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Businesses wave banner of support

Operation Blue Star slated for Flag Day

The blue star banner is presented to families of troops currently in service. Now local veterans and military support organizations want to do something for helpful businesses and to display community support for the troops.

About 90 volunteer companies will receive blue star service flags and banners in a program June 2 at 8:30 a.m. at Lockheed Martin auditorium in the Bradford Drive facility; and they are to begin displaying these banners on Flag Day, June 14.

"The purpose of this whole program is to show support for our troops," Bill Meiers, president of North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Coalition, said. "In these cases we're looking for companies who are doing all they can to support those troops."

An Operation Blue Star Historic Flag Day Ceremony is scheduled June 14 at noon in Veterans Park (formerly Gateway Park) in downtown Huntsville.

"The ceremony will take about 30 minutes and is the official kickoff of the countywide program to begin the display of the blue star banners and flags across the county," retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, state



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

STARS AND STRIPES— The flag symbolizes the love and pride that we have as a nation — a poignant reminder of America's greatness and our fortune to live in a country which values freedom above all else.

president of the Association of the United States Army, said. "It will be the first military/veterans event conducted at our new Veterans Park donated to the Veterans

Memorial Foundation by the City of Huntsville last month."

The ceremony is to feature among others Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer; Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone; and John Rogers, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army. The Huntsville Concert Band will provide patriotic music.

"A Blue Star Service Banner in the front window of a home tells others a family member is in the military," said a prepared release from the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Coalition. "America's war on terrorism touches us all. Remember our men and women in the armed forces. They sacrifice today for our tomorrows. America is at war. A Blue Star Service Banner in a window tells us a family member is fighting this war. They come from every corner of America. They are our young military men and women. In wars past a Blue Star Service Banner displayed in a home's window showed that a family member was serving in the armed forces. The tradition continues. To every member of the military and their families we say thank you."

"The objective of Operation Blue Star is to remind the public that men and women

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Americans showing true red, white and blue colors



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

END OF THE DAY— Headquarters and Alpha Company Soldiers, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, take down the flag in front of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School before sunset.

Flying Old Glory a sign of unflinching patriotism

By SANDY RIEBELING
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In the midst of pride and patriotism, it's important to honor and respect the American flag by proper display.

Most people know not to use the flag to make clothing or as table coverings or as a costume. The U.S. Flag Code (36 US Code 10) provides guidelines on how and when to display the flag.

"The most important thing is to display the flag in a respectful way," Charles Pollard, protocol clerk, Aviation and Mission Command, said. One of Pollard's responsibilities is to position and display flags properly at events and ceremonies. "It represents our country and all that it stands for. It's supposed to be treated like a living thing."

Proper etiquette guidelines for common use include:

Display on buildings and stationary flag staffs in open from sunrise to sunset. Appropriate lighting is needed for nighttime display. Flags should be allowed to fall free, never bunched, draped, or touching anything beneath it such as the ground, floor, water or merchandise. When the American flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill, balcony or front of building the union of the flag (blue field) should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first from the building.

"The flag shouldn't be draped over the hood of a car

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Morale Welfare and Recreation month

I am designating the month of June 2004 as Team Redstone MWR Month.

Our Morale Welfare and Recreation activities and related membership programs all help sustain Soldiers, civilians, retirees and families' morale and well being. These activities support the Army's readiness and retention goals by providing quality of life services and focal points for social activities or military events that foster camaraderie, esprit de corps, and the cohesiveness of this installation.

During June 2004, MWR and its Officers and Civilians Club, Golf Course, Flying Activity, and Team Redstone MWR Services discount program are all conducting customer awareness activities with excellent membership incentives. Redstone MWR has scheduled various customer appreciation, awareness and new or renewing members' celebrations throughout June. There is a membership program for everyone, with fantastic incentives for you to join and participate with your fellow Team Redstone members.

Simply put, the Army MWR pro-

grams are a fantastic benefit of your service in the defense of this great nation. I encourage you to look into the rewards of participation in Team Redstone MWR during the ongoing Membership Awareness Campaign. Of course membership is voluntary, but there is strength in numbers. All membership organizations, be they MWR or the many fine private organizations and associations that support our Team Redstone community, need your support to remain strong. I highly encourage membership and your active participation and patronage. Remember that every dollar spent at Redstone Arsenal stays here on the Arsenal. All locally generated MWR revenues are used to improve the well-being programs, facilities and services for all Team Redstone Soldiers, civilians other federal government partners, contractors, retirees and their families.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club, the golf course, the fitness centers, and all of our fine MWR activities!

Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury
commander, AMCOM
and Redstone

Scouts honored at assistance

Class 1-35-C40-011-04, the Non Commissioned Officers Academy, supported the annual Urban Emphasis Scout Leaders Council "Cubmobile Derby" on May 15. These Soldiers served as registrants and timekeepers.

Other community supporters included the Huntsville Police Department, the Home Depot, Costco and Staples. This activity provided Cub Scouts in Huntsville with an opportunity to build character, develop skills and have a lot of fun. Thirteen Cub packs gathered at Home Depot parking lot on North Memorial Parkway with one eye on the threatening weather and one eye on the racetrack to race the cars they built.

After an hour of registration and practice runs, the derby was started with an official opening ceremony. During the ceremony, Kevin White of Cub Pack 314 gave the invocation, members of Troop 400 and Pack 400 posted the colors and led the pledge of allegiance. Maurice McCaulley led the Cub Scout pledge.

Rios Merritt, vice president of UESLC; Jim Charlton, Creek District commissioner; and Jacob Roberts, store manager for Home Depot, made words of welcome. Albert Farrar explained the derby rules to the eager racers. Grand marshal Michael Lundy, executive director of Huntsville Housing Authority, dropped the start flag sending the first racers down the start ramp under the control of the Soldiers from the NCO Academy.

James Heyward of UESLC kept the event flowing until all racers completed their required runs. The activity culminated with the awards ceremony where first through fourth place awards were presented to winners in Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Den Chiefs and Adult Leaders/Moms and Dads categories.

The UESLC was honored and delighted to have received support from the Soldiers from Redstone Arsenal for this significant event.

Albert Farrar
Scoutmaster

No profit from pumps

For those who read the article in last week's *Rocket* concerning gasoline pricing for gas at the PX gas station, please understand that very little profit is made on the gasoline as many invoices have a cost that is higher than

the sell, resulting in a loss, not a profit on the sale of gasoline.

Roger Overcast
manager,
One Stop Combined Activity

Sponsors support golf tournament

The Production Engineering/Industrial Operations Division of the Engineering Directorate had an amazing inaugural AER Golf Tournament, May 6 at Huntsville Municipal Golf Course.

Thanks to the following personnel who made this event possible: Fred Maddox, Will Lovell, Robert Olson, Sharon Aldijaili, Gina Reitmeier and Chris Farmer

With more than 100 participants, we raised \$3,500, approximately \$700 more than expected. Thanks to local businesses, we were able to raffle off over \$700 worth of various gifts.

Please remind people in this community to thank local business by continuing to support these businesses.

This is a list of sponsors that made this money raising event possible:

- Monetary donations — Wal-Mart Supercenter, \$1,000; Dewayne Holland, \$20; Michael Myrick, \$25; Tom Essmacher, \$25; and Steven B. Austin, \$30.
- Hole sponsors — Brice Construction, Color X-Press, Kilpatrick Lawn Care, White Fleming, Baggett Construction, Remax (Lowery Team); Morris,

Conchin, Cooper and King Attorneys; Rise Real Estate (Team Richard), O'Reilly Auto Parts, IRTC, Civil Solutions LLP, Wilson Office Supply Co., Regions Bank, Smokey's Barbecue, Casa Blanca, Greenbrier Barbecue, Turner-Universal Construction, Express Oil Change, Bill Heard Chevrolet and Supreme Beverage.

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Chris Farmer
RD&E Center

Surfacing more questions

Read the response in the May 19 *Redstone Rocket*, and noted that the contractor is now six days behind schedule (as of May 21). The answer provided makes sense but does not seem to be what is happening in reality. If the signals were set for peak hour conditions, why are 20-25 cars sitting at a red light on southbound Toftoy (in the morning) watching non-existent traffic on Marshall? I pulled up to the light this morning and sat there at the light and not a single car passed by on Marshall.

The next question (a little more important) is when do they plan to resurface Toftoy between Marshall and

Fowler, especially the bridge on Fowler over Martin?

