging others to deploy and get a chance to see everything AMC does for the Army in a deployed theater. If you are an AMC employee and would like to volunteer, talk with your supervisor. Army Field Support Command manages most of the personnel requirements. You can contact Pat Nolan at patrick.m.nolan@us.army.mil, phone DSN 793-1275 or commercial (309) 782-1275 to see what kinds of AMC forward positions are open.

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## Long search for Saddam ends for 4th Infantry

By **SSgt. DAVID BENNETT**  
*Army News Service*

AD DAWR, Iraq — The image of a bearded and bowed Saddam Hussein, who was captured Dec. 13 in this small farming village, is now a worldwide phenomenon.

However, the final chapter in the ousted dictator’s apprehension has been a story of patience and persistence for members of the 4th Infantry Division and Taskforce Ironhorse.

“It feels good,” said Spec. Michael Tillery, a soldier in the 4th Battalion,

42nd Field Artillery Regiment, who participated in the successful raid. “All the work has paid off and that one step is finally over — finding Saddam.”

The plan to capture Hussein — code-named “Operation Red Dawn” — was an exercise in tenacious planning and determination, said Col. James Hickey, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, which spearheaded the operation.

“You make things happen by being on the offensive,” Hickey said. “That’s allowed us to gather large amounts of information. We’re not passive; we’re very aggressive.”

# Deputy program executive embarks on new life

Don Barker retires  
after 37 years

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

It's 8:30 Monday morning, Jan. 5 and the familiar 12-ounce can of chilled Diet Pepsi is not in its usual place at building 5250, room A-200.

What could be the reason?

Don Barker, deputy program executive officer for tactical missiles, has retired after a 37-year career.

And how does the former deputy regard the start of the New Year and life as a retiree? "Scary, but I am looking forward to it," Barker said, adding that he has embarked on a big transition.

"I'm ready; it's time," he said. "I've made my quota of mistakes so it's time for somebody else to come in and do their thing."

Barker, who started out with Marshall Space Flight Center in 1966, will be succeeded by Dr. Steve Messervy.

"It's been a good run," Barker said. "In terms of highlights, I would have to say that the people with whom I've worked is



Courtesy photo

Don Barker

what I remember most. We have had successes, failures, joys and frustrations, but through it all, the people have been simply outstanding."

Seeing those people learn, advance and

mature is a highlight for Barker.

"I worked on Pershing for many, many years," he said. "That is a system that I really have a lot of fond memories of, and certainly Army TACMS (Tactical Missile System) brings back many good memories. I'll miss a lot of things, but when you get right down to it, it all comes back to the people who will really be missed."

Pershing had a presidentially-mandated fielding date and resulted in some heady times for Barker, whose retirement luncheon was held 20 years after a date that he will never forget.

"President Reagan said that it was going to be Dec. 15, 1983, and there was no leeway," he said. "That was a great accomplishment, particularly given that the first Pershing II that we fired in test was a dismal failure. Although the program was set back considerably, we still maintained the fielding date."

"We had Dan Rather and the whole bunch down at the Cape. We made the nightly national news. Those were some great times. Ultimately, of course, Pershing II brought the wall down."

Back then, Barker and NAMEADS-MA's Chester Domaracki were the "young kids on the block."

From December 1990 to December 2000, Barker's career was defined by Army TACMS.

"I came in to TACMS just as we were going to Desert Storm," Barker said. "Desert Storm was the first TACMS fielding. It didn't have any growing opportunity; it was thrust right in to the war. It performed magnificently and the user enthusiasm associated with that performance has propelled the Army TACMS to all of the different variants that we see today.

And those variants will keep it going for many years."

Barker has had the opportunity to work with a number of project managers over the years, regarding all as friends and mentors.

Would the deputy have done anything differently now that he can reflect on 37 years?

"Absolutely not," Barker said. "You never know when you're making career decisions along the way where it's going to lead you: whether you've made a dead-end decision or whether you've made a decision that is going to open greater opportunities. I was stuck at the GS-12 level for many, many years. I was almost resigned to the fact that I was going to retire as a GS-12. I couldn't buy a promotion for love or money."

"But over the span of my career, the pluses and minuses have worked out. As I look back, I wouldn't have changed any of it."

Does he have any advice for his successor?

"I would tell Dr. Messervy to take advantage of the great PEO and PM staffs," Barker said. "This is a great organization that has served our warfighters well. Take care of the PEO Tactical Missile people and they will take care of you. People are our main asset; if it weren't for them we would not be able to support our soldiers."

"In this PEO we focus on getting the best hardware into the hands of our troops. And we maintain that focus on a daily basis. I am proud of that legacy."

Barker and his wife, Linda, plan to stay in Madison, where now the couple will have more time to spend with their granddaughter, Eva. They will also have more time to enjoy their place on Smith Lake.

# Anti-tank weapon system unveiled at White Sands

LOSAT missile launch marks public debut

By LEAH RUBALCABA  
For the Rocket

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — White Sands held its first public firing of a Line-of-Site Anti-Tank weapon system Dec. 4 at Launch Complex 50.

Members of the media and guests were invited to view the developmental test intended to evaluate LOSAT's system performance using a temperature conditioned tactical missile.

LOSAT project manager Col. Lloyd McDaniels, with the Close Combat Weapon Systems at Redstone Arsenal, was on hand to brief attendees on LOSAT particulars and mission objectives.

In his briefing, McDaniels described the weapon as an extremely lethal and accurate missile, which accelerates to 5,000 feet per second and impacts a target in less than five seconds. LOSAT is effective against heavy armor systems at ranges exceeding those of a tank's main armament.

"The LOSAT system uses kinetic energy to destroy its target," McDaniels said. Kinetic energy missiles require no warhead. Because of increased rates of fire, kinetic missiles deliver five times the energy of a tank round and the force of the impact destroys the target.

LOSAT integrates a kinetic energy missile with a second-generation infrared sensor and a state-of-the-art fire control system. The whole package is mounted on top of an air-mobile Humvee chassis.

The primary objective of the day's mission was to engage the target, an M-60 tank moving at 35 kph at a range of 4,300 meters, with a missile stored at a temperature simulating arctic conditions.

"We have stored the missile in an environmentally controlled box at a temperature of minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit," McDaniels said.

