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# Former hospital's peculiar history

Ghostly events recalled  
at vacant building 112

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A shroud of mystery surrounds vacant building 112. People who've worked there over the decades have similar accounts of the activity they've witnessed.

The building has quite a history of tenants. It still bears traces of its original purpose which include two vaults and an old morgue.

The building was built as a hospital in the early 1940s, during World War II. It serviced Huntsville Arsenal and Redstone Arsenal as well as German prisoners of war placed here. (At the time the installation was divided into two arsenals. Huntsville Arsenal was everything west of Patton Road and was used as a chemical manufacturing and storage facility. Redstone was essentially the area where the new FBI building, Rocket Auditorium and the old Thiokol facilities are located; it was used as an ordnance shell loading/assembly plant.)

In 1950, Huntsville Arsenal was inactivated and was consolidated with Redstone Arsenal. Since there wasn't as much of a need for the large facility, the hospital was moved to an infirmary at building 7110 on the southeast end of post.

According to a *Rocket* article from 1978, after the hospital was relocated, "Building 112 was then converted for use as laboratory space for the Ordnance Guided Missile Group which moved to Redstone from Fort Bliss (Texas) in 1950." Dr. Wernher von Braun's office was in building 111, which sits in front of 112.

In the same article from 1978, William Pittman, who worked for the space program in 112, said "Some of our earliest Army missile design and development work was done in building 112, and you might say the space age was born



**DARK SHADOWS**— Building 112 at night isn't for the faint of heart.

Photo by Kim Henry

## Eight eerie weeks of fall Ghost story series, Part 1

there too."

By the early 1960s, there was a lack of space in 7110, so building 112 was refurbished and rededicated as a hospital in August 1961. It served as a hospital until 1978 when Fox Army Hospital was built. Since then it has housed several agencies but most recently it was recognized as Redstone Arsenal Support Activity headquarters.

Bill Schroder, of the Engineering, Environment and Logistics Oversight Office, remembers building 112 from when he first started at Redstone in 1959. At the time he worked for Chrysler in the Astrionics Lab.

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## Conjuring up a ghost series

Trail of spirited tales  
leads to Halloween

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As the leaves transform to gold and red, the sky falls to darkness earlier each evening and a hint of a cooler breeze is in the air, everyone knows that fall is here.

For some the season invokes excitement over football while others hunger for Grandma's pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving. But still for others it is a time of haunting tales of mystery, local folklore and unexplainable events from the past. It is the season of Halloween.

Like any place of history, Redstone holds tales of mansions, old hospitals, and souls wandering the streets. If you've worked here for any amount of time, you've probably heard a tale or two passed down by predecessors.

In efforts to pass on the urban legends that surround the installation, the *Rocket* will run a series of stories called "Eight Eerie Weeks of Fall." Each issue leading up to Halloween will feature a story of the peculiar or one of local lore. Some of the individuals who provided information asked to remain anonymous.

Some stories you may think to be a trick and others you may find a real treat, but even the non-believer may have to think: that's weird.

## Letters to the Editor

### Graduate on yellow brick road

Satisfaction: a great feeling as we attended the commencement of a valued friend and former team member. Several years ago, workplace promotion policies had become imbalanced, focusing on education to the near exclusion of performance and experience. An experienced performer (with no degree), she was frustrated; was near giving up hope of further advancement. As her supervisor, the image of her decaying into the caricatured civil servant (sluggish, sputtering, cruising the web between plotting ways to avoid work) was frightening. After some mildly intense encouragement, she registered for a few evening classes; no small feat for a working mother of three. An unexpected opportunity arose several months later; the Logistics Education Assistance Fund became her yellow brick road to optimism. Difficulties as well as family sacrifices were overcome;

she now believed she had a chance. High energy, high performing government resources are in short supply. But as immediately valuable as these diamonds-in-the-rough remain, government is obliged to mentor and develop these high-quality people, irrespective of the immediate consequences. They are our best hope at changing a scary, seemingly elephantine bureaucracy. So, on behalf of her co-workers and friends, congratulations are extended to Jackie DeJesus on Athens State University conferring upon her a bachelor's of science degree. A self-assured, articulate woman with an intensely proud family, she has boldly gone where no one in her organization has gone before. She has set the bar; now it's time for payback. Great things are expected ... as well as grad school.

Christopher Chavez

### An open lane random survey

Should gymnast Paul Hamm return his Olympic gold medal because of a judging error?

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Lt Col. Lee Leblanc  
Directorate of Simulations, Fort Rucker



"He should. If there was a wrong, it's the right thing to do. If the other guy won it he should give it to him."

Christie Cartee  
DoD civilian

"He shouldn't be forced to. If he chooses to, he can, but he shouldn't be forced to because they made an error."



Chief Warrant Officer Brendan Kelly  
Directorate of Simulations, Fort Rucker

"Yes, it's no different than if a bank or any other financial institution was to make an accounting error. It's just a matter of the wrong numbers preceding the event itself, leading up to an erroneous score."



Miquel Santiago  
Post Exchange

"I think he should return it if he didn't actually win it."

### Drawing the line on bans

I would like to respond to Claus Martel's letter to the editor "Some more bans to chew on." With every new technology that comes out, such as cell phones, comes with it new responsibility. I heartily disagree with banning everything while driving. I agree that folks need to watch where they are going while driving but are we as

a society so ignorant that we need a babysitter? What has happened to personal responsibility? I think that the MPs on post certainly have better things to do than run around playing mommy.

Jennifer Pierce  
PEO, Tactical Missiles

### Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Aug. 28:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and in possession of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and then released to local police for an outstanding warrant. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

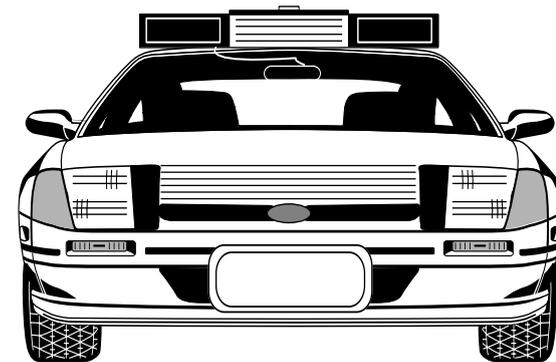
**Aug. 29:** A Soldier reported to the Provost Marshal Office as being AWOL from his unit. He was processed and transportation arranged to return him to military custody at Fort Gordon, Ga.

**Aug. 30:** An individual was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 1:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and then released.

**Sept. 2:** An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items, concealing them and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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**Traffic accidents reported:** 3 without injuries, none with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 12 speeding, 1 failure to obey a traffic control device, 3 driving with a suspended driver's license, 2 possession of marijuana and 1 larceny.

### Quote of the week

'All athletes should bear in mind that they are competing not with other athletes but with their own capacities. Whatever I have already achieved, I have to go beyond.'

