

# Redstone Rocket

VOL. 53 No. 29

Published in the interest of personnel at Redstone Arsenal, AL

July 21, 2004

## Survey says

Having their say  
on ladies night  
Page 2



## Post profile

Soldier of  
the year  
takes care  
of others  
Page 6



## Family focus

Child of Chernobyl  
has healthy visit  
Page 8



## Just for kids

Redstone writers pen  
books for children  
Page 12



## Win or lose

Soldiers hit the target  
at national championships  
Page 14



## Soldiers get a taste of new facility

Ribbon cutting ceremony  
officially opens doors

By KIM HENRY  
Staff writer

kimberly.mason@redstone.army.mil

Armed Forces Week marked an important day in the stomachs of Soldiers.

The new Redstone Dining Facility officially opened its doors in a ribbon cutting ceremony July 12. The ribbon cutting ceremony was in conjunction with a proclamation signing that kicked off Armed Forces Week.

"Napoleon is rumored to have said that an army marches on its stomach. I don't know if that's true but we do have the greatest food possible for the greatest Army," Col. Bob Devlin, Garrison commander, said during the ceremony. "This facility is carrying on the tradition of excellence at Redstone."

Groundbreaking for the 28,000-square-foot facility began in September 2002. The \$7.5 million facility replaces one built in 1957.

See Dining on page 9



Photo by: Kim Henry

**FOR THE SOLDIERS**— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, AMCOM and Redstone commander, hands over the official scissors to Sgt. 1st Class Steven Lebron, OMEMS. From left are, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Madison Mayor Jan Wells, Lt. Col. Doug Taylor, OMEMS chief of staff, Hal Weatherman, installation food services adviser and Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander.

## Redstone tradition essential to Army's future

Lt. Gen. Benjamin Griffin  
speaks at luncheon

By KIM HENRY

Staff writer

kimberly.mason@redstone.army.mil

"The first commander of Redstone would be impressed to see the transition that has taken place here and I don't say that lightly," Lt. Gen. Benjamin Griffin, deputy chief of staff, G-8, said.

Griffin was the guest speaker at the Armed Forces Week Luncheon held last week at the Von Braun Center. Redstone is continuing a "tradition of heroes," through their daily support and technology, he said.

Griffin indicated that the current war on terror is like no other fought before. It takes a complete commitment from not only the Army's Soldiers, but their families, leaders, civilians and contractors to transform the Army during a time of war.

"Redstone has the great minds, work ethic and expertise to achieve our vision of the future force," Griffin said. It is a continuous process, according to Griffin, to spiral the future technology into the current force.

According to the Army Campaign Plan, the

current transformation is the biggest internal army restructuring in 50 years. It produces evolutionary and revolutionary changes intended to improve Army and Joint Force capabilities to meet current and future full-spectrum requirements.

In addition to missiles and aviation systems, Griffin touched on the strides Redstone made in several other areas including unmanned ground and aerial vehicles and network-centric communication systems. He emphasized the importance of taking lessons learned and applying them to product development so that the systems can be rapidly fielded to the war fighter.

"The war fighter is the top priority," Griffin said. "That's the thing that keeps me up at night...getting the latest force protection equipment to the Soldier."

A major component of the transformation of the Army today is the advancements with the Soldier.

"The Soldier represents the heart and soul of our fighting force," Griffin said. He encouraged all attendees to talk with Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre from Program Executive Office Soldier and see first hand the new uniform, body armor and equipment.

See Tradition on page 9

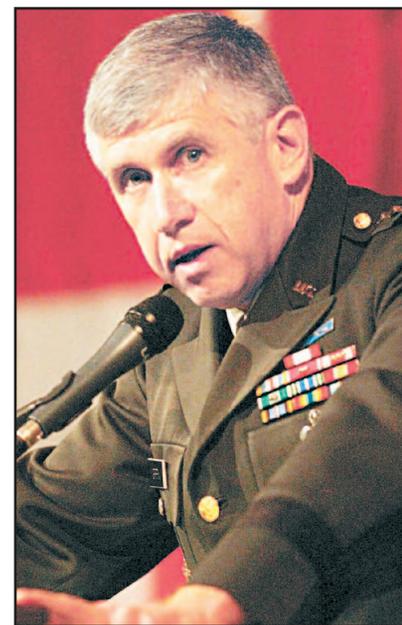


Photo by Dave Dieter, Huntsville Times

**THE WAY AHEAD**— Lt. Gen. Benjamin Griffin, deputy chief of staff, G-8, speaks at the Armed Forces Week Luncheon at the Von Braun Center on July 14.

## Letter to the Editor

### Handicapped parking abuse

Is the person who is not the one who is handicapped authorized to park in the handicapped parking? I have personally seen a woman who was not handicapped, her husband who is, wasn't in the car, park there. Also I've seen a woman, who has a sister who is bed ridden but herself is not handicapped, parked in the space.

Ostensibly, too many people think that because a car has a handicapped sticker that the car is allowed to park there even though the one who's driving the car is not handicapped. This may take privileges away from drivers who are actually handicapped. This is wrong! The cars are not handicapped. Although the car has a handicapped sticker because of a handicapped relative or someone, the driver should not take up a handicapped space. If they do, they are violators and their cars should be ticketed and towed away. This is

abusing a privilege that is rightfully reserved solely for the handicapped.

**R.D. Davis**  
Utility helicopters, KAMNET

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Handicapped license plates and placards issued by the state are solely intended to benefit the person that is handicapped. The same is true for the temporary placards issued by the Garrison to be used on Redstone Arsenal.*

*"The question of issuing tickets to a vehicle parked in a handicapped space with proper handicapped credentials would be very difficult for Redstone police to do because an officer patrolling a parking lot could not distinguish a violator from an authorized vehicle.*

*"This violation can only be enforced by the violator's supervisor."*

### Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

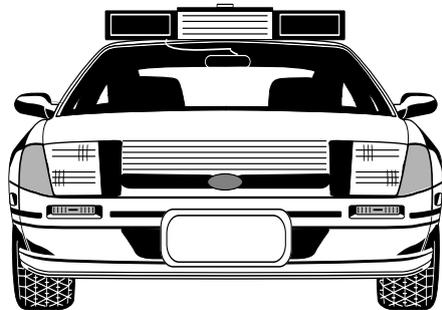
**July 9:** An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items and placing them into a backpack. The individual was stopped and found to have concealed over \$900 worth of merchandise. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 10:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a safety check point at Gate 4. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**July 10:** A Soldier was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released to his unit. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 10:** Another Soldier was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released to his unit. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 13:** A Soldier reported to the Provost Marshal Office as being AWOL from his Camp Edwards, Korea, unit. He



was processed and transportation arranged to return him to military custody at Fort Knox, Ky.

**July 14:** An individual reported that she had been receiving harassing telephone calls at her home and workplace. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 27 speeding, 1 unleashed pet, 2 possession of a controlled substance, 2 parking, 1 no proof of insurance, 2 expired registration, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license and 1 driving on the wrong side of road.

### An open lane random survey

Does 'ladies night' discriminate against men?

By **KELLEY LANE**  
Staff writer  
kelleyqa@bellsouth.net



Jeanette Tokaz  
NASA

"Yes, I think it's discrimination and I don't think that women should go to those. We want to be treated equally, but if you go to something like that

you're also asking for special treatment."

Spc. Michael Carlson  
Delta Troop, 2nd 104th Cav



"I don't think it's discrimination. It's kind of nice when you go in a club and there's all ladies there. It's all about having a good time."

Spc. Brian Dubs  
Delta Troop, 2nd 104th Cav



"No. It's just a way to get more people to come out and have a good time."



Tik Tokaz  
contractor

"No, I think it's a business decision."

### Quote of the week

'Get your facts first; then you can distort them as you please.'  
— Mark Twain

### Getting to know you

By **KIM HENRY**  
Staff writer  
kimberly.mason@redstone.army.mil

**Name:** John Moore

**Job:** Contract specialist, Acquisition Center

**Where do you call home?** St. Louis, Mo.

**What do you like about your job?**

Dealing with different

people. Getting materiel and equipment down to the troops.

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

Run, do gardening, yard work and wood work.

**What are your goals?**

To become a better part of the Huntsville community.



## Redstone Rocket

Editorial office 876-1500 Editorial fax 955-9138 Retail Advertising 532-4539 Classified Advertising 532-4300 Fax 532-4349

The Redstone Rocket is published weekly on Wednesday. The publisher will receive editorial content for publication in The Redstone Rocket through the Public Affairs Office, Army Garrison-Redstone, Bldg. 5300 Room 5144, Redstone Arsenal AL 35898.

The civilian enterprise printer of the Redstone Rocket is The Huntsville Times, located at 2317 S. Memorial Parkway, Huntsville AL 35801.

The deadline for display and commercial classified is 5 p.m. Friday before Wednesday publication.

email: redstone-rocket@redstone.army.mil  
Rocket articles are available online at the following:  
[https://publicaffairs2.redstone.army.mil:7443/pls/pao\\_o/pao\\_home](https://publicaffairs2.redstone.army.mil:7443/pls/pao_o/pao_home)

#### Rocket Staff

Public Affairs Officer: Al Schwartz

Editor: Skip Vaughn

Reporters: Sandy Riebeling

Kelley Lane

Kim Henry

Copy Editor: Scott Seeley

Advertising Sales: Aletha Pardue

Petie Sims

The Redstone Rocket is published in the interest of the personnel at Redstone Arsenal, by The Huntsville Times a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Army. Opinions expressed by writers herein are their own and are not to be considered an expression by the Department of the Army. The appearance of advertisements in this publication, to include inserts and supplements, does not constitute an endorsement by the Department of the Army of the products or services advertised within this publication.