Col. Michael Beasock from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., also briefed attendees explaining that he represented the user — the soldier — in the LOSAT testing.

"This weapon was made to support infantry assault. We need to dominate in that fight and with this weapon, we will be

able to destroy any target on any platform, including bunkers and other fortified positions," he said. "In combat, this weapon gives us lethality overmatch ... we can see the enemy first, shoot twice as far and hit twice as fast."

Beasock pointed out that one of the most significant features of the LOSAT system is its small package. "We can parachute it in or sling load it on a helicopter. We can take it anywhere in the world quickly, providing us with early entry assault capabilities," he said. "In the hands of our soldiers, we have been able to help shape this system to make sure we get it right."

Assistant project manager Maj. Jim Romero provided a play-by-play description of the missile firing, explaining how testing also involves collecting data on the fire unit, pressure, sensors and recorders to better understand the system's operation.

LOSAT has been in development on the Humvee since 2000, according to Lockheed Martin business development manager Buster Thrasher.

"It was originally mounted on a tracked vehicle, but because the Army is moving to lighter and more mobile forces, the decision was made to mount the weapon on the Humvee," he said. "The Army needs light and early-entry forces with anti-armor capability."

While all procedures leading up to the firing and the actual firing were successful, the missile overshot its intended target. "This was a development test," Romero said. "This is exactly why we test. We don't want this to happen in Baghdad or Tekrit."

"Hitting the target was not the only test objective," McDaniels said. "This test was successful for several reasons. We fired off a cold missile; we acquired the moving target and tracked it. We do tests to learn and to analyze what happened. We will conduct a failure analysis and come up with required changes to the system. Certainly, it is 100 percent better to miss a target here at White Sands Missile Range where we can use the range's highly reliable instrumentation and systems to ensure our weapon works well."

McDaniels indicated that LOSAT operational testing will begin in April and developers expect to have the weapon in the field by July 2006.



Courtesy photo

LOW RIDER— The Line-of-Site Anti-Tank missile is launched from a Humvee.

## Targets Reuse Team wins state showcase

The Missile Defense Targets Joint Project Office Consolidated Missile Asset Reuse for Targets Team has received a bronze level Alabama Team Showcase award for its team-based approach to improving productivity and quality.

The award was presented Nov. 5 at a ceremony held at the University of Alabama's Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa.

The MDTJPO's mission is to provide capabilities-driven, reliable and cost-effective ballistic missile targets to test the Missile Defense Agency's Ballistic Missile Defense System. The MDTJPO created CMART in 1998 to promote the "reuse" of retired offensive missile systems and components as targets. By reusing these systems, CMART provides proven missile technology, saves target development time and money, and avoids the high cost of demilitarizing systems the military services are no longer using. To win the Team Showcase award, CMART demonstrated a systematic use of quality management tools that resulted in exemplary customer service on a mission requiring MDTJPO to launch two liquid fuel targets from a mobile launch platform in an ocean environment in six months.

The Alabama Quality Award program is sponsored and administered by the Alabama Productivity Center on the University of Alabama campus. The program honors organizations using effective productivity and quality improvement strategies, techniques or practices that can be shared with other organizations with the expectation that they will contribute to the overall economic well-being of Alabama. The purpose of the Team Showcase is to recognize individual teams for their performance and to educate other organizations throughout Alabama on the potential benefits of empowered teams. Team Showcase awards are presented annually to teams from private sector companies and non-profit agencies demonstrating innovative approaches to the continuous quality improvement process.

The MDTJPO, now a subordinate agency of the Missile Defense Agency Targets and Countermeasures Directorate, began its quality journey using the Baldrige-based Army Performance Improvement Criteria in the Space and Missile Defense Command. The MDTJPO won the overall Alabama Quality Award in the service sector category in 2001, and CMART won a silver level Team Showcase award in 2002.

# Learn English as second language via computer



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**OPEN TO EVERYONE-** From left military spouse Vanessa Flowers, missile school instructor SSgt. Donald Osborne and work study student Melissa Haymon all have different reasons for using the basic skills lab at the Army Education Center, where computer-based English as a Second Language classes have recently been added. Phil Olin, standing, is an instructor at the center.

## Army Education Center has self-paced classes

By **SANDY RIEBELING**  
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English as a Second Language classes will be starting up again this month at Army Community Service on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m.

But for people who can't make the classes, the Army Education Center may have just what you need – self-paced, ESL classes on computers.

"I saw in an MWR article where they were doing the ESL classes on computer in Korea," Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at ACS, said. "I knew it would be great for us but we didn't have the right setup at ACS. I called over here to the Education Center and now we have all three levels available on computer."

Three of the 10 terminals in the education center's basic skills lab have the newly acquired software but education services officer Linda Cameron said more can be added if there's a need.

"We were happy to help," Cameron said. "And we have one-on-one tutoring available right here in the classroom. Phil is a certified teacher. Wherever they are, Phil will help guide them through."

Phil Olin, instructor at the Army Education Center, taught at Westminster Christian Academy for 19 years before coming to work at the Arsenal. He's been working in the basic skills lab for about two years.

"We've got everything here," Olin said. "If you need to brush up on your math,

reading, English skills, we've got computer and paper based programs. We can help you get ready to take tests or just help you review in so many different areas. And with the ESL, we have the headphones so you can listen to pronunciations, hear the language."

"Sometimes computers can be intimidating," Breeden said. "And there are a lot of web sites out there for ESL but they can be confusing even if English is your first language. There's nothing like that personal touch – being able to come in here and get human help, one-on-one."

The computer-based course allows students to work as often and for as long as they want. The skills lab is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Computer use is on a walk-in basis. There's no fee or registration required.

The Army Education Center is open to anyone with access to the Arsenal and offers a variety of free services including educational counseling, classroom instruction, testing facilities, library; and it provides educational assistance on an individual basis.

"We're here to help every step of the way," Cameron said. "If you're just thinking about going back to school, or maybe getting your GED. Give us a call. We'll do everything we can to get you started and keep you going. For some people, that's enrolling in a class for the first time or getting ready to take college entrance exams. We have others working on their PhDs."

For more information about the Army Education Center, call Cameron at 876-3465. For more information about ESL classes either at ACS or a list of resources in the community, call Breeden at 876-5397.