— Carl Lewis  
Nine-time Olympic gold medalist in track and field.

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# Army awards engineering services contract

TELEDYNE RELEASE

LOS ANGELES — Teledyne Technologies Incorporated announced Aug. 30 that Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. is among a team of companies that has been awarded an engineering services contract from the Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center in Edgewood, Md.

This multiple award ID/IQ contract is for a five-year term and has a \$100 million ceiling. Under the contract, Teledyne Brown will perform engineering, development and technical management in the areas of chemical and biological defense.

“We are excited to be able to extend Teledyne Brown’s expertise in technology development to ECBC,” said Robert Mehrabian, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Teledyne Technologies. “This contract with the nation’s premier chemical and biological defense

research, development and acquisition center takes our company beyond the chemical demilitarization work we have been doing for the Army and into supporting the nation’s defense in another vitally important area.”

Teledyne Brown provides a wide range of environmental solutions including the destruction of binary chemical warfare materiel for the Army, international threat reduction support, production of radioactive waste containers, and operation of radio-analytical testing laboratories.

Teledyne Technologies is a leading provider of sophisticated electronic components, instruments and communication products, systems engineering solutions, aerospace engines and components and on-site gas and power generation systems. Teledyne Technologies has operations in the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico and Canada.

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**Name:** Charles Reeves

**Job:** Chief of AMCOM Transportation, Distribution and Transportation Division, Integrated Materiel Management Center

**Where do you call home?**  
Atlanta, Ga.

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

I’ve been in the field for 20 years and I really like knowing that the things that I move or provide support moving helps our customers: government/DoD. Especially during a time of war, it makes a difference to the Soldiers. It saves their lives and supports in the efforts of our country. I can see these things as they happen — track them until they get to theater — and I know we are making a difference.



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

Play golf, ride my motorcycle and work on various projects around the house.

**What are your goals?**

To be all that I can be for the enhancement of my life and my family’s life and overall to make a contribution to the country that I live in.



Courtesy photo

## Thrifty service

Isabel Balcourt, manager of the Thrift Shop, receives a certificate of appreciation from retired Col. Patrick Meagher, commander of the 1st Infantry Brigade, Alabama State Defense Force. She is recognized for her courteous and efficient service to active duty and retired military personnel and their families. Meagher is among many veterans and retired members of the armed forces who serve with the State Defense Force, an official state military organization under the authority of the Alabama adjutant general.

# VA outlines survivor benefits

VETERANS AFFAIRS RELEASE

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a variety of programs to assist the survivors of military personnel who die on active duty.

Survivors receive certain payments or benefits regardless of whether the in-service death is due to combat, accident or disease, including:

- Burial benefits for the deceased servicemember, which include a gravesite in any VA national cemetery with available

space, perpetual care of the grave at no cost to the family, a government headstone or marker, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation at the monthly rate of \$967 for a surviving spouse or more if there are dependent children.

- Life insurance, which most military members carry at the highest level, \$250,000.

More information about how VA services apply in individual

cases is available from veterans services representatives at 800-827-1000.

VA has a Casualty Assistance Program to give personal attention to surviving family members after in-service deaths, and to help them with benefit information and applications. A casualty assistance officer is designated at each of VA’s 57 regional offices. These VA officers work closely with military casualty officers to ensure timely assistance is available to beneficiaries.

# Thrift Shop doors open this Saturday

The Thrift Shop has special plans for Sept. 11.

The shop will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. “All active duty military personnel and family members E-5 and below, we are having a special sale in your honor,” a prepared release said. “All donation tickets – will be posted — are 50 percent off this day only.

“This is to include activated National

Guard/Reserve members. You must have a valid ID or be in uniform for this special,” the release continued. “We would also like to remind the entire active/retired military and DoD community of our great bargains. So hurry down for all the great bargains!”

For more information about the shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, call 881-6992.

# Tactical hardware test has nationwide range

Demonstration ties 12 sites in virtual proving ground

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The timing couldn't have been better for a massive test event last week.

Distributed Test Event 4, involving Redstone Technical Test Center and 11 other sites nationwide, was held during "Test Week 2004." On Sept. 1, local news media representatives were given an overview of the demonstration before a busload of Army VIPs pulled up for a tour at the test center in building 4500.

"We didn't know it would coincide with Test Week," Tim Clardy, coordinator of distributed test event 4, said. "It's been like a six-month planning period for setting up this demonstration."

This was the fourth such demonstration which represents part of the "virtual proving ground," he said. Distributed test events have been scheduled to demon-

strate capabilities concurrently at the various locations.

"We have a very large-scale simulation that is involving live assets and human operators," Clardy said. "And during this simulation, we are collecting data on how well everything is performing."

Inside the building, RTTC workers and others collected data from monitor screens in darkened rooms. Outside, a UH-1H Huey helicopter from Redstone Airfield was ready to fly over Test Area 3. A tank was set up on the test area to serve as a target. The helicopter was equipped with a Stabilized Electro-optic Airborne Instrumentation Platform which had cameras inside.

The helicopter, with pilot Roger Christie, flew over the target and transmitted its video to the test center. Its global positioning system was also down-linked so its flight path could be superimposed over a map of White Sands Missile Range, N.M. This simulated the flight of an unmanned aerial vehicle over White Sands. Seven flight missions were planned last week.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