The Redstone Rocket is distributed free of cost to Army personnel at Redstone Arsenal, and

Research Park, Huntsville. Mailing rates off post for The Rocket are \$30 per year, tax included. We do not guarantee timely delivery. "Third class mail may receive deferred service. The Postal Service does not guarantee the delivery of third class mail within a specified time." (Article 630 of the Domestic Mail Manual) We do not send subscription renewal notices.

Everything advertised in this publication must be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, creed, sex or national origin of the purchaser, user or patron. A confirmed violation or rejection of this policy of equal opportunity by an advertiser will result in refusal to print advertising from that source.

# Volunteers needed for team to honor fallen military

*All servicemembers, active and reserve encouraged to join military honors team*

By Sgt. 1st Class ZACHARY WYNN  
*For the Rocket*

The funeral ceremony of the nation's 40th president, Ronald W. Reagan on June 11 again brought to light the impressive job done by U.S. Military Honors Teams in rendering final honors to those who serve the nation.

But in addition to performing funeral ceremonies for ex-presidents, military honors teams around the world also perform funeral ceremonies on a smaller scale for lower-ranking service members and veterans.

Here in the Redstone community, the command sergeants major have teamed up to insure that qualified veterans who have passed on receive appropriate military funeral honors.

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Gre-

gory Lunn, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerecht, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett and 3rd Brigade, 100th Division Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry are pooling their resources and experience to develop a joint military honors team.

Although Redstone already has a military honors team, the new Joint Military Honors Team will combine elements of active Army units with elements from Reserve and National Guard units in the surrounding area. The team is also looking into working with veteran service organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

"The new Joint Military Honors Team will develop a sense of teamwork between the regular Army and its Reserve and National Guard counterparts," Gerecht said. "This will enable us to maximize the use of our resources."

The honors team, under the direction of the Garrison Command at Redstone Arsenal renders honors at military ceremonies in the surrounding area including last year's Sept. 11th Remembrance Ceremony and the farewell ceremony in honor of former President Reagan. Both were held on Redstone Arsenal.

The team is currently comprised of volunteers from major units in the local area including the 3rd Signal Battalion and the 4th Chemical Battalion of the Army Reserve's 100th Division; the active Army's 832nd Ordnance Battalion, the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity (Fox Army Health Center) and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Garrison Command. But the new team needs more soldiers.

"We need volunteers," Gerecht said. "We are willing to accept volunteers from all branches of service who are will-

ing to help and participate in training."

The typical funeral detail might include pallbearers to carry the casket and fold the flag, a firing party, and a bugler to play "Taps."

"There is a real shortage of bugle players for the funeral detail," Sgt. 1st Class Leonard Warren, a volunteer bugler from the 100th Division's 3rd Signal Battalion, said. "In my unit there are three of us that play the bugle, but one is in Afghanistan, and the other is in Kuwait. I'm the only one left stateside."

The execution of the precise and reverent movements of a military funeral honors team can be a source of strength and comfort to family and friends when a loved one is laid to rest. And although a funeral can be an emotional time for loved ones of the departed, they sometimes take special steps to show appreciation for the work done by the funeral honors detail.

"We always get positive feedback from family members and friends of the deceased," Staff Sgt. Tommy Haygood, Soldier with the 832nd and NCO-in-charge of the funeral honors team, said. "Sometimes they request the names of Soldiers participating in the service so they can send a card expressing their gratitude."

Gerecht encourages other local commanders and sergeants major in the Reserves and National Guard to get word out for the need of volunteers.

"The funeral detail is a military tradition," Gerecht said. "It's a common bond that all soldiers share. We take care of each other and our families. No one is forgotten, no one is left behind."

Veteran service organizations, unit commanders and command sergeants major with service members interested in joining or assisting the Joint Military Honors Team should contact Gerecht at DSN 746-8850 or (256) 876-8850.



Photo by Zachary Wynn

**HONORING THE FALLEN—** Sgt. 1st Class Leonard Warren plays "Taps" for the Funeral Honors Team.



Photo by Zachary Wynn

**GUN SALUTE—** Staff Sgt. Tommy Haygood, far right, trains new members on firing party duties.

# Families help families learn the Army way of life

Next team building class set for Sept. 21-23

By KRISTI FOSTER  
For the Rocket

“AFTB is for family members by family members,” Amanda Medley, new Army Family Team Building volunteer program manager at Army Community Service, said. “AFTB has a wealth of information to offer and sometimes you just never realize how much you don’t know until you come and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the military and military life.”

AFTB provides Soldiers and family members with the tools and resources they need to foster self reliance. The program is staffed by volunteers who have a central purpose: to educate

spouses and family members in support of the total Army effort. Strong families are the pillar of support behind strong Soldiers, and AFTB’s mission is to educate families so they have the knowledge, skills and behaviors designed to prepare them to move successfully into the future.

“One of the ground rules of AFTB is ‘no rank,’” Medley said. “Trainers give students information on their backgrounds so that students will know that we, as their instructors, have been there and have grown as a result. But at no time do the instructors tell them my spouse is ‘this or that.’ It’s important that everyone in the class know that they’re in a safe environment and there’s no need to worry about rank or privilege and Redstone is the perfect place for both level I and II classes because we have a large popula-

tion of first-term Soldiers.”

Summer Wilson, AFTB volunteer marketing and publicity specialist, is spearheading the effort to market the AFTB program to Redstone and the surrounding community. Wilson has been at Redstone for a little more than a month and has already become involved at ACS helping to reorganize the volunteer office, working with the employment readiness program, and now AFTB. Wilson served as a deployment/mobilization specialist at Fort Bragg, N.C., where she learned a “wealth of information” and she went through AFTB level I and II at Fort Lee, Va.

“One of our goals this year is to reach out and establish relationships with Reserve and National Guard units so that they can learn about AFTB and everything that it has to offer,” Wilson said. “It’s a critical time when a Soldier goes from being inactive to active duty. Families have to make fast adjustments from civilian to active duty life – things are different and there’s a lot to learn. AFTB is a great way to educate families.”

The courses cover a wide range of topics including how to read a leave and earnings statement, benefits and entitlements, marketing your volunteer skills, and expectations of the military lifestyle to name a few. Benefits and Entitlements is one of Wilson’s favorite classes to teach.

“Families can get in trouble financially because they don’t know they’re entitled to a dislocation allowance when they move,” Wilson said. “They may get advance pay or go to one of those check cashing places which can lead to trouble down the line. The education you receive during the course of the four-day AFTB level I training is priceless.”

Expectations is a level I course and is one of Medley’s favorites. “The course teaches you what the military expects of

you and what you can expect from the military,” she said. “It teaches you to have realistic expectations and is an eye opening experience for many spouses. I absolutely love AFTB. I enjoy working with families and helping them adjust and learn more about military life. It’s so rewarding to help families and hopefully the things they learn in this course will help them through some of the difficult times that we all have.”

“Julie Clippinger and Chris Swart, who served as the previous AFTB volunteer program manager and volunteer marketing and publicity specialist

respectively, did outstanding jobs and made significant contributions to the AFTB program at Redstone and we can’t thank them enough for what they accomplished with the program,” Larry Leggett, Quality of Life program manager, said. “Their efforts have made a difference in the lives of so many Soldiers and family members. We’re really excited about Amanda and Summer and their involvement in the program. They bring a lot of experience and enthusiasm with them.”

To learn more about AFTB or to register for September classes, call ACS at 876-5397.

## New chief of staff accepts global mission at Space and Missile Defense Command

SMDC RELEASE

ARLINGTON, Va. – Col. James L. Bedingfield assumed the duties as chief of staff of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command on July 15. Bedingfield recently served as chief, Space and Missile Defense Policy Division, Joint Staff.

SMDC missions are global in nature and include space operations, information operations, global strike, integrated missile defense and C4ISR (command and control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance).

Born in Santiago, Chile, Bedingfield graduated from the U.S. Army Military Academy, West Point, in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree. He holds a master of science degree in administration from Central Michigan University along with a master of science degree in national security strategy from the U.S. National War College, National Defense University.

Bedingfield served as chief, Space and Missile Defense Policy Division, Joint Staff, since 2001. Prior to that assignment, he commanded the 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery (Bradley/Avenger/Stinger), McCully Barracks, in Wackernheim, Germany.



Photo by Kristi Foster

**CHARTING THE COURSE—** Amanda Medley, left, Army Family Team Building volunteer program manager and Summer Wilson, AFTB volunteer marketing and publicity specialist talk about plans for the upcoming class.

# Post Exchange serves up cake, prizes and savings for its 109th anniversary

*Win phone cards, music CDs, \$150 shopping spree Sunday*

By SANDY RIEBELING

Staff writer

sandy@htimes.com

It's time to party at the Post Exchange.

To celebrate 109 years of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the PX will have a birthday party July 25 with balloons, cake and even birthday hats.

"We want to have a really great time," Sonya Boyd, visual merchandiser/public affairs representative for the PX, said. "We're even doing a Happy Birthday karaoke singing contest. First prize is a karaoke machine. Second and third place winners get any \$12.95 CD of their choice. Here's the twist—winners are drawn, not picked so even the worst of singers can win. All you have to do is perform."

The karaoke contest will be from 1-2 p.m. on Sunday. Cake and balloons will be in the mall "until it all runs out," but the celebration doesn't stop there.

"There's also going to be lots of giveaways — a 100 unit phone card, a \$150 shopping spree, and register to win free 10 unit phone cards given away every 15 minutes between 11 and 1 on Sunday," Boyd said. "Plus we'll have a spring-summer fashion sale this week and feature items for \$1.09 to honor our 109th anniversary."

