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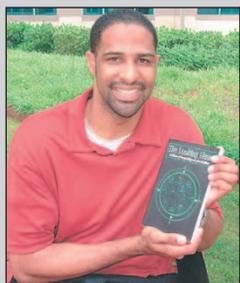
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Military youngsters reach for stars

Space Camp scholarships awarded for winning essays

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Rachel Wiggins wanted to experience the excitement that astronauts have. Nick Openshaw had questions about the wonders of space.

They are among the 14 military youngsters who are spending a free week through Friday at Space Camp, Space Academy or Aviation Challenge at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Each read his or her winning essay and received an award June 2 at the 20th annual Space Camp scholarship awards ceremony at Army Community Service.

"It's very important because it might be my only chance to go to Space Camp," said Wiggins, 9-year-old daughter of Marine Master Sgt. Michael and Cheryl Wiggins. "I'm very excited," added the fifth-grader at J.E. Williams Elementary.

Daniel Munn, 12, son of Lt. Col. Randy and Anita Munn, said he wants to become a veterinarian but doesn't rule out a career as an astronaut. "That's one of my other career choices that I want to do," said the seventh-grader at Liberty Middle.

The awards, each valued at about \$1,000, were made possible by seven sponsoring organizations which also provided judges for the 50 essays. These sponsors included the Air Defense Artillery Association, American Legion Post 237, Association of the U.S. Army, Enlisted Spouses



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LOOKING AHEAD— From left Kamaren Braxton and Rachel Wiggins, among 14 scholarship winners, talk with Susan Carr, volunteer co-chairman of the of the Space Camp Scholarship Committee.

Club, First Command Financial Planning, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, and System Studies & Simulation Inc.

Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, gave the scholarship winners three main reasons they should look forward to their week at camp. "It consistently challenges you to push yourself and learn about things," he said. "It teaches you to be a part

of a team. Space Camp is all about teamwork but it's also all about fun."

"They will have a great time," retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, chief executive officer of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, said. "You can be truly proud of these young men and women."

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Army develops policy to address acts of sexual assault

Task force findings identify shortfalls

By Sgt. 1st CLASS MARCIA TRIGGS

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is devising a policy that will re-emphasize that all offenses of sexual assault must be reported to the Criminal Investigation Command, officials have announced.

A task force spent 90 days conducting a detailed review of the Army's current policies and programs on sexual assault. One of the findings was that while all commanders had taken action against assailants accused of sexual assault, not all were going through the prop-

er investigation channels, said Darlene Sullivan, the facilitator for the task force.

The task force was assembled from various Army organizations and began looking into how the Army addresses matters of sexual assault in February. Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee authorized the task force.

The task force recommendations were approved by Brownlee, and were briefed to the House Armed Services Com-

mittee June 3 by Reginald J. Brown, the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

There were nine shortfalls the task force noted in its 80-page report. One major finding pointed out there was no standard way of handling sexual assault cases, making it hard to collect data and keep track of what services had been rendered to victims.

There were 24 recommendations made to improve the

system. One was to develop a sexual assault policy for inclusion in Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy. The chief of personnel, Army G-1 is responsible for the overall sexual assault policy.

The policy will define sexual assault as alleged offenses of rape, forcible sodomy, assault with intent to commit rape or sodomy, indecent assault or an attempt to commit any of these offenses, Sullivan said. The definition is the same one given by the Department of Defense in its recent report "Care for Victims of Sexual Assault."

The roles and responsibilities of commanders from major command to the unit level will

'Commanders must create a command climate where victims feel comfortable reporting acts of sexual assault.'

— Darlene Sullivan
task force facilitator

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Letters to the Editor

Happy 229th birthday, Army

On the 14th day of June in 1775, the Continental Congress established our Army. In the 229 years since that day, our Army has proven itself on countless battlefields as liberty's best friend and oppression's worst foe.

Since its birth — over a year before the Declaration of Independence — the United States Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. From winning our new nation's independence in a tough eight-year fight, to preserving the Union through the tortuous struggle of the Civil War, through the global conflicts of the 20th century, our citizens can draw great satisfaction from knowing that whenever the nation was in need, our Army answered the call.

Sixty years ago, in the Army's birth month of June 1944, our brave Soldiers stormed ashore at Normandy to begin the final thrust to liberate Western Europe. While that beachhead was expanding, our Soldiers liberated Rome, made gains against Japanese invaders in New Guinea, struggled against terrain, weather and a tough enemy in Burma, and reinforced the U.S. Marine Corps on Saipan. We celebrate our veterans of 1944 on this 229th Army birthday, as we also celebrate the service of our younger U.S. veterans who fought in Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflicts.

Today's Army is the greatest land fighting force in the history of the world. This spring, we completed the largest

troop movement since World War II, while continuing our engagement in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Our Army is serving in more than 120 countries, conducting missions across the spectrum of conflict from humanitarian assistance to combat operations. While at war, we are continuing to change our Army to meet the needs of the current and future strategic environment.

Our Army is strong, and this strength comes from our greatest asset: the American Soldier, whose courage, compassion and determination have for generations been the bedrock upon which our victories have depended. In all that the Army has accomplished, and all that it will be called upon to do, the American Soldier remains the single most important factor in our success.

We are proud of you, our Army family — Soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and your families, and you are always foremost in our prayers and in our actions. Thank you for your service, for your sacrifices and for your steadfast devotion to duty. Your courage, dedication and selfless service to the nation are the hallmarks of the United States Army.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, and God bless America.

Gen. Peter Schoomaker
Army chief of staff;
Les Brownlee
Acting secretary of Army

Aiming for fire safety

I know the picture on fire safety June 2 of a Soldier using a fire extinguisher was just for the paper but if it was to be a fire extinguisher operations class, it should be pointed out that the picture doesn't necessarily reflect proper fire extinguishing procedures. I am sure you know this, but the proper way is to aim at the base of the flame. Just an FYI and who knows, maybe

I'm wrong, but if pictures are worth a thousand words, guess we need to have it right, you think? Quick thinking and proper procedures written or otherwise just might be the difference between extensive damage or loss of human life. Thanks.

Virgil E. Walden
Logistics Support Activity

Correction

Don Dixon, director of the Redstone Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, provided the following correction to the May 19 *Redstone Rocket* front-page article regarding civilian training. "The Redstone CPAC is further expanding its Human Resources Development Team from 2 to 4

members to provide human resources development support to all Team Redstone commands and activities to include AMCOM. The AMCOM Human Resources Directorate will continue to handle AMCOM unique training programs."

Cardiac call gets response

Where is our defibrillator? Why isn't Redstone in compliance with the requirements established in the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 2000 for federal buildings? This is 2004.

Shirley Carney
IMMC

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 2000 was passed as part of the Public Health Improvement Act of 2000 and signed into law by President Clinton on Nov. 13, 2000. Among other things, the legislation directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish guidelines and recommenda-

tions for placement, maintenance and operation of external defibrillator devices in federal buildings. The law did not require that automatic external defibrillator devices be placed in all federal buildings. There are no compliance issues with this law at Redstone Arsenal.

"With regard to your health concerns, all the Fire Department response vehicles are equipped with external defibrillator devices and the response crews are trained to use these properly maintained life saving devices. The Fire Department will respond to calls made using the 911 communications system to provide first responder care. This service is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year."

Another side of marriage rights

Should gay marriages be banned? That was the open lane question on May 19. Why would such a question be asked on a military post? Though no Soldiers were polled, it seems that this may have been an unfair question. If military personnel had been polled, would they have given an honest answer for fear of being suspected or ostracized by their unit? I am in the military. When I read the open lane survey question and saw not one military was polled, I felt obliged to share my thoughts with the Redstone public.

Historically in our culture, the argument goes, marriage has meant the union of one woman and one man. To a large extent, the debate is now less about homosexuality than it is about marriage. Except on the Far Right, objection to same-sex marriage is rarely couched in terms of moral objection to homosexual relationships. Why not change the definition of marriage to include a union of two men, and who's to say that it should not be redefined further to include one man and two women, two women and three men, or any other possible combination?

Legalizing same-sex marriages effectively changes the definition of marriage. Marriage becomes a function of sexual partnership, not a function of certain shared societal and religious goals. Rather than rely on marriage to legitimize such relationships, Americans should instead use tax benefits, legal adoption and welfare benefits to provide a framework that recognize relationships among same-sex couples.