# Military collection lined up for local art museum

*Re-enactors, artifacts slated for festival days*

In conjunction with the exhibition "The Art of Soldiering: Treasures from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection," the Huntsville Museum of Art will host a free family military festival day Jan. 25 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The public is invited to spend an afternoon with re-enactors dressed in uniforms from historic military events including the American Revolution, the Spanish American War, and the Civil War. Attendees will also meet medieval knights dressed in full regalia. In addition, there will be hands-on activities for children — making military medals, Army hats, etc. Light refreshments will be served. Military families — active, reserve, and retired — are especially invited to this event.

The Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection at Brown University is one of the world's largest art collections devoted to the study of military uniforms and is used by scholars from around the globe. This

exhibition presents major works spanning five centuries and features such artists as Hogarth, Millais, Remington and West. Many pieces have not been displayed in public since before World War II.

Re-enactors at family day will display objects from their time and will give talks about how soldiers lived. Novae Militae will provide impressions from the medieval period (1066 and the crusades), the Georgia Refugees will cover the American Revolution, both the militia and the Continental Line, the Jackson's Life-guard will represent the War of 1812, both militia and the Regular Army, while the 2nd Georgia Cavalry will represent the Confederate infantry and cavalry.

Besides these groups, several individuals will present their impressions, display equipment, and discuss various military periods. These will be Myers Brown, 7th U.S. Regular Infantry at the Mexican War; Glen Milner, Civil War Union infantry; Laddin Montgomery, U.S. Infantry in the Spanish-American War; Russ Spry the World War I U.S. infantry; Bill Butler, World War II U.S. soldier; Tom Brown, a

World War II paratrooper; Ruth McCulloh, World War II Russian female soldier; Rick Somers, a Korean War BAR gunner; and James Butler, U.S. soldier in Vietnam.

Additional displays will include some of the firearms used in the Mexican War, personal equipment such as canteens and packs

from various time in U.S. Army history.

The Huntsville Museum of Art is located at 300 Church St. south in Big Spring International Park.

For more information, call 535-4350 or 1-800-786-9095. Information is also available at [www.hsvmuseum.org](http://www.hsvmuseum.org).



Courtesy photo

**SOLDIER'S STORY**— These are some of the artifacts that will be displayed at the Huntsville Museum of Art.

## No war trophies allowed from Iraq, Afghanistan

*Coalition mission to free, not conquer*

By JIM GARAMONE  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Do not even think about bringing back to the United States war trophies from your service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With about 140,000 American servicemembers due to rotate out of Iraq and Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command officials are very clear that servicemembers cannot bring home weapons, ammunition and other prohibited items.

A few soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division understand how serious the command is. Some soldiers tried to smuggle weapons back from Baghdad, and they have gone through courts-martial. Others received Article 15 administrative punishments. "There is a whole spectrum of punishments, depending on the severity of the offense," said Maj. Robert Resnick, an Army lawyer at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Army Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. Central Command, has put out the policy. Basically, under no circumstances can individuals take as a souvenir an object that was formerly in the possession of the enemy. The taking of war trophies goes against the coalition mission in Iraq and Afghanistan, officials said.

"We didn't go into Iraq or Afghanistan to conquer them, but to liberate them," said Marine Capt. Bruce Frame, a Central Command spokesman. "Taking articles from those countries sends the wrong message."

Servicemembers with questions should work through the chain of command, CENTCOM officials said, adding that service members will be given ample briefings on what is allowed and what is not. In the case of Iraq, unit commanders will brief servicemembers on the policy before leaving for Kuwait.

In Kuwait, military police will explain the policy and will permit an amnesty period before searching gear and vehicles. In the United States, U.S. Customs Service officials will examine individual gear.

In Afghanistan, unit commanders will explain the policy, and MPs there also will explain it and offer an amnesty period before the service members board the planes. Again, Customs will examine gear and baggage upon return to the United States.

The same prohibitions pertain to American civilians serving in the Central Command area of operations.

Other federal laws pertain to other items. For example, servicemembers cannot bring back plants, animals or other organic materials. Some Marines returning from Afghanistan in April 2002, for example, tried to bring back the skulls of sheep attached to their guidons. The Customs agents met the Marines as they landed on the beach at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and confiscated the items.

No one can bring back antiquities into the United States, and of course, no one can bring drugs or drug paraphernalia into the United States.

The overall prohibition does not pertain to souvenirs that can be legally imported into the United States, officials said.



Photo by Steve Brooks

## *Giving group*

THAAD Project Office workers took time in the holiday season to provide for needy children in the Huntsville area through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. In addition to providing for the children, THAAD also provided for several senior citizens by participating in the Salvation Army Senior Citizens Program.



Photo by Marco Morales

## *Playing Santa*

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, shares his holiday spirit Dec. 18 with 3- and 4-year-olds of the preschool class at Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. Dodgen, along with several members of the Arlington staff, participated in the year's delivery of toys and winter clothing donated by SMDC soldiers, civilians and contractor employees. Martha's Table, a volunteer-supported non-profit organization founded in 1980, is dedicated to fulfilling the needs of low-income and homeless children, families and individuals.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Headquarters tree*

Security badge checker Amy Balch adjusts an ornament on the Christmas tree in building 5300 at the Sparkman Complex.

### ■ Workers fill stockings for military children

## **Santa**

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Some had even decided to go a step further and adopt angels from the list themselves, planning shopping trips that night. Lagewaard went home that night not knowing what the grand total would be. With \$750 collected just that day, however, she knew it would be good.

In 24 hours, \$2,000 had been collected for the Angel Tree, plus a multitude of gifts. Christmas had been saved. All eighteen of the angels without gifts had a happy holiday after all, never knowing that a last minute outpouring of love from the Redstone work force had made it so.

"It blows my mind that we could get this much within hours," Lagewaard said. "I want to give a big thank you to the work force for this. I am so proud to be a part of such a loving community."

She urges others to become involved with the Angel Tree program, in whatever capacity they can. She sees it as not only a way to give back to the soldiers and families who give so much for their country, but also as a way to recapture the giving spirit of the season.

"I know this has made my Christmas the last two years," she said. "I understand the meaning of Christmas ever since I got involved with this Angel program."