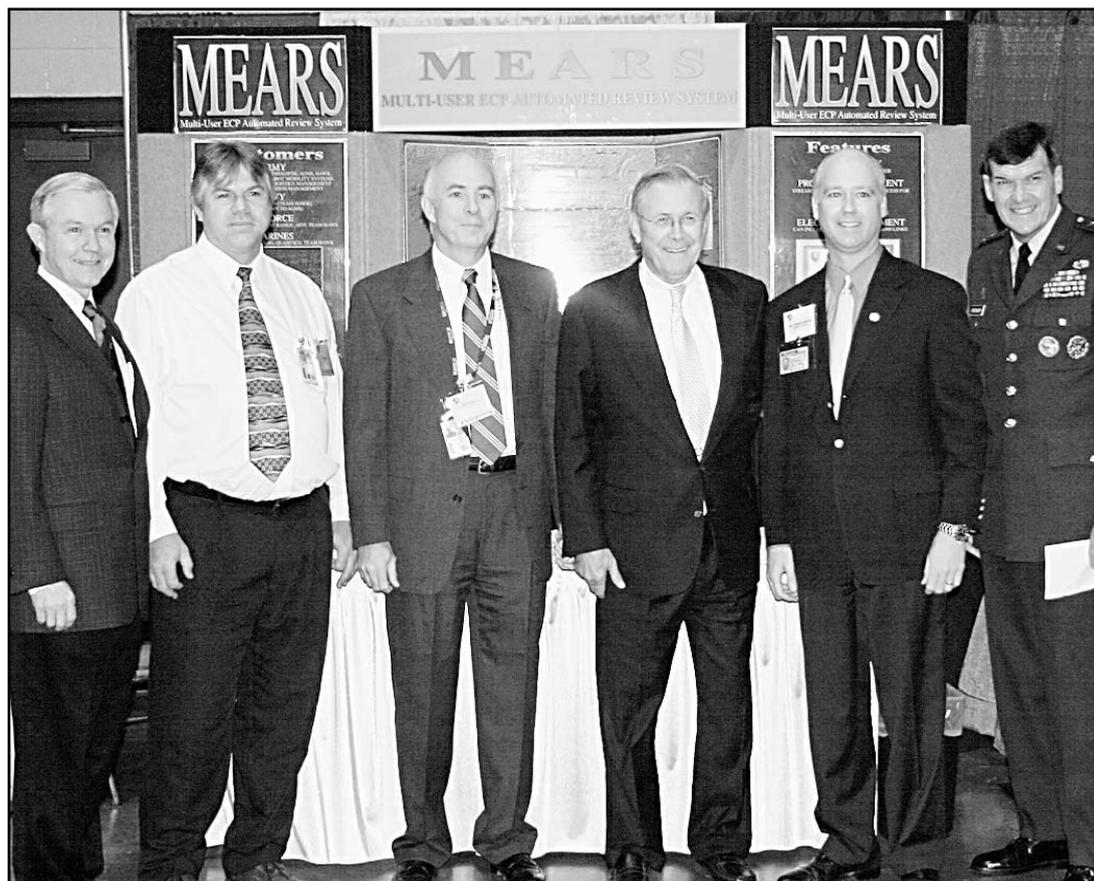
**MONITORING ROOM**— The data collection cell for last week's distributed test event includes from left Michael Vucelich of Redstone Technical Test Center, Jackie Martin of Science Applications International Corporation Lead System Integrator and Bill Frederic of Electronic Proving Ground, Fort Lewis, Wash.

"It does import a more realistic element into simulated battlefield events," test engineer Kirk Williams said.

"We're proud of it," Carl Roberts, RTTC director, said of the distributed test event. "It's common. It's a way to do tests with a big bunch of hardware systems like the Future Combat System. It's the only way to exercise and test big systems."

The other sites included the Army Evaluation Center, Operational Test Command, Developmental Test Command, White Sands Missile Range, Electronic Proving Ground, Aberdeen Test Center, Dugway Proving Ground, Aviation Technical Test Center, Night Vision and Seniors Electronics Division, Yuma Proving Ground and the Future Combat Systems Lead Systems Integrator.

# Government-developed software program spans globe



Courtesy photo

**EXHIBIT AREA**— From left are Sen. Jeff Sessions, MEARS program manager John Rogers, MEARS technical lead William Baccus, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Rep. Robert Aderholt and Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Staff and customers 'are like a family'

The Multi-user ECP Automated Review System exhibit at the seventh annual Space and Missile Defense Conference had a special visitor Aug. 18 at the Von Braun Center.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was accompanied by Sen. Jeff Sessions, Rep. Robert Aderholt and Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, as he stopped by the display booth. After a brief explanation of MEARS, the group posed with MEARS personnel for a round of photos.

MEARS is a government-developed and owned web-based software program that automates the engineering change process. A configuration management tool, MEARS expedites the Engineering Change Proposal from creation to archival. MEARS, originally deployed in 1992 to the Patriot Project Office, has been named a DoD "best of breed solution," and today supports some 2,000 DoD, homeland security, defense industry, and foreign military sales customers throughout the world.

Local customers include the Lower Tier Project Office, Short

Range Air Defense, ARM Project Office, Precision Fires, Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, PM TMDE, ATE/TPS, CH-47 and Hawk. The Missile Defense Agency, Defense Contract Management Agency, Marine Corps, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Hercules, Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the U.S. Coast Guard also use MEARS to manage their engineering change process.

A staff of one government program manager, five contractor developers, and four contractor customer support personnel provides customer service from its office in the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

"MEARS and its customers are like a family," John Rogers, the MEARS program manager, said. "Without exaggeration, we would be nowhere without our customers, and we treat them that way. We continue to develop and mold MEARS to meet the sometimes unique requirements of each customer. Responsiveness to our customer is not just a buzz word with MEARS, it is an absolute necessity."

MEARS gets no direct DoD funding. Instead it relies totally on reimbursable dollars from its customers.

Editor's note: Adapted from a MEARS release.

# Ghosts

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He said that while he was working in the building, there were reports of strange activities late at night.

"There was a room downstairs that was used for drafting blueprints. Those who worked there would often work late at night," Schroder said. "The drafters started telling people that they could swear they heard people walking up and down the halls and the elevator going up and down and when the doors would open and close nobody would be there."

Bothered by the unexplained disturbances, the drafters quit working nights. "During the day, when people were there the elevator didn't hardly operate," Schroder said. "So for it to operate on its own was strange."

People who worked for RASA recall similar incidents like the drafters.

"I worked from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., but came in early to walk my two miles each morning before starting work," Susan Gustafson of Army Community Service said. "As I recall, being in that building really early in the morning, the first floor elevator would open and close and would go up and down to the second and third floors but no one was there. No one came out and no one went into it."

Gustafson remembers one morning when she didn't feel alone. "I was at the copy machine and lo and behold the doors opened up, waited and then closed. It went to the second floor and then came back down," she said. "I was shaking. The door opened up when it reached the first floor again, but no one came out. It waited and then the door closed again."

She said the elevator movement happened so much that the longer she worked there the more she got used to it. "I even called him Casper, I thought that was a catchy name," Gustafson said.

Another former RASA employee described similar incidents. "I worked in building 112 for many years and had always heard the ghost stories," Karen Bender, support agreement manager, said. She explained that she first worked on the second floor, but it wasn't until her office was moved to the third floor that she wondered if some of the "tall tales" had some truth.

"My last office on the third floor was very near the elevator. Sometimes I would work on weekends and would hear the elevator moving up and down the floors, opening and closing, but no one would be there," Bender said. "This was kind of eerie when you are working alone. It got to the point where I would lock myself in my office because I was not sure I was up to a meeting with 'George,' our pet name for the ghost."

Officers and military police who delivered the blotter to the RASA commander late at night agree about the building's strange activities. Several confirmed they would get off on the third floor to put the blotter on the commander's desk and when they returned, the elevator wouldn't be there waiting. It would be on another floor. Others heard voices down the hall, but never saw anything. "After a while people just refused to go there after dark," a Department of Army police officer said. Another officer recalled an incident

when he was a patrol supervisor and delivered the blotter. The officer said the elevator wasn't working so he took the steps. Thinking that the stairwell ended at the third floor, he kept climbing until he reached a small door that went to the attic.

"I realized I must've missed my floor," he said. "At that point I heard laughing and it sounded like ladies. I thought it was late for people to be there." The officer said when he went down to the third floor he saw a light down the hall and still heard the laughing.

