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Aviation programs keep high pace

Program executive officer
sees readiness challenge

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Maj. Gen. Joe Bergantz must feel like a juggler sometimes.

As program executive officer for aviation, he leads a more than 1,000 member organization that manages Army helicopters. So he and his workers must juggle a myriad of missions without dropping any. There's the mission of sustaining the helicopters fighting the war against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan; there's the mission of resetting equipment returning from deployment; there's the mission of upgrading equipment for current and future use; and there's the mission of taking care of the workers themselves. And those aren't the only things up in the air.

But like the juggler who keeps on smiling, Bergantz seems genuinely pleased with his job and the people working for him at Team Redstone. He likes the area so much that he and his wife will probably stay after he retires at the end of June.

"I would think probably the biggest challenge (for the future) is keeping the operational fleet at a high state of readiness for a sustained period of time," the central Pennsylvania native said in his office at building 5681.

There are many reset programs going on within the Program Executive Office for Aviation and its program and project offices. This means assessing and fixing battle damage on returning aircraft, applying urgent modifications and upgrading communications. Most of the more than 650 aircraft in the Iraqi theater are returning home to the states. About 350 aircraft are expected to stay over the next several years.

"It'll be another year of continuing to try to balance this reset effort with recapitalization," Bergantz said of modernization plans in 2004. Recapitalization means upgrading components in the Apache, Black Hawk and Chinook to give them another 20-year lease on life. "And we do the recap program because in the long run it's cheaper (about a third of the cost) than buying a brand new aircraft," Bergantz said.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

LOOKING UP— Maj. Gen. Joe Bergantz, the program executive officer for aviation, leads an organization that manages Army helicopters throughout the world.

Real man of honor has inspirational message for all

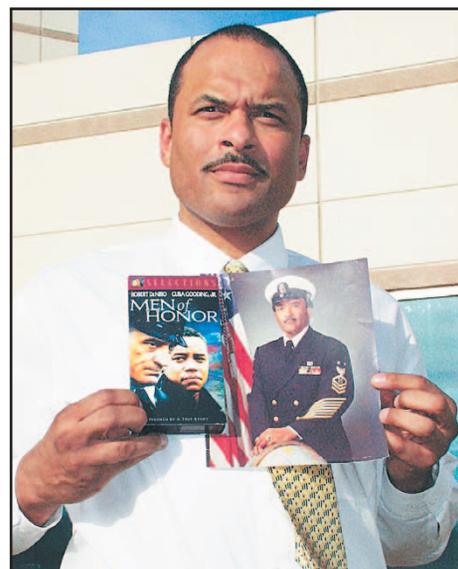


Photo by Skip Vaughn

SON ALSO RISES— Phillip Brashear, son of the first black to become a master diver in the Navy, holds the movie "Men of Honor," based on his father's life, and a photograph of Carl Brashear in uniform.

Navy's first black Master Diver
subject of Hollywood movie

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The movie "Men of Honor" is based on a true story. Phillip Brashear can attest to that.

It's all about his father, Carl Brashear, the first black to become a master diver in the Navy despite the obstacles of racism and the loss of a leg.

"My dad is probably one of the most determined people I've met in my life," said Brashear, a Defense Logistics Agency worker who was temporarily assigned to Redstone from mid-January through last week for the Army's reset program. "He's personable, charismatic, loves to be around people. He's very good around social settings, very gregarious."

Brashear, on the customer support team at the Defense Supply Center in Richmond, Va., is a helicopter pilot and chief warrant officer 3 with the National Guard's Bravo Company, 2nd of the 224th Aviation Bat-

alion based in Richmond.

"I always knew that my dad was pretty much the man at everything he did growing up. The movie brought it to a whole different level. I had no idea he had that much impact on the Navy or the military, the way that goes," he said.

The movie, starring Robert De Niro and Cuba Gooding Jr., was released in 2000 with executive producer Bill Cosby. Brashear said his father rates it about 70 percent accurate.

"Of course the racism he went through was much worse than he went through in the movie, much worse. Instead of one child, there's four of us, four sons," he said.

Brashear, 41, was the third child of Carl and Junetta Brashear. The oldest, Shazanta, died in 1996 from a heart attack at age 42. Dawayne, 47, of Newark, N.J., is a professional model. Patrick, 39, ran afoul with the law because of drugs and is serving a 15-year sentence in Goochland, Va., for armed robbery. He will come up for parole in April.

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Feb. 13: A retired Soldier reported that he lost his military identification card at an unknown location in Huntsville.

Feb. 14: Two Soldiers were found to be in possession of a controlled substance during a routine inspection. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Feb. 14: An individual reported that his personal vehicle was damaged while crossing the portable barrier at Gate 8.

Feb. 16: An individual reported that someone stole a black 5-by-8 single axle utility trailer which was parked and unattended at his worksite on Hansen Road. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Feb. 17: A dependent wife reported that she lost her military identification card at an unknown location in Hazel Green.



Feb. 18: An individual reported that his personal vehicle was damaged while crossing the portable barrier at Gate 8.

Feb. 18: A Soldier reported that someone removed a hard drive and video card from his personal computer which was being stored at a company storage room. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Feb. 18: Two Soldiers were reported as being AWOL from their training company when they failed to report for duty.

Feb. 19: An individual reported that he lost his Redstone Arsenal identification card at a restaurant in Huntsville.

Traffic accidents reported: 7 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 20 speeding, 1 no proof of insurance, 2 failure to obey a traffic control device, 2 parking violation and 1 expired registration.

Letters to the Editor

Sweet shipment appreciated

I wanted to let you know that I received the package of cookies today (contributed by Army engineer John Yim and two other Huntsville men). I brought them over to the 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. The Soldiers are very grateful for your contribution and support. It is people like you who make the days here that much better.

Thank you again!

Sgt. Jillian Basso
82nd Airborne Division
Public Affairs Office in Iraq

Editor's note: This Feb. 6 e-mail was sent to John Yim, an engineer with the Space and Missile Defense Command, regarding 60 boxes of almond cookies shipped to deployed Soldiers. The donation was a joint effort by Yim and his friends Regi Law, who owns the Cajun Grill franchise at Parkway Place Mall, and Gaston Law, proprietor of China Master restaurant.

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An open lane random survey

How do you feel about human cloning?

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Aaron Holmes, DoD civilian



"I don't agree with it. I believe the experimentation is ongoing, but I don't think anything positive can come out of it. There will be just too many sacrifices made trying to accomplish that kind of scientific breakthrough."



Rudy Flores
DoD civilian

"We shouldn't be doing God's work."



Julia Moore, DoD civilian
"Leave it alone, God does it best."

Lt. Kane Mansir
95th Maintenance Company

"I feel that God's gift to us is something special. I don't think that we should mess with something we don't know a lot about."



Getting to know you

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Where do you call home? Huntsville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

I like seeing people every day. I like to be around people.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Tend to my grandson and go to church.



What are your goals?

To become a government employee.

Quote of the week

"The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin."

— Mark Twain



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No secret to keeping information secure

GARRISON INSTALLATION SECURITY OFFICE

In our previous security article, the types of information that must be safeguarded and protected were provided. Now let's share the levels in which information may be classified and who is authorized to classify information.

Information may be classified at one of three levels:

- Top Secret applies to information in which the unauthorized disclosure could reasonably expect to cause exceptional grave damage to national security that the original classification authority is able to identify or describe.

- Secret applies to information in which the unauthorized disclosure could reasonably expect to cause serious damage to national security that the original classification authority is able to identify or describe.

- Confidential applies to information in which the unauthorized disclosure could reasonably expect to cause damage to the national security that the original classification authority is able to identify or describe.

You might now ask: What is original classification and who are the original classification authorities at Redstone?

Original classification is the original determination that information requires, in the interest of national security, protection against

unauthorized disclosure. The following positions at Redstone have been designated as original classification authorities:

- Commanding general of AMCOM has Top Secret OCA.
- Director of Intelligence and Security Directorate has Secret OCA.
- Program executive officer for aviation has Secret OCA.
- PEO for tactical missiles has Secret OCA.
- PEO for air, space and missile defense has Secret OCA.
- Director of Research Development and Engineering Center has Confidential OCA.

For everyone else, there's derivative classification. In other words, if you are a properly cleared Army employee and incorporate, paraphrase, restate or generate in new form information that is already classified by a classified source document or classification guide, you are considered to be a derivative classifier.



\$200 reward offered for information on theft

Projector missing since September, Chevy Tahoe somewhere on post

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The Criminal Investigation Division is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the theft of an Infocus projector valued at \$2,000 stolen from the Reserve Center building on Patton Road.

"It's a small projector that can be hooked up to a computer to show power point slides," Richard Potter, special agent, CID, said. "It was taken from the unit's storage area around Sept. 27. We got the report Oct. 2. Before they reported it stolen, they wanted to make sure someone wasn't using it for a class or had it TDY."

Potter believes it was an "inside job" and that someone may have seen a person with it or seen it in a car or in a home and not realized it was stolen. "Hopefully someone can give me some information that leads me to the thief. They can remain anonymous and still collect the reward," he said.

To remain anonymous, informants are recorded in the case as sources and identified by a number instead of a name. If the information provided by a source leads to the apprehension and conviction of the thief, the reward will be paid.

"We've investigated but we need more than suspicions," Potter said. "Somebody (close to the unit) out there has probably seen it or knows something that can help us. I hope this article will prompt them to give us a call."

There's one other open case Potter hopes someone on the Arsenal can help straighten out.

"It's not being investigated as a theft," he said. "We think something just got delivered to the wrong party and it needs to be put right."

On Aug. 5, a newer model green Chevy Tahoe was delivered from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to Redstone by a transportation company. The truck has specially fitted angle iron on the rear to hold targets or armor plating. It was supposed to be delivered to training area 3 but was delivered to an unknown person on the Arsenal. The receipt signature is unreadable.

Inside the truck was equipment needed to convert it to a remote control vehicle and some armor plating. The organization that was expecting the truck never received it.

"We believe it was delivered to the Arsenal but to the wrong organization. Someone has it and possibly doesn't know it doesn't actually belong to them," Potter said. "We're not looking to prosecute anyone. We're just trying to find it in the system and let the organization (owners) know where it is."