Richard Rice

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The traffic signals cannot differentiate between morning and afternoon when they are running in fixed time mode, which these signals are set. They will be returned to traffic actuated conditions as soon as detectors are installed in the new asphalt. We resurfaced roads that have affected eight

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An open lane random survey

What should it say on your tombstone?

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Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Caselberry
"It's about time."



Flossie Dawson
retired military
"I can finally say no."



Pvt. Ben Sanders
"It would be a quote from Monty Python: 'It's only a flesh wound.'"



Warrant Officer
Ronald Sweat
22nd National Guard
Recruiting Battalion
"No regrets."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

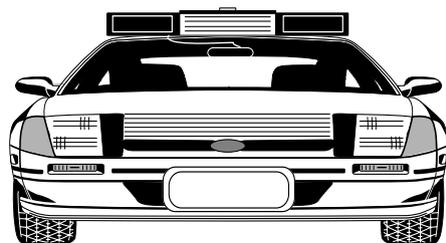
May 21: An individual reported that someone damaged the office area inside building 5429 when they poured copy machine toner on the floors and walls. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 22: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting various items and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 24: An individual reported that she was physically assaulted outside building 3411. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 24: An individual reported that someone dispensed gasoline into his personal vehicle at the Shoppette and then left without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 25: An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant during an



inspection at Gate 10. He was detained and released to the Boaz Police Department.

May 25: An individual was found to have several outstanding arrest warrants during an inspection at Gate 1. He was detained and released to the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

Lost identification/badge reported: 41.
Traffic accidents reported: 2 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 44 speeding, 1 no driver's license in possession, 1 failure to maintain insurance, 1 failure to yield right of way, 3 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 attempting to elude and 1 larceny.

Quote of the week

'Sixty seconds of horror and weeks and months of rehabilitation and rebuilding.'

— Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack while viewing devastation from tornado May 22 in tiny town of Bradgate, Iowa.

Shedding light on repaving schedule

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traffic signal intersections consisting of 37 traffic sensors. The contractor installing these sensors can only work during off peak conditions. As soon as these sensors are installed, we will program signals to operate very efficiently

as they have been in the past. As soon as an intersection is complete, we will reprogram that signal.

"Because of funding limitations, we cannot provide dates when roads will be repaved. Toftoy is currently programmed for fiscal year 2005 and will be repaved from Fowler to Rideout (including the Martin Road and Neal Road ramps) when funding is provided."

Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Name: Carlos Suggs

Job: Contract specialist, Acquisition Center

Where do you call home? Jackson, Tenn.

What do you like about your job?

I work with a good group of people.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Church activities. Working with the youth. Activities with Tennessee State University Alumni Chapter here in Huntsville, Birmingham and Nashville. Sports. Hanging with my (five) kids. Travel. Reading.

What are your goals?

To win more souls to Christ, so that none shall be lost and perish. That's my ultimate goal. Along



with getting my three oldest kids out of college — my oldest three are in college right now — and out of my pocket. (Laugh.) I'm sure some parents can relate. Just simply be the best that God would have me to be, to do His will.

Off switch doesn't necessarily mean off

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office wants to help you separate fact from fiction.

If you think no energy is used when the television and appliances are turned off, you're mistaken, according to the Energy Management Office.

"Most devices will continue to consume power when they're turned off, sometimes

as much power as when they're on," a prepared release said. "A surprisingly large number of electrical products — from air conditioners to VCRs — cannot be switched completely off without unplugging the device. These products draw power 24 hours a day, often without the knowledge of the consumer. This power consumption is called 'standby power.'"

NCO selection boards to convene earlier

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The Army has approved a plan to conduct the upcoming FY05 Master Sergeant and Sergeant First Class Selection Boards earlier than previously announced.

Originally scheduled to convene in October 2004 and February 2005 respectively, the newly announced board convene date for the FY05 Master Sgt. Board is Sept. 8, 2004 and the new convene date for the FY05 Sgt. 1st Class Selection Board is Nov. 2, 2004. Specific eligibility criteria and established zones of consideration will be announced through a Military Personnel message.

The Army is convening the selection boards earlier to ensure the Army has the right number of Soldiers in the appropriate grades as it fights the Global War on Terrorism. These enlisted selection boards allow the Army to promote at a sufficient rate to fill all authorized enlisted spaces with the best-qualified Soldiers.

There is no change to the planned zones of consideration ensuring that every Soldier who would have otherwise been eligible for consideration will remain eligible — regardless of the date the board convenes. Ultimately, since these boards are being held earlier, this means faster promotions for our Noncommissioned Officer Corps.

Restaurant satisfies taste for German cuisine



Photo by Sarah Perrin

MORALE BOOST— Dan Ahern, director of Morale Welfare and Recreation, addresses the Soldatenstube's reopening.

Soldatenstube reopens at post golf course

By SARAH PERRIN
For the Rocket

The Soldatenstube German Restaurant and Biergarten celebrated their grand reopening May 21 at the Redstone Golf Course.

Patrons, as well as special guests, gathered on the patio adjoining the rear entrance for the celebration and ribbon cutting. Each guest received a commemorative history of the 'Stube to take home. Attendees included Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin, Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerecht; Darrell Brewer, deputy to the garrison commander; and Dan Ahern, director of Morale Welfare and Recreation.

Festivities began at 5 p.m. with Ahern sharing an extended history of the 'Stube before inviting keynote speaker Gerecht to the podium.

"What a great day to be a Soldier," Gerecht said. "And I sure can't think of a better place to be a Soldier than here at this great and enduring installation, with its incredibly supportive community — both inside and outside our gates. I am absolutely honored to help open this place back up for our Soldiers — active, reserve, and retired — and for the benefit of all our Team Redstone partners."

Then selected attendees were each given an adorned pair of scissors for the ribbon cutting. Afterward, the doors to the restaurant were officially opened and everyone enjoyed drinks from the bar and complimentary samplings of authentic German food. Everything from schnitzels to desserts was available in generous samplings for all.

The new restaurant is housed within the golf facility in the area that was once the snack bar. Not only was the space completely renovated, but a spacious covered patio with seating accommodations that overlook the greenway was added as well. In addition to new furnishings, there are custom window and door treatments by King Cotton, a new bar from Dikes Restaurant, heraldic German shield art-

work by Adrian Baker, and new signs by Bob Bertoldi.

The quarter of a million dollar project, deemed a "Herculean task" by Ahern, was funded directly through MWR and took about three months to complete. Other contributors included Jack Ferguson and his business team that served as managers, Samantha's Contracting, and, said Ahern, "a secret design consultant team which we covertly imported from Europe for the authentic rustic gasthaus décor, concepts and touches."

This location for the Soldatenstube is the fourth in its nearly 50-year history on Redstone. The first 'Stube was opened in a single-wide trailer in 1957 shortly after Dr. Wernher von Braun and his colleagues arrived in Huntsville. The rustic atmosphere and authentic German beer, food and music provided not only a social outlet, but also some of the comforts of home to the German rocket team and the many Luftwaffe students here for training. The casual German pub remained until 1974 when it was destroyed by a tornado.

Not ones to be down on their luck, the airmen replaced the structure and were soon back in business. During this time the 'Stube was popular as a restaurant not only with the German residents, but their American guests as well. However, in 1991 the German Air Force Liaison Office and training unit were deactivated and those German friends returned home. The building and land was donated to the Chapel, which in turn donated it to MWR in order to keep the restaurant alive and to embrace Huntsville's large German community and the many American Soldiers who had served in Germany. In this spirit, MWR reopened and operated the Soldatenstube until December 2003 when it was closed due to structural safety issues.

The restaurant's new home is deemed a perfect fit. Now in a permanent structure, the Soldatenstube German Restaurant will be able to serve the community for many years to come.

You can visit the Soldatenstube German Restaurant and Biergarten at the golf course on Goss Road. For more information, call 883-8636.

Army birthday celebration unwrapped June 14

Association schedules event at Officers and Civilians Club

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, Association of the United States Army will celebrate the 229th Army Birthday and 227th Flag Day, June 14 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Maj. Gen. Joe Bergantz, program executive officer for aviation, is scheduled guest speaker.

Tickets are \$16 per person or \$128 for an eight-person corporate table, with reservations needed by Friday and payments by June 10. There will be no refunds for cancellations after June 7 and seating is limited.

Make reservations by phone, fax or e-mail to Cyndy Jones at 876-0257, fax at 876-7882 and e-mail: cyndy.jones@sed.redstone.army.mil.