"I walked down to the room. No one was there and the laughing stopped," he said. The officer said he thought the room was a break room and described it as open space with nowhere for anyone to go but out the door. The officer walked back down the hall to drop the blotter off in the commander's office.

As he returned to the stairwell, he saw something unusual coming from the same room. "I was looking down the hall and saw a shadow come across the door." He said he thought this time for sure someone was down there, but when he got to the room no one was there. He turned off the light.

No one knows why the elevator traveled up and down the floors or the origin of the voices down the hall. The vacant building's future is uncertain.

*Editor's note: While reporting this story, Kim Henry said she went inside building 112 and found it to be extremely warm. But upon going down to the first floor, which housed the morgue, it was noticeably cooler. The first floor is not underground.*



Photo by Kim Henry

**SAFEKEEPING—** Two vaults and an old morgue convey the vacant building's original purpose.



**TICKET TO RIDE—** The elevator wasn't supposed to be working but somehow did.

# Army engineers mastering rotorcraft curriculum

## UAH graduate program trains middle managers

UAH RELEASE

When the Army asked for volunteers, 20 engineers stepped forward.

But they were not headed to a war zone, they were headed back to a school zone. An all-expenses-paid graduate program at the University of Alabama in Huntsville's College of Engineering to be exact.

The 17 men and three women from Redstone Arsenal are the first to participate in a program intended to help resolve a shortage of middle managers with experience in rotorcraft engineering.

When they are done, they will return to their civil service jobs prepared to help develop new helicopters and unmanned aerial vehicles as well as improve older aircraft such as Black Hawk and Apache helicopters. They work in offices that buy and manage aviation programs or that research, develop and test new systems.

"This master's program is aimed at middle managers, who make a lot of decisions," said Dr. Jim Snider, a retired major general who is director of the UAH rotorcraft program. "These are the promising managers of tomorrow who will someday be in aviation leadership at the Arsenal. One of them might be running the UAV program in the future, or the Apache program."

The students' 15-month odyssey

blasted off in May, and when it's over, they will have a master of science in aerospace engineering with minors in engineering mathematics and system simulation.

### Married with children

They range in age from their 20s to 50s with anywhere from one year to 30 years of experience as engineers. Most are married and have children. Returning to school and reviving study habits put them in shock, especially as they tackled three advanced classes with heavy workloads in a compressed summer semester.

But as older students, they are more conscientious about their work, they want to be in the program, and they recognize how getting the degree will help their careers and benefit their employer.

"It will make us all more informed on the decisions we have to make," said Laura Ayers, who works in manufacturing technology at the Arsenal.

Studying days, nights and weekends has cultivated camaraderie. A room has been set aside for them in Olin B. King Technology Hall, where they can pull out their laptops, compare notes or cram for quizzes. In early July, as they tackled their first classes, the students said professors recognized their long break from an educational regimen and have helped them adjust to the rigors.

The professors are from the Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering and the

Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering and Engineering Management.

The students in the program applied through their respective departments and were selected by their superiors. The government pays for tuition and books in addition to their salaries and benefits. In return, the students made a commitment to return to their jobs.

"The Arsenal committed quite a bit of money to get this done," Snider said. "They really want to build up the rotorcraft area of expertise here."

### Brain drain

The dearth of middle management employees in rotorcraft programs in Huntsville has been growing since 1997. That's when AVSCOM, the organization that provides research, develop, procure and sustainment support to Army aviation, moved from St. Louis to Redstone Arsenal.

A lot of really good engineers elected to stay in St. Louis rather than relocate with the Army, Snider said. In addition, many government workers have not been replaced as they retire, he said.

To improve the future, the Army looked for a way to establish a rotorcraft systems engineering and simulation center in the greater Huntsville area. UAH competed for the opportunity and was awarded a cooperative agreement with the Arsenal. The director, Snider, has a doctorate in aerospace engineering and is a former program executive officer for Army aviation at Redstone

Arsenal.

One part of the agreement is the graduate degree program. The five-semester curriculum includes courses in helicopter theory, aerospace systems engineering, rotorcraft design, performance flight testing, system safety, and modeling and simulation. The first class will graduate in August 2005.

### Students wanted

While this first, full-time degree program was open to all engineers, only the government was able to fully commit staff and money. But there are plans to adjust it to make it more accessible for engineers with civilian contracting companies, who work often with the government.

Snider has proposed several part-time programs so engineers can take classes while they continue to work. Students would follow one of two tracks: missile systems or rotorcraft. To complete their master of science in aerospace engineering, the students have the option to write a thesis, ideally one related to their work, or take additional graduate courses.

"We would like the contractors to send students," Snider said.

Other aspects of the cooperative agreement also allow more participation for Arsenal employees and civilian engineers who work for aerospace contractors. For instance, UAH is doing more to help the Arsenal with modeling and simulation, and UAH professors are doing systems engineering work alongside government engineers. In addition, UAH has organized two-day seminars and symposiums to provide continuing education to engineers inside and outside of government offices.

As aerospace contracting companies get involved with the programs, they might find more connections with government work. Snider said their involvement will help the Army identify companies that have specific skills the Arsenal needs. In addition, the companies could help establish the simulation center.

As the first class of graduate students plows toward a degree – working more hours than they would at a regular job – Brian Murphy, who has worked in a cargo helicopter program at Redstone Arsenal, summed up the whole rotorcraft program: "To make sure we get the best helicopter for our Soldiers."

## Advanced Patriot missile on target in test flight

The Army conducted a successful intercept test flight of the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile system Thursday at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Preliminary test data indicates two targets were intercepted and mission objectives were achieved.

Objectives of this mission included demonstrating the performance of a PAC-3 missile with hardware changes that improve producibility and reduce missile cost. The test also demonstrated the system's capability to detect, track, engage and intercept a short-range tactical ballistic missile target and a low-altitude cruise missile tar-

get. The targets for the mission were a Patriot-as-a-Target, a Patriot legacy missile modified to represent a short-range ballistic missile; and an MQM-107 subscale drone aircraft, representing a cruise missile.