"We would like everyone to come and

celebrate our 109th year of serving the military customer," Kim Sumpter, sales and merchandize manager, said. "And as always... past, present and future— we go, where you go."

Since the first formal exchanges were established in 1895, an exchange system has served side-by-side with Soldiers (and Airmen since 1947) in tents and trucks in the field and in permanent facilities, on posts and bases around the world. AAFES not only serves alongside the deployed forces, it also provides support to families and other troops "back home."

Today, AAFES brings a tradition of value, service and support to its 11.5 million authorized customers without regard to where they may be stationed. AAFES has more than 12,000 facilities in more than 35 countries and in all 50 states. These include 3,150 retail facilities, of which 205 are main stores on Army, Air Force and Marine installations throughout the world.

Currently, AAFES brings a bit of home to troops with 56 stores in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, with about 450 associates deployed at any given time. All of these associates live and work right alongside the deployed troops they serve.

Now in its second century of service, AAFES remains dedicated to serving the "best customers in the world," providing products and services to authorized customers worldwide and generating earnings for Army and Air Force MWR programs.



Photo by Sonya Boyd

**PX PARTY— Employees Christine Ellison, left, and Zuhul Stiles get some of the balloons ready for the anniversary party at the Post Exchange July 25, celebrating 109 years of support to the Soldier by the Army and Air Force Exchange Services.**

# Persistence pays off for Redstone's new NCO of the Year

*Plans and operations NCO for 59th has plans for prize money*

By SANDY REIBELING

Staff writer

sandy@htimes.com

Out of all the prizes he'd coveted watching other NCOs win quarterly competitions, it was "the little lady from McDonalds with her jar of jelly and homemade sweet bread" that topped the list.

"I was so happy to see her there," said Staff Sgt. Delbert Francis, talking about the awards ceremony July 12 at the Officers and Civilians Club where he was announced as Redstone's NCO of the Year. "There were lots of good prizes. More than \$2,000 in cash, hotel nights, plaques, this beautiful alabaster eagle statue on a marble base, but she was the one I was waiting for. That bread was delicious."

Francis, plans and operations NCO for the 59th Ordnance Brigade, had been struggling with NCO competitions for a year before taking home top honors last week.

"I won NCO of the Quarter at the brigade level back in March," he said. "But then I lost to the same guy, Staff Sgt. (Gildardo) Calderon, three times in a row (brigade and post NCO of the quarter and brigade NCO of the year) before coming up against him for post NCO of the year. It took a lot for me to keep coming back. The range is where he always got me. He made me dig deep for this. I don't take anything away from him. He's really sharp. It was a real honor to win."

Persistence paid off for Francis, 28, a native of Houston, Texas. This is his third tour at Redstone. He completed his Advanced Individual Training here, returned for noncommissioned officer basic training and then arrived at Redstone in February 2003 from a three year tour in Germany.

"I loved it there," he said. "My reenlistment window opens this week and I'd like to see if I can get back there. I'm going to talk to the retention NCO about changing my specialty to military linguist — Arabic or Chinese maybe. I spent a few months in Macedonia and picked up the language quickly. It's something I think I'm good at."

For now, as the plans and operations NCO, Francis spends his days assisting with ammunition management for the units, coordinating events in the community, including various armed forces events last week, planning and organizing events for the brigade and handling requests for Soldier support to local events, among other duties.

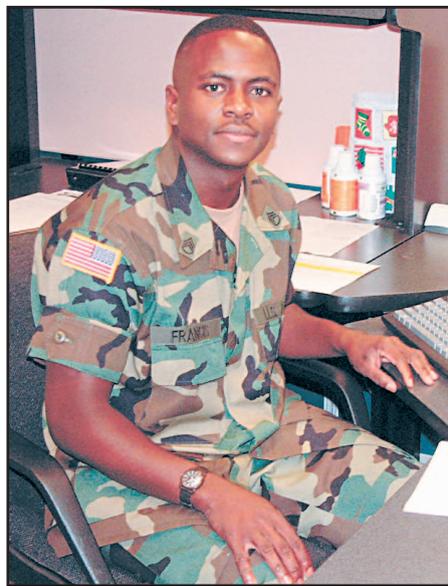


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**READY TO RE-ENLIST— Staff Sgt. Delbert Francis, plans and operations NCO for the 59th Ordnance Brigade, was named Redstone's NCO of the Year at a luncheon July 12.**

In his "off time" he plays sports — basketball, flag football, volleyball, and loves to "hang out with my wife, DeLisa, and my daughter, Tia," he said. "We do yard work and garden together."

That work paid off as well. The Francis' home won Yard of the Month for July for Area 4A, New Endeavor Village.

"My family is important to me," Francis said. "I have to thank my wife for all her help (with the competitions). Boards are something I don't do, but then I'd walk into the PX mall and see pictures of all the former winners on the wall and I wondered what it feels like to win. She helped me get here. No matter how bad or stressful things got, she always walked with me. Never behind me or out in front but always beside me — reassuring me, telling me to keep my chin up."

DeLisa was perhaps his biggest supporter, but not his only one.

"I have to thank 1st Sgt. Jerry McIntyre and Sgt. 1st Class Katrina Dowdell, both are in Korea now," Francis said. "And Lt. Col. Brenda Tate, Master Sgt. Thomas Fortson, Sgt. Maj. Dexter Hornsby for all the support and encouragement and Sgt. Brandon Cooley and Staff Sgt. Calderon for being good at what they do. They inspired me to work harder."

Thanks to all that hard work, Francis has the money to enjoy another one of his favorite hobbies — shopping.

"I love to shop — shop for clothes," Francis said. "I like to look a certain way. Of course, I'll take my wife shopping, too."

# Combat medic has Soldier of the Year competition sewn up

*Schwarte's goal is to serve as a Special Forces Soldier*

By SANDY REIBELING

Staff writer

sandy@htimes.com

July has been a stellar month for Pfc. Jason Schwarte, and it just keeps getting brighter.

On the 2nd, he married his "lovely wife" Spc. Valerie, who works at Fox Army Health Center as a lab technician, then 11 days later in yet another ceremony, he's named Redstone's Soldier of the Year.

"It's been great," Schwarte, 28, a combat medic, said of the honor. "The best part was hearing the unit support when they called my name. The prizes are nice, too. Cash, hotel stays, restaurant certificates, plaques. It helps a lot when you're just getting started."

Schwarte was making plans to take Valerie to lunch the day after winning the competition because after all, "my wife helped me the most," he said. "With the studying and the physical training. She might have been riding a bike or driving a car while I was running but she was right there beside me."

Redstone is Schwarte's first duty assignment. "I always knew I wanted to join the military, but at 18 I just wasn't mature enough, and I knew that, too," he said. "Then all that stuff happened — 9/11 and the war in Iraq. I was ready. I left a pretty good job (working construction) and a good life, but the country was hollering my name."

He arrived nearly a year ago and is just coming off a six-month funeral detail. He's now settling into his job at pediatric/primary care clinic No. 1 at Fox Army Health Center. He credits his uncle, a career Army man who worked in physical therapy, for his choice to serve in the Medical Department Activity.

"I talk to the patients, take their vitals," he said. "If the patient is a Soldier, I can do a little more — shots, start IVs, small procedures like sutures, toenail removal, mole/wart removal — cosmetic stuff. If the patient is civilian, I sit in with the doctor and observe."

But Schwarte doesn't like to sit

and watch from the sidelines in any area of his life, which is one of the reasons he decided to compete for his unit's Soldier of the Quarter competition, which he won in November last year and qualified him for the annual competition.

"I have lofty goals," he said and was only half joking when he mentioned becoming command sergeant major of the Army some day. "I've always been a go-getter. If there's something out there — I'm going for it."

Winning this competition was just one step in the great scheme of things for Schwarte, who wants to "make" Special Forces but before he can be considered, he has to make rank — become a specialist.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**ON THE JOB— Pfc. Jason Schwarte, combat medic working at Fox Army Health Center, was named Post Soldier of the Year at a luncheon July 12.**

"Part of promotion is getting out there and going above and beyond," he said. "Going to the boards for competitions like these. It's all part of it."

Even though he keeps his goals very much in focus, Schwarte still makes time to have a little fun. He plays troop sports — football, softball and volleyball; he likes to camp and he loves to ride his Harley on the weekends.

"I also love to cook," he said. "I like to cook Italian food but my wife is Mexican so I'm learning how to cook that. I do all the cooking at home, unless it's macaroni and cheese or Ramen noodles."

# Family opens its hearts, home to child of Chernobyl

*Visit helps children build immune system while in healthy environment*

By KRISTI FOSTER  
For the Rocket

They arrived wide-eyed and full of wonder and anticipation. Most were already a little homesick, some suffered from jet lag, and all were excited about being in America and finally meeting their host families. They are a group of children from the country of Belarus, near the site of the Chernobyl Nuclear accident of 1986.

The North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church has been in mission to the people of Belarus since the collapse of the former Soviet Union in 1991.

“One of the ways we can help is by sponsoring health recuperation visits for the children affected by the accident at Chernobyl. During these visits the children receive medical exams that include complete physical, dental and vision check ups,” said Rev. Patrick Friday, program director. “It’s been found that children exposed to the after effects of the Chernobyl nuclear accident benefit significantly from these visits. Medical specialists have concluded that such visits away from the Chernobyl region help to significantly build up their immune systems.”

“The children spent their first week going to various doctors for routine physical, dental, and eye exams,” Russell Peusch, employee of the AMCOM Safety Office, said. Peusch, his wife, Patti, and their two daughters,



Photo by Russell Peusch

**FRIENDS FOR LIFE—** Cassie Peusch, Katsia Ivanenka, and Allie Peusch enjoy a meal together at a favorite restaurant.

Cassie and Allie, hosted 10-year-old Katsiaryna Ivanenka, who goes by Katsia, in their home. “All of the medical appointments were arranged ahead of time and area doctors donated their services.