Courtesy photo

## *New assignment*

**Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, who is to receive his third star, comments on his responsibilities and expectations with his new role as commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command during a change of command ceremony Dec. 16 at Fort Myer, Va.**

### ■ Center has healthy accreditation rating

## Patients

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come in, you can be seen by your own doctor. That kind of continuity and comfort with your doctor makes each visit more productive and comfortable.”

Klamerus said positive change is also in store for patrons of the pharmacy. “We have a funded plan to build a pharmacy branch at the Post Exchange/Commissary complex within the next few months,” he said. Customers of the planned pharmacy branch will be able to drop off their refills and then shop while the prescriptions are filled.

The typical commercial pharmacy fills from 500 to 1,000 prescriptions per week. Fox pharmacy fills about 7,000 weekly. “We have a large workload to keep up with,” Klamerus said.

The clientele to the pharmacy has almost doubled over the past few years and, at peak times, the lines at the pharmacy are longer than desirable. Klamerus said he and the staff are aware of the situation and are working hard to fix it.

The main limitation is the pharmacy’s size and layout. “We just don’t have the physical capabilities to accommodate our numbers,” Klamerus said. But there is an unfunded project to renovate the Fox pharmacy that may happen within the next two years.

“In the meantime we ask for your patience and suggest you try to come in at low volume times or consider using the Tricare mail order pharmacy for routine medications,” Klamerus said.

Along with primary care and pharmacy

services, Fox offers internal medicine, surgical clinic, behavioral medicine, pathology, radiology, optometry, physical therapy, occupational medicine, public health services, nutrition care and substance abuse treatment.

In 2002, the health center won the Surgeon General’s Award for Excellence in Customer Service. And the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which accredits all healthcare facilities nationwide, gave Fox a score of 99. The average score for healthcare centers is 93.

Fox’s 300 military, civilian and contractor employees are considered some of the best as well. All of Fox’s physicians are board certified compared to the civilian average of 82 percent. Seventy-three percent of Fox’s nurses have a bachelor’s degree in nursing compared to 27 percent average of civilian nurses; and 40 percent have their master’s in nursing compared to 7.5 percent of civilian nurses.

The implementation of Tricare Next Generation will have an impact. “There will be no significant changes from the patients’ perspective,” Klamerus said. “The change for us is more of a new philosophy: when a patient sees a doctor downtown we will continue to manage their care. The local medical community will almost become a part of Fox when they see our patients.”

The health center is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evening, weekend and holiday care is also available: Monday through Friday 4:30-6:30 p.m., Saturdays and holidays 8 a.m. to noon.

# Holiday blues can disappear like magic

Illusionist Andre Kole  
to perform Jan. 23

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He levitates, dematerializes through solid steel, makes the Statue of Liberty disappear, but the one thing you won't have to worry about vanishing during Andre Kole's performance Jan. 23 is your money.

Thanks to the chaplains at Bicentennial Chapel, the world renowned illusionist's show at the Fitness Center is free and open to all who have access to the Arsenal.

**'Through the years Andre Kole has not only been one of my closest friends but has also collaborated with me on each of my television specials. I consider him to be one of the greatest illusionists in the world today.'**

— David Copperfield  
magician

"He was fantastic," SSgt. Kimberly Henderson, unit ministry team NCO, said of the two performances she attended while at Fort Knox, Ky. "The soldiers loved him. Talked about the show for weeks afterward. Excellent."

Kole has mystified, entertained and inspired millions of people in 78 countries with his performances "where illusion and reality collide" using tons of elaborate equipment, lighting, music, costumes and special theatrical effects.

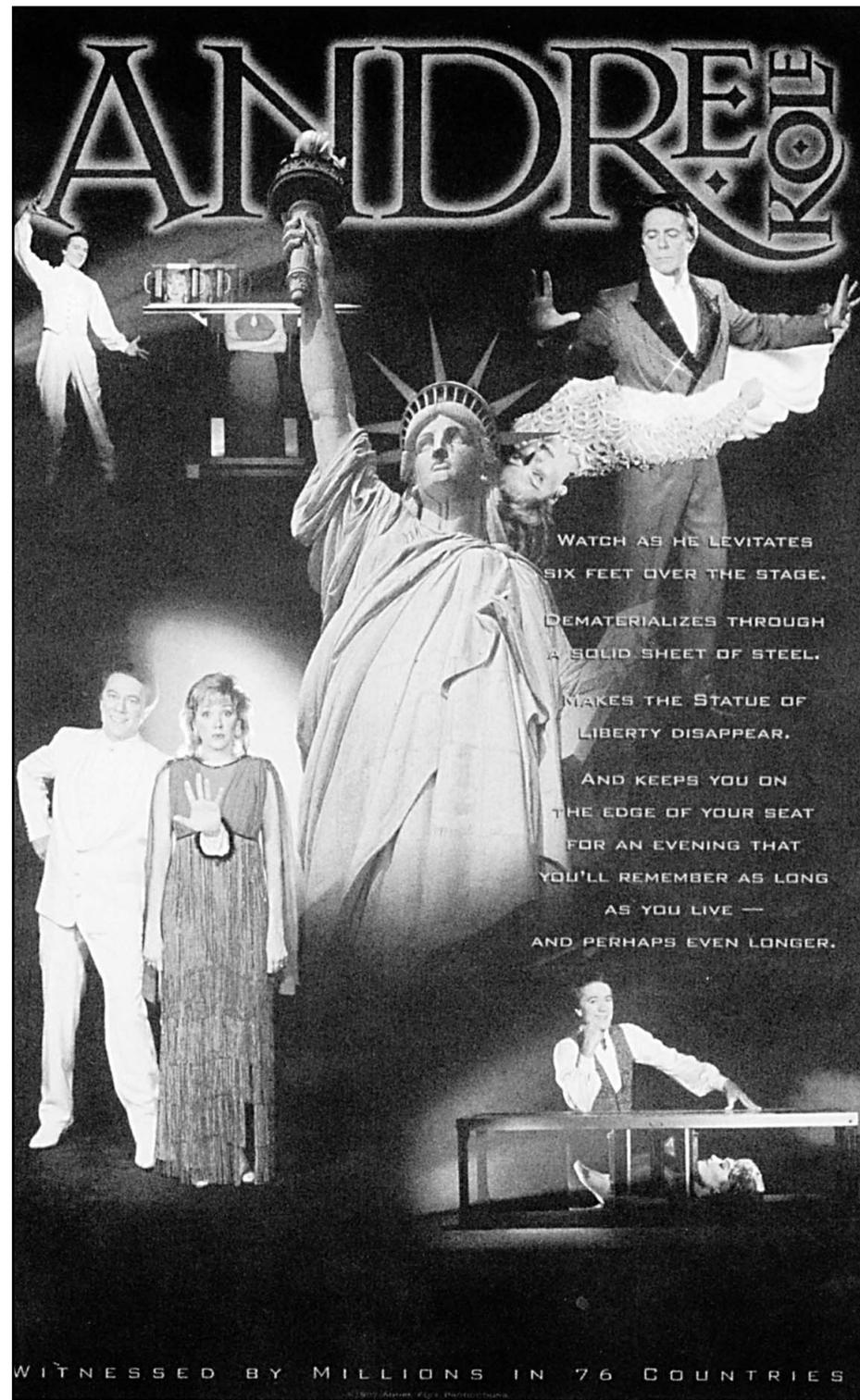
"The timing of the show is deliberate," Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Penney said. "The middle of winter — cold outside — people recovering from the holiday blues. We want to give people in community a little pick-me-up. A great night out and it's free. We think his ministry will appeal to all ages. One of the most famous magicians in the world, David Copperfield, endorses this guy."