Anyone with information on either case can call Potter at 876-3087 or 876-2037; or the Military Police desk at 876-2222.

■ Program executive officer to retire this summer

Aviation

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Progress is also being made in unmanned aerial vehicles. Nine Shadow systems were fielded in the past year; and three Hunter units are still being supported in III Corps. A contract was recently awarded with the Navy to purchase new Fire Scout aircraft. The PEO is fielding 185 small UAV systems, basically a hand-launched, small airplane that flies with remote control about three miles and up to 2,000 feet high, which should benefit squads and small platoons. There's also a new UAV program called extended range, multipurpose — to stay aloft 24-48 hours over great distances — which should prove useful as a relay platform for communications.

"So we've got all those sorts of things up in the air right now," said Bergantz, sounding both like an aviator and a juggler.

As for the people mission, there are plans to collocate — put together in the same buildings — people from various organizations who provide similar support to the warfighter. The first piece will move some people from logistics, contracting and engineering to the Cargo Helicopter Project Office at building 5678.

"We think we'll get better efficiency in how we spend our money," Bergantz said of the collocation plans.

The trend toward calling up Reserve units for deployment in the ongoing war on terrorism means no difference in the level of support provided, he said. The intent is to ensure these troops are equally effective as their active duty counterparts. "There's a reserve component aviation element going over there (to Iraq)," Bergantz said. His son, Eric, 30, is in fact a Missouri National Guard captain who is going through mobilization training at Fort Knox, Ky., in preparation for deployment to Iraq. Eric com-

mands Charlie Company of the 106th Aviation Regiment, based in Jefferson City, Mo.

Bergantz and his wife, Helen, also have a daughter, Letitia, 28, who is married to Capt. Tom Snow. The Snows reside in Louisville, Ky., with their 10-month-old son, Joe — named after granddad. The Bergantzes have three grandchildren.

The general, 55, arrived in June 1997 from St. Louis as the Comanche program manager. He succeeded now-retired Maj. Gen. Jim Snider as the program executive officer for aviation in August 2000.

He'll have 33 years service when he retires at the end of June.

"I'll probably try to stay in the local area," Bergantz said. "I like the area, I like the strong military-civilian relationship the Arsenal has with the community here. It's really a nice relationship. So I'll probably try to stay in the area, work in a defense-related job."

His hobbies include playing golf and flying airplanes. He's a helicopter and fixed-wing pilot who flies planes at the Flying Activity.

"As a matter of fact, I like aviation so much I'm looking into buying an aircraft," he said.

That's just another thing up in the air.

Till death do us part

Local counselors share marriage suggestions

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It has been said that no two snowflakes are alike. Similarly, no two couples are alike as well. Each marriage has its own unique characteristics, so it is hard to say that there is one key to a good marriage.

In my own search for what makes a marriage work I have found some well-thought advice. It may not be the quick fix in your life, but you may find these professionals' words useful.

A psychologist from the Behavioral Medicine Division at Fox Army Health Center, who asked that his name not be used for this story, says that a good marriage is the most therapeutic relationship one can have. "People have scars. When a person gets into a relationship with someone who will stay with them no matter what they have experienced, they feel loved despite those scars.

"There are no real good road maps to marriage although I do suggest John Gottman's 'The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work' as a great how-to for bringing themselves through," the psychologist said. "Books like this one have steps to help couples get through the emotional upsurges."

'You say potato, I say ...'

We all have our differences; in fact the Fox psychologist says many times these are what draw us to others. "Differences stand out, they are appealing to us. At first the uniqueness about a person attracts us to them, but when you are married and around that difference seven days a week you don't value it as much," he said.

It is important to accept our differences and values. "Stats show that 70 percent in marriages never resolve some of the major issues, people just learn to live with them," he said. It may not always be about solving every difference, but learning to deal with them.

Many problems arise in the marriage because of these differences. When entering marriage, most people don't foresee the differences or simply think they will just work them all out. "These kinds of expectations create frustration, disappointment and the desire for the relationship to end," the psychologist said.

It is important to realize that differences are valuable to the marriage. The goal is to help each other grow in the relationship and become a more balanced person.

Chaplain (Maj.) Joey Byrd, Bicentennial Chapel resource manager, has several years experience counseling in the civilian world as well as in the Army. He feels that the best way to deal with differences and changes that occur in the marriage is to renegotiate.



"When you first get married you negotiate everything from who will mow the grass to which side of the bed you will sleep on," Byrd said. Often couples get stuck in these preconceived roles. As they grow older they change and their needs aren't being met. As individuals change they should renegotiate their roles and responsibilities.

"What I've observed is the idea of renegotiation is often freeing, refreshing to marriage," Byrd said. "For example when I went on active duty it meant that my wife had to give up her job as a therapist so my needs could be met. We renegotiated our roles and responsibilities so that both our needs could be met."

"Marriage never gets boring because we continue to change," the Fox psychologist said. "Enjoy those changes. It only gets boring when people are distant."

'We can work it out'

Because we all know that conflicts will arise, it is best to be able to prepare for those times. "You have to have a long-term commitment because bad times will come," the psychologist said.

Sandra Bruno, a local marriage and family therapist, insists that a firm commitment makes a good marriage. "You have to be determined that you will make it work. Too many times people want to throw in the towel," she said.

Bruno feels conflict resolution is essential to a good marriage. "Couples need to know ways to discuss calmly and in a non-threatening manner. No yelling, name calling, etc," she said. "Make a plan, think back to when it wasn't tough and then plan for the future. You've been happy before and realize it is a rough time and that you can make it through and be happy again."

"The ability to forgive is extremely powerful in a relationship," the Fox psychologist said. Powerful emotions are involved in conflict and it is important sometimes to accept help when you get in a real tough spot.

Military couples see value of patience, communication

Frequent moves, separations add challenge to relationship

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Along the lines of what makes a good marriage, there is an added stress to those married to servicemembers. Sue Paddock, director at Army Community Service, and Sandy Bruno, marriage and family therapist, both have plenty of experience in this area.

High school sweethearts, Sue and retired Col. Joe Paddock have been married for 34 years. They have endured 14 moves in 10 years, including three tours in Germany and later a separation of four years.

"You need to have a lot of patience and it helps to fully understand what the Soldier or servicemember is doing," she said. "By understanding the military in general, you can better accept things."

Paddock feels that programs like Army Family Team Building are important to appreciating the Soldier's role. "Spouses can have misunderstandings about the military, and question many things such as the long work hours, TDY, separations, military missions and the things that aren't a part of a normal civilian life, which leads to frustration," she said. "AFTB is great for young spouses to learn about the Army. Once they understand they can better explain things to their kids as well. When we were a young couple, we never had these kind of programs."

Paddock feels that not only should military spouses be prepared for change and moves, but also be prepared to deal with the stresses of children making those changes as well. She believes that the changes were hard on her three kids, but it made them stronger individuals in the end.

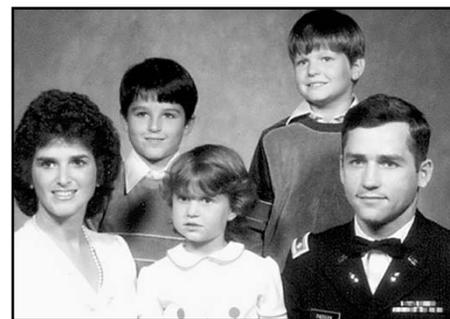
"As a couple, we really tried to respect one another, to listen, and learn to compromise," she said. "We worked as a team."

When Paddock was offered the position of ACS director, her husband was selected to attend Army War College for a year. The "move" decision faced them again. Paddock explained that at that time, her kids were finishing high school, or just starting college, and it was also important for them to have stability.

"Although my husband loved his career, he always came back to me with 'how can I support you?' He went off to War College unaccompanied. We both traveled a lot that year. After Army War College he was selected as a commander of a defense contract management command in Cleveland, Ohio. He said, 'You've given up a lot for my career, and now I know it's time for you and the kids.' He moved to Cleveland.

"That was really a challenge, trying to support him and the command in Cleveland, while working here," she said. "We really had to coordinate. Communication was vital."

Phone calls and lots of travel kept the couple connected for those four years. Paddock says that she and her husband have never really gotten away from the military.



Courtesy photo

STARTING OUT— Sue and now-retired Col. Joe Paddock pose with their children Jason, Amy and Jeff in 1984 while he attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.



Courtesy photo

HAPPY IN HUNTSVILLE— Sue and Col. Joe Paddock participate in a change of command reception in 1991. He was commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion and she was, and still is, Army Community Service director.

"Friends would say 'when Joe retires you can finally separate yourselves from military life,'" she said. "That really never happened to us. He is now a contractor, working to keep the troops safe and I am working with their families. When families are taken care of, the Soldier can better focus on his or her mission."

Two of the Paddocks' children still live in Huntsville: Amy, 26, and Jeff, 31. Their other son Jason, 30, lives in Birmingham. "Military life is in our blood. As a couple, supporting the military will always be a shared commitment," she said.

Sandra Bruno and Marine Lt. Col. Michael Bruno have been married for 18 years. "When we first married he had \$213 and all he owned was in his pack," she said. "Now we have a house, two kids, a dog, cars, we've come such a long way."

As a marriage and family therapist and military spouse, Bruno shares what makes a marriage successful. "No. 1 is effective communication," she said. "This is part of the difficulty of the military relationship. When the spouse is on active duty and away they are not always available. You try to plan ahead, but unexpected things come up."

African-American Festival honors Black History Month

Ninth annual event draws about 550

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The youngsters in Army uniforms marched onstage to the audience's delight.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HUP TWO THREE— The Tiny Soldiers perform during the festival at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"Study, study, study," they sang in their cadence. The Tiny Soldiers — a group of local elementary school students which provides positive role models to students from single parent families — performed Thursday during the ninth annual African-American Festival of Art, Music and Portrayals.

"I saw a couple of future air defenders in that group," quipped Col. Earnest Harris, program manager for Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.