“The children also get to have a lot of fun,” said Peusch. “They visited the Birmingham Zoo, Space and Rocket Center, the Botanical Gardens and attended a (Huntsville) Stars game. They

learned to swim, went horseback riding, roller skating, and attended enrichment programs at local United Methodist churches. The enrichment programs consisted of learning crafts, Bible study, and provided an opportunity for the children to spend time with the other children from Belarus.

“It’s just something that Patti and I have always wanted to do,” Peusch said. “It’s been a wonderful experience for us and for

our children.”

Although Katsia speaks no English and the Peusch’s don’t speak Russian, Cassie, 14, and Allie, 10, didn’t see language as much of a barrier. “We have quiet conversations where we just point and act things out. Katsia loves to talk and laugh, especially at night when we’re supposed to be asleep,” said Cassie.

This is the third summer that

the United Methodist churches in the area have hosted wellness visits for the children. This year’s group of 31 children arrived on June 20 and left to go back home on July 18. They traveled with four chaperones who also served as their translators. Katsia’s translator was Julia Stephanava.

“People are so willing to give and to help,” Stephanava said. “Everyone we have met has been wonderful. It’s been an amazing experience for me and for the children. This is a one time visit for these children because we want to touch as many lives as possible. They are very proud of their trip to the U.S. and it’s a good memory for them.”

It was hard for Katsia to choose just one thing that she enjoyed most about her visit. “I enjoyed the time at Camp Sumatanga (the North Alabama Methodist Retreat Center near Oneonta),” Katsia said through Stephanava. “The creek and forest there were fun. There were so many trees! I also liked going horseback riding, swimming, ice cream, the arts and crafts and Bible studies.”

The North Alabama Association of United Methodist Churches is planning a mission trip to Belarus in 2005. During this visit they will help in the construction of a hospital and a church. “We are people of faith who love God and our country and want to share this love with the people of Belarus and these children,” said Friday.

To learn more about the program, contact Friday at (205) 226-7955, 1-800-239-7950 or by email: patrickfriday@yahoo.com.

■ Facility ready to start feeding Soldiers

## Dining

continued from page 1

The new dining facility will prepare more than 1,200 meals a day, 365 days a year. Other improvements to the facility include a larger seating capacity, exterior covered waiting areas, state-of-the-art design and better operating efficiency.

Devlin pointed out the dining facility's quality while holding the 2003 Phillip A. Connelly award. The dining facility won the award for best large dining facility in the southeast region.

"They are the best in the business ...they surpassed installations like Fort Bragg, Fort Stewart and Fort Campbell,"

Devlin said.

When it was time to cut the ribbon, Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, handed over the "official" scissors to Sgt. 1st Class Steven Lebron of Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. Pillsbury said that Lebron would be more appropriate to cut the ribbon since he represents the Soldiers.

From hot dogs and hamburgers to full course meals that compete with the best restaurants in town, the new facility hopes to give Soldiers the best dining experience in the Army. The facility serves breakfast, lunch and dinner to all active duty military including Army Reserves, Army National Guard and all other military branches.



Photo by: Kim Henry

**SAMPLING THE GOODS—** Sun Ok Williams, dining facility weekend supervisor, cuts a piece of cake for Janet Pearce, Garrison directorate of logistics, celebrating the opening of the new dining facility.

■ Griffin lauds Redstone for transformation efforts

## Tradition

continued from page 1

Griffin highlighted how impressed he was with the bond between Huntsville and Redstone and its importance to the future of the Army.

"I have no doubt in what I've seen that there is a tremendous relationship between

the military and this community. It doesn't take long to pick up on how special this community is," Griffin said. "The Army is in great shape as long as there are people like you showing support to our Soldiers."

Griffin has been nominated by President Bush for appointment to the grade of general and assignment as commanding general United States Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.



Photo by Kim Henry

**FUTURE FORCE—** Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, dressed in the new Army Combat Uniform, talks to Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer about the advancements in Soldier body armor.

# Demands not hurting Army, Marine recruiting and retention

By KATHLEEN T. RHEM  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—The increased demands of the war on terrorism aren't hurting recruiting and retention for America's combat forces, Army and Marine leaders said.

In the active Army, retention rates are still at or near 100 percent of the service's goals, Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody said in an interview with American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel.

Likewise, the Marines expect to meet 100 percent of their reenlistment goals by the end of this fiscal year, Lt. Gen. Jan C. Huly, that service's deputy com-

mandant for plans policies and operations, said during a separate interview.

The Army also has increased its accessions goal by 30,000 Soldiers over the next three years, Cody said, adding that the service is on track to meet recruiting goals for this year.

Cody acknowledged the war on terrorism has stretched the Army's capabilities, and he said service officials are keeping a close eye on both recruiting and retention issues.

"We're going to keep watching it," he said. "We'll provide more benefits (and) bonuses as we can. But quite frankly, it's been the selfless service and the patriotism of great young men

and women ... who have raised their right hands and said, 'Send me.'"

Both leaders attributed the services' success in recruiting and retention to the high quality of the all-volunteer force.

"I think what we're really experiencing is we're reaping the benefits of the all-volunteer force," Huly said. "The quality young women and men that we recruit, the training that they receive, ... and just what great young Americans they are."

Cody said soldiers' "warrior ethos" also helps keep the Army's ranks full. "I think it goes back to the leadership investment we've made with our noncommissioned officers," he

said. "But it also goes back to an all-volunteer force of young soldiers who joined the Army, many right after 9/11, who fully understand that this country was attacked, fully understand the dangers of this war and the dangers of this world, and have had the courage and the patriotism to step forward and say, 'We'll fight for America, and we'll fight for our freedom.'"

Both leaders also noted the support of ordinary Americans is important for troops to feel like their work has meaning.

"They all need to know that Americans across this great nation absolutely are proud of what they've done," Cody said. "The fact that Time mag-

azine took the American Soldier and made it the Person of the Year should tell anyone in uniform how America feels about them."

Huly said Americans' support "makes an awful lot of difference" to troops who are deployed. He said whenever he and other Marine leaders visit troops, the one question they get asked the most is "Does everybody know what we're doing, and are they still supportive of our efforts?"

"And the answer is always a favorable and resounding 'Yes,'" Huly said. "And it makes you feel good to be able to say that and to know that the American people are behind you."



Courtesy photo

## Picnic in the park

The International Military Student Office had a picnic at the Rustic Lodge on Redstone Arsenal on July 10. During their stay international Soldiers had an opportunity to go tubing on the Tennessee River, play bingo, do several other activities and meet members of the International Services Council and Friendship Force. These agencies are the primary sponsors of international students attending training in Huntsville. "We are currently trying to recruit military sponsors for these Soldiers and Soldiers scheduled to arrive soon," Scott Huther, with the IMSO, said. "In the next thirty days we will receive new students from Japan, Bulgaria, Hungary, Jordan and Egypt." Anyone interested in finding out more about student sponsorship should call the International Military Student Office at 842-0582.

## Setting record straight about thermostats

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

If you think turning the thermostat down lower will cool a house faster, you're mistaken, according to the Energy Management Office.

"It's amazing how many people think that this is the way to get a house cool quickly," a prepared release said. "However, studies have found without any doubt that these people are wrong. The air conditioner works at maximum output until it satisfies the thermostat anyway, so set the thermostat where you want the temperature to

end up. Setting it lower doesn't get the house any cooler any quicker, but it does help increase your power bills. Every degree cooler that you set the thermostat increases cooling costs by 10 percent. Turn the thermostat down low and forget to return it to the usual setting when the house is comfortable and you can run up a pretty hefty – and pretty unneeded – increase in your air-conditioning operating costs."

For more information, call energy manager Mark Smith 842-0014 or resource efficiency manager Bob Quick 842-0235.



Courtesy photo

## Open House

The Prototype Integration Facility hosted an open house and commemorated its second anniversary during Armed Forces Week. The open house attracted over 350 attendees to a self-guided tour of the PIF's rapid response capabilities and many aviation and missile projects. Research, Development and Engineering Center managers at the cake cutting are from left, Phil Hodges, acting associate director for systems, Patti Martin, PIF program manager, Dr. William McCorkle, executive director, Ronnie Chronister, acting director of engineering directorate and Darrel Harrison, general manager of JVYS.

# Provisional authority's top achievement: 'Getting rid of Saddam'

*Bremer assesses impact after returning to U.S.*

By GERRY J. GILMORE  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — The former chief of the now-disbanded Coalition Provisional Authority said “substantial progress” was made in Iraq during his 13-month tenure, citing the capture of Saddam Hussein as the top accomplishment.

Administering post-war Iraq “was a lot harder than anything I’d done before,” said L. Paul Bremer, a former U.S. diplomat and businessman, on Fox News Sunday July 4. The CPA was dissolved June 28 as part of the handover of sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government.

Now back in the United States, Bremer said his tour in post-war Iraq was “exciting, exhilarating,” noting, “I think we made substantial progress in the last year.” Perhaps most important to the establishment of a new, free Iraq, Bremer

noted, was Saddam’s televised appearance July 1 before an Iraqi judge to answer for his crimes. The fact that Iraqis watched Hussein “beginning the process of standing trial, I think, will be very helpful,” he said.

Bremer dismissed the notion that trying Saddam will incite terrorists in Iraq, such as al-Qaeda-linked Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, to greater violence. “The Zarqawi, al-Qaeda terrorists don’t need any spurring on,” Bremer explained. Such terrorists, he said, “see correctly that as we go forward toward representative government in Iraq, it takes the entire base of their operations out from under them.”