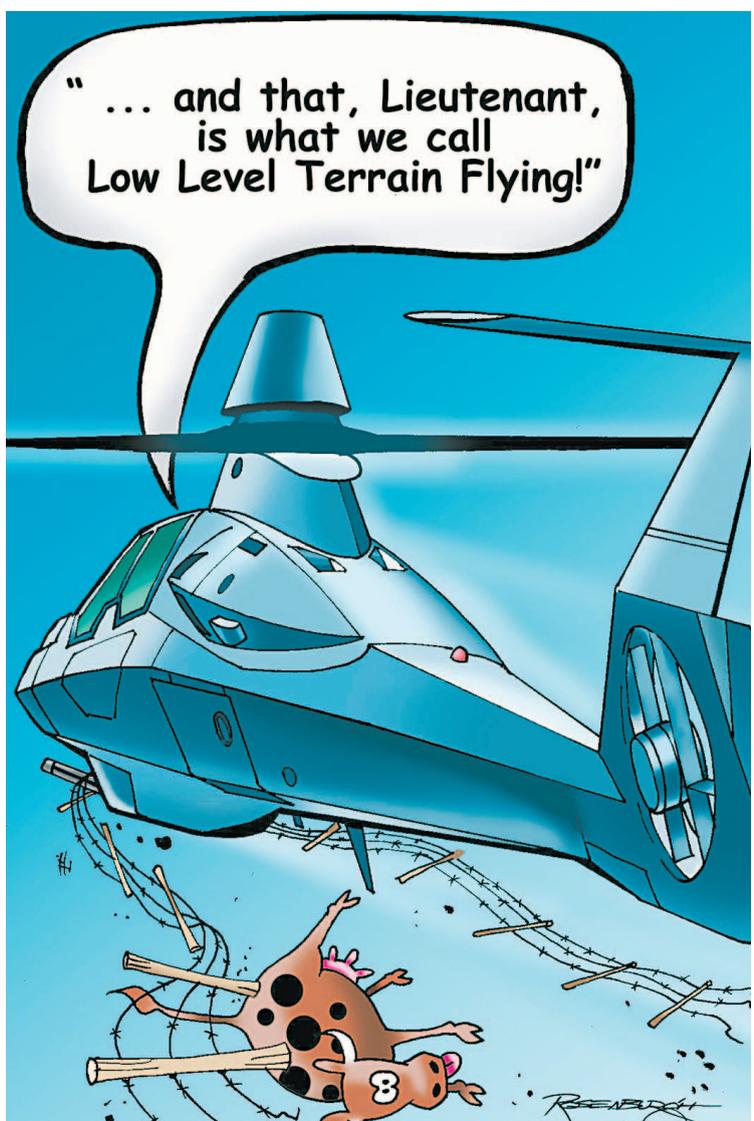
Soldiers of the 1-7, 2-43 and 3-2 Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, participated in the test.

The PAC-3 system successfully completed operational testing and began fielding in 2002. It was first used in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

The PAC-3 missile is a high velocity, hit-to-kill missile and is the newest addition

to Patriot family of missiles. It provides increased capability against advanced tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and other air-breathing threats.

The Patriot PAC-3 program is managed by the Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense and executed by the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Dallas, Texas, is the prime contractor responsible for the PAC-3 missile segment. Raytheon Systems Company, the Patriot system prime contractor, is the system integrator for the PAC-3 missile segment.



## New York native remembers the towers of his youth

Reflections on 9/11  
three years later

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Buildings make impressions upon us. As landmarks they let us know we're headed the right way. As familiar sights in our hometown, they comfort us and generate warm memories of younger days. For Charles Suddler, an education technician at School Age Services, the New York of his youth is missing a crucial player in his memories, the World Trade Center.

Suddler grew up in the borough of the South Bronx with five brothers and sisters. Dreaming out of his windows in his 16th floor apartment, he gazed at the Manhattan skyline and the twin towers. Trips onto the island would find him marveling at the constructions of glass and steel that towered above the city he loved. Most trips would find him in the shadows of the WTC, either in Burger King across the street or just down the block at the famous J&R Music World record store.

"I loved Manhattan," he said. "I loved to just look at the skyscrapers — the Empire State Building, the Chrysler building, and United Nations Building."

Suddler's uncle, Ernest Littles, worked for the New York Port Authority on the 86th floor of the north WTC tower. The cherished relative known lovingly as "Cookie" worked there from the complex's opening in 1970 until he retired in late 2000, less than a year before terrorists would take a bite of the Big Apple's skyline. His presence drew the towers even deeper into Suddler's heart and made for many visits to the site.

"I used to take the 6 train from the Bronx almost every single day," he said. "We used to go up to the top, to the

restaurants, to eat. We shopped in the mall below."

Suddler admired the towers so much that he sought desperately to work in them or near them during his youth. When a suitable opening finally became available, he was unable to accept it. College drew him to Alabama, where he remained after graduation.

The February 1993 bombing of the WTC's parking garage sent an adult Suddler scrambling to make sure his uncle was all right. A year later, the two discussed the incident and the uncertain possibilities for the future of the buildings.

"He stayed and tried to save his co-workers during the bombing. He carried people down the steps on his back because the elevators were packed. He got a purple heart for that," Suddler said. "I told him these guys, the terrorists, were going to come back to the World Trade Center. I didn't know it would be like Sept. 11th."

When the unthinkable happened on Sept. 11, 2001 Suddler's first response was to call his sister, Corinne, living in New Jersey to question her on the whereabouts of his uncle, who he had lost touch with over the previous year. She reassured him that Cookie had retired and was safe away from the location. But his brother, Carlton, a New York K-9 police officer was there searching for survivors. He remained there around the clock, as the search became one for victims instead. Carlton returned from the job unharmed, but his city had been scarred forever.

Suddler found an outlet for his own grief in drawing, creating several pictures memorializing the towers. He has not been home to New York since 9/11. In many ways he is reluctant to visit the hole in the city that represents a hole in his heart.

"I haven't been home since 1999," he said. "As far as my heart knows the World Trade Center is still standing right now. I'm just used to seeing it there, those same



Photo by Kelley Lane

**KEEPSAKES**— Mementos of the World Trade Center, including his uncle's New York Port Authority Card and a hand drawn 9/11 memorial, are all Charles Suddler has left of a missing piece of home.

skyscrapers."

He plans to return next year to visit friends and family. He also plans to pay his respects to the memory of the people and the innocence that died just across the Hudson River from the Bronx and a little boy's room.

## United We Stand tribute serves as 9/11 remembrance

Committee plans  
annual program

By PATRICK MILLIKEN  
For the Rocket

The defining events of Sept. 11 continue to be a symbol of the spirit, sacrifice and commitment to freedom and a way of life for the American people. The Americans, United We Stand committee is dedi-

cated to providing an annual commemoration for its victims.

The committee has designated "Tribute to the Soldiers, Civilians, and Industry Partners" as this year's theme in memory of those that have given their lives, and to honor those courageous individuals as well as the organizations that continue the fight against terror.

Sept. 11 is not merely a story of destruction and loss; it is a remarkable

story of the human spirit and individual courage. From the moment that America realized it was under attack to the most recent battles on the War on Terror the event continues to touch our lives in a very personal way.

We encourage you to join Americans, United We Stand committee in a day of remembrance. There will be artifacts on display and a tribute to some of Alabama's military units in support of the war.

The event will be held Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Any questions or comments can be sent to September 11 in the Global e-mail system. For more information from the Sept. 11 committee call chairman Samuel Wright at 313-3154, administrative contact Patti Kurth at 955-9114 or multimedia contact Cyndi Hickson at 313-8005.