An estimated 550 people attended the event in Bob Jones Auditorium. The program included the Integrity singers from Oakwood College, the varsity dance team from Sparkman High and emcee Kimberly Essex from WAFF-TV 48.

In support of the festival, Team Redstone sponsored an essay writing contest and static display contest. Winners included the following:

- Static display — first place, Missile Systems Training Department; second, Charlie Company; and third, Commissary employees.
- Essay writing — first, Sgt. Mark Lewis of HHC 59th; second, Spc. Darius Blackwell of HHC 59th; and third, Pvt. James Russell of Charlie Company.

■ Supporting military is couples' shared commitment

Couples

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She sees e-mail as a free communication tool for spouses. "When I was younger I would have to wait a long time to get a response, but now with e-mail you can talk within the day or even a few hours. Phone bills were expensive, e-mail is free."

Whenever possible, Bruno and her family tried to stay together. "If we can be together then we will, we might have to make sacrifices," she said. "We spent a couple of months in a little furnished apartment in order to be together."

Another key to a successful marriage, especially in the military, is quality time. "When the spouse is in town it is important to spend quality time together," she said. "Even just sitting close together to watch a movie. I have no evidence, but I believe the sense of touch can work wonders."

The big challenge in most marriages is finances. This can be doubly tough in military marriages where one of the spouses is deployed.

"Finances for some Soldiers first starting out can be a constraint, especially if kids are in the mix," Bruno said, adding that trust is essential. "You have to have confidence that your partner will do the right thing. You trust that they have the ability to manage the money and pay the bills, that they won't go spend all the money on new shoes." Again, this goes back to the importance of communication.



Courtesy photo

I DO— Sandra Bruno and Lt. Col. Michael Bruno have been married for 18 years. They got married in their hometown of Dayton, Ohio.

Though there are the challenges of deployment and combat, Bruno feels that military marriages and civilian marriages aren't all that different. "In all reality I don't think the military is as unique as it once was," she said. "The civilian force is putting a lot of time in their work and traveling just as much."

She and her husband, the Marine liaison for air defense projects, have two children: Anthony, 12, and Elle, 9.

■ Couples get advice for making marriage work

Suggestions

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"It is easy for me to listen to a couple in a dispute and give them feedback, but if it was my wife angry at me, it would be hard for me to purely listen and give feedback. There is too much emotional difficulty involved," the psychologist said.

Byrd explains two steps to conflict resolution: don't hit and don't run away. "When angry about an issue, first and foremost don't hit. You are adults and it is not allowed. It is easy also to want to run away from the issue. This is simply not the answer. Sometimes it is good to back away to really think through it, but never walk away from the relationship," he said.

"I remember when my wife and I had our first argument and I just about walked out the door to run away from the issue. She said, 'Get back in here, don't leave.'" Byrd explained that his wife was right on target. They were still angry but they at least worked it out.

'Communication, my dear Watson'

It may seem a bit trite, but those interviewed agree, the key to any good marriage is communication. "The No. 1 key to good marriage is effective communication," Bruno said. "Being able to talk openly and in a non-threatening way."

Sometimes, though, there is a misperception of what communication actually is. "A lot of times we get calls with people saying they can't communicate with their spouse, but in a relationship it is impossible

to not communicate," the Fox psychologist said. "It is much bigger than words. Silence is a loud form of communication. Leaving and shutting doors is all communication.

"What people generally mean is that one is talking and the other isn't listening or agreeing," he said. Essentially he advises it is best to revert to the simple rules of communication: When one person talks the other listens, pays attention and then tells them what they heard. "The answers are simple, but applying them is not," he said.

It is important to practice the basics of communication before conflict arises. With couples, conflict involves emotions which can cause them to break the simple rules of communication.

Bruno does a lot of one-on-one work with couples who are having trouble communicating. She walks them through the basic communication skills and also urges them to make eye contact and speak in a non-threatening manner. "I teach them how to fight fairly, being able to express themselves without yelling or bring up the past and learning to resolve," she said.

Byrd also says that he helps couples who are having trouble communicating by prodding and helping them open up.

'Your mission if you choose to accept'

As stated before, all couples are different. Just as couples are different, so can the problems that they face be different. The biggest challenge in the first year of marriage is simply the adjustment to living with someone else.

"In the first year it is bringing two cultures under one roof. People grow up differently and you are trying to blend all the rules and expectations of two different families," the psychologist said. "If someone from the United States married someone from Iraq, we would think they have a lot of differences to work out. Really two families from the U.S. can have just as many differences."

When asked the biggest challenge to married couples in the long run, most agreed that finances take the gauntlet. "Finances are a primary factor for why most marriages break up," the psychologist said. "Money can be so emotionally laden."

Many seek financial counselors to help work out this issue. "Dave Ramsey is an example of a great financial counselor

who helps two people talk, set goals, limits and priorities," the psychologist said.

Bruno agrees, explaining that it is mostly about setting a budget and sticking to it. "Money can be a trust issue as well," she said. "You have to trust that your spouse will do the right thing."

No matter what, couples should realize that the challenges are just part of any healthy relationship. The psychologist believes that though these challenges are common it is important not to get caught up in just hammering at them. "A good quote is 'marriages that focus on problems are problem marriages,'" he said. "It is real important to do the fun things as well, throughout the marriage and enjoy each other because life will sure pull you apart."

Letterkenny Depot returns savings to Special Forces



Courtesy photo

SPECIAL PRESENTATION— Col. William Guinn, commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, presents a ceremonial check to Lt. Gen. Philip Kensinger, commander of Special Operations Command.

\$990K check represents improved processes

LETTERKENNY RELEASE

Savings realized by Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., through the application of Lean principles on the Special Operations Forces Ground Mobility Vehicle modification program were returned Feb. 17 during a ceremony at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Col. William Guinn, Letterkenny commander, presented a ceremonial check for \$990,000 to Lt. Gen. Philip Kensinger, commander of the Special Operations Command.

Letterkenny and the Special Operations Forces have been working jointly in the development and modification of special purpose Humvees that are transformed into the new fighting platform called the GMV. These Special Operations Forces teams include the Army Rangers, Special Forces Groups as well as Navy SEAL teams. Each team's vehicles are tailored to meet various operational scenarios and tempo.

"Our unit likes the modifications that (Letterkenny) has performed to the GMVs and what's more important is their performance in the field. They take us anywhere now," Capt. John Anderson of the 3rd Special Forces said.

Depending on the service requirement, modifications included installation of auxiliary fuel tanks to achieve longer distances, multi-position gun mounts, grenade launchers, and electronic rack mounting for communications augmentation as well as additional ammunition and missile stowage for these vehicles, used in Southwest Asia, Afghanistan and other locations.

Lean manufacturing is a strategy geared toward identifying and eliminating waste in a process. Lean manufacturing techniques produce lower costs, higher quality and shorter lead times, thereby saving money. Using Lean, Letterkenny employees streamlined the Special Operations Forces GMV production line.

Kensinger praised the workers of Letterkenny for their prompt response to his command's needs. "Our confidence in Letterkenny is well placed and we are proud to work with you in this effort," he said.

"It isn't often that a depot actually returns savings achieved through efficiencies," Guinn said. "Indeed, as far as I know this is only the second time. And Letterkenny was also the first to do so when we returned over \$1 million in Lean savings from our Patriot program. The implementation of Lean principles is enabling (Letterkenny) to be the depot of choice for the Special Operations Forces Group."

Army program helps with absentee voting

All citizens of voting age should exercise that right

By **ANDREA TAKASH**
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WASHINGTON — Americans across the country are now voting for president in state primaries, but most Soldiers can't make it to the polls, said Jim Davis, the Army's voting assistance officer.

The Army's Voting Assistance Program aims to ensure that Soldiers, their families and DoD civilians overseas can exercise their right to vote, Davis said.

Absentee ballots can be applied for by filling out the federal postcard application, standard form 76, which can be found at the Federal Voting Assistance Program's web site at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.

"Not only does this register them for an absentee ballot, but it also registers them to vote in federal, state and local elections," Davis said. "Everything is taken care of in one step.

"I recommend that Soldiers send in the federal post card application every year because they might have had an address change since the last election," he said.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act requires states to allow absent military voters and overseas American citizens to use absentee ballots in elections for federal office.

"The states have extended this right to state and local elections also," Davis said.

Schedules vary

Typically absentee ballots are mailed out to citizens 30 to 45 days before an election. If Soldiers, families or civilians sent in their request for an absentee ballot in sufficient time and didn't receive their ballot, they can fill out form 186, the federal write-in application, which allows them to write their votes without a ballot. Voting assistance officers at each unit have copies of form 186.

"The federal write-in application is primarily for federal elections; however, some states accept it," Davis said.

Most states require the absentee ballot by close of business on the day of the election. However, there are some exceptions to that rule.

Absentee ballots for Louisiana must be in by midnight before the election. In New York, absentee ballots need to be postmarked the day before the election. North Carolina requires the ballots to be in by 5 p.m. the day before the election.

To make sure the state election official received the absentee ballot, Davis suggests calling the state election office.

Davis also said that absentee votes are counted just like regular votes. "There is no difference," he said.

Know the issues

He advises people to educate themselves on the issues before voting. "If necessary, do research before you vote. Don't go in blindly," he said.

Davis stressed the importance of understanding the laws on residency before registering to vote in a particular state.

"Your decision on which state to register in can affect your pay," he said.

"You can only have one legal residence at a time; however, you may change residency each time you are transferred," Davis said. For specific questions on residency, he recommends visiting the Staff Judge Advocate office.

The Army requires every unit to have a voting assistance officer. The voting assistance officers get training at Federal Voting Assistance Program workshops. "The training they receive at these workshops are critical for their ability to do their job," Davis said.

Primary importance

Voting assistance officers are there to answer questions and provide resources to Soldiers, their families and DoD civilians on voting in federal, state and local elections.

Davis said the Army is non-partisan. "Our real goal is to inform people on how to vote, who to go see and make them aware," he said.

It is important that every American citizen of voting age votes, according to Davis. "Voting is how you influence who is in charge of your quality of life. It is your entitlement as an American citizen," he said.