The attempt to ban gay marriages is an attempt to install the teaching of religion, which violates the Constitution. Even President Bush has decided to take a stance on this issue, urging approval of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages. A governor of a west coast state has ordered the state's attorney general to "take immediate steps" to get a court ruling stopping the city from issuing licenses to gay couples. Two-thirds of Americans don't support gay marriages, but I would like to believe that most Americans would support keeping the government out of peoples' private lives. Barring gay marriage violates the equation and due process clause of many states' constitution.

Taking into account equal protection under the law, gay couples should be granted the same equal rights to legal marriage as heterosexual couples. Without such recognition, gay couples, even those who have cohabited long enough to qualify as a common law spouse under many state laws, often aren't granted the same protection when it comes to shared finances, health insurance and other employee benefits, and property or power of attorney rights. Like many heterosexual couples, many gay couples share deep bonds of love, some so strong they've persevered years of discrimination for their choice to cohabit with and date one another. Just as it isn't fair to discriminate against

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President Ronald Reagan honored with state funeral

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The commander of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington was given the responsibility for all ceremonial arrangements in the state funeral of former President Ronald Reagan who died June 5.

Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry and members of other services were involved in all honors — from standing vigil beside the former president lying in repose June 7-8 at the Reagan Presidential Library in Ventura County, Calif., through driving the horse-drawn caisson in a funeral procession today in Washington, D.C., then guarding the mahogany casket while an estimated 100,000 are to pay their respects in the Rotunda of the Capitol, to the state funeral at the National Cathedral June 11 and sunset burial that evening back in California.

By law, former presidents are afforded a state funeral upon demise. While the general sequence of a state funeral is shaped by regulation and tradition, each

event is also uniquely shaped by the family's desires, MDW officials said.

Once the president officially announces the demise of a former commander-in-chief, he then joins the nation in offering condolences.

The secretary of Defense is then directed to conduct the funeral on behalf of the nation. In turn, he designates the secretary of the Army, who oversees the nation's senior military service, to be his representative.

The secretary of the Army further designates the commanding general for the U.S. Military District of Washington to exercise that responsibility.

Each branch of the armed forces provides personnel and support under the supervision of the Military District of Washington. Support includes an Armed Forces Honor Guard. In the past, this special ceremonial unit has participated in the state funerals for former presidents Kennedy, Eisenhower, Truman, Johnson and Nixon. A state funeral was also conducted for the Vietnam Unknown in 1984.

An open lane random survey

What is your birthday wish to the Army?

By KELLEY LANE
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Liberto Almonte
contractor

"I wish that all of our troops come home safely."



Sgt. 1st Class Al Johnson
Logistics Support Activity

"My wish would be that the servicemen and women in Iraq right now are able to come home soon and that the war will end soon."

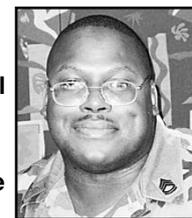


Mike Mayes
DoD civilian

"To finish up the war in Iraq, win it and get out of there as quickly with as many Soldiers alive as we can."

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Kuykendall
Logistics Support Activity

"I wish the Army success in all of its missions and for all Soldiers to come home safe and sound with peace, love and harmony."



Quote of the week

'We cannot allow ourselves to forget. Freedom is something that is not appreciated until it is lost, and freedom is not free.'

— Nathaniel Raley
Huntsville resident and former POW in World War II.

Getting to know you

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Job: Clerk, Program Executive Office for Aviation, summer hire

Where do you call home?
Huntsville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

Being able to master

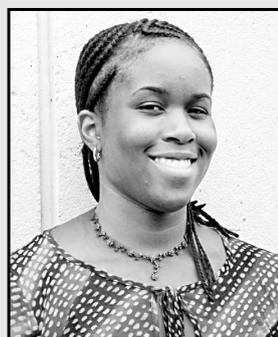
some of my computer skills. Also, learning more about the work force: the different situations, what to do and not to do, etc.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Watching TV, shopping, hanging out with friends, and playing basketball (I play for Georgia State University).

What are your goals?

To get a bachelor's in



computer science, get my master's in business administration and eventually have a job dealing with my major or stay with athletics and be a college basketball coach.

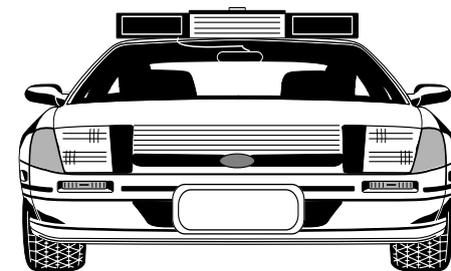
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 29: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items and then exiting without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 30: A Soldier stopped in Madison for a traffic violation was found to be wanted for desertion from his Fort Benning, Ga., unit. He was detained at the Provost Marshal Office until he could be transported to his unit.

May 30: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting an item and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by



the Provost Marshal Office.

Lost identification/badge reported: 28.

Traffic accidents reported: 4 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 19 speeding, 1 failure to obey a traffic control device and 1 larceny.

Police academy Iraq-style dangerous assignment

Guardsman does tour training Iraqi police

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Never in his wildest dreams did Mike Spradley, a Vietnam veteran, expect his Tennessee National Guard unit to be deployed.

First it was a year at Fort Campbell, Ky., serving as an MP in operation Noble Eagle "while the 101st deployed" then eight months in Iraq, bunking in one of Saddam's palaces in Baghdad, training Iraqi police.

"I've served more overseas in the Guard than when I was active duty," said Spradley, a police captain and shift commander at the Provost Marshal Office, said. "It was a good transition, though. My Guard job and police job are about the same, both in law enforcement management."

Spradley was a newlywed when he got orders to deploy with the 269th Military Police Company out of Murfreesboro, Tenn., to Fort Campbell in November 2002. The orders were amended to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He returned in April.

"I was the operations sergeant with company headquarters," Spradley said. "Our responsibilities included tracking and planning all missions and keeping the logistics in place for the operation of seven Iraqi police stations.

"We trained and equipped (Iraqi police) and supervised their operations," Spradley said, adding that a lot of money was spent on vehicles, weapons, uniforms and even remodeling the police stations. "The goal was to get them self-sufficient - to be able to function on their own without coalition support. And that's what they want, to be self-sufficient."

One of the biggest challenges in training the Iraqis, according to Spradley, was getting them to understand the concept of civil liberties.

"We had to explain what it meant and how to protect people's rights," he said. "It was a new concept for them. They were used to a dictatorship. They had to be taught to think independently and react



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

BACK HOME— Capt. Mike Spradley, shift commander at the Provost Marshal Office, spent eight months in Iraq with the National Guard, training Iraqi police.

on what they saw as opposed to what was told to them. It was shocking for us to watch them ask permission to take action. We kept telling them, it's your job to take action. You don't need permission."

Part of the mission was to accompany Iraqi police on patrols, which meant facing the dangers on the streets of Baghdad. Not only were police stations targeted daily with hand grenades, rocket attacks and drive-by shootings, individual policemen were targets, sometimes even their families were intimidated to the point of being kidnapped because of the job they were doing.

"A lot of them paid the supreme price," Spradley said. "They paid with their lives. Being a police officer in that country right now is a very dangerous job. Hundreds and hundreds have been killed. There are armed guards at the police stations in fortified fighting positions to protect the police stations."

Policing the streets was a challenge but the most disturbing thing, according to Spradley, were the convoy ambushes.

"IEDs - Improvised Explosive Devices," he said. "They were homemade bombs that could be remotely detonated against convoys of coalition forces. They're so sophisticated now, you can dial

a cell phone from miles away to set off these booby traps on the side of the road."

Spradley's unit lost four vehicles and suffered eight casualties, four so serious the Soldiers had to be evacuated to Walter Reed Hospital in Maryland.

"Our biggest casualty was when an IED blew up a Humvee," Spradley said. "To see your buddies messed up like that ... or to be in the operations center and hear it played out on the radio was even worse ... not being there to help."

Besides the risk of his 12-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week assignment, the U.S. compound, set up at one of Saddam Hussein's palaces in Baghdad, came under regular mortar attacks, usually at night.