*Editor's note: Patrick Milliken is an AMC Fellow at the garrison.*

# Arkansas native helps test launcher at White Sands

*Soldiers involved early in process*

By JULI ROEBER  
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Sgt. Kenneth Ray Wilson is not only an inaugural Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System participant, but also he is an example of a relevant and ready Soldier at Fort Bragg, N.C.

As the fire control panel operator in a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launcher, Wilson has been a key player in GMLRS Production Qualification flight tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. He also assists the MLRS pod assembly into the HIMARS launcher.

Wilson, 24, grew up in Springdale, Ark., a small community in the northwest corner of the state at the foothills of the Ozark Mountains.

“My father was prior service, and when I turned 18 he started ‘coaching’ me into joining the Army,” he said. “I enlisted in the Arkansas Army National Guard and was assigned to A Battery, 1st Battalion, 142 Field Artillery, an MLRS unit out of Rodgers, Ark.”

Following basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Okla., he returned to the 142 FA and became the first Soldier in the unit to be qualified.

In August 1999, after two years in the Army National Guard, Wilson decided to go on active duty status and re-enlisted. His first assignment was with A Battery, 1st Battalion, 27 Field Artillery in Babenhausen, Germany, where he served two and a half years, earning numerous awards including Soldier of the Quarter (41st Brigade), Soldier of the Year, and placing second in the V Corps Artillery Soldier of the Year.

Wilson also attended the Primary Leadership Development Course, taught in the NCO Academy, complete with practical applications and an extensive Field Training Exercise. He was promoted to sergeant shortly after graduation.

He left Germany in November 2001 and was assigned to his current unit in Fort Bragg, B Battery, 3rd Battalion, 27 FA, where he serves as a 13M.

“I feel that it is a good MOS (Military Occupational Specialty),” Wilson said. “When we do get a chance to launch rockets, we enjoy watching more than we do



Courtesy photo

**KEY PLAYER— Sgt. Kenneth Ray Wilson is the final control panel operator in a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launcher.**

participating. There is such a dramatic sequence of events before the launcher live fires. Sitting inside the cab, there is just a noise and the launcher rocks a little.”

Wilson has been a gunner in M270 units.

“I set up college classes for the Soldiers in my unit and counsel them in working toward an associates degree in general studies,” Wilson said. “I am also taking college classes and recently married. So I have my plate full.”

Maj. Kevin Peterson, assistant project manager for command, control, communications, computers and information, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, stresses the importance of having Soldiers like Wilson involved in GMLRS testing.

“In the acquisition process, we are capitalizing on the benefits of using Soldiers from tactical units to augment testing of newly developed systems,” Peterson said. “This is a change from prior models where developmental testing was distinctly separate from operational testing. Incorporating Soldiers earlier in the testing process provides great insight and a fresh set of eyes to ensure that we get a better quality system fielded in less time.”

*Editor’s note: Juli Roeber works at Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.*

## Technical escort staff learns the ropes



**BELAY ON**— Greg Avila, a hazardous material technician trainer, is part of a simulated extraction from a confined space.



**ALMOST THERE**— Capt. Randall Klingensmith and confined space rescue instructor Ed White wait for the extraction basket with a mock victim to be hauled within arms' reach.

### *Confined space rescue training puts cadre over the edge*

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Staff from the Technical Escort Division of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School took part in the Confined Space Rescue Technician Course taught by GSM Training Associates Aug. 30 through Sept. 3.

“Confined space training is part of the Tech Escort course,” said Sgt. 1st Class Ken Yelvington, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Tech Escort training division. “The staff goes through the training so that we have the knowledge and confidence to go back and teach it to our students.”

The goal is to provide adequate education and training for personnel who will be called on as first responders to confined space rescue incidents.

“A confined space is anywhere that is not designed for human occupancy,” said Yelvington, “manholes, duct work, grain silos, any small space.”

Confined space rescues are risky because they can involve unseen hazards such as toxic and flammable gases, the possibility of electrical shock, mechanical failure, and improper training and manpower.

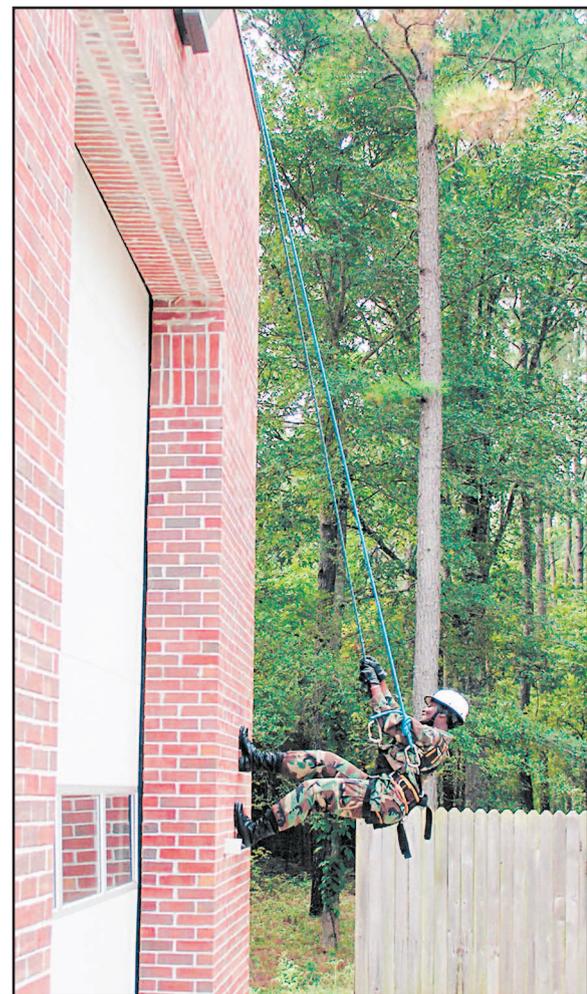
“This training is important because 60 percent of confined space victims are personnel attempting to rescue the initial victim,” Tom Towhey, a Confined Space Rescue Technician instructor, said. “Confined space rescues are extremely dangerous because you are asking a technician to be suspended above the ground by a rope, in a dark confined space, while wearing a protective suit and breathing apparatus, in a very hazardous environment.”

The 40 hours of course instruction provide students with knowledge of confined space entry and the rope operations needed to successfully descend and extract a casualty from a confined space.

*Photos by  
Spc. Ryan McClymont*



**EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE**— Soldiers organize equipment before the start of a new exercise.



**JUST A FEW MORE FEET**— Staff Sgt. Cynthia Spratt, a Tech Escort instructor/writer is lowered from the wall at fire station 3 during confined space rescue technician training.



**ONE, TWO, THREE ... PULL**— Tech Escort staff members pull on a haul line in order to raise a simulated casualty to the top of the rope.