To enter Redstone Arsenal, attendees without decal or badge must furnish name, phone number and organization to Jones by June 7. On June 14, those attendees should enter Gate 9, Rideout Road, allowing extra time for any wait at the gate. Guards will ensure attendees' names are listed, as well as verifying driver's license, proof of insurance and auto registration.



Courtesy photo

PARTY TIME— Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, third from right, and other senior leaders and Soldiers celebrate the Army's 228th birthday by cutting a cake at a Pentagon ceremony June 13, 2003.



Courtesy photo

Distinguished alumnus

Emily Vandiver Dickson, director of the Applied Technology Initiatives Directorate at the Research Development and Engineering Center, has been inducted into the University of Alabama-Huntsville College of Engineering Distinguished Engineering Alumni Academy. She received the 2004 Distinguished Engineer Alumni Award for her outstanding contribution in electrical engineering in an award ceremony May 14 at UAH. Dickson graduated magna cum laude with a BSEE degree in 1987.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

In the cards

Susan Blankenship, a badge checker at Sparkman building 5300, celebrated her 37th birthday on May 24. "It just means I'm getting closer to another zero," she says, "which I'm not too far away."

Troy facility begins building THAAD missiles

Program plays role in ballistic defense

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

Lockheed Martin began manufacturing the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile last week at its Pike County Operations facility in Troy.

The facility will perform final integration, assembly and testing of the THAAD missile, an integral part of the THAAD weapon system and the United States' network of layered defenses against ballistic missile attack. THAAD is designed to defend U.S. troops, allied forces, population centers and critical infrastructure against short- to medium-range ballistic missiles.

THAAD comprises a command and control/battle management system, missiles, launchers and radar. The missile uses hit-to-kill technology to destroy targets and is the only weapon system that engages threat ballistic missiles at both endo- and exo-atmospheric altitudes. A key element of the nation's Ballistic Missile Defense System, THAAD is a Missile Defense Agency program, with the project office located in Huntsville.

Flight testing of THAAD is scheduled to begin in late 2004 and continues through early 2009, with low-rate production to support an initial operating capability expected to begin in 2007.

In the current Development Program phase, THAAD missile production will employ about 25 people at the Troy facility. As the program progresses and the production rate grows, employment could rise to as many as 150 people. The first THAAD missile manufactured in Troy will be a

"pathfinder" missile, used to demonstrate and validate test processes and procedures. Immediately following the pathfinder missile, the first of 16 developmental flight test missiles will be manufactured.

The Pike County Operations encompass 3,863 acres, 336,000 square feet of building space and employs more than 280 personnel. Employees at the plant perform final assembly, test and storage of missiles, including the Hellfire II and Longbow Hellfire tactical missiles, the Javelin and the Predator antitank missiles. Pike County Operations also will build the new Joint Common Missile, slated to ultimately replace the Hellfire II, Longbow and Maverick missiles, and will also produce the Non Line-of-Sight Launch System Loitering Attack Missile. In addition, the facility builds the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile and is Lockheed Martin's Center of Excellence for Strike Weapons.



Courtesy photo

PLANT LAUNCH— Col. Chuck Driessnack, THAAD project manager, speaks at the activation of the THAAD missile facility at Lockheed Martin's Pike County Operations.



Photo by Spc. Ryan McClymont

Day in the field

Soldiers from the Technical Escort Training section of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School perform field training May 25. The mission of Tech Escort is to train students to perform worldwide, first-response sampling, detection, identification and limited decontamination involving hazardous material incidents.

Fond sendoff for 'friend, comrade, fellow Soldier'

Retiring colonel
to stay in area

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From one Virginia Military Institute graduate to another, it must have felt pretty good.

Col. Kurt Weidenthal II received words of thanks and congratulations from fellow VMI alumnus Lt. Gen. Richard Hack at his retirement ceremony May 25 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Weidenthal retires with 27 years of service, the last three as commander of the Logistics Support Activity.

"I'm very proud to call Kurt a friend, a comrade, a fellow Soldier," Hack, deputy commander and chief of staff of Army Materiel Command, said. "I tell you when I think of Kurt, I think of honor, integrity, VMI, great family man, great Soldier."

He presented Weidenthal the Distinguished Service Medal, various mementos and a retirement certificate effective June 1.

Weidenthal, 49, said he plans to remain

in the Huntsville area and "to take on the most exciting, rewarding, business-focused job that I can find and contribute to readiness for our warfighters. That's my goal."

He and his wife, Sue, reside in Madison with their four children: Katrina, 20, entering her junior year at Calhoun College; Kurt III, 18, who graduated last week from Bob Jones High; Brandy, 17, who will be a senior at Bob Jones; and Derek, 13, an eighth-grader at Discovery Middle.

Born in Fayetteville, N.C., Weidenthal was a distinguished military graduate from VMI and received a bachelor's degree in English. He earned a master's of business administration in 1987 from Babson College in Massachusetts. He commanded Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., from 1999-2001 and LOGSA since August 2001.

"You personally and professionally take care of your people," he said, "and they do the same for you."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOODBYE, SIR— Retiring Col. Kurt Weidenthal II hugs a well-wisher in the receiving line at the auditorium lobby.

Help available when curtain goes up on retirement

Planning encouraged
for life's next stage

By KELLEY LANE
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Planning for your retirement can be a scary thing. Couple that with leaving the military and you have ulcer-making material. Fortunately, those in the Redstone community have a place to take their questions and concerns.

The Retirement Services Office is standing by to ease the transition from Soldier to retiree.

"Retirement should be planned for well in advance," Cindy Anderson, retirement services officer, said. "We are here to assist the Soldiers and their families through this time."

The Retirement Services Office is even there to help before you are technically retired. "I work with Army Soldiers from the time they are considering retirement, through their retirement process, to include doing their orders and pre-retire-

ment briefings, to the day they are permanently retired," Anderson said. "This office assists all branches of service, military retirees and their dependents. We only do orders for the Army Soldiers, but can do counseling for the other branches."

'We are here to assist the Soldiers and their families through this time.'

— Cindy Anderson
retirement services officer

Even after retirement, Redstone has a way of holding on to the hearts and minds of those who spend a little time here. An estimated 100,000 military retirees and their family members live in northern Alabama and southern Tennessee. The beauty and convenience of the area coupled with the Arsenal's amenities and opportunities make it a popular retirement destination for those leaving the military to pursue second and even third careers. The activities and support system also draws in those just looking to take it easy

after years of dedicated service to their country.

Perhaps best well known of the many retiree perks is the annual Retiree Appreciation Day, planned for August. The event is planned by the Redstone Arsenal Retiree Advisory Council, to which Anderson is an adviser. The group represents the retiree community at Redstone.

"This council is made up of 33 retirees from all branches of service and all ranks," Anderson said. "We assist retirees that have concerns about Redstone Arsenal and take their issues up with the proponent office, i.e. Fox Army Health Center, PX and the Commissary."

Retiree Appreciation Day boasts one-stop shopping for retirees' needs with booths set up for questions, information, health-care and prime benefits such as legal aid. The event is both informative and social.

"We will have four guest speakers, offer legal services, and issue ID cards," Anderson said. "Fox will do limited medical testing and the Huntsville Concert Band will play during the lunch break."

The most valuable asset the office has to offer retirees may be information.

There may be more out there for people in the community that they simply do not know about, but can make a world of difference in their lives.

"A lot of the widows out there forget that they are a part of the military community," Anderson said. "Some of the widows of the retirees don't know that we are still here to support them and the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act. When the retiree dies, the benefits don't stop."

Possibly the best known of their services, Anderson said, is their work as a liaison to other offices and support organizations which provide the actual benefits to retirees. These include local entities such as Fox Army Health Center and national agencies such as the Human Resource Command and the Department of Veteran Affairs. She also said that they can assist with "just about everything that a retiree has questions about. If I don't know the answer I try to find the person who does. Everyday is a learning experience here."

For more information, call either Anderson at 876-2022 or adjutant general Lew Spencer at 842-2418.

Veteran gets medal at World War II memorial

Silver Star nomination made 60 years ago

By Spc. LORIE JEWELL
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WASHINGTON — As a lieutenant with the French Resistance, Michel Thomas battled tyranny alongside American troops as an attached member of the 45th Infantry Division in World War II.

Thomas was nominated for the Silver Star in 1944. Now 90, he finally has it.