With the presidential primary elections in full swing, Davis said it is just as important to vote in primaries. "By voting in the primary, you can help the candidate that you want to see in the general election," he said.

Here are the remaining states' presidential primary election dates:

- March 2 — California Presidential Primary (Modified Closed), Connecticut Presidential Primary (Closed), Georgia Presidential Preference Primary (Open), Maryland Presidential Primary (Closed), Massachusetts Presidential Primary, Minnesota Democratic Caucuses, Minnesota Republican Caucuses, New York Presidential Primary (Closed), Ohio Presidential Primary (Open), Rhode Island Presidential Preference Primary, Vermont Presidential Primary (Open).

- March 9 — Florida Presidential Primary (Closed), Louisiana Presidential Preference Election (Open), Mississippi Presidential Primary (Open), Texas Presidential Primary (Open), Washington Republican Caucuses.

- March 13 — Kansas Democratic Caucuses.

- March 16 — Illinois Presidential Primary (Open).

- March 20 — Alaska Democratic Caucuses, Wyoming Democratic County Caucuses.

- March 23 — Utah Republican Caucuses.

- April 13 — Colorado Democratic Caucuses, Colorado Republican Caucuses.

Fox Den serves up second helpings and smiles

Ted's home cooking and secret sauces have customers raving about buffet

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It happens every half hour or so at the Fox Den café.

Chef Ted comes out from the kitchen wearing his white hat and a broad smile, gives the bell on the counter a few good whacks to get the atmosphere whirling and in that booming voice of his, welcomes the customers by name.

"The bell is to let everybody know that this is a place to have fun," Ted Burruss, Fox Den chef, said, while serving up a slab of tender ribs and some crispy fried catfish for customer John McGowen. The two have become friends since McGowen discovered all this down home cooking at "Ted's Place."

"Couple of years ago I was out here playing golf and someone asked me if I'd ever eaten at Ted's Place," McGowen said, grabbing a bottle of Ted's secret recipe barbecue sauce and putting it on his tray. "I tried it, liked it and now I come here couple times a week, a pit stop on my way to play golf. It's just the best. The ribs are my favorite."

Chicken and ribs are specialties for Burruss, who's been perfecting his culinary skills across four decades from Chicago to the South. He's been serving up his

finest on the post for 23 years, the first six as lead cook in the troop dining facility and the last 17 at the Fox Den in the basement of the Fox Army Health Center.

"I opened places downtown — Breakers, Fogcutters, the Carriage Inn," Burruss said. "I like working here with these folks. Ribs and chicken are my thing, because I've got the barbecue sauce to go with the ribs. My recipe and it's real good."

His customers agree. While

we were sitting at a corner table, chatting about his favorite recipes, several customers came over to offer their opinion about what makes the Fox Den great.

"Best kept secret on post," Jim Schaaf, retired Army, said. "It makes the pharmacy wait a lot easier, knowing you get to come down here and have some of Ted's home cooking. Food is always great here."

A few minutes later, Lt. Col. Maurice Dawson, eating lunch with his son a few tables away,



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

EASING THE PAIN— At Fox Army Health Center for physical therapy, Lt. Col. Maurice Dawson, right, from the missile school, treats his son, Maurice Jr., to lunch at the Fox Den. "The best food in Huntsville," Dawson said.

overheard the conversation and came over to say how much he liked the Fox Den.

"This is the best food in town," Dawson said. "No kidding. There's always a good variety of four or five meats plus all

those vegetables and the salad bar. And it's an all-you-can eat — for a great price. It's a great place to bring friends and family. There's no long lines and the customer service is fantastic. Great atmosphere. Best food in Huntsville."

Burruss is in the kitchen by 4:45 every morning to make sure his customers get his best. By 6:15 he's serving breakfast. The in-house lunch buffet is from 10:30-1:15, offering at least five choices of meat such as ribs, chicken, baked pork chops, roast beef and fish and one casserole, at least five vegetable choices which always include greens, cabbage and macaroni and cheese and the salad bar for \$5.75.

For customers trying to avoid the all-they-can-eat opportunities, the Fox Den offers plate lunch specials and sandwich meals. The same great food, just smaller portions and smaller prices.

To treat yourself to some of Ted's famous home cooking, take the elevators, right around the corner from the pharmacy at the health center, down to the basement and the cafeteria is a few yards down on the right.

"The taste, the flavor, that's what makes it special," McGowen said. "It's worth the trip; and you'll want to come back."

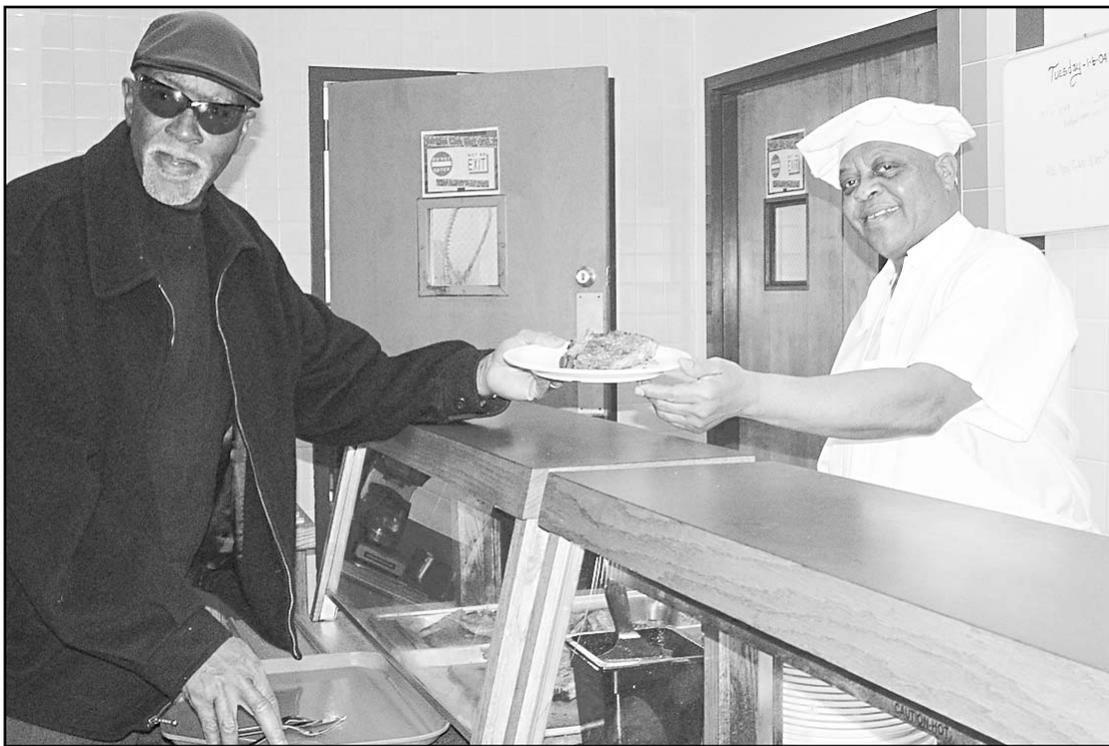


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

HUNGRY MAN— John McGowen is served up a plate of specialty ribs by Fox Den chef Ted Burruss, the man behind the food at health center's cafeteria for 17 years.

Movie

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"So as you can see, I'm the only one who did anything with the military," Brashear said. "My other brothers joke with me, they call me the favorite son."

But he wasn't following his father's footsteps, he said. He joined the Navy after high school in 1981 and became a crewman on RH-53 minesweeper helicopters. At age 26, he decided to become a Navy helicopter pilot but was too old for Navy flight school. So he joined the Army National Guard in Virginia in 1989 and attended flight school in June 1990 at Fort Rucker. He graduated a year later as a certified warrant officer and Army helicopter pilot.

Brashear, who began his government civilian career in 1983 as an apprentice at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, was deployed to Bosnia for eight months in 2001 with his Guard unit. He and his wife, Sandra, who works for the department of social services in Richmond, reside with their 3-year-old son, Tyler, in nearby Sandston.

His famous father, 73, now divorced, is retired in Virginia Beach. A Kentucky native, he graduated in 1953 from the Navy Diver School in Bayonne, N.J. He lost his left leg in a tragic shipboard accident in 1966 while part of a salvage team off the coast of Palermo, Spain. As depicted in the movie, he successfully recovered a submerged nuclear bomb before the mishap on deck. Not long after losing his leg, he passed a grueling physical test — making 12 steps in a diving suit weighing 290 pounds — to regain his active duty status. In 1968 he became the first amputee in Navy history to return to full, active duty. Two years later he became the first black master diver. He did not retire from the Navy for another nine years.

"A son never forgets" is a fictitious line from the movie. It's written on the side of an old radio that Carl Brashear's father, MacDonald, gave him before he boarded the Navy bus to leave the work fields in Kentucky. The radio and the inscription were pure Hollywood, but perhaps there is some truth to the message.

"It made me appreciate who I am and it's deeply embedded in me," Phillip Brashear said of his father's experiences. "Never give up. The strength to never give



Courtesy photo

NEVER GIVE UP— Carl Brashear jogs in 1972 at the Little Creek Amphibious Naval Base in Virginia Beach.

up at anything I really wanted to do."

His father wouldn't have it any other way.

"I'm very proud of him," Carl Brashear said when reached by phone at his home in Virginia Beach. "He has done very good for himself. And I feel very good that he's serving his country and in the National Guard."

This man of honor, who retired from the speaking circuit in March 2003, has advice for everyone.

"They can learn from No. 1, hard work, dedication, perseverance and most of all a good attitude is required to be successful in any walk of life, especially in the military," he said. "No. 2, it shows that one man can make a difference. So that's what the movie conveys to people."

Deploying unit shows differences between active, Reserve

Guard combat brigade heading to Iraq soon

By **JIM GARAMONE**
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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — It is different when a National Guard unit deploys.

The “total force” includes active duty and reserve component servicemembers. And while the missions that like units go on are identical, there are differences in the way active duty and reserve components deploy. These differences were apparent at the Feb. 12 deployment ceremony for the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade. The unit is the first National Guard combat brigade to deploy since the end of World War II.