"It was several times a week, if not more," Spradley said.

Comfort came through letters and packages from family and friends back home.

"It made the tour of duty bearable," Spradley said. "Care packages, phone calls, everything was appreciated. We even got packages and letters from corporations, schools, civic groups. You just don't know what a difference all that makes until you've been there. They sent candy, toiletries, books, games, videos. DVDs were the most popular because you could trade or exchange them with friends. We always looked forward to the packages."

Spradley called his wife, Connie, a "super trooper" and said that she should get an award for being the best Army wife around. Not only was she diligent with letters and care packages to her husband but she supported the family members of the other Guardsmen in the unit as well. She stayed in contact with the families through e-mail and phone calls and the support group. "She was really great. We'd only been married a few months when I had to go to Fort Campbell, so this was all new to her. I'm so proud of all my family."

Family includes stepdaughter Megan, who graduated Grissom High in May, his oldest son, an electronics technician in the Navy, currently deployed on a submarine, the USS Nebraska, a daughter, Heather, a nurse in Georgia and his youngest son,

Brian, a police officer with the Memphis Police Department, the same department Spradley served on early in his law enforcement career.

Spradley has spent most of his adult life in law enforcement. He spent six years active duty Army, from 1968-73, that included a 13-month tour as a machine gunner in Vietnam during the war. After he left the Army, he became a police officer with the Albany, Ga., police and then on to Memphis. His civil service career goes back 23 years as a Department of Justice corrections officer.

He joined the Tennessee National Guard in 1993 because "at that time they needed military police and having spent all that time in law enforcement, I felt I had something to offer."

The Army sent him to Vietnam and during his Guard career, he was deployed to Panama in 1998, Bosnia in 2000 for six months in Operation Joint Forge and then his latest tours for Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom.

He's glad to be home. "We took a cruise when I got back, sort of a belated honeymoon," Spradley said.

Spradley is proud of his service but he's bothered by the news of prisoner abuse in Iraq.

"I have never been asked nor has it ever been implied, nor would I ever have done anything of that nature," he said. "I do not believe the chain of command sanctioned that behavior. Those Soldiers knew what they were doing was wrong. They departed from the Army values and their own good judgment. It makes me sad, as a police officer and a Soldier."

As for what's left to be done in Iraq?

"We accomplished our mission as far as the police," Spradley said. "It remains to be seen what impact we'll have after we're gone. Will they be able to carry on without coalition support? Doubtful at this point; it depends on the leadership put in place. I hope the president can win the public back over to go the distance. Now is not a time to back down. I'd love to see our troops come home but if we need to stay to accomplish the mission, so be it."

Eighteen Soldiers join units in month

Eighteen Soldiers, including 10 officers, arrived at Redstone units during May.

The Garrison provided the following in-processing list:

- Col. Roosevelt Carter, ADT; Col. Michael Medenis, AT; Maj. Dwight Robinson, Moffett Airfield, Calif.; Lt. Col. Dwayne Morton, PEO CS CSS; Capt. Kim Thomas, headquarters Aviation and Missile; Maj. Redus Tittle, headquarters Aviation and Missile; Lt. Col. David Olson, Logistics Support

Activity; Capt. Randall Klingensmith, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Lt. Col. Ralph Cobb, LOGSA; Maj. Robert Hribar, PEO STRICOM.

- Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Watley, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Frederick Fowler, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Ernest Helmick, AMCOM; Master Sgt. Billy Chaffin, Delta Company; Spc. Eric Moorman, MEDDAC; Spc. Eric McMillan, MEDDAC; Sgt. 1st Class Albert Rocker, Delta Company; and Sgt. Edward A. Williams, MEDDAC.

Rights

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someone for their skin color, heritage or religion beliefs, it isn't fair to discriminate against someone for their sexual orientation. Why, again shouldn't gay couples be allowed to enjoy the benefits and happiness of marriage?

Is it absurd to argue that legalizing gay marriages will lead us down the slippery slope of sodomy, incest and bigamy?

There is no difference between the outcry against gay marriages and the persecution of mixed marriages of the 1960s. In America, tolerance is still hard to come by.

In its equal-rights struggle over recent decades, the American gay-rights movement has been understandably clamorous. Gay-rights opponents have made political hay fulminating against "activist" and "agenda," but where they fail is in their portrayal of ordinary lesbian and gay citizens as "sick" or "dangerous" or "immoral." But gay and lesbian Americans are pretty much like everyone else, and it has been the willingness to come out in large numbers to their families, friends and co-workers that has begun to inoculate gay Americans against the smears of domestic ayatollahs and their hysterical followers. It is easier to hate an abstraction than it is to hate your child or sibling or cousin, or that nice lesbian couple next door who keep their home up or volunteer at church. President Bush has been quoted as saying that judges and city officials were attempting to "change the most fundamental institution of civilization" by allowing gay marriages. This may be true but gay marriages can only strengthen the institution and, with its fair-minded inclusiveness and encouragement of stability, all of society.

I cannot conclude without bringing up what is to follow. I may regret it later but here it is. Religion. It's a topic where no one will win because we each have our own beliefs. Three of the four DoD civilians polled used the Bible to credit and support their opinions and beliefs, leaving one to stand behind arithmetic. (Let me add that I do respect everyone's opinion.) I'm not saying that I agree or disagree. I just want the public to see the other side. Non-believers and those who have already tired of my ramblings, just bear with me a little bit longer for going here.

Every person is justified by grace to God through faith in Jesus Christ. Lesbians and gay men face discrimination because of societal attitudes. Unfortunately, these attitudes are often taught by the church. Sadly, the Bible is often used as a weapon to "bash" gays and lesbians. It is important to remember that such hurtful things are not a reflection of Christ, or the way God wants the church to be. They are the products of the fallible and imperfect human beings who guided these churches. Ultimately, Chris-

tians' personal faith should not depend upon a particular church but rather it should be solidly placed in Jesus Christ.

There are at least a couple of things one must keep in mind when reading the Bible. First, always remember its content. In order to understand any writing (whether it be a letter, a speech, or even the Bible) it is necessary to understand its background. Think about who is speaking, to whom it is addressed, why it is written, and what the culture was like.

Secondly, the Bible began as an oral tradition and then was written in ancient language over many centuries. It was copied and re-copied in the original language, then translated into other languages. As anyone who speaks or reads more than one language will understand, translating requires interpretation and personal judgment. Even with the best of intents, translators and copyists are quite capable of human error.

Does the Bible include reference to, or stories about, gays and lesbians consistent with what historians and anthropologists know about sexuality during those times? The answer is, "Yes!" Some stories are incontrovertible. Others are compellingly gay and lesbian. And, there are other stories curiously suggestive of same-sex relationships. This idea is a complex detective story made more difficult by thousands of heterosexist bias in secular history and biblical scholarship.

The most beautiful word in the gospel of Jesus Christ is "whosoever." All of God's promises are intended for every human being. This includes gays and lesbians. How tragic it is that the Christian church has excluded and persecuted people who are homosexuals.

Biblical interpretation and theology has changed from time to time. Approximately 150 years ago in the United States, some Christian teachings held that there was a two-fold moral order: black and white. Whites were thought to be superior to blacks, therefore blacks were to be subservient and slavery was an institution ordained by God. Clergy who supported such an abhorrent idea claimed the authority of the Bible. The conflict over slavery led to division which gave birth to some major Christian denominations. These same denominations of course do not support slavery today. Did the Bible change? No, their interpretation of the Bible did!

As I stated earlier, I am not agreeing or disagreeing with the civilians polled in the open lane survey and do respect their opinions. I am wanting the other side to be voiced, however.

Sp. Lisa Yancey
MEDDAC

Editor's note: The weekly open lane survey is intended to invite opinions from members of the Redstone community on various topics of interest. Your response confirms the purpose of this random poll.

Blue star stickers on sale at Army Community Service

Decals serve as tribute to servicemembers

ACS RELEASE

The North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Coalition in conjunction with Association of the United States Army, National Defense Industrial Association, and Army Space and Missile Defense Association, are sponsoring the implementation of a Corporate Blue Star Banner program that they hope will go nationally. The Blue Star Banner is a profound



reminder of both individuals who are serving their country overseas and their loved ones waiting for them back home. Blue Star Banners, sometimes called Blue Star Service Flags, have been a part of our

wartime history since 1917. At that time, Army Capt. Robert Quessner patented this unofficial symbol in honor of his two sons who were serving on the front lines.