Former Sen. Robert Dole and Sen. John Warner, both WWII veterans, presented Thomas with the Army's third-highest award for combat valor at the National World War II Memorial May 25.

"It's taken 60 years," Dole noted of the medal and official recognition of Thomas' contributions to the allied victory. "I'm honored to be in his presence."

The private ceremony also included Thomas' adult children, Micheline and Gurion; WWII comrades Theodore Kraus and Bedford Groves; and French Ambassador Jean-David Levitte.

Thomas, whose family was killed by Nazis at Auschwitz, survived two years of slave labor and deportation camps in Vichy, France, before joining the French Forces of the Interior, Marquis Commando Group. He fought with them for two years before being attached to the Army's 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment of the 45th ID.

From August to September 1944, Thomas led reconnaissance patrols into enemy territory — sometimes three a day and sometimes alone, without regard for his own safety — to get information to help allied forces, the award citation said.

"Lt. Thomas was instrumental in capturing many enemy prisoners whom he personally interrogated and obtained much vital information," said Dole, reading the citation. "His fluent knowledge of various languages was beneficial in interrogating enemy prisoners and capturing slave laborers and French civilians."

Levitte thanked Thomas for his service, as well as the United States.

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank you," the ambassador said. "The American people saved France twice. We will never forget."

Thomas expressed gratitude in return, not just to Levitte, but also to the senators,

his comrades and others whose work led to the medal presentation, such as Alex Kline, a San Francisco private investigator, and Robert Wolfe, a retired senior archivist with the U.S. National Archives. Sen. John McCain, who couldn't attend because of scheduling conflicts, and U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney acted on Thomas' behalf by asking the Army to revisit the award recommendation in September 2003.

"It is with great pride that I stand here with you today, and with our fellow comrades in that worthy battle to defend both freedom and the sanctity of human life," Thomas said, reading his prepared remarks. "I am deeply moved and humbled by this gesture from each of you, and immensely honored to receive this recognition from the United States of America. Thank you."

Afterward, Thomas said he was deeply moved by receiving the medal, especially at the memorial, and with all of the people who traveled to witness the presentation.

Kraus, who witnessed many of Thomas' deeds as a Counter Intelligence Corps agent and commander, came from Connecticut for the ceremony. He was elated to see his friend honored after all this time.

"I've had tears in my eyes all day," Kraus said. "It's the culmination of a great effort by many people."

Gurion Thomas said that while his father has shared the stories of his service over the years, he never held any bitterness or regret that the Silver Star nomination didn't move forward, until now.

"He did not fight for medals, that's why he didn't pursue it," said Gurion Thomas. "He felt that fighting with the U.S. forces was honor enough. He's always said the American Army is the best fighting force in the world and he was honored to serve with them."

Momentum for the award started building about two years ago, after a reporter for the Los Angeles Times wrote an article about Thomas' biography, "Test of Courage," by Christopher Robbins. The book recounts a number of incredible feats by Thomas: his 1943 escape from Klaus Barbie, known as the Butcher of Lyon, and his later testimony against Barbie in his 1987 war crimes trial; and his participation in the liberation of the



Photo by Spc. Lorie Jewell

PERSONAL TIME— Michel Thomas takes a few moments to himself after receiving the Silver Star at the National World War II Memorial.

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Photos by Douglas Stoffer

Heritage celebration

Nerissa Santos of MSFC Mainthia Corporation performs a traditional Hawaiian dance at the 2004 Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration, May 26 at Marshall Space Flight Center building 4316. In the other picture the Vietnamese Dance Troupe, with from left Xa Rambo, Huong Vu and Kim Hengler, performs a traditional Vietnamese dance.

Blue star service flags to fly in business community

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of our nation's armed forces are deployed around the globe in the War on Terror.

"Operation Blue Star is sponsored by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, the Association of the United States Army, the

National Defense Industrial Association, the Army Space and Missile Defense Association and Lockheed Martin.

"Operation Blue Star invites businesses to show support to our deployed forces, particularly those with employees activated in the Reserve and National Guard, to accept a Blue Star Service Flag, and to display this flag publicly," the release continued.

"Operation Blue Star will draw extensive media and public attention to the support of our armed forces by the business community. Businesses throughout the Huntsville, Madison and Tennessee Valley community will be asked to simultaneously display the Blue Star Service Flag on their flag staffs or in their workplace on Flag Day, June 14 at noon. This flag will be displayed until the war is won and our armed forces return to peacetime operations."

U.S. flag woven in as much history as myth

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or off the back," Pollard said. "It's always mounted on the front right fender. There are those window flags — sometimes you see college flags on them. If you use something like that, be sure the American flag is displayed on the right side of the vehicle."

When the flag is displayed either vertically or horizontally against a wall, the stars should always be placed at the top of the flag's right and the observer's left. Flags should not be displayed in inclement weather unless an all weather flag is used.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. A flag lapel pin, being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel, near the heart.

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially holidays. On Memorial Day, flags should be flown at half staff until noon.

"When flying a flag at half staff, always hoist it all the way to the top and then lower it to half staff," Pollard said. "When it's time to take it down, raise it

all the way to the top then take it down."

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way. When a flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Most American Legion posts have ceremonies to properly dispose of American flags.

The American flag is steeped in as much history as myth. It is commonly believed that Betsy Ross was commissioned to sew the first American flag in 1776. She is not credited for the design and some question if she was the first to sew the flag.

The design and colors of the flag are too a bit of a mystery. The Continental Congress left no record to show why it chose the colors. However, in 1782, the Congress of the Confederation chose these same colors for the Great Seal of the United States and listed their meaning as blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice. According to legend, George Washington interpreted the elements of the flags this way: the stars were taken from the sky signifying a "new constellation in the heavens," the red from the British colors and the white stripes signified the secession from the home country. However, there is no official designation or meaning for the colors of the flag.

Even before the American Revolution, flags bearing the familiar red and white stripes — which symbolize the unity of the original 13 colonies of America — began to appear. These stripes were later combined with the British Union Jack to produce the Continental flag that flew over George Washington's headquarters during the siege of Boston. Nearly a year passed after the Declaration of Independence was signed before a new flag was adopted by the Congress.

Variations of the American flag continued, growing and changing just as America was growing and changing. As it is unfurled today, it symbolizes the love and pride that we have as a nation — a poignant reminder of America's greatness and our fortune to live in a country which values freedom above all else. It signifies the commitment made by our fallen comrades who battled bravely to defend the honor of this sacred emblem — our American unity, our power and our purpose as a nation. It exemplifies the devotion of our leaders who continue to uphold its promise of liberty, justice and freedom for all.

The complete U.S. Flag Code, including rules of conduct, can be located on the Internet at <http://www.law.comell.edu/uscode/36/>.

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Decorated veteran served with French Resistance

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Dachau concentration camp, where Thomas interrogated and photographed workers with then-Lt. Col. Wilson Gibson, who died in 1947 in New Orleans.

Robbins also described Thomas following a truck convoy to a paper mill near Munich in May 1945, where he prevented the Nazi Party's worldwide membership card file and other Third Reich documents from being destroyed; and how, in 1946, Thomas and Kraus together captured Gustav Knittel, a notorious war criminal who was eventually convicted for his role in the Malmédy massacre of American prisoners of war at the Battle of the Bulge.

Thomas, and many others, believed the Times' article attacked his reputation by questioning the credibility of his accounts. That's when Kline, the private investigator, got involved. Although Thomas had many documents to back up his claims, Kline's research unearthed more and led to Wolfe, who examined the documents Thomas still had in his possession and verified their authenticity. Wolfe also wrote a paper that described how Thomas was responsible for saving the documents, which were instrumental in the Nuremberg war crimes trials and became the centerpiece of the Berlin Document Center.

Wolfe said he and others knew a CIC agent saved the records from being destroyed, but the agent's identity was a mystery until he was asked to verify Thomas' account. Wolfe said he made it a point not to meet or speak to Thomas, who was a stranger to him, until the day Thomas delivered the documents he still had possession of.

"One of the documents had Heinrich Himmler's signature," Wolfe said, referring to the Nazi general who headed Adolph Hitler's secret police. "I ran my fingers over it and the raised signature told me it was original. I looked at Michel and said 'You're the guy.'"

The two have since become friends. Any suggestion that Thomas lied or exaggerated about his history makes Wolfe bristle.

"He did a job few of us did, or could have done," said Wolfe, also a WWII veteran. "And I'm a twice-wounded infantryman."