“Why should they be attacking a sovereign Iraqi government?” Bremer asked. “They’re at war” with the new Iraq and the world, he answered.

Bremer predicted Saddam’s upcoming trial could affect remnant Saddamists and Baathists in two different ways. “Some of them may finally realize that it’s really over, that Saddam’s days are really over and he’s now going to stand trial,” he said. Others, he added, may be angry about the proceedings and may try to escalate their attacks.

U.S. and coalition forces toppled Saddam’s 25-year regime in April 2003. U.S. troops captured the former dictator in Iraq — dirty, disheveled and hiding in a hole — in December 2003.

“Getting rid of Saddam,” Bremer asserted, “is an incomparably better place,” with the former dictator in jail and out of power.

Bremer said he’s also proud about the CPA’s role in “developing political institutions that will serve Iraq well as it moves toward pluralism — the idea of representative government, the evolution of power out of Baghdad, the principles of the Bill of Rights that are in the temporary (Iraqi) constitution.”

The CPA also “opened up” the Iraqi economy to free trade and foreign investment, Bremer pointed out. “We (also) gave them fiscal responsibility and the elements needed for a responsible monetary policy,” he said, noting they “are not insignificant achievements.”

Bremer said he wishes that more reconstruction was done in Iraq during his tenure, but acknowledged, “The security situation, particularly in the last couple of months, certainly slowed things down.”

Yet more than 18,000 individual reconstruction projects, he pointed out, were completed across Iraq in the past year, including work on schools, municipal centers, orphanages and hospitals. He saluted U.S. and coalition servicemembers and CPA employees who were involved with Iraq reconstruction efforts.

Bremer acknowledged that the CPA early on should have paid more attention to the quality of Iraqi security forces rather than the quantity. “We were bringing lots and lots of (Iraqi) policemen on the roles” in the fall of 2003, he recalled. However, Bremer said it was discovered during the April 2003 insurgent uprisings across Iraq that “it was not really a very professional force.”

Bremer said he’d let history be the judge whether U.S. planning was adequate for the occupation of post-war Iraq. He did, however, answer critics who’ve said he mistakenly disbanded the old Iraqi Army shortly after he took charge of the CPA in May 2003.

“I did not demobilize the (Iraqi) Army,” he asserted, noting that force had scattered and become nonexistent by the end of hostilities. To recall the old Iraqi Army “three weeks after they’d been shooting Americans” and after decades of military suppression of Iraqi Shiites and Kurds, Bremer pointed out, would have been tantamount to inviting civil war to occur across Iraq.

In other news, Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, appearing July 4 on ABC’s “This Week” news program, said his current priorities include providing security and infrastructure services for the Iraqi people, and preparing for national elections slated to be held in January 2005.

The prime minister said he respects Iraq’s friendship with the United States and “appreciates tremendously” American and coalition help in ridding his country of a brutal dictator. “We know that the blood that has been shed here in Iraq,” Allawi declared, “was shed for very good reasons — both American blood as well as Iraqi and other partners in the coalition — in defense of democracy and the defense of freedom and the defense of values.”

Regarding the fate of Saddam Hussein, the prime minister noted the former dictator would get a fair trial, “unlike what he did to his victims in Iraq.”



DoD photo by Spc. Lester Colley

**SHOOTING BREEZE—** A U.S. Army Soldier spends some spare time talking with two local boys in Sadr City, Iraq, on June 19.

# Redstone writers put life lessons in print



Photo by Kelley Lane

**BOOK WORMS—** Authors Denise Jones, left, and Stephania Darby discuss the motivation behind their children's book series and their unlikely stars.

## *Cockroaches become heroes in children's book series*

By **KELLEY LANE**  
Staff writer  
[kelleyla@bellsouth.net](mailto:kelleyla@bellsouth.net)

Trying to find a children's book that exemplifies the morals and ideals you want to convey to your children can be a daunting task. Finding one with an entertaining story that your children will enjoy can be even harder. If you cannot find a book that combines all the qualities you are looking for, take a page from the book of Dr. Denise West Jones and Stephania Darby and write your own.

Their book series, *Koko and Friends*, was created to fill a void that the two had noticed while selecting books for their own children.

"Basically, it began because we have daughters in school and there was nothing to equip them," said Jones, an employee of Redstone's Software Engineering Directorate. "There are books to teach you how to read but nothing to tell you what to do when you come to a difficult situation. The situations are out there, they're called life."

The books follow a basketball team comprised of cockroaches as they face the challenges of growing up. They encounter problems such as discrimination and peer pressure but manage to stay true to the ideals they learn along the way. They deal with issues that are particular to boys or girls individually and with kids as a whole.

Two books in the series have been published and are available now. The third book will be making its print debut later this year. The lessons from each book build upon each other. The first book deals with the struggle to build a positive self identity in a world which may not be accepting. The second book then takes that idea and expands it. It works with the premise of once you know and embrace

who you are, don't let others make you stray from that, Darby said.

"Even the main character's name is an acronym for the series' motto 'Keep on Keeping on,'" she said. The next book in the series focuses on one of the female characters, Sugar, and her struggle to reconcile who she is with who she wants to be.

"I guess the overall theme of all the books and one of the statements that we try to make is that you always have to choose to do what is right," Jones explained. "If you start right and stay right, you'll end right."

Cockroaches may seem an unlikely choice for the world of children's books which is filled with fluffy bunnies and cuddly bears. Darby, a former NASA employee in the Materials and Processes lab, said that roaches were chosen in part because of their strong survival skills.

"You can't kill them," Darby said. "They're survivors. They have a lot of positive qualities beside all of the negative images. That's the kind of spirit we wanted."

Darby and Jones have taken a hands-on approach to their endeavor, doing all of the writing and illustrating themselves. They are even handling the publishing and distribution through their joint venture DW Ink Publishing, Inc and its website, [www.dwinkpublishing.com](http://www.dwinkpublishing.com).

Other items relating to *Koko and Friends* are also available, including a five track CD with motivational music in tune with the series. The lyrics were written by Jones and the music was composed by her son, Daniel. Her daughter, Charla, does the vocals. The entire project is a family affair. Plush versions of the characters are coming soon.

So far, the venture is going well. The books have gotten a warm reception from parents and critics alike. Darby and Jones will be signing books and answering questions July 25 at New Shiloh Church Ministries on 5101 Mastin Lake Road at 4:00 p.m.

# Calendar models cheer up patients, families at Walter Reed

By RUDI WILLIAMS  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — It's amazing what wonderful feelings and bright smiles a dozen calendar models can bring to the faces of hospitalized servicemen recovering from war wounds.

That's what happened July 10 when Dawn Glencer and the "U.S. Angels" 2005 calendar models rode their motorcycles to the Fisher House on the Walter Reed Army Medical Center campus to visit troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and Veterans Affairs medical centers to enable family members to be close to hospitalized loved ones.

"It turned into a big cook-out ... when we brought tons of food to the Fisher House for patients and their families," said Glencer, the training coordinator for the Office of the Secretary of Defense Policy Training Center. "I'm sure we supplied enough for their picnic for the rest of the year."

Apehanger's, a "biker" bar and grill in Bel Alton, Md., supplied a sheet cake with the Fisher House and Harley-Davidson logos.

"It really touched the girls — seeing how badly wounded the Soldiers were," said Glencer, a former Marine. "But finally getting a chance to meet and talk with them and their families has really renewed the spirit that's carrying this calendar project."

A motorcycle enthusiast, Glencer founded U.S. Angels last March at Apehanger's. She has spearheaded several fundraisers to support servicemembers. Glencer raised \$10,000 for the Pentagon Disaster Relief Fund after Sept. 11, 2001, and another \$10,000 for the Pentagon Memorial Fund in September 2003.

Glencer and some of the U.S. Angels returned to the Fisher House on July 14 for another visit with patients and their families and to pass out copies of their 2005 calendar, featuring pictures of them with their motorcycles.

One of the returning "angels," Miss January, Mary "Cat" Von Garlem, said she was overwhelmed with compassion when the mother of a Soldier suffering from a serious head injury in Iraq told her that



Photo by Dawn Glencer

**CALENDAR GIRLS— Virginia Army National Guardsman Spc. Dean W. Schwartz, 21, is surrounded by eight of the 12 "U.S. Angels" 2005 calendar models when they visited patients at the Fisher House on the campus of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. In back from left, Tessie Foreman, Melissa Foreman, Sarah Camden, Tricia Grierson and Crystal Wood; in front from left, Georgia Maltezos-Neary, Crystal Virts, Schwartz and Katrina McConkey.**

she'd made him smile for the first time in more than three months.

"She said that he has had no purposeful movement or reactions for three months," Von Garlem said. "And she said this was the first week that he had actually shown signs of recognition for his family. I talked with him for a while, and he held up his hand to shake my hand. I told him that I'm a nurse, but I didn't dress like that at work because my patients would go into shock. That's when he smiled.

"I almost cried!" Von Garlem said. "His mom was so thrilled. She said that was his first smile! These guys and their families have made such huge sacrifices. I do feel it's a privilege to be able to give back even in such a small way.

"I called my parents in southwest Virginia to tell them what a meaningful experience it was," she continued. "Now my mom is organizing a church yard sale to raise money to send to the Fisher House. I love the idea of putting awareness out there for the Fisher House and hopefully encouraging others to contribute."

After her second trip to Fisher House, Von Garlem said, "I really would like to make several trips back to the Fisher House to visit with the patients and their families."

A Virginia Army National Guardsman, Spc. Dean W. Schwartz, 21, said it was

nice of the women to take time to visit patients at Walter Reed. "They said they really enjoyed it and wanted to come back," he noted.