The blue star on a white background with a red border has been displayed proudly by families with members serving in the armed forces since then. They were traditionally displayed in front windows of the homes of service men and women. These banners became a way for households to show family pride in their loved ones serving in the military and to remind others of the sacrifice many Americans make to preserve freedom.

On June 14 at noon, businesses in Madison County and the Tennessee Valley participating in Operation Blue Star will hold cer-

emonies displaying either a Blue Star Flag or a Blue Star Banner at their facility, until the war on terrorism is won. The 3-by-5-foot banner reads, "We honor those who serve."

This initiative was officially kicked off June 2; and the purpose is to renew and help spread this spirit and pride, and to ensure that the more than 135,000 servicemembers are not forgotten.

Army Community Service is selling decal stickers, a smaller scale of the large banner. These 3-by-5-inch stickers can be displayed on cars and windows of homes, or anywhere appropriate, to depict support for this effort. They are available at ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road, for \$1 each. For more information, call 876-5397.

Annual advance planning briefing for industry on tap

Forum at Redstone slated July 13-14

By LAURETTA MITCHELL
For the Rocket

The Army depends on the industrial sector, including both large and small businesses, for most research and development services and nearly all materiel acquisition. Consequently, it is advantageous to the Army to provide information that will help businesses maintain awareness of the prospective Army procurements and develop competitive postures in anticipation of those procurements.

By providing information to industry on Army needs, the Army gains access to existing and emerging technologies and benefits from increased competition during development and acquisition. It is therefore incumbent upon the Army to make available the latest advanced planning and requirements information so that industry can effectively apply its resources in developing the materiel and weapons necessary to support the national defense effort.

The 2004 Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is the

Army's catalysis for providing this information to industry. The APBI is designed to provide current, factual and definitive information to further the mutually profitable exchange of information with industry, research and educational organizations. The conference will cover a complete spectrum of long-range Army aviation and missile technology efforts and requirements 3 to 5 years prior to solicitation as well as near-term efforts and requirements.

Information will be provided on potential contract opportunities, including major end items, secondary items (components/spares), automation, maintenance (overhaul/repairs), and

other service requirements as well as scientific and technological advances required to meet future Army needs. This forum will assist our team members in the private sector in planning and preparing for those requirements.

The Team Redstone APBI will be held on Redstone Arsenal, July 13-14. This year's conference theme is "Rapid Reaction to Battlefield Requirements Today and Tomorrow."

The APBI conference coordinator is Laretta Mitchell, technical industrial liaison officer at Research Development and Engineering Center. She can be reached at 876-4270 or e-mail Laretta.Mitchell@rdec.redstone.army.mil.



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Neighbors helping neighbors

A \$6,456 check is presented to USO during the United Way of Madison County's first Community Investment Celebration on May 19 at the Von Braun Center. Bill Perkins, left, of the retiree community, makes the presentation to garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin and Donna Johnson, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, Combined Federal Campaign.

Shop eBay style for government surplus items

Internet site offers everything from airplanes to sleeping bags

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On the third week of each month, hundreds of military surplus items including computer monitors, machinery, automotive parts, furniture, tents and even kitchen sinks located at Redstone Arsenal are available for online bidding.

"It's set up a lot like eBay," Keith Renfro, site manager for Government Liquidation, a contractor that specializes in selling government surplus to the public, said. "We started the online bidding a little less than two years ago. You can get some good deals but you have to know what you're doing, especially when it comes to specialty items like aircraft parts. You have to be a well-informed bidder."

Government Liquidation partners with the Department of Defense to handle surplus property that is not reutilized by the government. For many years, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office on Redstone handled disposal of all the surplus on post, but a few years ago, they started working with a contractor to handle the items that were eventually put up for public sale.

"The property that comes to us is first offered for reuse within the Department of Defense, transferred to other federal agencies or donated to state and local governments," Bill Neppel, property disposal specialist at Redstone's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, said. "Property not reutilized, transferred or donated is then offered to the public as surplus."

Neppel's office gives title of the public surplus to the contractor, Government Liquidation, who then chooses how to group the items and what will be sold over the Internet. Eighty percent of the sale proceeds, after expenses, come back to the U.S. Treasury.

DRMO's web site www.drms.dla.mil lists property for reutilization but doesn't provide pictures of the items. Government Liquidation puts photos and descriptions of public surplus on its web site, www.govliquidation.com, along with all the conditions of sale.

"We have to sell as is," Renfro said. "Some things listed, like certain pieces of equipment, the buyer has to have special authorization. You have to go through trade security control for some vehicle demil sales. It will tell you right on the online listing if you need special certification to purchase the item."

Even though photos are included in online listing of public sale items, merchandise for both public sale and reutilization can be inspected in person at the warehouses located on Redstone.

The web site lists Redstone auction items as well as inventory from several



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

PIECE OF HISTORY— Bill Neppel, property disposal specialist at Redstone's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, points to a placard that reads "St. Louis Ordnance Plant, War Department" which dates the desk back to the '40s. The desk, file cabinets and metal roll carts are just a few of the thousands of surplus items for sale to the public.

other DRMO regions. The next GL auction at Redstone will be June 23. Bidders can pay online via credit card or by mail to the contractor's office in Scottsdale, Ariz. Once payment has been rendered, an e-mail will be sent to the buyer and Renfro at the Redstone office. Then the buyer can arrange to pick up the item or have it packed and shipped.

"Here in Huntsville we get the basic stuff, electronics, computers, furniture, clothing, kitchen equipment, mechanical, aircraft parts. With the new dining hall, we're getting truckloads of equipment from the old mess hall," Renfro said. "But at some of our other sites, we've sold everything from horses out of Texas to some presidential china at Fort Meade, Md."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

WEIGHING IN— This food scale is among the truckloads of mess hall equipment salvaged from the old dining facility on post that will be auctioned off to the public.

The inventory for DRMO and Government Liquidation auctions change daily and include thousands of items for reutilization and sale. In fiscal 2003 the DRMS managed the reuse of nearly \$1.5 billion worth of property and sold remaining eligible property for more than \$53 million in national and local sales.

For more information call Neppel at 876-3617 for reutilization; and Renfro at 881-6134 for public sales.

■ Essay winners spending week at Space Camp

Winners

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Space Camp, for grades 4-6, began

Sunday. Space Academy, for grades 7-8, and Aviation Challenge, for grades 7-9, started Saturday. All will graduate Friday.

The Space Camp scholarship winners included Wiggins, Munn and



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WINNING GROUP— Daniel Munn, in foreground, poses with the other Space Camp scholarship winners after the awards ceremony.

Openshaw, son of Lt. Col. Shane Openshaw; Brandon Carpenter, son of Capt. William Carpenter; Erin DeLuca, daughter of Lt. Col. Ralph DeLuca; Nicholas Libarios, son of Capt. Arnel Libarios; Catherine Lumb, daughter of Lt. Col. Mark Lumb; Marina McGruder, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer Roslyn McGruder; Sarah Szmuto, daughter of Staff Sgt. Joseph Szmuto; and Victoria Vanlandingham, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Dana Hayes.

Space Academy winners were Kamaren Braxton, daughter of retired Sgt. 1st Class David Braxton; and Natalie Stevenson, daughter of Maj. Theodore Stevenson.

The Aviation Challenge winners were Elizabeth Frost, daughter of retired Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Frost; and Daniel Kreipe, son of Maj. Stephen Kreipe.

"ACS depends largely on our volunteers," Sue Paddock, chief of Army Community Service, said. "This actually is a year-round project."

Susan Carr and Phyllis Montgomery serve as volunteer co-chairmen of the Space Camp Scholarship Committee. Also involved in the project are Natalie Taylor of ACS and Marsha Lindstrom, scholarship and grants director at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Space Camp began in 1982 and this scholarship awards program started two years later.

Support group starting for post traumatic stress

FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER RELEASE

Behavioral Medicine has seen an increasing number of Soldiers with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. As a result, Dr. David Ferguson and Durwood Whitten will begin a PTSD support group June 11.