Thomas sued the Times and the reporter who wrote the "Larger Than Life" article for libel, but a judge dismissed the suit before it went to trial, ruling that the article was more of a commentary piece than a hard news story, and protected by the First Amendment since Thomas was a public figure.

The Silver Star and all of the ceremony surrounding it is vindication for his father, Gurion Thomas said.

"To be honored finally by the U.S. government and military means a lot right now," he said.

Kline agreed. After three years of working to repair Thomas' reputation and getting congressional leaders involved in the medal pursuit, Kline felt exhilarated as he watched Warner pin the star to Thomas' chest.

"All of the delays actually worked in our favor," Kline said. "We're here in front of the World War II memorial. There's just no better place to do this. And to have it presented five days before the dedication by the man (Dole) who spearheaded the effort to get it built is just incredible."



Photo by Spc. Ryan McClymont

Start with safety

Capt. Monica Hurst, commander of HHC 59th participates in the fire extinguisher operations class during OMEMS safety stand-down day May 26. The all day event was meant to emphasize the importance of safety before the Memorial Day holiday and summer. Twelve stations were set up and taught classes ranging from alcohol and drug abuse awareness to severe weather safety.

Logistics workers visit Ordnance Soldiers

LOGSA RELEASE

The employees from the Logistics Support Activity continue to hone their skills while providing quality support to the warfighters in the field around the world. The LOGSA employees had the opportunity to receive briefings from several of the Soldiers stationed at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, Missile Systems Training Department.

OMEMS hosted the display, which consisted of the following equipment for the employees of LOGSA to visit: Avenger, Bradley, Javelin, Multiple

Launch Rocket System; Tube Launched, Optically Tracked, Wire Guided missile system; Integrated Family of Test Equipment and Equate test vans.

The display was conducted May 17-18; and over the two-day period, there were six visits which the LOGSA employees attended. The visits allowed the military and civilian work force the opportunity to communicate and share information.

The positive type of action demonstrated by the Soldiers and the employees of LOGSA will help foster the relationship and team building between the military and civilian workforce in support of the nation.

Discover biblical lessons at summer camp

*Vacation Bible School
a tradition for chapel*

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Youngsters have something fun to do this summer after all — at least from June 14-18 at Bicentennial Chapel.

It's the annual Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the chapel's Protestant congregation and conducted by volunteers. The theme this year is "Davey and Goliath's Camp Creation," referring to the animated clay cartoon characters from the 1960s featuring a boy and his dog.

Parents or guardians can sign up their youngsters, those entering kindergarten through sixth-grade, for this free program. It's for anyone with access to Redstone. The fast-paced sessions are 9-11:30 a.m. June 14-18 at the chapel.

"It's going to be a blast," camp director Christine Fishel said. "We really are going to have a good time. We get together and build friendships, learning about God, learning about themselves and others. They're going to learn it's not how much



Courtesy photo

CHAPEL KIDS— Campers play outside during the recreation time at a past year's Vacation Bible School.

we give but how we give it.

"I think our goal is to reach kids for Christ in a fun and exciting way so they can take that out and share it with other people. That's why I want them to come (to this camp) and they can come literally

expecting a good time, so it's going to be exciting," she said.

The campers will visit activity stations each day which reinforce that day's biblical story. The six sites include Cabin Crafts, Goliath's Games, Discovery Out-

post, Davey's Drama, Campfire Music, and the Snack Shack. "And each of those activities is like 15 minutes so it's quick paced," Fishel said.

Vacation Bible School promises to be "a super gospel celebration," according to a prepared release. "And it's action-packed with activities to help kids discover more about God's love for all creation and Jesus' love for them."

"That's the goal: reaching kids for Christ in a fun and exciting way," Fishel said. "All of the activity sites are theme oriented. So whatever the story is for that day, that story will be reinforced."

The youngsters will stay with their respective age groups: those entering kindergarten, first-grade, second-grade, third-grade, fourth-grade, and then fifth- and sixth-graders together. Each class is limited to 15 youngsters. Their parent or guardian must register them, preferably before the first day, in room 13 at the chapel.

Each camper will receive a water bottle, a carabiner (clip that rock climbers use), a Bible adventure map with carrying pouch, a Davey and Goliath bendable key

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Army Community Service celebrates its volunteers

Contributors receive thanks for going above and beyond

By DEBRA JEFFERSON
For the Rocket

Army Community Service has honored and showed appreciation to 49 men and women who generously gave their time in support of ACS program initiatives and services to our military community.

ACS volunteers logged 9,351 hours of service in the past year, equivalent to \$154,665.54. The annual appreciation night was held May 13 at the Officers and Civilians Club; and the theme was Mardi Gras along with the motto "Above and Beyond."

"ACS relies heavily on volunteer staff to augment paid staff," ACS director Sue Paddock said. "By donating their time

and service, everyone here helps make it possible to extend services efficiently to more people."

The honorees included Katherine Atkinson, Crystal Benable, Danny Brandon, Karen Brown, Gabriel Cannon, Deborah Carpenter, Susan Carr, Julie Clippingier, Vickie Davis, Michelle deGroot, Jennifer Devlin, Inger Frye, Michelle Hallacher, Becky Harchanko, Benita Hawkins, Barbara Hayes, Gregory Jackson, Brenda Jemison, Donald Kraus, Lorraine Kraus, Donna Lebeschak, Lara Lucas, Gerald Martin, Amanda Medley, Phyllis Montgomery, George Moore, Colleen Nicholson, James Nicholson, Ann Owens, Becky Pillsbury, Sherri Rothwell, Lee Samuelson, Sharon Samuelson, David Sanders, Jeffrey Shaner, Tracey Silvia, Tom Sommerkamp, Jae Steele, Pam Stieglitz, Alisha Swanger, Chris Swart, Becky Taylor, Roxie Walton, Mickel Wilson and Katrina Wynn.



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HAPPY MARDI GRAS— From left are ACS director Sue Paddock, volunteer manager Inger Frye and honorary volunteer adviser Becky Pillsbury.

■ Chapel camp creates fast-paced learning adventure

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chain, and an activity book. "And they'll be able to take all that stuff home with them at the end of the week when Vacation Bible School's over," Fishel said.

A money offering will be taken for Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh which sponsors the Mission Well project to provide people of southern Bangladesh with safe drinking water. All the wells are built by hand; and it takes from \$800 to \$1,000 in U.S. dollars to dig each well. More information can be found at www.virtual-bangladesh.com.

"The whole theme of Camp Creation is not how much you give but how you give it," said Fishel, wife of youth pastor Mike Fishel who serves as community director

for Club Beyond.

This is her fourth year with Vacation Bible School, a chapel tradition. Other volunteers include Jennifer Devlin, who will do the Discovery Outpost station which features science experiments; Rad Reavis, music; Roberta Speck and Christine Hall, crafts.

"We have needs for volunteers still," Fishel said. To volunteer call her at 489-0939 or cell phone 503-3746; or call the chapel at 876-2409.

Patty Wilson, religious education coordinator, said Vacation Bible School has been going on since before she arrived nearly 29 years ago.

"Vacation Bible School is very important because it gives children a chance to discover facts about people in the Bible and locations in the Bible," she said, "and to learn more about Jesus Christ."

Improve basic skills fast at Education Center

EDUCATION CENTER RELEASE

Many Soldiers are not aware of the many programs available at the Education Center in building 3222 on Snooper Road. One important program is called FAST or Functional Academic Skills Training (also known as Basic Skills Education Program).

This computer-based program is designed to help Soldiers and their families improve their basic skills in math, reading and language.

"But why would I want to spend my time improving basic skills?" the typical Soldier asks. Here are some very good reasons: to qualify for NCOES courses, to qualify for certain appealing jobs and to prepare for college placement tests in math and English.

Another program falling under the umbrella of FAST is the GT Prep. The purpose of this course is to help the Soldier raise his or her General Technical score. A GT score of 110 or higher can help get a promotion, qualify for a certain program (warrant officer, for example),

allow reclassification in a particular specialty, or enable reenlistment. All who have completed this program have raised their score.

For those family members who have not received a high school diploma, a GED course is also available within the FAST program. Higher math courses such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus as well as chemistry and physics can be studied here also. Preparation for the CLEP general courses is also available in the FAST program.

New to the center is an English as a Second Language program. This interactive course taken on the computer has been well received, especially by foreign-born spouses.