Schwartz arrived in Kuwait on March 3 with B Company, 276th Engineer Battalion, which was attached to the 2nd Infantry Division's Stryker Brigade Combat Team. He went into Iraq about five days later. On May 8, he was wounded in a rocket-propelled grenade attack.

"I was standing guard on a machine gun," he said. "My assistant gunner and me had just switched spots; he took the machine gun, and I took his M-16 rifle. (The attacker) was just concealed too good, and nobody ever saw it coming. The first thing we heard was the explosion that took off my left leg." Schwartz also suffered shrapnel injuries to his right arm, a collapsed lung and a blown eardrum.

"When I got hit, my team leader, who was the driver, sustained some shrapnel injuries, as did my assistant gunner," said Schwartz, who arrived at Walter Reed around midnight on May 13. "But they were both superficial wounds, so nobody got killed."

The wounded specialist expressed how much he and his fellow patients appreciated the visits from the calendar models. "I'd just had surgery the day before on my amputated leg that had a wound that wouldn't close, so the surgeons closed it," Schwartz noted. "It was nice to get out of the hospital and see some support right after my surgery."

# Marksmanship unit dominates national championships

*Soldiers win 16 medals*

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Soldiers flexed their muscle taking 16 medals at the USA Shooting Running Target, Rifle and Pistol National Championships June 16-30 at Fort Benning, Ga.

The running target championships saw

the USAMU team sweep the 10-meter 30+30 and 10-meter Mixed Runs National Championships. Staff Sgt. Armando Ayala won the gold medals, Spc. Henry Gray received the silver medals and Staff Sgt. Christopher Hatcher took the bronze medals.

USAMU international rifle shooter Maj. Michael Anti dominated the rifle championships, winning gold medals in the Free Rifle Prone and Three Position National Championships, while USAMU deputy commander Robert Aylward won the Senior Divisions.



Arnews photo

**ON TARGET**— Staff Sgt. Armando Ayala takes aim in the USA Shooting Running Target National Championships. Armando took a gold medal in the two running target events as the Army Marksmanship Unit swept the medals in both.

Spc. Mary Elsass got the bronze medal in the Sport Rifle Championship. Elsass also tied for second place in the Women's Prone Rifle Championship; however after the tiebreaker, she ended up in fourth place.

In the pistol championships, international pistol shooter Sgt. John Ennis won gold medals in the Free Pistol, Air Pistol and Center Fire Pistol National Championships. Ennis also won the silver medal in the

Rapid Fire Pistol National Championship.

Staff Sgt. Adam Holloway received the silver medal in the Air Pistol Championship and the bronze medal in the Free Pistol Championship. Staff Sgt. Robert Mango got the bronze medal in the Air Pistol National Championship.

*Editor's note: This story was compiled from a U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit press release.*

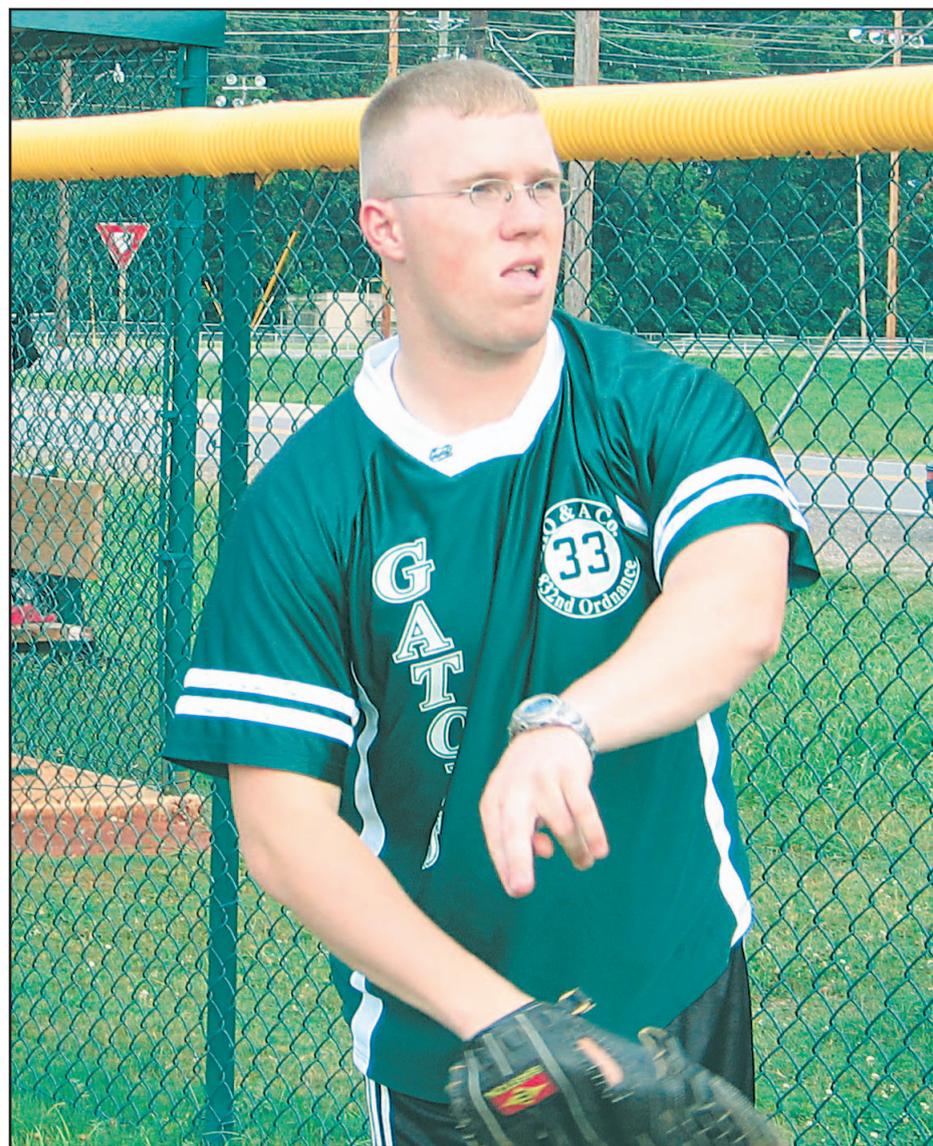


Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Getting ready*

Headquarters & Alpha outfielder Todd Wilson warms up for the softball season opener June 29 against Delta Company but the Gators lost 22-16. The season continues through July 27 followed by the playoffs.

# Healthy competition may help shed excess pounds

*Dump your Plump starts Aug. 3*

By ERIKA READUS  
For the Rocket

You can shed some pounds and enjoy a little friendly competition at the same time. How you might ask? DumpYour Plump.

Dump Your Plump is an eight-week fitness challenge being conducted by Morale Welfare and Recreation with weekly Tuesday weigh-ins. The program tracks weight loss and body circumference, monitoring progress toward achieving fitness goals.

Individuals interested in being a part of the program can form a five member team or be assigned one. There is a limit of 16 teams in the program. Anyone can sign up. There is no cost.

The teams will be assigned a recreation specialist who will gather exercise logs, speak on what constitutes exercise, and conduct the weekly weigh-ins. Teams should pick a name and be dedicated to mastering

the fitness challenge and meeting the team's weight-loss goals.

Teams will meet with the same recreation specialist each week at the same location. Participating recreation specialists include Angela Lamb of the Sparkman Fitness Center, Joe Martin and Tim Anderson of the Wellness Center and Carla Tomanovich of the Redstone Fitness Center. These specialists have a wide range of times available to fit any schedule.

"When people have support from friends and coworkers, they are more likely to stick to an exercise program," MWR's Phylissa Shannon said. "Add to that the accountability of the weekly weigh-ins and participants will put forth extra effort to reach their goals."

But wait, no competition is complete without a prize. There will be prizes for the individual who losses the most weight, the winning team, and possibly the best team name.

The program starts Aug. 3. For more information or to sign up your team contact Phylissa Shannon at 313-1202. The deadline to sign up is Aug. 2.



Courtesy photo

## *Remembering the troops*

Sgt. 1st Class David Carney, "MOJO" Jones and Wendy Black from WZYP, Maj. Hal Parvin, and Adrian Baker, MWR marketing director, display a "thank you and best wishes" banner signed by hundreds of concert patrons at the June 19 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour. WZYP collected funds during the "Train" concert that netted 108, 60-minute cards worth \$555 that will soon be delivered to Parvin and Carney's unit, the 142nd Signal Brigade of the Alabama National Guard, now serving in Iraq.



### 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.

### Volleyball signups

Child and Youth Services' youth volleyball sign-up is going on now through Aug. 16 at the CYS Central Enrollment Office, building 1500. Open to children and youth of active duty, retired, and Guard/ Reserve military, DoD, DoA, RSA/NASA contractors and dependents ages 8-15 as of Sept. 1, 2004. Cost per child is \$40, and children must be enrolled in CYS to play. Additional \$18 fee will apply if not currently registered. A copy of birth certificate and current sports physical required at time of registration. Volunteer coaches always needed and greatly appreciated. Teams are co-ed in age groups: 10 and under, 12 and under, and 15 and under. For more information, call 313-2177.

### Pro football trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlanta for the St. Louis Rams vs. Atlanta Falcons football game Sept. 19 at noon. The bus will depart Redstone Arsenal Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. and return after the game. Cost is \$120 per person, based on double occupancy — no singles. To attend you must submit your name and phone number via e-mail to the CWFC event coordinator at Retired402@charter.net to be placed on the reservation list. When your reservation is confirmed, a \$60 non-refundable deposit will be due by July 25. Payments can be sent to Charles Urban in the Sparkman Center.