The brigade will deploy in the next few weeks, and includes units from New York, Minnesota, Maryland, California, West Virginia and Illinois. The core of the brigade is the 3,500 members of the Old Hickory brigade based in Clinton, N.C. The unit will serve with the 1st Infantry Division, and relieve the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq.

While the Guard and reserves have been stalwarts in the war of terror, most of the units deployed have been in the combat service and combat service support areas. But that doesn’t mean some combat units have not deployed. The Florida National Guard sent combat units to the Middle East last year, and the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve have had squadrons providing air support to coalition troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. More than 188,000 reserve component



Photo by Jim Garamone

FAMILY SALUTE— Families applaud their Soldiers at the end of a deployment ceremony for the 30th brigade at the Crown Center in Fayetteville, N.C.

servicemembers are serving on active duty today.

Graying line

The first difference between active and reserve component forces that a person notices is in age. The 30th looks a bit older than the typical active duty unit. The infantrymen and armor crewman average three to four years older than their counterparts on active duty, officials said. Many served on active duty and transferred to the Guard following that service. Some of the Soldiers in the brigade wear combat patches from the 101st Airborne Division and the 10th Mountain Division.

The age difference is most noticeable

in the noncommissioned officer grades. Some platoon sergeants and first sergeants in the unit are approaching 50.

“Yeah, we’re a little bit gray,” said one first sergeant with a smile. “But you know what they say: ‘Age and treachery will overcome youth and enthusiasm every day.’”

The first sergeant said the added experience will help in the situations the Soldiers probably will confront in Iraq. “I think we will have more patience,” he said. “We have more experiences to draw on.”

He laughed and said, “Also, most of us have teenagers at home.”

But not all. Many families with small

children and babies attended the ceremony. One 5-year-old boy was dressed in desert camouflage and saluted (with his left hand) during the national anthem. Others held up signs wishing Daddy or Mommy good luck in their mission.

Family support

How the families will cope during the yearlong deployment is a concern to the brigade leadership, and that too, is a difference from active duty.

On the active duty side, Soldiers deploy from a post, and efforts to help the families are concentrated at that base. Even the North Carolina portion of the brigade has Soldiers coming from every portion of the state. That concentrated family support effort won’t work for the Guard.

“We’ve come up with Family Support Teams in communities around the state,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Steven King, a Protestant chaplain with the brigade. “We’re also working with the Big Red One on family matters. The (North Carolina) adjutant general’s office is also working with state agencies to provide support during the deployment.”

While the dispersion of service members can be viewed as a problem in family support, another aspect of Guard service helps in the situation. In many cases, service in the National Guard is a family matter. Many of the Guardsmen are the third generation of family members serving in the unit. They come from small towns and cities all over the state, and they are rooted in the communities.

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Courtesy photo

INDOOR EVENT— Soldiers participate in a worship service in a containerized chapel produced by Letterkenny Army Depot.

Depot delivers chapel for overseas services

Letterkenny structure part of tent cities

LETTERKENNY RELEASE

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Worship will become more accessible and increasingly meaningful for soldiers and civilians stationed at base camps around the world thanks to the efforts of Letterkenny Army Depot and the PM-Field Sustainment Systems in Natick, Mass.

In a ceremony Jan. 27 at Letterkenny, Lt. Col. Lawrence Silas, PM-FSS, thanked Letterkenny commander Col. William Guinn and the depot work force for their efforts in producing containerized chapels for warfighters deployed to many locations around the world.

Letterkenny has been designated to do work on portions of “Force Provider.” These are virtual “tent cities” capable of providing everyday living needs to soldiers in the field. Employees at Letterkenny have been doing work on the Containerized Chapel portion of these cities. Letterkenny workers started the assembly of the 36 containerized chapels in April 2003 and completed the project in January.

“In Bosnia, I used to give my chaplain the mess tent between 9 and 11 a.m.,” Guinn said. “We used to give chaplains hand-me-downs. It was catch-as-catch-can. The chapel component of force provider is going to correct that. It’s all first class.”

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Army delivers platform for NASA sensor test

Preparations under way for return to space flight

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Marshall Space Flight Center has turned to the Army in NASA's effort to keep a closer eye on space shuttles during takeoff.

The Redstone Technical Test Center's airborne and field sensor branch has made available for testing its Stabilized Electro-optical Instrumentation Platform, nicknamed "Fatboy." The platform originated in 1998.

"This is a unique asset for the Army, Air Force and Navy," Tim Ricks, senior project engineer for captive flight tests, said. "It's the only system like this made for a helicopter. Nobody else has one yet."

It consists of an orb which can be outfitted to accommodate whatever is to be tested, mounted within a stabilized rotating arm. It is then mounted to the side of an aircraft for in-flight use. It is a way for projects to shave years off of testing, as the Fatboy has already undergone airworthiness inspection by the Aviation Engineering Directorate and can accommodate most equipment.

"If you consider the acquisition cycle and you have this new sensor that's just been developed, it would take quite a bit of time and money to integrate it into a stabilized platform, get it on an aircraft and test it in an airborne environment," Ricks said. "You're talking one or two years longer in system development just

to start the testing and see how well it works. We can take that prototype sensor, put it in here and test it immediately. It gets systems in the air one or two years sooner."

Working together when the need arises is nothing new to Marshall Space Flight Center and the Army. RTTC has lent a hand in testing some of Marshall's previous projects. Use of the Fatboy during testing of high definition cameras in 2000 has led to the current partnership.

"We remembered the Fatboy because we had flown with it before, shooting aeri-als around here," Rodney Grubbs, NASA DTV program leader, said. "We wouldn't be where we are now without the support from the Army. It was perfect that we're right here."

NASA's DTV program office hopes to outfit a Fatboy of its own with high definition and infrared cameras and mount it in the nose of one of its WB57 aircraft. The shuttle could then be tracked and monitored in high resolution as it makes its ascent into space, past solid rocket booster separation, a critical moment in the Columbia tragedy. Using RTTC's current setup for testing allows NASA to check the feasibility and fine tune plans before contractor Southern Research Institute, which built RTTC's models, provides it with its very own.

Testing of the high definition system has been ongoing at Redstone in the past weeks. With the Fatboy camera ready, mounted to one of the Airfield's Huey helicopters, calculations were made on how to best simulate the speed and height of a shuttle launch. To accomplish its mock launch, a NASA T-38 aircraft was flown past the Fatboy helicopter at a speed, distance and angle approximating the shuttle's arc during liftoff. Operators onboard the Huey then manually tracked it across the skies of Redstone, as the Fatboy's analog video tracking system cannot accommodate the high definition camera. NASA is preparing to design a tracking system of its own for the high definition equipment.

"Ideally, we'll have this entire thing engineered and ready for the shuttle's return to flight (in early 2005), which gives us a pretty tight schedule," Grubbs said. "We know now what we have to go and do. If everything goes well, we'll have the first unit this fall and the second early winter of this calendar year. We'll be ready to support a launch in March of '05."

"It's interesting from the perspective of everybody that is working together," Ricks said. "You've got NASA, two different Army entities, RTTC and Garrison, and support contractor SRI all working together to make this happen."



Photo by Kelley Lane

MOTION RANGE— Tim Ricks demonstrates the SEAIP Fatboy's range of motion while mounted.



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FLIGHT VIEW— NASA's HDTV camera, mounted inside the SEAIP Fatboy, captured video of a T-38 as it began its ascent.

Win or lose

AMCOM puts fantastic finish on regular season

Bryan's layup lifts team over NCO Academy

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Only six seconds remained in the regular season and AMCOM trailed the NCO Academy by one point.

AMCOM in-bounded the ball at mid-court after a timeout and the clock ticked down. George Smith passed to Eddie Bryan who was being guarded underneath the basket.

Bryan delivered.

The power forward's layup with one second left lifted AMCOM to a 43-42 win over the NCO Academy on Feb. 17 at Pagano Gym. AMCOM finished the regular season at 5-8 and on an upswing for the postseason tournament which began Feb. 23.

"Just heart, total team effort out there tonight," Bryan said. "Total team effort."

"This game means all about momentum going into the postseason. Right now our team is finally jelling together, and it can't come at a more opportune time."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

OUT OF REACH— The Marines' Damien Cason stretches for an offensive rebound during a 59-52 loss to MEDDAC.

Smith finished with 16 points and Bryan had seven. Phillip Brashear blocked four shots for AMCOM which led 18-14 at halftime.

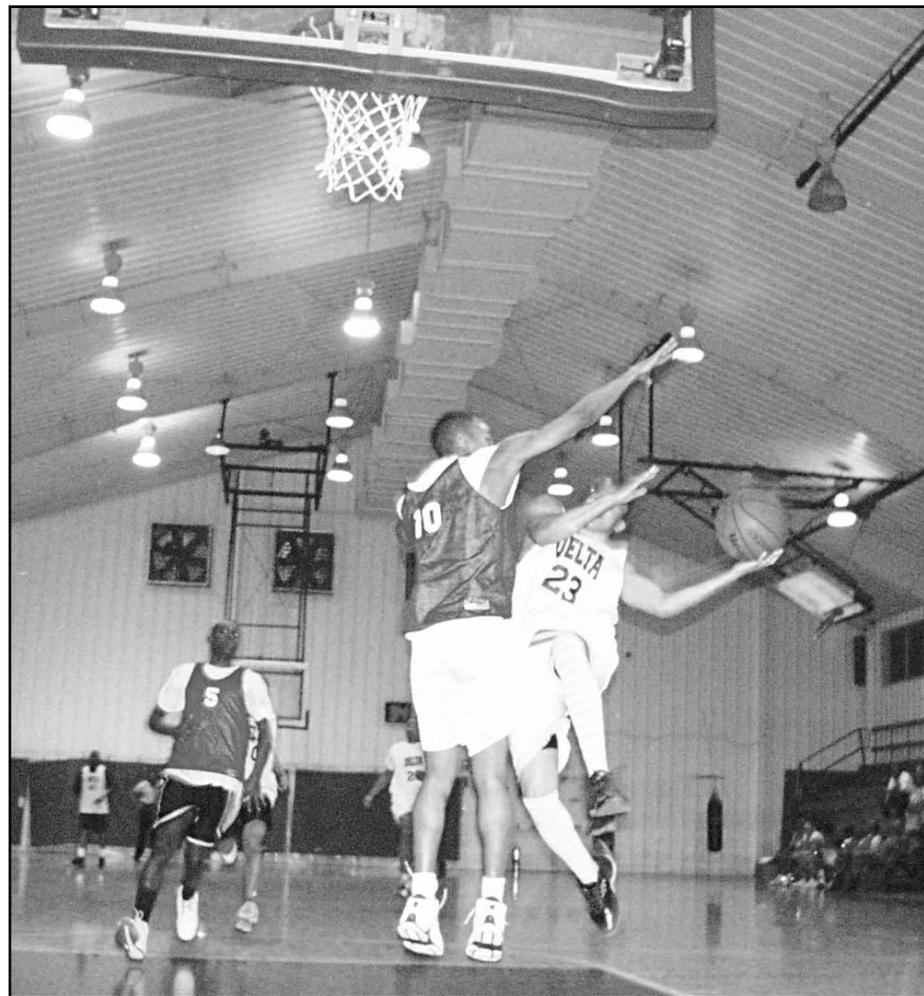


Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOING UP— Bravo's Dewayne Phillips defends against Delta's Nina Beamon during Bravo's 47-36 win Feb. 17.