"Through the years Andre Kole has not only been one of my closest friends but has also collaborated with me on each of my television specials," Copperfield said, in a quote from Kole's promotional material. "I consider him to be one of the greatest illusionists in the world today. Don't miss this opportunity to see some of the most incredible illusions ever conceived and experience a wonderful evening of illusion and reality."

Along with his magical prowess, Kole weaves a unique stage presentation relating to the spiritual dimension of life that has touched millions worldwide.

"We're really excited about having him here," Penney said. "He performed at the Naval Academy recently. He's got a super ministry. Super performance. And I know many of our soldiers are busy training but if they can get the cadets from the Academy out to see him, surely we can make sure the soldiers here can make the show."

The two-hour show begins at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Fitness Center (near the bowling center) off Aerobee Road. Seating is on a first come basis. For more information about Kole, his web site is [www.andrekole.org](http://www.andrekole.org). For more information about the event, call the chapel at 876-1381.



## Young artists advance to regional competition

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America held its annual Fine Arts Exhibit at the Youth Center. Local art lovers, Yvonne McGuire and Adrian Baker, both from MWR Marketing and Advertising, judged it.

The local winners' artwork will be entered in the Regional Art Exhibit in Atlanta to compete with other Boys & Girls Club members all over the United States. If their artwork is chosen, they will win national recognition, scholarships, and even cash awards.

The following participants will represent Redstone Arsenal: Chandice Faith Morton, whose artwork "Matrix the Dog" won best of show; Jonathan Bryant, Myron Carter, Tayla Blake, Gabriel Glad-den, Anthony King, Tiffany Robertson, Genevieve Hartman, Randy Lagewaard, Paris Beacham, Trevor Washington, Courtney Williams, Danyeala Ross and Janeshia Henderson.

"We have some very talented youth in this community and every chance we get, we will display that talent," Miranda Brown, event coordinator, said.

# Can you hear me now? Depot workers repairing radios

*Tobyhanna answers call for Patriot system parts*

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Personnel here are reconditioning key components of Patriot missile air defense systems that deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Patriot systems are credited with destroying several enemy surface-to-surface missiles during the war with Iraq.

In a three-month project that started in September, personnel in the depot's directorates of Surveillance Systems and Communications Systems are testing and repairing radios and other electronics from the air defense systems.

The depot's work is part of the Patriot Missile Reset Program under way at Fort Bliss, Texas. The effort will ensure the systems are operationally ready to support future missions for the Patriot units.

Reset is the Army term for repairing and reconditioning systems deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Patriot project is being performed for the Aviation and Missile Command.

Communications Systems personnel are working on Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems and AN/GRC-103 radios, as well as multiplexers used in various components of the Patriot systems. In addition to the launcher, the system consists of phased array radar and three shelters containing the engagement control station, information control central and a communications relay group.

Surveillance Systems personnel are repairing and reconditioning the AN/TPX-46 (V)-7 Identification Friend or Foe system, which is integrated into the Patriot's phased array radar. The IFF determines if incoming aerial objects are enemy missiles or aircraft, or friendly aircraft returning from missions.

Depot personnel have traveled to Fort Bliss to inspect equipment and to pack it for shipment to Tobyhanna for further work.

Once that work is completed, they travel back to Texas for full operational tests to ensure the repaired items function properly in the reassembled Patriot systems. Additional trips will take place as work proceeds.

The project is being performed in conjunction with Letterkenny Army Depot and Raytheon Corporation, which are responsible for other elements of the Patriot system. The project will repair and recondi-

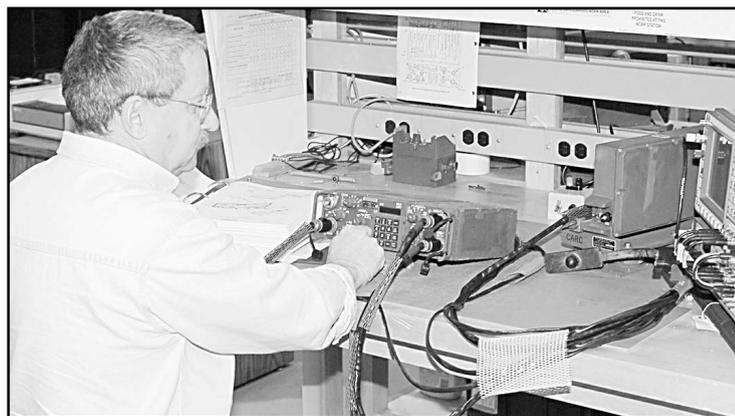


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**RADIO TEST—** George Highhouse, an electronics mechanic in the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems Division, Communications Systems Directorate, tests a SINGARS radio used in the Patriot system.

tion components from four battalions of Patriot systems.

Desert sand has infiltrated most of the components coming here for repair, requiring a significant mechanical effort to remove the dirt and grit. Initial evaluation also identified broken connectors and breaker switches, missing covers, filters in need of replacement and the need to repair the exterior housing for the systems.