### Memorial golf benefit

The annual American Society of Military Comptrollers benefit golf tournament, in memory of ASMC member, Pepper Takayama, will be Aug. 13 at the Redstone Arsenal Golf Course, 8 a.m. shotgun start. The individual cost is \$31 (\$26 for gold and cart + \$5 donation to charity). Contests include closest to the pin and longest drive. Contact Bob Popour, 313-2239 or Rick Lindsey, 313-3440, before July 28 to sign up.

### Hunting and fishing

If you plan to hunt or fish on Redstone Arsenal, and are interested in issues regarding responsible hunting/wildlife management, come out the Garrison Hunting and Fishing Town Hall, Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, located in building 3711. For more information call Tom Pyburn at 876-4868.

### 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.

### Bowling center

Redstone Lanes bowlers through Aug. 1 can earn bucks for every time they spend \$5 at the center. Bowlers can purchase Striker Dolls, bears or plush bowling balls. This event is ongoing during all regular operating hours. For more information, call 876-6634.

### Summer bowling

Redstone Lanes offers a summer special for bowlers. Bowl at Redstone Lanes on Wednesday nights and you'll pay \$1 per game. This offer is good only during the summer from 5-9 p.m. For more information, call 876-6634.

### Youth soccer

For Child and Youth Services soccer, children ages 5-13 must be enrolled in CYS and register by July 30. Cost is \$40 per child and an additional \$18 CYS registration fee will apply if not currently registered. A copy of birth certificate and current sports physical are required at time of registration. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 313-2177.

### Benefit golf tournament

Casey Whitson, a young Grissom High student tragically run over during spring break 2003, suffered life threatening body and head injuries as a result of this accident. Casey has undergone intensive medical treatment for the past 15 months and continues his fight to regain consciousness since his accident. Casey's family struggles with him every day as major medical bills continue to mount. The Casey Whitson Benefit Golf Tournament (four person scramble) will be held Friday at Colonial Golf Course. Registration and a barbecue lunch begin at 11:30 a.m.; and play opens at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. Awards and door prizes will follow play. The cost/donation of \$75 per player or \$300 per team will cover lunch, green fees, cart and proceeds going to the Casey Whitson Benefit Fund. For registration forms or more information, call John Porter 313-7326, Augie Hernandez 542-4862 or Celeste Magill 885-2410.

### Advanced boating

An advanced Coastal Navigation course will be presented for boaters who would like to know more about navigation in coastal areas and inland waters. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-06 will conduct this course beginning July 27 and ending Oct. 2. There is a fee of \$45 for course materials for non-Coast Guard Auxiliary members. Classes will be conducted on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 at Latham Methodist Church on Weatherly Road just east of the Parkway. For more information, call Walt Whitacre 509-7031.

### Guntersville golf tournament

A golf tournament to benefit the Brindlee Mountain Athletic Booster Club will be held at 7:45 a.m. Saturday at Stoney Mountain Golf Course in Guntersville with a four-man scramble format. Cost is \$40 per player. To pre-register, send \$40 per player and your team member list to: Brindlee Mountain Athletic Booster Club

Golf Tournament, Brindlee Mountain High School, 994 Scant City Road, Guntersville, AL, 35976. For more information, call 753-2800.



### 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](http://www.itea.org) or [www.testevaldays.com](http://www.testevaldays.com). For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

### Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club will hold "a meet and greet" July 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Post Exchange foyer. "Our membership year starts in August and we'd love to have you join us," a prepared release said. "We've been an active club since 1959 and we're going strong. Come join in the fun." For more information, call Jennifer Kennedy 837-3310, ext. 3.

### Air defenders

The Air Defense Artillery Association luncheon is July 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club with THAAD project manager Col. Chuck Driessnack as scheduled speaker. Cost is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members. RSVP by noon July 26 with Keith Clevenger 722-4696.

### Space and missile defense

The seventh annual Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition is Aug. 16-19 at the Von Braun Center with the theme "Missile Defense: Deployment and Beyond." The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Association, the National Defense Industrial Association's Tennessee Valley Chapter and the Air Defense Artillery Association's Huntsville Chapter. The Space and Missile Defense Command is a major participant. To register call Jeanne Weaver 533-6986 by Aug. 10. For more information, call Giselle Bodin 955-3889.

### Officers association

Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The chapter's monthly luncheon meeting will be held July 28 at the Officers and Civilians Club with guest speaker Kim Davis from Crestwood Medical Center. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.



### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your 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 Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov). For more information, call 544-4667.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop is closed until July 26 at 9 a.m. when we reopen our doors for consignments and shopping. The Redstone Thrift Shop, building 3209, Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesdays 9-5, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-4. Our walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. We accept handmade craft items for consignment. The thrift shop can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier, and laser jet cartridges. The shop is seeking volunteers for the afternoons. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Child care

Through Aug. 13, Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment is accepting applications for "Before and After School

Care" for children in grades K-5th. Register between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Challenger Community Activity Center, building 1500. For more information, contact Chris Carter at 876-3704 or Pam Berry at 876-7801.

## Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for July include: Troop winner – Headquarters and Alpha Company, building 3413; Area 1, Columbia Centre – Sgt. and Mrs. Jeffrey Slaughter, 506 Walnut Circle; Area 2, Challenger Heights – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Larry Morgan, 1029 Hof Circle; Area 3, Saturn Pointe – Capt. and Mrs. Robert Hawley, 27 Ripley Drive; Area 4A, New Endeavor Village – Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Delbert Francis, 603 Wesson Circle; Area 4B, Endeavor Village – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Kevin Lade, 642 Dyer Circle; Area 5, Freedom Landing – Capt. and Mrs. Douglas Pope, 289 Skinner Drive; Area 6, Voyager Village – Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Andrew Doucette, 362 Crowell Circle; Area 10A, Apollo Landing – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Donnie Burnett, 476-B Cooke Drive; Area 10B, Pathfinder Pointe – Maj. and Mrs. Brian Tachias, 486 Cooke Drive.

## 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.

## 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.

## Summer reading

The MWR Post Library has picked the Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown for its "one community, one book" reading selection. The MWR Library will host a discussion of the book on Thursday from noon until 1 p.m. at the library building 3323, Red-eye Road. Also, come by and pick up your books for summer school reading lists, Child and Youth Services' Heating It Up with Books reading lists, or for just relaxing in the shade. Call 876-4741 for details.

## Soldier readiness event

The Military Personnel Division will hold a Soldier Readiness Processing event Aug. 10-11 from 7-11 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. in building 3493. This event will be for any Soldier in the Redstone/Madison area who does not have an up-to-date deployment packet at their unit PAC. Any unit interested in participating should call Larry Marvin 876-4252.

## Youth skills classes

SKIESUnlimited is a nationwide pilot program for children of military and Department of Defense personnel, includ-

ing contractors. A pilot program is underway on Redstone Arsenal. Parents may now register their children in the following classes at Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: "Skills For Success: Knowing and Understanding Yourself," eighth-ninth graders, \$150; and "Career Curriculum," 10-12th grades, \$185. Classes are under way. For more information, call 313-3701 or 876-3704.

## Writing workshop

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center will hold a free College Writing/Research Workshop from 5-8 p.m. July 26 at Redstone Flying Activity, building 4828. This workshop is designed to enhance college-level writing/research skills using the university required American Psychological Association format. It is open to everyone, however current ERAU students will be given priority. Seating is limited, so call 876-9763 to reserve your seat.

## Fall registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center, located in the Army Education Center building 3222, is registering for the fall term (Aug. 9 to Oct. 9). Embry-Riddle is a fully accredited university offering degree programs in Aviation/Aerospace and Technical Management at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; as well as certificate programs in Aviation Safety, Logistics, Supply Chain Management, and Aviation Maintenance Technology. For more information, call 876-9763.

## University open house

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center will hold an open house Aug. 2 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Redstone Flying Activity, building 4828, for current and prospective students interested in the master's of science in technical management program. For more information, call 876-9763.

## School bus signup

All military personnel living on Redstone Arsenal who desire bus transportation to the four core schools for school year 2004-05 must register each child for transportation. Registration will be held at the Parent/Principal Night on July 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call Ray Boles in the Directorate of Logistics 876-3119 or Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations for Northrop Grumman, 876-3938.

## Back-to-school fashions

The Post Exchange will hold its second annual Back-to-School Fashion Show at 1 p.m. Saturday next to the shoe department. Models are local sponsored children ages 5-18. This year's Back-to-School Theme is "Back to the Dorm." For more information, call Sonya Boyd or Zuhail Stiles 883-6100.

## Young Marine recruits

Young Marines of North Alabama announces new recruit training. This program educates and inspires youth within our communities by promoting a healthy

lifestyle through instructional and adventurous activities. Teamwork and Esprit de Corps enjoyed by Young Marines help each discover the hero within. Boys and girls ages 8-17 are eligible for membership. For information on parent orientation dates and times, call Gunnery Sgt. Freeman at (256) 842-2540, Bobby Hall (256) 753-0868 or Master Sgt. Robert Barnes (256) 931-2635 for details. Orientation will be at the Marine Corps Reserve Center on South Memorial Parkway.

## Quarterly retirement event

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Aug. 10 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate. If you would like to participate, call Staff Sgt. Stephanie Owens 876-2819 by July 27.

## Loaned executives

The Combined Federal Campaign office is looking for volunteers to serve as loaned executives for the 2004 CFC campaign. "CFC needs special people to do a special job – individuals that exemplify professionalism, determination and have the ability to get the job done successfully," a prepared release said. "The loaned executive program is critical to the success of the Combined Federal Campaign. It offers an opportunity for our best employees to set an example of caring and concern, not only for their fellow employees, but for the community at large. As a LE you will work with one or more federal agencies in planning and running their annual campaign. While assigned as a LE, you will get to participate in a week-long orientation developed and supported by CFC. The workshop will address public speaking, techniques for fund-raising, time management, leadership skills, networking opportunities, team building skills and on-site agency tours/hands-on training. The time you volunteer as a LE will have an impact on our community in the following areas: elderly, disaster services, children needs, homeless, community enhancement, family crisis and so much more!" If you would like to volunteer to work with the CFC campaign as a LE or would like more information about the LE program, call the CFC office 876-9143.