The group will meet Friday mornings at 9 in Behavioral Medicine, building 3425.

These symptoms are common for Soldiers who have experienced traumas that occur in combat. The symptoms include:

- Recurring memories of the trauma that are disturbing and will not go away
- Nightmares or disturbing dreams of the traumatic events
- Acting or feeling like you are back in the traumatic events
- Feelings of distress when exposed to sounds, smells, images that resemble the

trauma

- Trying not to think about the traumatic events
- Trying to avoid things or conversations that remind you of the events
- Inability to remember some of the trauma
- Lack of interest in previously enjoyable activities
- Unable to have loving feelings
- Expectations that you won't have a normal life span
- Difficulty falling or staying asleep
- Irritability or outbursts of anger
- Difficulty concentrating
- Hyper-vigilance
- Being easily startled
- Withdrawing from friends and society.

If you have had these symptoms and they have been present for more than one month, the group may be helpful for you. Feel free to call Ferguson at 876-9085 if you have questions.

Rules form for handling sexual assault cases

Policy

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be addressed in the new policy and become a part of AR 600-20, said Lt. Col. John McPhaul of Army G-1.

"Commanders must create a command climate where victims feel comfortable reporting acts of sexual assault," Sullivan said. "Rape is one of the most unreported crimes nationwide.

"As a first sergeant, if you don't know your Soldier was attacked or raped, how can you protect that Soldier? What if you put that Soldier on guard duty with his or her attacker?"

"It's imperative that leaders know that prevention, training and assistance are a commander's responsibility."

Company commanders will no longer have the authority to sign the disciplinary paperwork for Soldiers who are accused of a sexual offense, when the cases don't go to court. The battalion commander's signature will be required, Sullivan said.

Department of the Army form 4833, Commander's Report of Disciplinary or Administrative Action, is a permanent record that states what a Soldier was accused of, and what action was taken against him.

Sullivan said the task force found that about 20 percent of the commanders had not filled out the form because of operational tempo. Another recommendation of the task force is to alter the form, so that instead of stating that administrative action was taken against a Soldier, his or her specific punishments will be listed on the form.

Commanders alone cannot round out a successful program to prevent sexual assault, according to the task force. Commanders alone cannot be the judge, juror and prosecutor.

In AR 600-20 one of the responsibilities commanders will have is to assign a unit victim advocate to support victims of sexual assault. It is important to keep the victim and the chain of command informed of all case actions as they occur with the case. The unit victim advocate will work to provide emotional support to

victims while assisting them in the step-by-step processes involved, McPhaul said.

Other agencies whose roles will be outlined in the chapter will include CID, the Provost Marshal, the Surgeon General, Staff Judge Advocate and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (Community and Family Support Center), McPhaul said.

"The Army agencies already have some procedures in place and know what to do, and are doing it, if an act of sexual assault occurs," McPhaul said, "but we must develop comprehensive policy of dealing with sexual assault from awareness/prevention, to victim support and data collection.

"We are developing a mechanism that gets all the agencies in concert with each other by establishing a policy that deals with sexual assault not only in garrison but in a deployed setting as well."

Training requirements will also be addressed in the regulation, McPhaul said. Within the next 60 to 90 days, new chapters will be added to the regulation and staffed with the field.

Training and Doctrine Command is devising lesson plans on the prevention of sexual assault to be included in all professional development schools, refresher courses at the unit level and additional training for law enforcement, medical and legal personnel, Sullivan said.

When looking for ways to improve the Army's policies and programs, the task force sought advice from outside agencies to include Department of Veteran Affairs; National Organization of Victim Assistance; Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network; The Miles Foundation, Navy, Coast Guard and the University of Arizona and Purdue University in Indiana.

Both universities were given grants from the Department of Justice for their prevention programs. The age category for the Soldiers who report the assaults and their assailants are in the same age category as the university students. Nearly 84 percent of alleged perpetrators were identified as junior Soldiers, and 95 percent of the victims were in the rank of staff sergeant and below, according the task force report.

Army changes Stop Loss/Stop Movement

Soldiers nearing end of service may have to stay in longer

By KARLA L. GONZALEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Active-duty Soldiers nearing the end of their service contract may not be getting out of the Army as soon as they might have expected.

Army officials announced June 1 the latest Active Army Stop Loss/Stop Movement Program for active Army units preparing for deployment overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Policies in place for reserve-component Soldiers have not changed.

The changes in the Active Army program synchronize the process of units being notified of deployments with the Stop Loss actions, according to Lt. Col. Franklin Childress, public affairs officer with the Army's G-1. The previous process required a separate action to request the initiation of Stop Loss after the unit received official deployment notification.

The Active Army Stop Loss/Stop Movement program will be effective 90 days prior to the Earliest Arrival Date, or EAD, specified in the deployment order, according to Childress. Soldiers will remain affected by Stop Loss/Stop Movement under the program up to 90 days after they redeploy to their home station.

The additional days following redeployment, according to Childress, are to take care of the Soldiers. The time will be used to allow for any medical or dental needs to be taken care of as well as any other out-processing that needs to be completed.

"The focus is on Soldiers taking care of Soldiers," Childress said. Soldiers who have completed all of their out-processing needs can get approval from their command to be released in less than 90 days.

The new program does allow for some separations of Soldiers. The following active-Army Soldiers are normally not subject to Stop Loss:

- Soldiers eligible for mandatory retirement;
- Soldiers eligible for disability retirement, separation for physical disability or other physical conditions;
- Soldiers pending separation for the convenience of the government such as surviving sons and daughters, parenthood or pregnancy;
- Soldiers pending separation because of dependency or hardship;
- Soldiers whose quality of service warrants separation;
- Soldiers in violation of the Army's homosexual conduct policy;
- Soldiers pending separation who are conscientious objectors, and;
- Soldiers who do not meet military personnel security program standards.

The focus of Army deployments is on

trained and ready units, not individuals, Army personnel officials said. They explained that losses caused by separation, retirements and reassignments have the potential to adversely impact training, cohesion and stability in deploying units.

Without a Stop Loss/Stop Movement program, an Army divisional-sized unit may require the reassignment of more

than 4,000 Soldiers from other units to achieve a complete reset of the division and ensure a deployable strength of 100 percent, officials said. They said this unmanaged turbulence would preclude the delivery to the warfight of units which have an enhanced combat effectiveness based on stability and having trained together for long periods of time.

Help deployed troops call home with prepaid cards

Phone card gifts available online

EXCHANGE SERVICE RELEASE

DALLAS — Any American can now help troops in contingency operations telephone call home. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is now authorized to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed.

Up until now, those wishing to lend a helping hand had no other alternative, but to purchase other retailer's prepaid cards that, in many cases, were not designed for affordable international calling. Now, anyone (even those not in the military) can help troops in contingency operations call home from one of the many AAFES call centers in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Many of the prepaid cards available to the general public from retailers other than AAFES offer much higher rates and connection charges. For servicemembers to receive the best calling rates from OIF/OEF, senders should take advantage of the savings and purchase the Military Exchange 550 Unit Prepaid Card as it offers the best value when calling home with minutes that never expire and no hidden charges or connection fees. And senders don't even need to know the names or address of deployed personnel to provide the great benefit of a phone call home.

Helping servicemembers stay in touch with friends and family has never been easier. Anyone can log on to www.aafes.com and click the "help our troops call home" link. From there, those wishing to pay for troops to call home can send a prepaid calling card to an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any servicemember" deployed or hospitalized. AAFES will coordinate distribution of donated cards addressed to "any servicemember" via the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation. AAFES operates 31 call centers in Iraq, 19 in Kuwait and four in Afghanistan. All

of these locations stay busy playing a critical role in keeping the lines of communication open between deployed troops and their loved ones.

AAFES officials hailed the Department of Defense's foresight in allowing it to offer phone cards to the general public.

"A phone call home can make a Soldiers day," said AAFES' chief of communications Lt. Col. Debra Pressley. "This initiative allows any American to make a direct impact on the morale of deployed troops around the world. We hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity to purchase a phone card that will make a connection between the front lines and the home front."