Based on their condition, some components are receiving a complete overhaul while other equipment is repaired to 1020 standards, which makes the component fully serviceable and operational without performing a complete overhaul. As of Nov. 30, the depot has repaired and returned six IFFs.

Randy Hill (a resident of Scranton) and Mike Verrastro (a resident of Madison Township), Surveillance Systems Directorate, are among technicians repairing and testing the IFF components. The IFF is part of the Patriot's AN/MPQ-53 phased array radar system, which performs a variety of search, tracking and identification functions.

Their team has worked an accelerated schedule to repair the interrogator's components since the project started in mid-September. They participated in the first "sell-off" trip to Fort Bliss, where depot personnel inspected, packed and assumed responsibility for the components to be repaired at Tobyhanna.

"By doing that, we knew the faults and the condition of the equipment when it arrived here," Verrastro explained. They also participated in the "buy back" trips as part of the team that traveled to Fort Bliss to ensure the readiness of the Tobyhanna repaired items during a 24-hour operational test of the entire Patriot system.

"The soldiers who operate the unit bring each component up individually and then the whole system has to operate problem free before they will accept it,"

Verrastro said. "We were there to assist if any problems arose that the soldiers couldn't handle." Directorate personnel Jean Ache, Hank Eggert and Pete Marsicano also are working on the project.

"There have been a lot of lessons learned; the mechanical teams here have been great tearing down and cleaning the processors while the electronics work is done," Hill said. "It's a tight schedule; in fact, the schedule has accelerated since the project started in September."

"This is all done in a short time frame," agreed Bob Breznitsky, a production controller on the project. "Having these battalions operational for redeployment will ensure the safety of our troops."

"Our challenge is to adjust around existing shop schedules to meet these reset requirements," added controller Bob Moore, who along with production controller Diane Styer also is involved with the project.

Communications Systems technicians also identify sand and dirt as the primary problems with the radio systems.

"There is a lot of sand, the equipment is dirty and was used very hard over there," George Highhouse, electronics mechanic, said.

A high percentage of the radios were degraded, said Duane Broad, electronics mechanic, and some will require overhaul, not just reconditioning.

Additional Communications Systems personnel who have traveled to Fort Bliss and to Letterkenny in support of the project include Diane Brechtel, Ron Saar, Ted Fravel, Sean Finan, Larry Shaffer, Herb Ziegler and Mike Burke.

The recent reset work is in addition to the depot's ongoing involvement with the Patriot Recap program, with depot personnel repairing radios and IFF.

Dennis O'Hara, chief of the Microwave Radio Division, said the project's success depends on a team effort. "Everybody understands the importance of this project, and they have stepped forward to ensure we are meeting our delivery dates."

William Otto, chief of the SINGARS Division, agreed. "We are getting outstanding

assistance from the support shops, particularly in ensuring that the items are thoroughly cleaned quickly and effectively."

Highhouse, a team leader for the project, said the reward for the hard work is seeing the systems up and running. "During the operational test, the entire Patriot unit is deployed on a desert test range, spread out over an area of a couple of miles. We normally just work on our components, so it's very impressive to see the entire Patriot system in operation. The soldiers doing the test are using our radios to do various checks and to communicate among the different Patriot elements. It's very rewarding to contribute to this project."

Tobyhanna Army Depot is the Defense Department's largest center for the repair, overhaul and fabrication of a wide variety of electronics systems and components, from tactical field radios to the ground terminals for the defense satellite communications network. Tobyhanna's missions support all branches of the armed forces.

About 3,200 personnel are employed at Tobyhanna, located in the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Tobyhanna Army Depot is part of the Communications-Electronics Command. Headquartered at Fort Monmouth, N.J., CECOM's mission is to research, develop, acquire, field and sustain communications, command, control computer, intelligence, electronic warfare and sensors capabilities for the armed forces.

## Mad cow disease questions answered

The Defense Commissary Agency provided the following questions and answers:

**Have DeCA commissaries sent back any beef or had any beef recalled due to the mad cow case? If so, which commissaries, how much beef, and which cuts of meat?**

None of the beef carried by DeCA commissaries falls under the USDA recall notice.

**Has the USDA made any recommendations in general or to DeCA specifically due to the mad cow case? If so, what?**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture maintains that the U.S. beef supply is safe. Some beef associated with the infected cow has been recalled, but DeCA is not involved in that recall. For further information, contact the USDA. There has been no special guidance from the USDA specifically aimed at commissaries.

**What has DeCA done since the mad cow case was discovered to ensure its beef supply is safe?**

DeCA food safety officials are following this issue very closely. The disease known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy or mad cow disease is believed to be present only in the nervous system tissue of cows, such as brain and spinal cord. All of the beef sold by DeCA originates from USDA inspected processing plants and our requirements for ground beef products specifically prohibit the use of spinal cord and other unauthorized parts of the cattle in ground beef. The latest information about recalls of products carried by commissaries as well as general food safety information can be

found on the DeCA web site at the Food Safety information link on the front page of [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

**What do you expect DeCA will do in the coming days in response to the situation?**

DeCA food safety officials are following this issue 24/7 and will react to any new USDA guidance regarding beef sold in the U.S., and/or DeCA commissaries.

**Will DeCA do anything on its own in response to the situation?**

We are preparing a short Q&A for customers and are following up with a press release. Again, the USDA has the lead on food safety in this issue and has repeatedly issued assurances that U.S. beef is safe. If the USDA position changes, we will react accordingly. As always, if a customer is dissatisfied with any product purchased at a commissary they should feel free to return it for a refund.

**Anything else you think the people who shop at commissaries should know about the beef they buy there?**

Commissaries carry the highest quality USDA beef for our customers and according to the USDA, there is no reason to question its safety, as muscle tissue or cuts of meats (which are used in commissary beef products) are safe. Research shows that the agent that causes BSE, is not found in skeletal muscle tissue. The infective agent is largely in the brain and spinal cord, and tissues not normally consumed by our customers.

Win  
or lose

# NCO Academy team finds right chemistry

Preseason tourney title should give momentum

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The NCO Academy has learned how far it can go with a mix of newcomers, holdovers from last year and proven winners from another basketball team.

Pretty far, thank you.

The academy beat HHC 59th 38-36 for the preseason tournament championship Dec. 17 at Pagano Gym. Laquaine Bess had 14 points, five rebounds and three assists. Randy Ballard added eight points and five rebounds; and Bruce Hollis contributed seven points, six rebounds and three assists. The academy made some adjustments after the 59th forced a second and deciding game by winning 55-46 minutes earlier.