# Basketball breaks ice for basic NCO class

*Soldiers' community service project begins with game, ends in discussion*

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Soldiers from the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course lost 46-41 in a basketball game against the teens from the Sparkman Boys and Girls Club Teen Center in Huntsville. But the experience was considered a win for both sides.

The game was part of a community service project undertaken by BNCOC Class 018-04 on Aug. 31. The Army team dominated under the boards but ultimately fell in the last minutes of the game to heavy pressure from the Teen Center's outside shooting.

"Unfortunately we lost the game by five points," said Sgt. Kory Lilly, a radio and communication security repairer from Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

"It was for them, so it doesn't matter that we lost, but they did stack their team at the end of the game," he said with a smile.

Each BNCOC class is asked to participate in a community service project as a form of leader development; and this class chose to interact with the teen center. Basketball was a way to break the ice before Soldiers spoke to the teens about the experiences and opportunities avail-

able in the Army and then fielded questions.

"We don't want to limit our NCOs' training only to the Army and on how to take care of Soldiers," Staff Sgt Gildardo Calderon, a BNCOC small group leader for the NCO Academy, said. "We want to make them better people, students, spouses, parents and teachers."

The event was a dual success because it not only benefited the Soldiers but it also benefited the teens.

"We try to base our programming on things that will inspire the teens to stay in school and help them to be productive citizens," Edwin Lightbourne, director of the Sparkman boys and girls club teen center, said.

The goal of the teen center is to provide positive role models and motivation while exposing the teens to things they might not otherwise experience in a safe and fun environment.

"Any chance I have to bring in adults who have a positive attitude and outlook

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Photos by Skip Vaughn

## Organization day fun

The Integrated Materiel Management Center organization day drew a crowd Thursday to the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. Competing in "walla balla" are, from left, Sherry McCrory, Jonathan Chapman, who won an Alabama satchel for his efforts, and Aundrea Robinson. Meanwhile, Joan Hoge serves pastries at the food line.



# Professional help offered for those who serve veterans

## Returning warfighters subject of seminar

By KRISTI FOSTER  
For the Rocket

If you haven't experienced it, you can't fully imagine the impact deployment and mobilization can have on servicemembers and their families. Not only are separation issues involved when Soldiers are separated from the support of people who love them and familiar surroundings, but they are thrust into situations that can be life-threatening and are always life-changing. Deployment, combat and reunion issues are among those that will be addressed during a seminar titled, "Are You Prepared to Help the Returning Veteran?" on Sept. 13 at Corporate University, 101 Sivley Road.

The seminar will offer two sessions. The morning session, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., is geared toward ministers, psychologists, counselors, social workers, nurses, drug and alcohol professionals, and marriage and family counselors. The seminar will



Photo by Kristi Foster

**AGENDA PREVIEW— Karen Scott, licensed professional counselor, left, and Susan Gailes, military spouse, review the agenda for the upcoming seminar.**

focus on helping the attendees understand what happens during combat and how to recognize Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The evening session will be held at the same location from 6-8 p.m. and is designed for servicemembers, veterans, family members and anyone interested in understanding what happens during com-

bat and how to help the returning Soldier. Topics will include: survival skills during war and in the home, realities of having PTSD, living with someone with PTSD, how to ask for help and where to find it.

"The purpose of the workshop for families is to offer hope and to show the families in this community that we are concerned about them and their veteran," said Karen Scott, licensed professional counselor and organizer of the seminar.

"It is sorely needed. People are hurting out there and many feel isolated and left out. Every day I get at least one or two calls from someone associated with the war who needs help," she added. "Some days every person I see is either a family member or returning veteran."

Susan Gailes, spouse of Lt. Col. Charles Gailes, commander of 231st Military Police Battalion, Camp Graceland, Baghdad, feels people don't understand the kind of problems that spouses at home face and she knows she doesn't understand everything that her husband is experiencing. "I'm really hoping this seminar will help me gain a better understanding of what to look for in my husband's

behavior when he returns and how to best cope with any changes I see," she said.

Gailes saw some different behaviors when her husband came home mid-tour to attend War College. "All I can say is leave a light on at night. When Chuck came home for a brief time, he would wake up in the middle of the night totally disoriented," she said. "It helped a lot to keep the bathroom light, hall light, or a light in the bedroom on. It's just that where he is stationed they have to be ready at all times and he brought that same feeling home with him."

"As a community we need to support our servicemembers and their families," Scott said. "This seminar is one small way of showing that the folks in this community really care."

The seminar is sponsored by Fox Army Behavioral Medical, Association of the United States Army, and Bradford Health Services; and continuing education units are available. For more information and to register for the daytime seminar, call 1-800-879-7272 or (256) 416-7272. For information about the evening seminar, call 876-9085.



Boeing Mesa photo

## Helicopter keys

Col. Ralph Pallotta, Apache project manager, receives the keys and logbook for the 500th Apache Longbow from Al Winn, vice president, Apache programs for Boeing in Mesa, Ariz. Looking on are Rep. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), seated at far left, and Maj. Gen. J.D. Thurman, commander of 4th Infantry Division, at far right. The 500th Apache Longbow was delivered to the Army in a ceremony Aug. 26 which also recognized the delivery of the 22nd and final Apache Longbow maintenance trainer for the Army. The trainers are built at Williams Gateway.



Photo by Kristi Foster

## Retiree day

Retired Staff Sgt. Donald Kraus, right, and his wife, Lorraine, register at 28th annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day held Aug. 28 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Retirees enjoyed a continental breakfast sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation, free health screenings offered by Fox Army Health Center, and a county fair showcasing various information tables. The estimated 1,800 attendees were briefed on numerous topics related to their benefits. For information about military retiree services call Cynthia Anderson, retirement services officer, 876-2022.



Photo by Kristi Foster

## *Come fly with me*

The Flying Activity can take you to new heights by teaching you how to fly and obtain your pilot's license. Redstone's flying activity is one of only three remaining on Army morale, welfare and recreation installations. This 1997 Cessna 172R Skyhawk is the newest addition to the activity's fleet. Cost of the plane was \$116,200, an example of MWR dollars at work at Redstone. For information about how you can learn to fly, call the Flying Activity at 881-3980.

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on life, I take," Lightbourne said. "We try and expose our teens to positive adults who are doing something with their lives

because for some of our teens the staff members are the only positive role models in their lives."

The teen center, open 2:30-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, is always looking for volunteers. For more information, call 539-9585.



Photo by Spc. Ryan McClymont

**SWISH—** A teen from the Sparkman Boys and Girls Club Teen Center shoots a free throw in an attempt to widen his team's lead over Basic NCO Course class 018-04.

# Troop all-stars launch comeback win over NASA



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SERVICE PLAQUE**— John Bolino, son-in-law of the late Capt. Paul Melvin Linton, unveils the plaque in Linton's honor along with Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin during the pregame ceremony at Linton Field.

## Chanpuang delivers two-run hit with two out in final at-bat

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Capt. Paul Melvin Linton would have been proud.