In addition to the ability to send phone cards, individuals and organizations can further extend support to deployed troops with a "Gift From the Homefront" gift certificate. This innovative initiative allows anyone to help deployed troops purchase merchandise in one of 54 contingency stores. "Gifts From the Homefront" can also be purchased 24 hours a day by logging on to www.aafes.com or by calling 877-770-4438, seven days a week, everyday of the year. From there, the "Gift From the Homefront" can also be sent to an individual servicemember (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any servicemember" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

Reports from Iraq indicate that the certificates distributed most recently are being used for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks and beverages and phone cards for those all-important calls home. "Gifts From the Homefront" certificates are available in denominations of \$10, \$20 or \$25 and are subject to a \$4.95 shipping and handling processing fee. As is the case with Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Cards, "Gifts From the Homefront" can be purchased by anyone with a U.S. credit card or check, but only authorized military customers can redeem them at AAFES facilities throughout the world, including 54 locations in OIF/OEF.

Drill Sergeant of Year competition in formation

Army's top drills gather June 14-18

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

FORT MONROE, Va. — The Army's top 22 drill sergeants from across the nation will gather here June 14-18 to compete for the title of 2004 U.S. Army Drill Sergeant of the Year.

This year 15 Active Component and seven U.S. Army Reserve Component drill sergeants will compete. One winner from the Active Component and one from the Reserve Component will be selected as top drill sergeant for 2004.

The four-day event begins June 15; the running of the Army Physical Fitness Test is set to start at 7 a.m. Push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run along Fenwick Drive, Fort Monroe, will test each candidate's level of physical fitness. Print and electronic media are invited to attend this event. Candidates will be made available for interviews following their completion of the test. Updated information on the competition will be available at: http://www.tradoc.army.mil/pao/Web_specials/DSOY04/index.htm.

Later in the week, candidates will also be tested on their knowledge of Soldier tasks and how they teach those tasks to new trainees. The selection process concludes with each candidate appearing before a board of senior command sergeants major to answer questions on leadership and training.

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, headquartered at Fort Monroe, will host an awards ceremony and announce the winners June 18 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Post's Continental Park.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Drill sergeants are top-quality, pro-

fessional noncommissioned officers from virtually all branches of the Army. Their role is to turn citizens into Soldiers. During every recruit's initial entry training period, these NCOs set the tone for their entire military career. Currently there are approximately 2,900 Army drill sergeants in the Active Component and 3,000 in the Reserve Component.

Each year, TRADOC trains more than 300,000 Soldiers. Drill sergeants play a critical role in the success of this training and, therefore, have a direct impact on the readiness of the entire Army.

The Active Component Army Drill Sergeant of the Year receives the Meritorious Service Medal and the Stephen Ailes Award, initiated in 1969. Ailes was Secretary of the Army from 1964-65 and was instrumental in originating the first Drill Sergeant School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The Army Reserve Component winner also receives the Meritorious Service Medal and the Ralph Haines Jr. Award. Haines was commander of the Continental Army Command (the forerunner of TRADOC) from 1970-72.

Both winners receive the "Army Times" Eugene P. Famiglietti Award, named for the late editor of the "Army Times."

The Association of the United States Army will present each winner with a gold watch and sponsor both drill sergeants at the 2004 AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in October. Also, the Non Commissioned Officers Association will present each winner with the NCOA Military Excellence Award. The American Military Society and Armed Forces Insurance will make presentations in the form of plaques and books.

Presently, 12 TRADOC installations have drill sergeants: Fort Bliss, Texas;

Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Gordon, Ga.; Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Eustis, Va.; Fort Lee, Va.; Presidio of Monterey, Calif., and Fort Jackson, S.C. Aberdeen Proving Ground,

Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., also have drill sergeants in Advanced Individual Training.

Reserve Component drill sergeants represent training divisions from throughout the United States.



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Operation retirement

Col. Steven Spatola, center, director of the AMCOM Operations Center, recognizes two Soldiers retiring from the operations center: Lt. Col. Philip Bragg, left, and Chief Warrant Officer Antonio Samaniego. They retire with a combined 62 years service and spent the last two years here in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Supreme Court admissions ceremony set locally

Twenty-nine attorneys, including eight with the Aviation and Missile Command, will receive the authority to practice before the Supreme Court.

The North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association will hold a U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony, administered by retired Maj. Gen. William Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court, June 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base.

"Upon admission, these individuals will obtain all the rights and responsibilities to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States," Juanita Sales Lee, deputy secretary for the Federal Bar Association and an attorney at Space and Missile Defense Command, said.

The eight from AMCOM include Amy Sue Meredith, Laura Owens, Will Rathbun, Mary Boehme Richards, Glenda Joy Collins, Marcia Stevens, Brian Toland and John Alvin Henningsen.

Cost for lunch is \$25. For reservations call Laura Owens 842-0544 or Juanita Sales Lee 955-4521 today.



Courtesy photo

SPECIAL GUEST— Retired Maj. Gen. William Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court, will speak on "Today's Supreme Court" at a luncheon June 16 for the North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association.

Arsenal contractor publishes poetry book of the heart

Lacy uses a Cosby-like style to share everyday experiences

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When Marc Lacy sees something that touches his heart, he writes about it. When he sees others experience joy, sadness, anger or elation, he captures those feelings with ink on a page. It's not just something he does from time to time. Writing poetry about what touches the heart is part of who he is.

Lacy's first book of poetry, "The Looking Heart," was released in March and has been well received locally. He's already signed with two publicists to take his book on national and international campaigns in the fall.

Even with the success, he's not ready to fly the coop on his day job as a Continuity of Operations Plan contractor tasked to the Integrated Materiel Management Center. As a COOP administrator, he is part of a team that develops contingency plans for the Arsenal in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The Morgan Research Corporation contractor has been at Redstone for nearly six years.

"Playing the starving artist isn't for me," the Alabama A&M University graduate said. "I like to eat. I like what I do here. I'll keep writing. I've been doing it for 15 years. I'm already working on books two and three. I'm just not ready to go full time. I think for some people who quit their jobs to pursue writing, it puts too much pressure on them to get a product out there. Sometimes it's not your best because of the pressure to get something, anything done. When you read my poems, you see me. One of the main reasons I decided to self publish was so that I could get my true work out there."

The decision to self publish came partly from hearing his other writer friends talk about publishing a book but never actually getting it done. Part of it was to learn the business from top to bottom so that "when I hand it over to a publisher, I know what's going on. I can ask questions and understand why certain things are done the way they are."

"It takes a lot of faith and hard work to self publish a book," Lacy said. "I figure, if I can do it, anybody can do it. And I think publishing poetry is a little easier grammar-wise than publishing a short story or a novel. I can punctuate it the way I want for the meaning I give it and it all works out."

But you're also taking a bigger chance with poetry vs. a short story or novel, Lacy said.

"Poetry books don't sell like fiction," he said. "Sometimes people are intimidated by poetry because they have to try and figure out what the author is saying. That's not me. When you read my poems you'll know what I'm talking about. My mom classifies my work as 'Cosby poetry.'"

Cosby is in reference to Bill Cosby, the common sense, comedic actor who "uses an artistic fashion to express life's simple lessons learned so that you can get something out of it," Lacy said. "I write about everyday experiences — what brings a smile to someone's face, things that nag people, pet peeves, like when a telemarketer calls you just as you're sitting down to dinner; the things we don't like to admit about ourselves. The one thing I don't do is politics."

A Huntsville native, Lacy is a graduate of Butler High and attended East Carolina University on a basketball scholarship for one year before transferring to A&M on a partial basketball scholarship. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering and says that his family is very much a part of his poetry. His father, Walter, a former Arsenal employee, is a published poet in the 1989 American Poetry Anthology and served as editor for Lacy's book. His mother, Julianne, typeset the copy and his sister, Lorraine Lacy, who works in the Corporate Information Center, designed the book cover. "My family, all of them, have been just great about this," he said.

Lacy describes this collection of poems, as spiritual but not religious — "a motivational book with color."