"Actually we just changed the defense," said Hollis, a 5-foot-9 guard. "And we just started getting out on the shooters. On offense we just got more patient, slowed it down a little bit. You see the score difference. We had to keep it low."

Laevrmonde Watts had 13 points, seven rebounds and two steals for the 59th. Patrick Perry added nine rebounds, five points and three blocks.

"I think at the end we just got a little fatigued and didn't make the right decisions," said Watts, a 5-11 power forward. "We need to take better care of the ball and hit our open shots."

"It was a good game," said Perry, a 6-2 guard. "We just didn't make shots down in the clutch. Didn't make the ones we needed to make and let the officials get in the game."

The academy led 18-17 at half-time after Bess' layup in the final minute. Ballard sank two free

throws with 29 seconds left in the game for a 38-34 lead. The academy finished 5-1 in the preseason while the 59th went 4-2.

With the regular season starting Jan. 12, the academy has two players from last year's post champion Delta Company squad: Bess and Hollis. The team's two returnees are Demmonique Walker and player/coach Darrell Small. The other players include students Ballard, Shonta Tucker, Michael Ortiz and Robert Rasmussen, cadre member Lawrence Scott and recent addition Gary Dark.

"I believe we can make it to the championship once again. They hadn't made it before," said Bess, a 6-foot forward/center. "We've got to get chemistry. We're building on that right now."

"I think this is going to be a strong team," Small said. "Last year we were strong but we had a lot of students. The core of this team won't leave till after the season. Another thing is we're strong and deep on the inside. So I feel no matter who we go against we're strong competition."

## Preseason tournament results

- Dec. 9 — NCO Academy d. Headquarters & Alpha 73-32, AMCOM d. 2117th 60-52 and Charlie won by forfeit over Bravo.
- Dec. 10 — NCO Academy won by forfeit over Delta, HHC 59th d. AMCOM 56-45 and MEDDAC d. Marines 61-59.
- Dec. 11 — Bravo d. 2117th 38-31, Marines d. Headquarters & Alpha 47-39 and Bravo won by forfeit over Delta.
- Dec. 12 — NCO Academy d. Charlie 60-33, HHC 59th d. MEDDAC 57-46 and AMCOM d. Marines 56-52.
- Dec. 15 — NCO Academy d. HHC 59th 64-62, MEDDAC d. Bravo 50-23 and Charlie d. AMCOM 46-44.
- Dec. 16 — MEDDAC won by forfeit over Charlie and HHC 59th d. MEDDAC 72-69.
- Dec. 17 — HHC 59th d. NCO Academy 55-46 and NCO Academy d. HHC 59th 38-36 for the championship.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LAYUP— NCO Academy's Laquaine Bess scores two of his 21 points against Headquarters & Alpha in a preseason opener Dec. 9 which the academy won 73-32.



## Sports & Recreation

### Youth flying lessons

Child and Youth Services' Flying Lessons are going on now. Youngsters ages 12-18 will have the opportunity to take flying lessons at Redstone Flying Activity. Cost per child is \$545. Classes include eight hours ground session, five one-hour flight sessions and more. The parent and child must become Flying Activity members (\$45 fee) in order to secure required liability insurance. For classes to begin, at least six students must register. For details call Redstone Flying Activity 881-3980 or Child and Youth Services 876-3704.

### Trivia sweepstakes

Redstone Arsenal Morale, Welfare and Recreation will run the "Online MWR Trivia Sweepstakes" Jan. 26-30 on the [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) web site. Throughout that week, participants will log on to the web site and answer eight daily trivia questions on MWR facilities and topics. You can get the correct answers to play by looking on the MWR web site, calling the MWR facility, or visiting the MWR facility. New questions will be posted each day and expire at the end of that day. All answers must be received through the web page only and the most number of questions answered correctly will determine the winners. Go to [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) for "Online MWR Trivia Sweepstakes" details, prizes and more information.



## 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.

### Sunday school

Adults are invited to study the book of James at Sunday school from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel, room 13. For more information, call Tonie Welch 489-5646.

### Communicators club

Learn the art of speaking, listening and thinking through the Communications Club which meets every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Sparkman building 5300, room 5140 on the first floor. For information call Dan Cutshall 876-4547 or Ron Legowik 876-5619.

### Health center team

Fox Army Health Center officials say they are dedicated to providing the best service possible to all of their beneficiaries. In support of that they have a Consumers Health Advocate Team which meets quarterly, the first Monday — January, April, July and October — at 11 a.m. at the Skylight Conference Room, Fox Army Health Center. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, etc., on how they can better serve the community, you are invited to attend and participate.

### Marine Corps league

The Brandon-Wilbourn Marine Corps League Detachment meets Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Drake Avenue.

### Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. in the conference room of building 3202 on Mauler Road. For the agenda, visit [afge1858.org](http://afge1858.org).

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 15 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.



## Miscellaneous

### 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. The deadline for Merit Award consideration is Feb. 11. For more information call Michelle Archer, the Merit Award chairperson, 534-5783.

### 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 Civilian Acquired Skills to include 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).

### 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. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Jane Wyatt 876-4106 or Maj. Felicia Carter 313-3867. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### 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](http://www.gsaauctions.gov). For more information, call 544-4667.

### Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 annual scholarship awards to a local high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is March 31. For more information, call Jackie Kenner 876-8131.

### Student apprentices

The Department of Defense initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school and college students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relation-

ships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is pairing the students with university and professional engineering mentors. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are United States citizens and 15 years old by the beginning of the program June 7, 2004. The apprentice program is divided into periods of 8, 10 and 12 weeks. The points of contact for applications are senior counselors, at all public, private and parochial high school and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Aviation and Missile Command include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31. If the student is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the high school senior counselor or college placement service, call Julie Lumpkins of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center 313-4834.