All programs are self-paced. The amount of time required to complete a course depends on how much has to be learned, the talents and abilities of the student and the blocks of time allowed for study.

FAST is available at the Education Center. For more information, stop by or call 876-3084.

You can plant seeds toward healthier lawns

Here are some suggestions for green grass of home

By GARY BRADEN
For the Rocket

If you want a lush green lawn this season, here are a few tips to keep your lawn in tip top shape and make your neighbors green with envy.

Have your soil analyzed for pH, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, and calcium. Auburn University will send you a report giving the determined soil test ratings and values, as well as lime and fertilizer recommendations.

To obtain supplies or information for any of these services, contact either your county Extension System office or Auburn University Soil Testing Laboratory. The

laboratory is located at 118 Funchess Hall, and is open Monday through Friday from 7:45-11:45 a.m. and 12:45-4:45 p.m. The mailing address is: Soil Testing Laboratory 118 Funchess Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5411; telephone (334) 844-3958; or e-mail <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/dept/ay/soil-test.htm>.

Sharpen your mower blade each time you mow. I know what you are saying, "That is ridiculous." The truth is, cutting your lawn with a dull mower blade is like ripping your own hair out by the roots. It hurts the grass blade by leaving an uneven cut. This uneven cut in turn leaves the grass more susceptible to disease.

Do not mulch your grass. A beautiful lawn takes effort and part of that effort is bagging your grass clippings each time

you mow. This helps to alleviate thatch and allows your lawn to breathe freely.

Feed your lawn. Your lawn is hungry and it needs fertilizer about every 6-8 weeks. After determining what fertilization your lawn requires, take the next step and apply the critical nutrients your lawn needs to be green and healthy.

Don't wait for the rain. Would you rather pay a little for water now or work your tail off over and over again because it did not rain? Grass loves a regular drink; and the quicker it gets the water, the quicker it will turn green.

Spend the money and effort for weed and insect control. It is worth it in the long run. Be sure to follow the instructions on any lawn weed or insect control chemical closely.

Find the cheapest liquid dish soap

you can and spray it on your lawn with a hose end sprayer about every 2-3 weeks during the summer. In the Alabama heat, the soap helps to improve penetration of water in the dry soil; it removes airborne pollution from the grass blades so osmosis can take place. It makes a great non-poisonous bug killer because it makes the bugs sick and helps alleviate lawn diseases. Apply about two cups of liquid soap (the cheap stuff) per 20 gallons of water. Try it; your grass will love you for it.

In the fall, dethatch your lawn, set your mower blade lower than in the summer (bag the clippings), fertilize, spread lime and over seed. You'll be helping make the grass healthier for next spring.

With a little effort, you too can have a great looking lawn year after year.

Communication line open for voter assistance

INSTALLATION VOTING OFFICE RELEASE

If you are having trouble obtaining the Federal Post Card Application, you may use the online FPCA. This online form is accepted by all states and territories except American Samoa and Guam.

To get this form go to the FVAP web site, www.fvap.gov, and select "Online Federal Post Card Application" under

"Publications and Forms." This form is in Adobe Acrobat format. Even if you don't have Acrobat Reader, you can easily download it from the web site to your computer. You can fill out the form online or download and fill out. However, you must place the form in an envelope with proper postage affixed and then mail to the appropriate local election official in your state. This is unlike the postage paid

cardstock FPCA. You may not e-mail the form (all states require an original signature in one form or another).

Remember, the OFPCA is being provided as a convenience and as a time-saving alternative when you cannot get the postage-paid cardstock FPCA through other means and to ensure that you do not miss the opportunity to register or make timely request for a ballot. But keep in mind that you are entitled to a postage-paid FPCA. You may request a copy from the installation voting assistance officer or through the Federal Voting Assistance Program. Also, if you not know where to send the form, you can obtain the address from your particular state's section of the Voting Assistance Guide on the web site. You may also download the form and complete it on a typewriter or by hand in blue or black ink and then mailing. If completed by hand, print carefully as illegible handwriting is one of the major causes of delay in processing by the state. When completing the form, refer again to the aforementioned Internet address and look up the instructions for your particular state — you can also download them.

There are several reasons why states do not accept photocopies of a voter registration application. Among these are problems of insufficient paper weight stock and copy quality. In fact, many state laws require the local election officials to keep a hard copy of the voter registration application for a backup trail that includes the signature verification, and in some instances, those documents are transferred from the election office to the polling places. Regular Xerox weight photocopy paper will not provide the required durability during these transfers. Also the varying quality of photocopied



images can present a major problem as these can present an almost unreadable image of the application document or signature when electronically scanned.

Some states allow faxing the OFPCA. Refer again to the Voting Assistance Guide, your state instructions in Chapter 3 to determine if your particular state allows faxing the application, and if so what requirements must be met. However, after faxing, the original of the OFPCA should always be mailed to the local election official.

The Redstone senior voting officers are Joe Winston, phone 842-2411, or Lew Spencer at 842-2418 which is also the voter action hotline.

Redstone golf champion usually more on course

Mark Verren captures title

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The winner of this year's post golf championship wasn't exactly pleased with how he played.

In fact Mark Verren of Delta Company was a little embarrassed at his scores.

Verren shot 82-83-165 to win the title May 22-23 at Redstone Golf Course. His 21-over, two-day total was the best among 13 individuals. Runners-up included Bill Hoyt (88-83-171), first place, 1st Flight; and George Landreth (96-90-186), first place, 2nd Flight.

"I wish I could've played better," Verren, a 4-handicap golfer, said. "I still won but I wish I could've played to my potential. That still bothers me even though I did win."

He shot 10-over the first day and 11-over the second. But it capped a winning week because he helped Delta Company win its third straight unit-level championship May 21. Delta's John Fleming, Landreth, Verren and Rock White shot a 9-under-par 63 for first among 12 teams.

Verren, 42, who grew up in an Army family and calls Huntsville home, has been playing golf about 11 years.

"I'm a military brat. I was all over the world," he said. "My dad was in World War II and retired in the late '60s. I mean we were all over the place — kind of like I am now. I mean I go all over the place, too."

He won the 2nd Infantry Division championship in Korea in May 2003. Before that he won the club championship at Camp Red Cloud in Korea in September 2002. And he won a post-level tournament at Lawton, Okla., in 1999.

Verren, a staff sergeant and instructor/writer at Missile Systems Training Department in the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, returned for his second tour at Redstone in August 2003. "I didn't play golf before. I was here in the early '90s (1991-94)," he said. "And I didn't really pick up the game until after I left here."

Now he plays "every chance I get," he said. "That's every weekend, play 2-to-3 times a week as a norm. I play all over but mainly here."

He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children: Lauren, 19, a freshman at Calhoun College; James, 16, a 10th-grader at Sparkman High; and Chelsea, 14, an eighth-grader at Monrovia Middle. Besides playing golf, his hobbies include fishing and hunting.

Verren expects his golfing buddies to chuckle at his winning scores from the post championship.

"My performance wasn't that great,"



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON GREEN— Mark Verren lines up a putt at Redstone Golf Course.

he said. "I still won but I did not perform to the level I've been known to play. That's why a lot of people will laugh when they see it."



Courtesy photo

Golf honorees

Eighty-year-old Marion Deppens Smith, center, of Valley Hill Country Club, won the Third Flight "A" Division at the Women's Alabama Golf Association Senior Championship May 16-19 at Redstone course. With her are second place finisher Orelia Turner, left, of Prattville Country Club, and Dot Babb, third, of Valley Hill Country Club.



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Bike to work

Participants in Bike to Work Day, May 21 include from left George Hamilton of NASA, Joe Chamlee of NASA, Army civilian Dave Stone, Jamie Miernik of ERC Inc. (NASA contractor), Arthur Patrick and Nathan Coffee, both NASA.



Brickyard 400 sweepstakes

The Community and Family Support Center/Miller Lite "Brickyard 400 Sweepstakes" continues through June 30 at the Redstone Golf Course and Challenger Activity Center. This promotion features an 'instant-win' scratch card and enter-to-win sweepstakes. In addition to the scratch card giveaways, there will be an enter-to-win drawing for four trips-for-two to the NASCAR Brickyard 400 in Indiana on Aug. 8. To enter, participants simply fill out the information on the back of their scratch card and drop it in the entry box provided.