## Dinner theater

A dinner theater, Selections from "Jesus Christ Superstar," will be held 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Officers and Civilians Club. This features about 90 minutes of selections from the full performance which opens July 30 at the Von Braun Center Playhouse. The dinner theater is presented in conjunction with Act Out Not Up Productions led by Horace Wilson; and Jim Zielinski is the director. Tickets are \$22 per person. For more information, call 830-2582.

## College credit exams

To help eligible Soldiers, family members, and community members reach their educational goals, the Army Education Center offers a comprehensive range of examinations which are widely accepted by colleges and universities for college credit. These examinations are available in more than 150 subject areas and are similar to end-of-course examinations offered

by colleges and universities. Examinations for servicemembers are provided at no charge. There is a fee for eligible family and community members. For more information visit the Army Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road, or call 876-9761.

## Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation Aug. 3 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Red-eye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone in accordance with AMCOM Regulation 1-36, Policy Number 608-5. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

## Revival services

Capt. Kenneth LeBon of Fayetteville, N.C., chaplain for the paratroopers of the 37th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), will lead revival services July 25-28 at Pleasant Springs Baptist Church, 409 Winchester Road, about a mile east of the Parkway. He returned recently from a 10-month deployment in Iraq. Service times are 11 a.m. Sunday and 7 each evening. For more information, call Pleasant Springs Baptist Church 852-4925.

## Theater ticket discounts

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is offering discount tickets for the 2004-05 Broadway Theatre League Series. The shows for this season are "42nd Street," "The Full Monty," "Cirque Dreams," "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Oklahoma." The CWFC discount season ticket prices are \$193 for orchestra II seating, \$155 for loge seating, and \$112 for balcony seating. To purchase tickets, respond via e-mail to charles.urban@redstone.army.mil by Aug. 6. Provide your preference for performance dates, times, seat location and number of tickets. For information about show times, dates and seating locations, visit [www.btleague.org](http://www.btleague.org).

## Fox health center

Fox Army Health Center will have its annual Organization Day celebration Friday. Minimal staffing will be instituted and clinics will curtail regular services as of 11 that morning to allow maximum participation at this event. Clinical coverage for urgent care will be available in the Primary Care Clinic until 4:30 p.m. The pharmacy, laboratory and radiology will be open with limited staffing. The Primary Care Clinic will be open from 6:30-11 a.m. After 11, urgent patients can be seen by calling the clinic and requesting an urgent appointment. RN4U is available to give care advice after hours by calling the health center 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531.

### Calhoun fall registration

Registration for fall classes at Calhoun Community College is ongoing in building 3343 on Little John Road. Dates for first minimester at Redstone are Aug. 23 through Oct. 13. Second minimester is Oct. 18 through Dec. 16. Huntsville and Decatur semester dates are Aug. 23 through Dec. 16. Go to Calhoun's web site, [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu), for a complete listing of class offerings and general information or call the office at Redstone 876-7431.

### Munitions degree

The Missile Munitions Technology degree is a unique program existing between Calhoun Community College and Redstone Arsenal. Soldiers who have completed electronics or munitions training on Redstone may receive up to 42-semester hours of college credit toward this degree. This leaves only 7 to 8 college courses required for an associate degree. The Basic MMT exists for the Soldier with sufficient missile or munitions training on Redstone. Those who trained in a calibration specialty may get an MMT degree Option I Calibration; and those who have reached the 40 or 50 skill level in the electronics field may get an MMT degree Option II Technical Management. Visit Calhoun's web site, [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu), or call John Lybarger 955-0976 for more information.

### Latin dance party

Sabor Latino invites you to a Latin Dance Party "Sabado Gigante," Saturday at Club Ozz, 1204 Posey St. There will be salsa lessons from 8-9 p.m., and then the party starts. Cost is a \$5 cover charge until 11 p.m., \$7 after. For more information, call hostess Yvonne Bowden, aka "Sabor Latino," 527-9364.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																			
								A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U								
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT <a href="http://WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL">WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</a>																											
SCBK04982471	Acquisition Business Specialist	21-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DE-0301	IV	IV	70,133 - 107,741	X																			
SCBK04000291	Mechanical Engineering Technician	21-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DE-0802	III	III	44,787 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04943450	Program Support Assistant (OA)	21-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DK-0303	III	III	33,247 - 47,866	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04984189	Project Manager	21-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0340	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X																			
SCBK04865680	Logistics Management Specialist	22-Jul-04	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X																			
SCBK04958218	Secretary (OA)	22-Jul-04	PEO TACT MISSILE	GS-0318	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04023422	Secretary (OA)	22-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0318	5	6	26,841 - 38,900	X																			
SCBK04960355	Lead Aerospace Engr	23-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04965154	Lead Aerospace Engr	23-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04968031	Lead General Engr	23-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04956334	Lead General Engr	23-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04980716	Architect, Civil Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Elec Engr, Industrial Engr	23-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0810, 0819, 0830, 0850, 0896	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04028500	Procurement Analyst	23-Jul-04	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK04019715	Public Affairs Specialist	23-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DE-1035	IV	IV	70,133 - 107,741	X																			
SCBK04961704	Human Resources Specialist	25-Jul-04	CHRA	GS-0201	13	13	70,133 - 90,692	X																			
SCBK04029987	Budget Technician (OA)	26-Jul-04	RTTC	GS-0561	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X																			
SCBK04015062	Contract Specialist	26-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-1102	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X																			
SCBK04968627	Logistics Management Specialist	26-Jul-04	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X																			
SCBK04006754	Program Analyst	26-Jul-04	TMDE	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK04971285	Supv Contract Specialist	26-Jul-04	ACQ Cir	NH-1102	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X																			
SCBK04982895	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	26-Jul-04	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK04941228	Civil Engineering Technician	27-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0802	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X																			
SCBK04028382	Office Automation Assistant	27-Jul-04	PEO AVIATION	NK-0326	2	2	26,841 - 43,221	X										X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04023958	Administrative Support Assistant (OA)	28-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0303	6	6	29,919 - 38,900	X																			
SCBK04003172	Firefighter	28-Jul-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0081	4	5	23,990 - 34,899	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04002385	Mechanical Engineer	28-Jul-04	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04028703	Safety & Occ Health Sp	28-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0018	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK040029085	Secretary (OA)	28-Jul-04	IMMC	GS-0318	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X																			
WTST04989024	Supv Intelligence Specialist (I & TS)	28-Jul-04	I&SD	GG-0132	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X																		
SCBK04027968	Logistics Management Specialist	29-Jul-04	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X																		
SCBK04977218	Program Analyst	29-Jul-04	PEO TACT MISSILE	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK0423430	Program Analyst	29-Jul-04	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X																		
SCBK040030770	Program Integrator	29-Jul-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0301	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X																		
SCBK04016326	Protocol Specialist	29-Jul-04	AMCOM SGS	GS-0301	9	11	40,669 - 63,967	X	X																		
SCBK04029094	Secretary	29-Jul-04	IMMC	GS-0318	6	6	29,919 - 38,900	X																			
WTST04029594	Security Specialist	29-Jul-04	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X																		
SCBK04035867	Contract Specialist	30-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-1102	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK04020796	Secretary (OA)	30-Jul-04	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0318	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X										X									
SCBK04009373	Civil Engineer	30-Jul-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0810	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK04910899	Equal Employment Specialist	2-Aug-04	AMCOM	NH-0260	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X																		
SCBK04008822	Human Resources Specialist	5-Aug-04	CHRA	GS-0201	12	12	58,977 - 77,437	X																			
SCBK04015888	General Engineer	6-Aug-04	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04014363	Structural Engineer	6-Aug-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0810	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04987591	Procurement Analyst	7-Aug-04	SADBU	GS-1102	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK04004254	General Engineer	9-Aug-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04978074	Lead Electronics Engr	9-Aug-04	AMRDEC	DB-0655	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04960338	Lead Electronics Engr Lead Aerospace Engr	9-Aug-04	AMRDEC	DB-0855, 0861	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04020907	Lead General Engr	9-Aug-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04007654	Special Projects Specialist	12-Aug-04	AMCOM CG	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X																		
SCBK04972240	Supv General Engineer	12-Aug-04	DCSS	NH-0801	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X																			
SCBK04013542	General Engineer	13-Aug-04	RDECCOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04011114	Oper Research Analyst	13-Aug-04	RDECCOM	DB-1515	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK040030638	Logistics Management Specialist	16-Aug-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X																			
WTEJ040010802OC	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-04	TSMO	GG-0855	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	26,841 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBG04002284	Aerospace Engineer	6-Oct-04	ATTC	GS-0861	13	13	69,762 - 90,692	X																			
SCBK04646611OC	Architect, Chem Engr, Civil Engr, Elec Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Arch	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0830, 0819, 0830, 0807	13	13	66,748 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04914906OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04914142OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0850	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04920074OC	Engineering Technician	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0802	11	12	49,207 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04964710	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft & Electronics)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X																			
SCBK04964596	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft & Electronics)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X																			
SCBK04974896	Equipment Specialist (General)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X																			
SCBK04963599	Logistics Management Specialist	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X																			
SCBK04661453OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0018	12	12	52,281 - 67,968	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04651628OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04651434OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK04941367OC	Physical Security Specialist	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0080																							