"All of us have room for improvement, especially me," he said. "If we want to

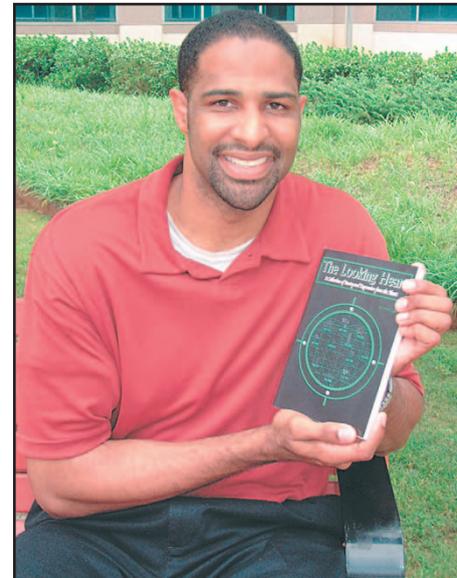


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

FROM THE HEART— Marc Lacy, Continuity of Operations Plan contractor tasked to the Integrated Materiel Management Center, holds his self-published book of poetry, "The Looking Heart."

make the world a better place, take a long, hard look in the mirror instead of being critical of the next person. If we're all being the best people we can be, there's no time or room for jealousy or envy or negative attributes to come into play."

Lacy begins the book with a dedication to the Soldiers and their families.

"My heart goes out to the Soldiers and the people who have loved ones over there," he said. "Something in my heart needed to include that piece in the book. God bless them."

Lacy has already done numerous book signings in the area. A schedule of upcoming events and more information on the book is available on his web site www.thelookingheart.com.

His book can be purchased at Shaver's Bookstore on Whitesburg Drive, through Amazon.com or by sending \$14 to AVO Publishing, P.O. Box 2250, Huntsville, AL 35804.

Vietnam veteran, Redstone worker dies

George Thaler, the subject of a letter to the editor May 19 titled "Veteran needs our prayers," died June 4.

The anonymous letter related how Thaler was highly decorated during the Vietnam War for his special operations,

recon and special missions behind enemy lines. "This man has cancer and is spending his last days at home with family," it said.

Thaler worked in the tactical missile division at Security Assistance Management Directorate.

Hearing loss causes bad vibes in personal life

Wear protective devices during loud activities

BY DEBORAH HALL
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Hearing loss is the total or partial inability to hear sound in one or both ears. Because noise induced hearing loss is preventable, everyone should understand the hazards of noise and how to protect their hearing in everyday life.

Noises above 90 decibels — the measure of the loudness or strength of vibra-

tion of a sound — particularly if the sound is prolonged, may cause such intense vibration that the inner ear is damaged. Some examples of sounds and their dB include: whisper in a quiet library, 30 dB; normal conversation, sewing machine, 90 dB; some rock concerts, 100 dB; jackhammer 3 feet away, 120 dB; and gun muzzle blast, 140dB.

A general rule of thumb is that if noise is so loud that you need to shout to be heard, the noise can damage hearing. Just as each individual is different, so too is a person's hearing loss. No two people will lose hearing ability in the same way. For

example, some losses occur in the higher frequency ranges while others may experience difficulty in hearing softer sounds.

Signs you might be suffering from a hearing loss and need to have your hearing evaluated by a hearing professional include: listening difficulty at a restaurant with family and friends; your hearing condition causes arguments with members of your family; you hear frequent jokes about your hearing ability; your spouse tells you "I frequently have to repeat things for you"; you attend church services or other social events less often because of your hearing problem; you find it necessary to turn up the volume on your television or radio and others think it is too loud; and you experience feelings of frustration when you talk to others and have difficulty hearing everything they say.

Hearing professionals include an otolaryngologist, a physician who specializes in diseases of the ears, nose, throat, head and neck, and an audiologist, a health professional trained to identify and measure hearing loss and to rehabilitate persons with hearing impairments.

Hearing loss is much easier, and more effective, to prevent than it is to treat. It is easy to protect your hearing by wearing earplugs or other hearing protective devices when involved in a loud activity (special earplugs and earmuffs are available at hardware stores and sporting good stores). Government workers in a noise hazardous job are part of the hearing conservation program administered by the Occupational Health Clinic. For more information on hearing protection go to www.entnet.org or call the Occupational Health Clinic at 955-8888, ext. 1027.

Fluorescent lighting shouldn't be turnoff

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

If you think fluorescent lighting is unhealthy, you're mistaken, according to the Energy Management Office.

"Fluorescent lighting has changed a lot in the last few years. Today, fluorescent lamps have greatly improved color quality," a prepared release said. "The annoying flicker and hum associated with fluorescent lamps has been eliminated with the use of electronic ballasts. Of course,

fluorescents are more efficient than standard incandescent lighting. Because they require less electricity, fluorescents generate less power plant pollution, emissions which have many known health effects. Fluorescent lights also contain small amounts of mercury, and should be disposed of properly. However, even more mercury releases are avoided thanks to reduced use of the mercury-containing fossil fuels used to generate electricity. If it's been awhile since you tried fluorescent lights, you might give them another



Courtesy photo

Rocket museum

Members of the International Military Student Office tour the U.S. Space and Rocket Center on May 28. NASA retiree Stan Johns talks about one of the displays for the soldiers from Taiwan, Jordan, Egypt, Hungary and the Philippines.

Nemechek races with flag patch for Memorial Day

Army-sponsored car finishes 14th in NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600

By Spc. LORIE JEWELL
Army News Service

CONCORD, N.C. — Flying around a racetrack at speeds pushing 200 miles per hour, NASCAR driver Joe Nemechek paid special tribute to fallen Soldiers and those still serving.

On the dash of Nemechek's Army-sponsored 01 Chevrolet was an American flag patch, placed there by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Mounce of the U.S. Army's Accessions Command minutes before the start of NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 race at the Lowe's Motor Speedway May 30. Nemechek finished the race in 14th place, while Jimmy Johnson took first.

Nemechek said it was "cool" to drive with the patch, especially for the Memorial Day race. Riding shotgun was a G.I. Joe doll dressed in a desert camouflage uniform, strapped into the passenger seat.

"Anytime we can do something to honor Soldiers, I definitely want to be a part of it," Nemechek said.

In a pre-race ceremony on the main stage of the track, Special Forces Soldier Capt. Doug Legan handed the patch he wore on his desert camouflage uniform while serving in Iraq to Mounce, who quick-marched across the infield to the 01 racecar. After saluting Accessions Commander Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, who stood at attention at the rear of the car, Mounce reached in through the passenger window and fastened the Velcro-backed patch to the dash.

"It's just fitting that Joe carry this around the track for Memorial Day," Cavin said.

The hood of the black-and-gold Army racecar now features the Time Magazine cover naming the American Soldier as its Person of the Year. Just before the race started, Cavin playfully polished the hood with a napkin for Nemechek's mother, Martha, who captured the moment with her camera.

NASCAR and Coca-Cola celebrated the race's tie to Memorial Day by featuring the military, and the Army especially, in activities leading up to the moment the drivers peeled out of the pit area to start the 600-mile race. The 82nd Airborne Chorus sang, the Golden Knights Skydive Team jumped into the infield, and Soldiers with the 3rd Special Forces Group from Fort Bragg, N.C., fast roped to the track from Black Hawk helicopters and set up a perimeter for the arrival of a Black Hawk that delivered country singer John Michael Montgomery to the infield.

Montgomery, dressed in a desert camouflage uniform, performed his hit song "Letters From Home" with Soldiers flanked behind him.

A crew from the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division's Stryker Brigade Combat Team, made a lap around the track in the infantry carrier. A 4th Infantry Division Color Guard presented the colors just before Chief Warrant Officer Charlie King of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment sang "Amazing Grace." A 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment Rifle Team gave a seven-gun volley as Staff Sgt. Shelby Barber of the 82nd Airborne Division Band played Taps. Five Black Hawks flew over the track in a missing man formation, followed by a B2 Stealth bomber, as finalists from the television talent show "American Idol" sang the national anthem and Special Forces Soldiers raised the American flag in Victory Lane.

Maj. Gen. Charles Swannack Jr., former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, greeted the crowd of 100,000-plus as grand marshal of the race, drawing thunderous applause as he thanked them for their patriotism and paid tribute to those "who have made the ultimate sacrifice for you and I" to enjoy the freedoms of a democratic society.

Swannack deferred the honor of starting the race to a group of Soldiers from the 1st Armored Cavalry Division currently serving in Iraq. A video of the Soldiers issuing the traditional command, "Gentlemen, start your engines," was broadcast on giant screens around the track.