Swimming pools

Pool season passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation and the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Outdoor Recreation is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is open Tuesdays through Fridays 1:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Swimming pools are open through Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily. Pool hours will be posted at each pool. Cost of season passes is \$45 for families and \$35 for individuals. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Golf sweepstakes

Drive to Win in Redstone Arsenal's "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2" promotion. Sharpen your golf skills and win prizes in the process. Through June 30, one orange "lucky" ball will be dropped in the range ball machine each week. Find the ball and win instantly. In addition, an "enter to win" sweepstakes is available. You could win a Play Station 2 unit in the local grand prize drawing or one of three trips for two at any Trading Places destination courtesy of www.GovArm.com, event sponsor in the national grand prize drawing. Grand prize drawings will be held at the end of promotion. Call 883-7977 for more details.

Golf classic

The Bob Jones Touchdown Club will hold the Golf Classic, the first of what is to become an annual event, June 14 at Canebrake Golf Course in Athens. Cost for this tournament is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. There will be door prizes, longest drive, closest to the pin and more. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. "Come out and meet Bob Jones (High School's) new football coach, Shannon Brown," a prepared release said. He played for the University of Alabama from 1992-95 while being named first team Academic All-Southeastern Conference from 1993-95. For more information, call Paul Busing 895-6694 or Dan Bobrowski 461-0921.

IMMC golf tournament

The Integrated Materiel Management Center will hold a four-man scramble golf tournament June 17. Lunch will be served at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places, as well as prizes for closest to the pin on all par 3s, longest drive for women and men, door prize drawings and a chance at \$1,000 or a hole in one. Teams may be pre-assembled or the committee will arrange one for you. Entries must be received by June 10. Cost is \$47 per player which includes cart fees, green fees, lunch and prizes. For information call Herb Cleveland 586-5059, Kim Lund 876-7841, Rich and Darlene Kerr 881-2687, Laveta Kochevar 828-0040 or Billy McGee 883-2075.

Youth soccer

AYSO Region 160 (playing at Huntsville's John Hunt and Merrimack Parks) will continue soccer registration for the fall through July 15. Registration is \$65 per player through June 30 when fees go up to \$75 each. Fees include a uniform. A \$5 per player discount is available if you register online at www.ayso160.org using option 1 on the registration page. A copy of the birth certificate is required for players new to American Youth Soccer Organization. Players must be at least 4 by Jan. 31, 2004 and less than 19 on July 31, 2004 to play in the fall. Both coed and girls teams are available in all age groups. For registration instructions or more information go to www.ayso160.org or call 539-6852.

Tennis camps

Child and Youth Services, SKIESUnlimited will begin tennis lessons to all eligible CYS children, ages 5 to 18. Weekly lessons are \$32 and twice weekly lessons are \$56. There will also be tennis camps beginning in June; and each camp lasts a week for \$105. Registration continues through today. For more information or to register stop by CYS Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call call Brandie DeRemer 313-3701 or Chris Carter 876-3704.

Madison soccer

The Madison Soccer Club will begin forming boys and girls club soccer teams for the 2004-05 season starting Friday. All sessions will be held at Palmer Park in Madison. For more information, call Carl Blair 864-7026.

Baseball raffle

Court Appointed Juvenile Advocates is selling \$5 raffle tickets for three drawings where each winning child will have an hour coaching session with a Huntsville Stars player. The drawings will be at the Stars' baseball games June 25 and July 17. For tickets or more information, call 883-2689.

Big golf tournament

Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold its annual Golf Tournament, Saturday with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start at Colonial Golf Course. There will be door prizes for top three teams, longest drives, and closest to the pin. The Hole-in-One Contest wins a car from Decatur Honda. Call 880-2123 to register or visit the web site at www.bbb-sna.com.

Youth golf clinic

Child and Youth Services offers golf instruction for ages 6-17. Clubs will be available for those who need them. Instruction will include the basic fundamentals of putting, chipping, pitching, as well as use of iron and woods. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for at least one session as course chaperones. Registration is \$50 per child. For more information or to register, call 313-2177.

Fishing day

Free Fishing Day for Alabama is scheduled June 12 during National Fishing Week. Approved by the Alabama Legislature, the law allows an annual free day of fishing when residents and non-residents may fish without a fishing licence. Free Fishing Day is offered to introduce non-anglers to the sport of fishing and to remind former anglers of the fun they've been missing. It's a good time to pass on the tradition of a family fun day of fishing to Alabama's youth. Redstone Arsenal offers fishing locations from the Tennessee River to Bradford and Finance Ponds. For more information, call 876-4868.



Configuration data managers

ACDM Huntsville Interest Group will hold a technical symposium on "Enterprise Configuration and Data Management," June 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holiday Inn-Research Park, 5903 University Drive. Cost is \$100 per person; or \$75 each for three or more persons from one organization. For more information, call Cindy Hauer 536-1096 or Sue Fair 544-0691.

Coast Guard auxiliary

You're invited to join the volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary local flotilla 05 which meets every fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Latham Methodist Church on Weatherly Road. For more information, call Dee Watt 772-7744 or 316-3625.

AMCOM town hall

The next AMCOM Town Hall, with commander Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, is June 10 from 9-11 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. It will be broadcast on Team Redstone Television Channel 42, and via Internet Portal TV to computer desktops equipped with the IPTV application. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending.

Alcorn State alumni

The Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University will meet June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Richard Showers Center, Blue Spring Road. All Alcorn alumni and friends are invited. For more informa-

tion, call Sam King 864-7272 or Melvin Mayo 852-7927.

Tactical missiles conference

The sixth annual Tactical Missiles Conference, sponsored by Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, is today and Thursday at the Huntsville Hilton. For more information, call 882-1234.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting June 11 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting June 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Bill Matthews, director of Resource Management Directorate, will install the ASMC officers for 2004-05. For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members — see your organization ASMC representative or call Virginia Moore 955-6262, ext. 165.

Briefing for industry

The 2004 Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is July 13-14 at Bob Jones Auditorium. "This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of the Army's long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities," a prepared release said. "These briefings will be of particular interest to industrial executives who are concerned with the formulation of corporate long-range objectives. The theme of this year's conference is 'Rapid Reaction to Battlefield Requirements Today & Tomorrow.'" You can register online at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>; mail or fax your registration to APBI, c/o HDC, LLC, 120 Holmes Avenue, Suite 304A, Huntsville, AL 35801, fax 519-6667. Foreign nationals wishing to attend the briefing must submit requests through their embassies to Headquarters, Department of the Army. Upon approval of the visit request, a registration package will be accepted. For more information call Lauretta Mitchell, technical industrial liaison officer, Research Development and Engineering Center, 876-4270.



Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is

required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, 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.

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.

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 12:30-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop accepts handmade craft items for consignment. It can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. The shop will be open Saturday for sales from 10-2. For more information, call 881-6992.

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.

Butler High reunion

Butler High School Class of 1969 will hold its 35th reunion June 19 at the Clay House Museum, 16 Main St., Madison. Class members are urged to call Glenda Swafford Anderson 837-9789 or Robin Hall Brewer (256) 325-1018.

Train in concert

The 2004 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour, featuring Train and special guest Graham Colton, is coming to Redstone Arsenal on June 19. General admission advance tickets are on sale for \$15, compared to \$20 on the day of show. If you can access Redstone Arsenal, buy your tickets at Spark-

man Cafeteria, Redstone Lodging, the Post Exchange cashier's window, the Officers and Civilians Club or at the ITR office in building 3711 at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Roads. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets (Publix stores in North Alabama) and at www.ticketmaster.com. Call 800-277-1700 for tickets or 876-5232 for more information.

Aviation group scholarships

Army Aviation Association of America offers scholarships for entering freshmen which range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 grants given out as one, two or four year scholarships. Interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 (\$1,000 a year) for entering freshmen are available. Scholarships are also reserved for enlisted, company grade, warrant officer, Army civilian, and spouses of AAAA members. Call the AAAA National Office (203) 268-2450 or e-mail aaaa@quad-a.org for an application. Local points of contact for the Tennessee Valley Chapter are vice president for scholarships Tom Harrison (256) 964-8460, ext. 103, and vice president for membership Jim Pepper 922-1211.