"We've got a good team," small forward Michael Gola said. "When we play together, there's nobody that can beat us."

The NCO Academy (10-3), ranked No. 3 by the *Redstone Rocket*, was missing players.

"We played hard," said Lawrence Scott, who scored 14 points. "If we would've had a couple more people on the bench to spell a couple of players, that would've been a difference in the game."

"It was a good game and we did our best. We just lost," coach/forward Darrell Small said. "And it was a good tuneup going into the playoffs. We were short a couple of people but that's no excuse."

Grego Whaley, who finished with 16 points, made a 3-pointer from the right side to give the academy a 42-40 lead with 27 seconds left. Smith cut it to 42-41 when he sank one of two free throws at 14 seconds.

Whaley got fouled four seconds later but missed the free throw; and the academy claimed the rebound, setting up the thrilling finish.

MEDDAC 59, Marines 52: Detrick Bush scored a game-high 24 to pace second-ranked MEDDAC (10-3).

LeRoy Howard had 14 and Ray Lee had 11 for the medics who trailed 23-20 at halftime.

"I think this game right here our team was a little I guess frustrated, a little bit tired," said Lee, the point guard. "We held it together at the end. We know what we need to do to win, and we just played hard. That's what we need to do in the postseason."

Damien Cason had 18 points while Terrance Tallie and Isiah Locquiro added 14 apiece for the fifth-ranked

Marines (6-7).

"They played us hard," Marines coach Summer Fields said. "Everybody's going to play us hard (in the postseason) and we're going to have to do the same thing back."

Bravo 47, Delta 36: Eugene Williams had a game-high 20 for the Bulldogs (6-7) who led 24-17 at halftime.

"Just another learning tool," Bravo coach Reggie Williams said. "Something to try to improve on."

Myron Gurganious had 13 points, Nina Beamon had 12 and Ron Myers had 11 for Delta (6-7). The Devastating Dragons are the defending post champs but have struggled this year with a new lineup.

"Hopefully we'll get our team right (for the postseason)," point guard Ron Shepherd said. "Our whole team get together and play as a team, everybody be focused, so we can bring that championship back to Delta. So we get to defend our title."

The *Rocket's* latest rankings have Charlie at No. 1, MEDDAC at No. 2, NCO Academy at No. 3, HHC 59th at No. 4 and Marines at No. 5.

The final standings of the regular season are: Eastern Conference — NCO Academy (10-3), Bravo (6-7), Delta (6-7) and 2117th (3-10). Western Conference — Charlie (11-2), MEDDAC (10-3), HHC 59th (8-5), Marines (6-7) and AMCOM (5-8).

Seedings for the double-elimination, postseason tournament are: 1. Charlie (11-2), 2. MEDDAC (10-3), 3. NCO Academy (10-3), 4. HHC 59th (8-5), 5. Marines (6-7), 6. Bravo (6-7), 7. Delta (6-7), 8. AMCOM (5-8) and 9. 2117th (3-10). The postseason final is March 2.

■ North Carolina-based Guardsmen going to Iraq

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“My family has been in North Carolina since the 1700s,” said one lieutenant. “I’m related to half the people in town. I guarantee that if something happens to me, there will be 200 people at my house asking what they can do to help.”

A Guard official said many of the communities have adopted 30th Brigade companies and are working together to see that families have what they need to make it through the deployment. Civic and veterans organizations also are working to ensure families have what they need.

“Like the Army, these communities will care for their own,” he said. Officials said the tradition is the same in other states. The New York infantry unit that will deploy with the brigade has a similar attitude toward service, officials said. The 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry comes from central New York state, and the people of the region are gathering around the unit as it prepares to leave.

The counterpart to this is that communities, too, rely upon the Guardsmen. State officials said that many communities are losing the very people who make it work. Many police, firefighters, paramedics and government officials also are National Guardsmen. A state official said one town’s Volunteer Fire Department was decimated by the call-up.

“Other people, who don’t normally volunteer, stepped forward,” he said.

Job security

A final difference between active duty and reserve component servicemembers is

that active duty personnel do not have to worry about their jobs upon their return. The military asks a lot of servicemembers, but it also asks a lot of employers of reserve component servicemembers.

“Large corporations have the depth to absorb a yearlong loss of personnel,” said a state Guard official. “Smaller companies do not.” Some companies have continued the Guardsmen’s medical coverage. Still others have made up the difference between the Guardsmen’s civilian pay and their military salaries.

Smaller businesses don’t have the pockets to make these kinds of allowances, but they are still doing what they can for the called-up Guardsmen, said officials. There have been remarkably few problems to date, said the official. The state is working with the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve organization to anticipate problems.

“I expect the real problems will surface when the brigade comes home,” said the official.

With all the differences, there are similarities between the active duty and reserve component. The professional attitude, the unit cohesion and the sense of mission are the same.

The Guardsmen of the 30th Brigade have been through the same training and have the same equipment as members of the active Army. Their leaders are held to the same standards as NCOs and officers on the active side. Perhaps the most telling aspect of their service is the sense of obligation to do their parts.

“My granddaddy went (to World War II), my daddy went (to Vietnam),” said one sergeant. “Now I guess it’s my turn.”

■ Portable chapel lifts deployed troops’ spirits

Chapel

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The Army’s new containerized chapel has almost everything troops need for religious ceremonies in faraway locales. The chapel comes in its own 20-foot ISO shipping container and includes a temper tent, seats, lighting, heating and cooling system, pulpit, altar, communion sets, prayer books, electronic keyboard for music, and various religious items to support services for Catholic, Christian, Muslim, Protestant or Jewish faiths.

Chaplain (Maj.) John Wheatley thanked the depot work force.

“This allows a place and a mechanism for the full dimension of worship, including religious education classes and fellowship,” he said. “It’s certainly a morale-booster.”

Silas, who recently visited Iraq, called the chapel the most important system for maintaining the spirits of the warfighter. “Nothing else measures up,” he said.

He told the 100 personnel at the ceremony that the work was done on time and under budget and thanked them for their performance and commitments to Soldiers.



Sports & Recreation

Duathlon competition

The 3D Duathlon – a 5K run, 25K bike, 5K run – is 9 a.m. March 13 at Hampton Cove. It's sponsored by 3D Research Corporation to benefit the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. For more information, call 464-9494.

Youth team benefit

After finishing its fall season with a 17-1 record, ranked No. 1 in the state, No. 2 in the South and No. 7 in the nation, the North Alabama Vipers 9-and-under baseball team is preparing for its spring baseball season and a trip to the 9U USSSA World Series in St. Louis. SMDC-TC worker Mike Madewell has a son, Ryan, on the team. It plans to play 60-70 games this spring in a dozen tournaments throughout Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Missouri. For more information on its fall season and to obtain a tentative spring baseball schedule, you can visit their web site at <http://www.eteams.com/navipers9u/>. To help the team raise money for this year, the Huntsville Applebee's, 3028 Memorial Parkway Southwest, will provide a pancake breakfast Saturday from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and the menu will consist of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice. For information on obtaining an advance ticket, call Madewell 955-2312 (work) or 461-6975 (home). You may also purchase a ticket at the door that morning.

Endurance march

The 15th annual Bataan Memorial Death March, a 26.2-mile trek through the desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range, N.M., is March 21. For more information, call Capt. Timothy Stewart (505) 678-1507.

Women's golf association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Executive Women's Golf Association will hold its fourth annual Tee-Off, March 11 from 6-8 p.m. at the Huntsville Country Club. Scheduled speaker is Cindy Parrish from The Golf Professionals golf shop. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Reservations are required. For more information about EWGA, call 828-8005 or log on to www.ewgahuntsville.com.

Redstone golf group

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association is ready to begin the 2004 season with a welcoming coffee March 3 at 9 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Coffee and rolls will be served. There is no charge. All women age 17 and over who meet the eligibility requirements for use of the Redstone Golf Course are invited.

Madison soccer

The Madison Soccer Club Shockers is forming teams for spring play in the North Alabama Soccer League. Practices will begin in February and games will begin in March. "Specifically, we are seeking girls ages 7-9 with a strong desire to play soccer," a prepared release said. For more information,

call Jo Countess (256) 771-0530.

Baseball bus trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a baseball bus trip to see the St. Louis Cardinals and the Atlanta Braves in their only regular season series in Atlanta. This three-day trip will leave Redstone Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. and return Aug. 15 about 7 p.m. Cost is \$190 per person based on double occupancy. This includes two nights at the Embassy Suites Galleria, bus fare, game tickets for that Friday night and Saturday game, snacks and beverages on the bus. For reservations call Charlie Urban 955-7662. A \$100 per person deposit is due by April 1 to hold your reservation. Space is limited so do not delay.