### Closings or delays

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: radio — WAHR, 99.1FM; WDRM, 102FM; WEKR, 1240AM; WEUP, 1600 AM; WGSV, 1270AM; WJAB, 90.9FM; WLRH, 89.3FM; WRAB, 1380AM; WRSA, 97FM; WTKI, 1450AM; WVNN, 770AM; WWIC, 1050AM; WZYP, 104.3FM; television — WAAY (Channel 31); WAFF (Channel 48); WHNT (Channel 19). Three additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures. You can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement or you can click the button for weather information on either the Team Redstone Internet site ([www.redstone.army.mil](http://www.redstone.army.mil)) or the AMCOM Portal Intranet site ([https://intranet3.redstone.army.mil:7443/pls/aprtl/aprtl\\_amcom\\_site.amcom\\_page](https://intranet3.redstone.army.mil:7443/pls/aprtl/aprtl_amcom_site.amcom_page)).

### Aerospace scholarship

The Air Force Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter, will present a \$1,000 scholarship to an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet, cadet in the Civil Air Patrol, dependent of active duty or retired Air Force personnel, dependent of Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve personnel, or dependent of an active duty member of another service (Army, Navy, or Marine Corps). Applicants must pursue a full course load toward an aerospace technology associate degree at Calhoun Community College. This scholarship will be for the 2004-05 school year and will be broken into \$500 awards to the school for

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each semester attended. Candidates may apply until May 1. For more information, call Terry Roop (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m. or e-mail at TLRoop@charter.net.

### **Red Cross blood drives**

Blood drives include: Jan. 8 – building 5400 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Jan. 15 – building 7613 and Sparkman Center 7-12:30, SMDC 8-12:30; Jan. 16 – NASA building 4316 8-1:30, Corps of Engineers 7-noon and Sparkman Center 7-12:30; Jan. 22 – building 4488 7-12:30; Jan. 23 – building 4545 7-12:30; and Jan. 30 SMDC 8-12:30.

### **Leadership luncheon**

The National Space Club-Huntsville will hold its annual Leadership Luncheon Jan. 28 in the Von Braun Center North Hall. A reception starts at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon is noon to 1:30. Cost is \$25 per person or \$200 for tables of eight. For reservations call Carla Bossard 837-3982 or Jodi Weiner 721-2450 by Jan. 21.

### **Post library**

Come in to check out some bestsellers, audio books, a history book or any other subject of interest at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Post Library. See the new Children's Room. The library is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 11-6 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 11-4 Saturday. It has public computers with research databases, word processing software and Internet access. Staff will assist with book and information searches as requested. The library is in building 3323 on Redeye Road. For information call 876-4741.

### **Transition workshop**

The Military Personnel Office, Transition Center holds a mandatory three-day workshop for personnel transitioning out of the military. These workshops are every month in building 3493, room 125. Fifteen service providers brief on retirement and separation benefits. Call Tanzella Jackson 842-2718 to reserve a seat.

### **Teledyne assessment**

Teledyne Technologies Incorporated has announced that the Technologies Group of Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. achieved Level 4 of the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model. The assessment team was led by a

representative of ABS Group Inc. of Houston, Texas. According to the SEI's SW-CMM Maturity Profile Report in September, only 110 of the 1,300 organizations reported they have CMM-Level 4. The CMM is a model that establishes the key elements of an effective software process from planning and engineering to managing software development and maintenance. SEI CMM Level 4 provides rigorous statistical measures for managing software processes and software project management.

### **Logistics course**

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE is offering a 50 hour Logistics Management course, beginning Jan.12. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing students for the next CPL exam scheduled May 1. The course is also open to anyone who simply wishes to broaden their logistics knowledge. Course fee is \$100. Four textbooks are required for the course. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 426-3603.

### **Veterinary clinic**

The Veterinary Treatment Facility, building 3453, will have an Evening Clinic Jan. 20 from 4-7 p.m. The veterinarian will also start seeing appointments on Wednesdays. For more information, call the veterinary clinic 876-2441.

### **Stop smoking**

Keep that New Year's resolution by learning tips to help you stop smoking in an eight-week program offering noon and evening classes. To help you get off to a good start with that resolution January's schedule is Jan.13 from 4-5 p.m. and Jan.20 from 12-1 p.m. Beginning in February, a new class starts on the third Tuesday of every month. The classes are sponsored by Fox Army Health Center and held in the Public Health and Education Classroom on the first floor of the center. For more information and registration, call Public Health and Education 955-8888, ext.1026.

### **Army family team building**

Soldiers receive training that will enable them to meet the many challenges of military service. But what about the family members? How do they learn to cope with the challenges of a military lifestyle? How will they learn about military benefits, and about facilities available to them? These

questions, and more, will be answered in Army Family Team Building classes. AFTB is a program developed by family members for family members. AFTB Level I classes will be offered Jan. 27-29 from 6-9 p.m. at building 3338 on Redeye Road. These classes are free. Level I is designed to enhance basic knowledge of Army life. It includes the following topics: Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs & Courtesies; the Chain of Command and the Chain of Concern; Intro to Military and Civilian Resources; Family and Military Expectations; and the Impact of Unit Mission and Family Life. Call 876-5397 by Jan. 16 to reserve your seat and arrange for free child care. Space is limited.

### **Dr. King celebration**

All are invited to attend a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. in the Richard Shelby Auditorium, building 4544. The scheduled speaker is retired Air Force Lt. Col. Herbert E. Carter, an original member of the elite 99th Fighter Squadron of the Tuskegee Airmen. A veteran of World War II, Carter flew more than 77 operational missions against the German and Italian air forces and flew in combat tours in the North African, Sicilian and European campaigns. Musical selections will be provided by Calvin Drake. This program is sponsored by the Defense Intelligence Agency, Missile and Space and Intelligence Center African American Program Council. For more information or requests for reasonable accommodations, call Arthurine Shackle-

ford 313-7318.

### **Thrift shop**

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesday from 9-5, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. The shop will be open for sales Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

### **Post Exchange news**

Churchs Chicken drive-thru is now open Monday through Saturday for your convenience. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Fashion fair**

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will sponsor the 46th annual Ebony Fashion Fair, "Color Splash," Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$30 reserved, \$25 general admission or \$15 for students (kindergarten through 12th grade). For tickets call 704-9747 or 337-5898

### **Astronomical society**

The Von Braun Astronomical Society's NASA astronomer Roy Young presents "The Winter Skies," Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Wernher Von Braun Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For non-members, admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children age 12 and under. Weather permitting, a star party, using the big VBAS telescopes, will follow. For more information, call Mitzi Adams (256) 961-7626.