Youth reading program

Child and Youth Services sponsors "Heating it Up With Books at Redstone," a summer reading program through July 31. Children of active duty, retired, and Guard/Reserve military, DoD and Redstone/NASA contractors may participate. Trophies and medallions are awarded to those who read 1,000 pages or more. For information visit www.redstonemwr.com or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Father of Year gala

The Volunteer Center wants you to add a special event to your community calendar. The Father of the Year Gala will be at the Huntsville Museum of Art, June 25 from 7 p.m. until midnight. The evening includes food, drink, dancing, a silent auction and the announcement of the Madison County Father of the Year. Entertainment will be provided by The Blue Savoy Combo. Admission is \$35 per person, \$60 per couple and \$250 for a table of eight. Call the Volunteer Center 539-7797 to reserve your seat via Visa or Mastercard. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Volunteer Center.

Consideration of others

Aviation and Missile Command and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School will hold the third quarter Equal Opportunity Consideration of Others Facilitator Course, June 8-10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in building 111, EEO conference room. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Vasquez 876-8648 or Sgt. 1st Class Weber 876-9224.

Air show

"Wings of Victory Air Show," commemorating the 60th anniversary of D-Day, is Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. It features the Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights and the Air Force F-16 demonstration team. For information call the air show hotline (334) 953-3500.

Missile defense scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will select one graduate student and one undergraduate student to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in August. For more information call Robert Belton 971-1800, ext. 257.

Supreme Court ceremony

North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association will hold a U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony, administered by retired Maj. Gen. William K. Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court, June 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Cost for lunch is \$25. For reservations call Laura Owens 842-0544 or Juanita Sales Lee 955-4521 by June 9.

Patriotic art exhibit

The Huntsville Museum of Art presents "Becoming a Nation," an exhibition through July 18. Through their forms, materials and ties to important historical figures, the artwork featured tells the story of this country and its developing culture and aesthetics. During this exhibition, the general admission fee for the museum will be \$12.50 for non-members, which includes an audio tour. Discounts will be given to seniors over 60, military, students with a valid ID, and groups of 10 or more. Admission for visitors age 6-11 will be \$6.50. Children 5 and under will be admitted free. Museum members will receive passes for free admission to this exhibition. For information on joining the museum call 535-4350, ext. 221. The museum is located at 300 Church St. south in Big Spring International Park.

Retirement briefings

Representatives from the Army Benefits Center-Civilian will provide two CSRS and FERS retirement briefings in June. These briefings should not only help employees thinking about retirement in the next five years, but also those planning for the future. Their visit will also provide an overview of Employee Benefit Information System and how to utilize the various self-initiated services, as well as "how to reach a counselor" via the telephone. The briefings and overview will be held June 22-24 in Bob Jones Auditorium. There is an ABC overview June 22 from 1-4 p.m.; FERS briefings, 8-11:30 a.m. June 23 and 1-4 p.m. June 24; and CSRS briefings, 1-4 p.m. June 23 and 8-11:30 a.m. June 24. To register contact Theresa Falcetano at Theresa.falcetano@us.army.mil or Myria Chastain at Myria.Chastain@us.army.mil by June 17.

Purple Heart service

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 2201, Huntsville, will hold its annual Purple Heart Memorial Service in August. If you have received the Purple Heart Medal, or if you know anyone who has received this prestigious medal, call

Don or Annie Powers 882-9374 for more information.

Meet the managers

Be sure to stop by the Post Exchange, Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an opportunity to meet and talk to the managers of the PX. Find out what's new, ask questions and visit awhile.

Astronomical society

Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program on "The Summer Skies," featuring astronomer Roy Young, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the VBAS planetarium at Monte Sano State Park. If the sky is clear, a star party will follow and use the VBAS telescopes. Admission is free for VBAS members. For non-members cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 6-12; younger kids are admitted free.

Employment workshop

The Family Employment Readiness Program will offer military spouses a workshop to enhance their job search skills June 16 at 9 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338. Call 876-5397 to reserve a seat. This workshop will introduce participants to a self-assessment process, job search strategies, written self-marketing tools including various types of resumes, cover letters, thank you letters, and preparation for the interview process.

Outdoor barbecue

Post Restaurant Fund will have an "Outside Barbecue" in the Sparkman Center court yard June 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu includes barbecue ribs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and beverages. It will cost for \$6.75 per plate and \$14 for a full slab of ribs.

Veterinary clinic

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics June 10 from 4-7 p.m. Authorized patrons may purchase over the counter medications and have their pets seen on a walk in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia testing and the Home Again microchip identification system will also be available for pets. For more information, call the facility 876-2441.

Blood program schedule

Thursday – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ground-Based Midcourse Defense and 7-12:30 at building 5400. Friday – from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Post Exchange. June 10 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sparkman Center. June 11 – from 7-noon at building 5681. June 17 – from 8-noon at building 6263. June 18 – from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316. June 24 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SMDC building 5220. June 25 – from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers and 8-12:30 at the former SMDC site on Wynn Drive.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U

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SCBK04896360	Inventory Mgmt Specialist	2-Jun-04	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X	X			X		X	X			
SCBK04935693	Secretary (OA)	2-Jun-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0318	3	5	21,370 - 34,899	X	X										
WTEJ04938159	Security Specialist	2-Jun-04	ISD	GG-0080	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04914782	Supply Technician	2-Jun-04	IMMC	GS-2005	7	7	33,247 - 42,221	X											
WTEJ04841744	Security Specialist	2-Jun-04	CofE Huntsville	GG-0080	11	12	49,207 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04958864	Human Resource Specialist (HRD)	4-Jun-04	CHRA-CPOC-HRD	GS-0201	7/9	11	33,247 - 63,967	X											
SCBK04787197	Lead Chemist	7-Jun-04	AMRDEC	DB-1320	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X		X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK04815270	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	8-Jun-04	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X										X
WTEJ04914244	Supv General Engineer	8-Jun-04	TSMO	GG-0801	15	15	97,486 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04947225	Procurement and Production Officer	9-Jun-04	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-1101	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X					X		X				X
SCBK04914966OC	Electrical Engineer	9-Jun-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			X
SCBK04896476	Human Resource Assistant (OA)	10-Jun-04	CHRA-CPOC-CPAC	GS-0203	5/6	7	26,841 - 43,221	X	X									X	X
SCBK04915352	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Architect; Supv Env Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Chem Engr	10-Jun-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810; 0808; 0819; 0830; 0850; 0893	15	15	86,417 - 112,346	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK04959439	Operations Research Analyst	10-Jun-04	SMDC	GS-1515	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X		X			X		X	X			X
SCBK04924356	Program Integration Officer	10-Jun-04	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0301	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X					X		X				X
SCBK04911745	Deputy Program Manager	11-Jun-04	DCSS	NH-0340	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,753	X	X										
SCBK04957001	Electronics Engineer	11-Jun-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0855	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X										
SCBK04956981	General Engineer	11-Jun-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0801	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X										
SCBK04949196	Lead Army Acq Corp/ Career Program Spec	11-Jun-04	IMMC	GS-0301	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X											
SCBK04949202	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	11-Jun-04	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X											
SCBK04959544	Mgmt and Prog Analyst	11-Jun-04	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X										
SCBK04929589	Security Specialist	11-Jun-04	IMMC	GG-0080	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X										X
SCBK04910340	Supv General Engineer	14-Jun-04	PEO AVIATION	NH-0801	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04714035	IT Specialist (SYSANALYST)	18-Jun-04	CIC	GS-2210	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X										
SCBK04951095	Electronics Engineer	28-Jun-04	AMRDEC	DB-0855	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X		X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK04931496	Supv Electronics Engr	28-Jun-04	AMRDEC	DB-0855	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X		X	X	X		X	X			X
WTEJ040010802OC	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-04	TSMO	GG-0855	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	26,841 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04646611OC	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										
SCBK04914966OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			X
SCBK04651453OC	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
SCBK04651628OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X				X	X	X	X			X
SCBK04651434OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X		X		X	X	X	X			X
SCBK04685735OC	Civ Engr; Architect; Chem Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Arch	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0808, 0893, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	12	13	54,024 - 89,369	X	X		X		X	X	X	X			X
SCBK04697994OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	12	13	57,812 - 89,369	X	X		X		X	X	X	X			X

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X-RW-04-6501-ST	Electrical Engineer	11-Jun-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6440-LW	Lead Chemist	11-Jun-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-1320	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-RW-04-6465-ST	Supv Interdisciplinary or Supv Arch; Supv Civil Engr; Supv Env Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Chem Engr	16-Jun-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808; 0810; 0819; 0830; 0850; 0893	15	15	93,330 - 121,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6469-FL	Deputy Program Manager	18-Jun-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0340	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	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 - Compensable 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, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for more information.