Challenger bingo

Challenger Activity Center bingo introduces "Blazing Quarters Bingo." New Blazing Quarter bingo play is a different program from its regular bingo operations, which will continue unchanged. Current start time for the new program will be Friday at 10:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 837-0750.

Youth baseball

The Redstone Arsenal Youth Sports Baseball/Softball Leagues will be played the last week of April through June. Registration continues through March 5. Opening ceremonies are April 23 at Joe Davis Stadium. Redstone CYS League play will be held on the RSA Little League Fields on Goss Road. Cost is \$35 for baseball or softball and is open children ages 5-12 whose parents or guardians are active duty, retired military, Guard, Reserve, DoD, NASA, and RSA contractors' dependents. You may register at Child and Youth Services central registration, building 1500 Weeden Mountain Road. Central registration fee is \$18 per child or \$40 per family per year if not already registered. A current physical and a copy of the child's birth certificate are required for registration. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.



Conferences & Meetings

Toastmasters

Toastmasters can help improve your communication and leadership skills by conducting meetings, giving prepared speeches or briefings, giving impromptu speeches and offering constructive evaluations. This is an approved government training opportunity. A form DD-1556 is all you need to sign up to start earning your Continuous Learning Points. To find a club near you, go to <http://www.toastmasters.org/find/>. If you have trouble contacting a particular club, contact Chad Daly at

Chad.Daly@smdc.army.mil or Toastmasters International at tminfo@toastmasters.org.

Worldwide logistics workshop

Register now for the Logistics Support Activity Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop, March 8-12 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The keynote speaker is Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations at Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. He is scheduled to speak March 8 at 11:30 a.m. Additionally, this year's event includes presentations by Department of Army for Logistics, Combined Arms Support Command, Forces Command, Army Materiel Command for Operations, National Guard Bureau, Defense Logistics Agency, and Program Executive Office for Enterprise Integration Systems. For more information, call 313-6698.

Air defenders

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will have its quarterly general membership luncheon March 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Col. John Vaughn, project manager for Lower Tier Project Office. Cost is \$11 for members and \$14 for non-members. Applications for membership will be accepted at the door. For more information, contact the association secretary at michael.i.howell@ngc.com.

General services expo

General Services Administration's Southeast Sunbelt Region invites you to Orlando, Fla., May 11-13 to experience Expo 2004. Admission is free to all civilian and military personnel. Attend more than 250 hours of professional procurement-oriented training, with CEU credit. Visit more than 700 commercial partners, across 300,000 square feet, exhibiting their products and services — all available through GSA schedules. GSA is offering free meeting rooms to federal activities as part of the expo May 10, 11 and 13, 2004. For details check the web site <http://expo.gsa.gov> or call 1-888-272-5565. To schedule a meeting, contact Barbara Petersen at Barbara.Petersen@gsa.gov.

Resource manager institute

The American Society of Military Comptrollers invites the AMCOM community to the 2004 Mini-Professional Development Institute Seminar titled "Designing your Destiny," March 31 and April 1 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The seminar leader is Lee Milteer, president of Lee Milteer Inc., career development strategists. Participants will attend one day of training. Bus transportation to and from lunch at Trinity Methodist Center will be provided from the auditorium. The luncheon

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program will be a workshop on dressing for success and promote the theme "Design Your Tomorrow." Some spring fashions for nonsex will be presented by Connie Broadway, visual manager for Dillard's. You do not have to be a member of ASMC or work in the comptroller field in order to attend. The cost of the seminar is \$65 for ASMC members and \$75 for non-members. Payment will be by IMPAC government purchase credit card only. Reserve a space by having a government purchase cardholder call either Linda Caswell 955-0687, Betty Jones 955-0688 or fax 955-8332.

Workers compensation training

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center's Workers' Compensation Office, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, Civilian Personnel Management Service, will offer training March 23 in the Diane Campbell Recreation Center to all Team Redstone managers, supervisors and organizational chiefs. Jeff Karl of DoD's Civilian Personnel Management Service in Jacksonville, Fla., will conduct sessions 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. "The purpose of this training is to make sure that managers understand their roles and responsibilities under the Federal Employment Compensation Act, OWCP's timeliness submission requirements, and the importance of reducing workers' compensation costs," a prepared release said.

Aeronautical faculty

The Embry-Riddle University Huntsville Center will hold a faculty meeting March 8 from 5-7 p.m. at the Redstone Flying Activity building 4828. The meeting is open to all current and interested ERAU faculty members. The ERAU Huntsville Center is recruiting part-time faculty, with a specific need for Economics, Accounting, Marketing, Management and Aeronautical Science instructors. Qualified applicants must have at least a master's degree with 18 semester hours in one of these disciplines. Call 876-9763 for more information.

Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at The Challenger Activity Center. "Come join us March 11 for fun, food and service to the community," a prepared release said. For information call Jean Mulcahy 881-7024.



Miscellaneous

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 telecom-

munications 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 Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Gleria Edwards 313-3867. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

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.

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) or the AMCOM Portal Intranet site located at (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 technol-

ogy 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 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.

Resource manager scholarships

The American Society of Military Comptrollers announces its annual scholarship program for ASMC members and their immediate families. The national scholarship is open only to high school seniors, but the local scholarship is also open to undergraduates and those working on graduate programs. The application can be found at <http://www.asmcconline.org>. Deadline is March 1; and applications may be mailed to Jan Howard, PEO, Air, Space and Missile Defense, Attn: SFAE-AMD-BD-SF, P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801. Applications may also be faxed to 313-3446 or e-mailed to Jan.Howard@amd.army.mil. For more information, call Howard 313-3447.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is accepting scholarship applications for dependent children of active duty and retired Soldiers for the 2004-05 school year. Scholarship applications can be found at the AER web site www.aerhq.org. For more information, call Kristi Foster of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Warrant officer scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards in 2004. Eligible participants include dependent or adopted children/stepchildren of military (active, retired, National Guard or Reserve) and DoD civilian residing in the Tennessee Valley. Applicants must be high school seniors or college freshmen. Deadline to apply is May 1. To download a packet and application form, go to www.redstonewarrants.com.

Tax assistance center

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is open until April 15 in building 3489 at the corner of Ajax Road and Zeus Road. It provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty and retired military and their dependents. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 for walk-in services. For an appointment, call 842-1040.

Art auction

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present its 32nd annual Art Exhibition and Auction, Saturday at the Officers and Civilians Club. The exhibition starts at 5:30 p.m. and the auction at 7. Tickets are \$10; and proceeds benefit the OCWC

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welfare fund. Tickets can be purchased at the club (830-2582) or through an OCWC representative. For more information, call Natalie Taylor or Kathleen Riester 876-5397.

Welfare requests

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club distributes money each year to a variety of requesting organizations. OCWC Welfare Request Forms will be available in the group's newsletter "Southern Exposure," at Army Community Service, by mail — RSAOCWC, Attention: Welfare Chairman, P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808 — or via Internet from mtbissell@firstcommand.com. The request deadline is Friday. For more information call Mary Bissell 837-3310, extension 109.

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.

Fashion show

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy will present the "Men at Their Finest" fashion show and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. "All are invited to share this enjoyable evening with us and serve a good cause," a prepared release said. The Isbell Academy serves students with learning disabilities or who are performing below

grade level expectations. Its goal is to remediate each student to grade level expectations and return them to their regular school. For information on the show, call Janice Isbell 859-9758 or the school 746-9206.

Cultural events volunteers

Volunteers are sought for the Installation Cultural Events Committee. The objective is to plan and execute cultural activities that will be of interest to the Arsenal community. Employees must have permission from their supervisor to serve on the committee. Those interested should call Gladys Lee 876-5844.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday and Thursday 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. "Feb. 26 is the last day we will accept winter items," a prepared release said. "We will not be accepting any clothing until March 23." Donations are accepted, and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Bookkeeper job

There's an opening for a bookkeeper at the Thrift Shop. The salary is \$4,200 annually for about 10 hours per week. Applicants should have a thorough knowledge of Quick Books financial program

and be proficient in bookkeeping procedures. Applications are available during business hours at the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road. The deadline is April 1. For information call Isabel Boicourt 881-6992.

Donation requests

The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. The deadline is March 31. Include your federal tax number and why you want a donation with your request letter to: Thrift Shop, Attention Mary McCarthy, building 3209 on Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Redstone motorcycle training

Experienced Riders Motorcycle Training is conducted at the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership off I-565 and Greenbrier Road. Soldiers, DoD civilians and military retirees are funded by the government. Contractors pay \$75 per person. For registration information, call Keith Coates 876-3383 or John Zuber 876-3114 of the Garrison Safety Office.

Continuing education

Oakwood College's Leadership Education for the Adult Professional bachelor's degree classes will begin this spring at Redstone Arsenal. Pre-register from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19-22 at the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road. Earn your degree in 18 months. For more information, call 876-9761.

Army family team building

Let Army Family Team Building help you unlock the mysteries of volunteer management and leadership challenges. AFTB Level II will be held March 8-11 from 6-9 p.m. at building 3338 on Redeye Road. Level II is designed for emerging leaders within the Army community — experienced family members who have begun to assume leadership roles within the community and their unit or organization. Courses offered include Introduction to Effective Leadership, Volunteer Management, Management Skills (Communication, Conflict, Group, Stress, Time and Meeting Management), and Problem Solving. Call 876-5397 by Friday to enroll in this free seminar. Free on-post childcare is available while you are in class — ask about it when you enroll.

Income tax course

Learn to prepare your own taxes from a tax professional. The Redstone Arsenal Extension of Calhoun Community College has scheduled a course on how to prepare individual income tax returns. Besides teaching how to do taxes, specific tax issues of interest to participants will be addressed. Course dates are March 11 through May 11, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:20-10 p.m. Registration continues through May 8. Cost of the course is \$252. Call 876-7431 for more information.

Calhoun registration

Registration for the second spring "minimester" at the Redstone extension of Calhoun Community College continues through May 8. The term dates are March 10 through May 11. Call 876-7431 for

more information or visit Calhoun's web site www.calhoun.edu.