Soldiers involved in race activities were impressed and grateful with the lengths organizers went to in recognizing Memorial Day and the military.

"It's pretty surreal," said Staff Sgt. David Hughes, a member of the Stryker crew. "We've gotten a lot of thank yous from everyone. It's nice to know people believe in what we're doing."

Staff Sgt. Matthew Brandt, of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment Rifle Team, first experienced the patriotic embrace of a NASCAR crowd last year after returning from Afghanistan. The patriotism hasn't diminished one bit, Brandt said.

"For Soldiers who love NASCAR, this is an awesome experience," said Brandt, pausing as he toured the garage area before the race. "You just can't beat it. Everyone keeps saying they appreciate what we do, but we want them to know that we appreciate everything they do for us."

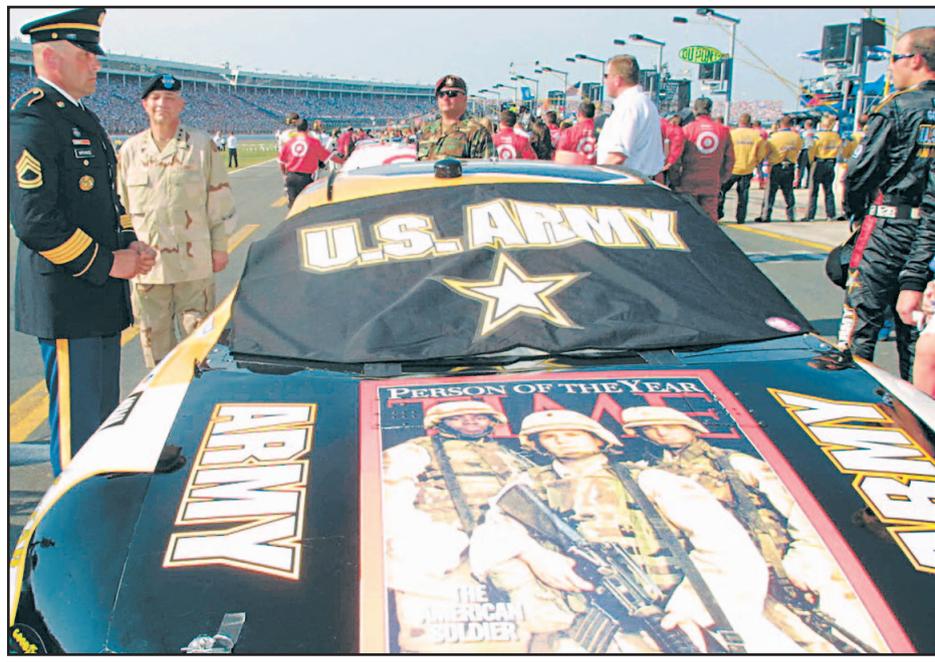


Photo by Spc. Lorie Jewell

FAST FRIENDS— With Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commander of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, standing by, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Mounce of the Accessions Command prepares to place an American flag patch on the dash of the Army-sponsored 01 Chevrolet driven by Joe Nemechek in the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 race.



Ten-miler tryouts

Redstone will have tryouts for its Army Ten-Miler team 7 a.m. Aug. 7 and Aug. 21 on a 10-mile course that begins and ends in the parking lot at Sparkman Fitness Center. The team is to have six military – including active duty, National Guard and Reserves — and four civilian members. The 20th annual race is Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Skip Vaughn 876-1500 or Alexander Steel 876-3867.

Boating safety classes

Boating Safety Classes, sponsored by Redstone Flotilla 2406, will begin Thursday and continue through July 22. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 or 830-6716 (home).

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 Cane-

brake 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.

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.

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.

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 Brandie DeRemer 313-3701 or Chris Carter 876-3704.

Fishing day

Free Fishing Day for Alabama is scheduled Saturday 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.

Volksmarch

Get ready to lace up your walking shoes. As part of the Alabama Sports Festival, Huntsville’s Hays Nature Preserve will hold a 6.2 mile organized walk, called a volksmarch, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hampton Cove Elementary. Registration the day of the event is \$10, and includes refreshments and a T-shirt. For more information, call Soos Weber 427-5116 at the Hays Nature Preserve.



Conferences & Meetings

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.

AMCOM town hall

The next AMCOM Town Hall, with commander Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, is Thursday 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.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Friday morning from 6:30-7:30 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 Comp-trollers will hold its monthly meeting Thursday 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.

Helicopter society

The Redstone Chapter of the American Helicopter Society and the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation join to welcome Dr. Daniel Schrage, a professor in the school of aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech, to speak on rotary wing centers of excellence at a luncheon meeting June 16 at 11:45 a.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, University Center. Cost is \$12, pay at the door. Reservations or cancellations are due by Friday by calling Tim Kraatz 726-3684.

Test and evaluation

"Test Week 2004," Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 at South Hall, Von Braun Center, represents a partnership between the Army Test & Evaluation Days Conference and the International Test and Evaluation Association annual International Symposium. Keynote speakers, workshops and panels of experts will address the future of armed forces, systems engineering processes, automotive and aerospace activities, and international T&E. An exhibition featuring more than 90 industry, government and academia organizations demonstrating products and capabilities will be held in conjunction with the technical program of the conference. Web sites for information are www.itea.org or www.testevaldays.com. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include 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. 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.

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.

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.

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 aaa@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.

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 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 today.

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

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Miscellaneous

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

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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.

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 today 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 Thursday 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.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its weekend master of business administration program at 6 p.m. June 17 and July 15 at Calhoun Community Col-

lege, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. The next program starts in October when students can earn an MBA degree in 18 months with classes on alternate weekends in Huntsville. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046, or Paul Zutter (256) 864-2442.

AER awards ceremony

The awards ceremony for the 2004 Army Emergency Relief campaign is 10 a.m. June 24 at Heiser Hall. Key representatives and organizations will be recognized for their efforts in this year's fund-raising drive which collected \$117,000.

Alabama State alumni

The Rocket City Alumni Chapter of the National Alumni Association of Alabama State University will hold its third annual Alumni Cookout in conjunction with Jazz-n-June, Saturday at 11 a.m. on Monte Sano Mountain. All ASU alums are invited. Call Dr. Joseph Henderson 683-5648 or Terry Green 658-6649 to RSVP.

General officer ceremony

Gen. Paul Kern, commander of Army Materiel Command, invites you to a ceremony honoring Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, as he advances to major general at 3 p.m. Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Army birthday celebration

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 speaker. For more information, call Cyndy Jones 876-0257.

Father's Day buffet

Officers and Civilians Club will hold its annual Father's Day Dinner Special, June 19 in the Monte Sano Dining Room. Tickets are on sale. For more information, call 830-2582.

Patriotic celebration

Whitesburg Baptist Church will present its annual "I Love America Celebration" at 6:30 p.m. July 1-3 and 3 p.m. July 3. The Military Care Group of WBC will hold a reception for active duty and retired service-members and their families at 5:45 p.m. July 2 at the North Campus. For free tickets to "I Love America," call 704-5678, ext. 205.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK04939407	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	17-Jun-04	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X																					
SCBK04925510	Supply Systems Analyst	17-Jun-04	IMMC	GS-2003	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X																					
SCBK04951226	Supv Financial Mgmt Analyst	17-Jun-04	RMD	NH-0501	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X		X																				
SCBK04714035	IT Specialist (SYSANALYST)	18-Jun-04	CIC	GS-2210	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X																					
SCBK04949290	Budget Analyst	18-Jun-04	Safety Office	GS-0560	9	9	40,669 - 52,871	X																						
SCBK04920443	Customer Support Assistant	18-Jun-04	TMDE	GS-0303	6	6	29,919 - 38,900	X	X																					
SCBK04975902	Document Control Officer	18-Jun-04	SMDC	GS-0301	9	9	40,669 - 52,871	X	X																					
SCBK04975414	General Engineer	18-Jun-04	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X																					
WTEJ04967802	Security Assistant (OA)	18-Jun-04	I&SD	GG-0086	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04957857	Business Management Officer	6-Jul-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTEJ04001082OC	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	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6499-RD	General Engineer	15-Jun-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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																						