Mardi Gras ball

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Xi Omicron Chapter, invites you to celebrate Mardi Gras 2004 and return to "The Roaring '20s." The masquerade ball is March 5 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Omega Community Center, 181 Import Circle northwest. The donation is \$15 per person tax deductible and all proceeds benefit the chapter's annual scholarship fund. Contact any member of XI Omicron Chapter for tickets or call Lawrence McRae 289-1215.

Pancake day benefit

The Huntsville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring its 27th annual Pancake Day, March 6. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee will be served in the Huntsville High cafeteria from 6 a.m. to noon. "This is your chance to support the Kiwanis programs and have a great breakfast, too," a prepared release said. Tickets at the door are \$5 each but you can purchase \$4 advance tickets by calling Charlie Urban 955-7662.

Ethics update

Recently, a number of federal personnel have received full versions of Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003 and Microsoft Office OneNote 2003 through the mail from Microsoft Corporation. These gifts were preceded in the mail by a card announcing that the software would be arriving "in the coming weeks." The card noted that the software products were being sent "without obligation." These items have been determined to be gifts from a prohibited source, and may not be accepted by DoD employees, according to the Department of Defense Standards of Conduct Office which cited 5 CFR 2635.202. "Accordingly, we request that ethics counselors alert their organizations to this situation, and advise military and civilian personnel that they are not permitted to accept these gifts," a prepared release said. "If received, the items should be returned to Microsoft." For more information, call the AMCOM Legal Services Division 876-8921.

Master's degrees

The University of Tennessee's MBA programs for professionals will hold an information reception March 3 from 4-7 p.m. at the Huntsville Marriott at Five Tranquility Base. Meet program faculty and admissions representatives from three featured programs: the Senior Executive and Aerospace MBA programs, both one-year, residence period-based programs, and the 16-month regional Professional MBA program. For more information, visit <http://TheCenter.utk.edu> or call toll free 800-486-EMBA (3622).

NCO call

All non-commissioned officers (active and retired) are invited to join the post command sergeant major for an NCO Call from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Spc. Michael Gola 876-9857.

Veterinary clinic

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics March 16 from 4-7 p.m. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia tests and the AVID microchip identification system will also be available for pets. For more information, call the facility 876-2441.

Second spring term

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center will begin its second spring term March 15. The term runs through May 15 with classes meeting one evening per week. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in aviation/aerospace and technical management fields. Deadline to register is March 12. Call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Education Center, building 3222.

Women's history program

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center will celebrate Women's History Month on March 11 at 10 a.m. in the Richard Shelby Auditorium, building 4544. This year's theme is, "Women — Inspiring Hope and Possibility." The program will feature Lee Marshall of WAFF-TV 48.

Quarterly retirement event

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is April 20 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to

retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate by calling Sarah Brazzel 313-0546. Deadline for signing up is March 23.

Military night at museum

Earlyworks Hands-on History Museum, in conjunction with the American Legion Auxiliary Post 237, invites the Huntsville military community to "Patriots — Past and Present: A Salute to the Military," March 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the Earlyworks Museum, 404 Madison St. Admission is \$2 per person ages 3 and up, and free for all active duty military personnel and their families. Reservations are appreciated by calling 564-8119.

Garden plots

All personnel desiring garden plots for the 2004 planting season must contact the Family Housing office located at building 3207 on Hercules Road. There are 54 garden plots available at Vincent Drive (Area 1) and 58 plots available at Wesson Circle (Area 2). Requests and assignments of plots will be as follows: All requests must be made in person. With the exception of being closed daily 11:30-12:30, the Housing Office is open Monday through Wednesday from 7-4:30, Thursday 7:30-11:30 and Friday from 7-3:30. Please do not request more than one garden plot. Only one per family will be issued until March 31. Priorities have been established to better serve all interested personnel:

first priority — Active duty military must make requests March 1-12; second priority — Retired military must make requests March 15-23; and third priority — DoD civilians can make requests March 24-31. Beginning April 1, garden plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis to the aforementioned. For information call Ms. Scott 876-7144 or Mr. Pearson 842-2449.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society presents Dr. David Hathaway, NASA astronomer, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wernher Von Braun Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For non-members, admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

Chili cookoff

Want to prove you have Redstone Arsenal's best chili? Come be a part of the second annual Redstone MWR community-wide Chili Cookoff, March 18 from 11

a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, right after the quarterly FACTS meeting. Team participation (limit five persons) is allowed, \$10 per team or single entry and participants must make two gallons of chili for judging. Three prizes will be awarded. Go to www.redstonemwr.com for rules. Beginning March 1, call 830-2582 or 876-4531 to register.

Discount show tickets

Independent Musical Productions Inc. is offering all Team Redstone badge and military ID holders \$2 off the regular ticket price for its musical production, "Hooray for Hollywood." Regular price tickets are \$15 (general) and \$12 (students and seniors). Evening performance dates and times are March 18-20 at 7:30 p.m.; and matinee performances are March 20-21 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Parisian (Parkway Place), A.B. Stephens Music, and Shaver's Books. For more information, call 859-2563.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL

SCBK040540351	Public Affairs Specialist	26-Feb-04	PAO	GS-1035	12	12	57,812 - 75,159	X	X											X			X
SCBK04663952	Resource Mgmt Officer	26-Feb-04	GARRISON	GS-0501	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X														
SCBK04578272	Patent Attorney	27-Feb-04	SMDC	GS-1222	13	14	68,443 - 105,613	X	X				X										X
SCBK04659678	Lead Aerospace Engineer	27-Feb-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04518054	Contract Specialist	27-Feb-04	AMCOM	GS-1102	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04691683	General Engineer	27-Feb-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	57,812 - 89,369	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04646292	Program Analyst	27-Feb-04	AMRDEC	DE-0343	3	3	43,902 - 75,159	X	X				X	X	X								
SCBK04644667	Program Analyst	27-Feb-04	AMRDEC	DE-0343	3	3	43,902 - 75,159	X	X				X	X	X								
SCBK04691557	Budget Analyst	27-Feb-04	IMMC	GS-0560	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X											X	X	X	
SCBK04642602	Lead General Engineer	1-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV	81,240 - 124,232	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04670159	Integration Sys Analyst	1-Mar-04	AMCOM	NH-0301	3	3	59,302 - 91,672	X	X														
SCBK04665023	Secretary (OA)	1-Mar-04	DCSS	GS-0318	7	7	32,591 - 42,364	X	X														
SCBK04688428	Supply Technician	1-Mar-04	GARRISON	GS-2005	7	7	32,591 - 42,364	X	X														
SCBK04690580	Financial Systems Spec	2-Mar-04	RMD	GS-0501	9	9	39,866 - 51,829	X	X														
SCBK04700831	Administrative Support Assistant (OA)	2-Mar-04	CAD	GS-0303	6	6	29,328 - 38,126	X	X											X		X	
SCBK04653983	General Engineer	2-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	57,812 - 89,369	X	X				X							X	X	X	
SCBK04678231	General Engineer	3-Mar-04	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X														
SCBK04696852	Aerospace Engineer	3-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	57,812 - 89,369	X	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04694900	Secretary (OA)	3-Mar-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0318	6	6	29,328 - 38,126	X	X														
SCBK04688699	Supply Systems Analyst	3-Mar-04	IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	57,812 - 75,159	X	X														
SCBK04670624	Contract Specialist	4-Mar-04	ACQ CTR	GS-1102	12	12	57,812 - 75,159	X	X				X							X		X	
SCBK04676124	Human Resource Spec.	4-Mar-04	P&T	NH-0201	3	3	57,812 - 89,369	X	X														
SCBK04686617	Log Support Asst (OA)	4-Mar-04	IMMC	GS-303	7	7	32,591 - 42,364	X	X														
SCBK04695056	General Supply Spec	4-Mar-04	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	39,866 - 51,829	X	X														
SCBK04656768	Architect; Civil Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Elec Engr; Industrial Engr	5-Mar-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0810, 0819, 0830, 0850, 0896	12	12	54,024 - 73,197	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04658371	Electrical Engineer	5-Mar-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	57,510 - 73,197	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04675322	General Engineer	5-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04653043	Lead Computer Engineer	5-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0854	IV	IV	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04652767	Lead General Engineer	5-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04670621	Procurement Tech (OA)	5-Mar-04	ACQ CTR	GS-1106	5	5	26,311 - 34,203	X	X						X					X	X	X	
SCBK040591356	Supv Safety Engineer	11-Mar-04	AMCOM	NH-0803	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X														
SCBK04691642	General Engineer	12-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK03506488	Lead Aerospace Engineer	15-Dec-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04650686	Lead General Engineer	17-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04068092	IT Specialist	17-Mar-04	CIC	GS-2210	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X														
SCBK04696641	Management Analyst	17-Mar-04	SMDC	GS-0343	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X													X	
SCBK04680259	Supv Mgmt & Prog Anal	17-Mar-04	SMDC	GS-0343	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X														
SCBK04652591	Lead General Engineer	18-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X													X	
SCBK04680754	Lead General Engineer	19-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04681081	Lead General Engineer	19-Mar-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04705560	Environmental Engineer	19-Mar-04	SMDC	GS-0819	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X														
SCBK046466110C	Architect; Chem Engr; Civil Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Arch	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X														
SCBK046514530C	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	12	12	52,281 - 67,968	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK046516280C	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK046514310C	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.S.OPM.GOV

X-SP-04-6087-LW	General Engineer	25-Feb-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	3	3	57,812 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-5999-RD	Lead Electronics Engr	27-Feb-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6000-RD	Lead General Engineer	27-Feb-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6033-FL	Integration Sys Manager	3-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0301	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6030-FL	International Prog Mgmt Specialist	3-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0301	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6035-RD	Lead Aerospace Engr	3-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6032-FL	Supv Log Mgmt Spec	3-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-RW-04-6084-ST	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	5-Mar-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	55,958 - 86,509	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-RW-04-6081-ST	Electrical Engineer	5-Mar-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	57,556 - 74,826	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6059-LW	Lead Computer Engineer	6-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0854	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6057-FL	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-03456	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6073-LW	General Engineer	10-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F - All Federal Employees
- H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
- T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
- U - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.
 NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e., Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com, or you may telephone 876-7772.