Not just with the ceremony Aug. 31 that rededicated the troop softball field in his honor as a former Redstone officer who died while serving in Korea in December 1953. Not just with the project that renovated the 50-year-old field with \$50,210 in non-appropriated morale, welfare and recreation funds.

He would have also been proud of the game that followed between the Army and NASA all-stars. The Army all-stars trailed until their very last at-bat.

The Marshall Space Flight Center team led 11-10 in the bottom of the seventh inning but the Soldiers had the bases loaded with two outs. Guy Chanpuang, the Army pitcher, stepped to the plate.

"I was trying to place it, place the ball, at least get one run in to tie the game," the Delta Company player said.

He did even better than that. Chanpuang lashed a two-run single up the middle and the Army won 12-11, earning the Redstone 2004 Championship trophy.

"It was a good game, a good tight game," he said.

NASA led 2-0 after the first, 4-2 after the second and 7-2 after the third. The Marshall stars scored two more in the top of the fourth for a seemingly comfortable 9-2 lead but the Army answered with six in the bottom of the inning. Marshall led 11-10 after the fifth.

In the decisive seventh, Delta Company's Robert White got a leadoff double and Bravo Company's Samuel Romero reached on an error. The runners advanced on a flyout by Delta's Ken Hamann. HHC 59th's Glenn Lundy, who had a two-run homer in the fourth, drew an intentional walk to load the bases. One out later, Chanpuang delivered the game winner, scoring both White and Romero. "Luckily the runner on second came in to win the game," he said.

Jeff Mitchell had a two-run homer in the fourth for NASA.

"It couldn't have been a better game," NASA all-stars manager Victor Pritchett said. "Heart-pounding all the way to the end."

"I just think it's a privilege to be able to play out here in the dedication for Capt. Linton," said Delta's Michael Shambaugh, the Army coach who was assisted by HHC 59th's Michael McGilton. "It was a great game. We're happy to represent Redstone with the winning trophy."

Before the game, the NASA team lined up on the first baseline while their Army counterparts stood along the third baseline during a brief rededication ceremony. Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin and John Bolino, Linton's son-in-law, unveiled a plaque commemorating Linton's service. Bolino threw out the first pitch to Shambaugh, who had coached Delta to the troop championship.

"It's a great honor for me to be here today representing the Linton family," Bolino said.

Linton, who was born in Lynn, Mass., in December 1918, served at Redstone from November 1951 until February 1953.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FATEFUL FOURTH**— Glenn Lundy starts the Army all-stars' comeback with a two-run homer during their six-run fourth inning.

# Georgia Bulldogs too strong for South Carolina

*Rivalry showdown important  
in Southeastern Conference*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Here are my college football predictions for this week:

Georgia at South Carolina — **Georgia**

Grambling State at Alabama A&M — **Grambling**

Ole Miss at Alabama — **Alabama**

Auburn at Mississippi State — **Auburn**

Arkansas State at LSU — **LSU**

Michigan at Notre Dame — **Michigan**

Florida State at Miami — **Miami**

E. Washington at Air Force — **Air Force**

Utah at Arizona — **Utah**

Arizona State at Northwestern — **ASU**

Texas at Arkansas — **Texas**

Louisville at Army — **Louisville**

BYU at Stanford — **BYU**

Penn State at Boston College — **Penn State**

Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati — **Miami (Ohio)**

Georgia Tech at Clemson — **Clemson**

Colorado at Washington State — **WSU**

Colorado State at Southern Cal — **USC**

Wake Forest at East Carolina — **Wake**

E. Michigan at Florida — **Florida**

Fresno State at Kansas State — **K-State**

Houston at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**

UCLA at Illinois — **UCLA**

Indiana at Oregon — **Oregon**

Iowa State at Iowa — **Iowa**

Temple at Maryland — **Maryland**

Missouri at Troy State — **Missouri**

Northeastern at Navy — **Navy**

Southern Miss at Nebraska — **Nebraska**

North Carolina at Virginia — **Virginia**

Marshall at Ohio State — **Ohio State**

Tulsa at Oklahoma State — **Okla. State**

Ohio at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**

SMU at TCU — **TCU**

Wyoming at Texas A&M — **Texas A&M**

Texas Tech at New Mexico — **Texas Tech**

Florida A&M at Tulane — **Florida A&M**



## Sports & Recreation

### Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America, Tennessee Valley Chapter will hold its 2004 Fall Bass Tournament on Oct. 2, launching from the Easter-Posey Recreational Area. For more information call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Tom Geoffroy 895-4162 or Tony Giannelli 313-6054.

### Youth bowling

Youth Bowling League will be held Saturdays from Sept. 18 through Dec. 18. Fee is \$70 and includes YABA sanction, weekly bowling, weekly prizes and a T-shirt. Fees do not include tournament entry fees, tournament practice fees or CYS enrollment fee (\$18 if not already enrolled). All military, retired military, DoD, Redstone contractor and NASA dependents are encouraged to sign up. For more information, call 313-2177.

### Big Spring Jam 5K

The City of Huntsville Recreation and Landscape Management Department will present 5K and Fun Runs to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Big Spring Jam music festival. The runs and festival will be held in and around Big Spring International Park in downtown Huntsville. The festival is scheduled Sept. 24-26 and will feature more than 100 diverse musical acts. The 5K (3.1 mile) run begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 and is a competitive event encouraging runners, joggers and walkers to commemorate the music festival. A Fun Run targeted to families begins immediately following the 5K. The first 500 pre-registered 5K runners receive a one-day pass to the Jam. For more information, call Lou Hovatter (256) 427-5226 or e-mail [lou.hovatter@hsvcity.com](mailto:lou.hovatter@hsvcity.com).

### Cycle and walk benefit

The Corps of Engineers will hold its second annual CFC Cycle and Walk for a Cause at 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at Kent Johnston Park on Mountain Gap Road near Bailey Cove, adjacent to Publix. Ride 10, 20, 40 or 60 miles or walk for as many miles as you wish. The entire family can ride on the Aldrich Creek Greenway. Voluntary contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign are appreciated. Suggested donations are \$15 per participating bicy-

clist or \$20 per family. For more information, call Yazmine Gerousis 895-1830 or Todd Watts 895-1868.

### Volksmarch

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officers Association is hosting the sixth annual Volksmarch in conjunction with the Oktoberfest celebration. The Volksmarch will be held Saturday, Sept. 18; and walkers may begin walking any time between 8 and 11 a.m. The start point is the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 on the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads. Walkers may choose the 5 kilometer moderate course or the 10 kilometer course on the mountain. An easy 5 kilometer course is available for strollers, wagons or wheelchairs but it goes out 2.5 kilometers and returns on the same paved surface. Moderate hills are involved. Participation is \$3 per person. Oktoberfest gates will open at 10 a.m. and entry is free to Volksmarchers who can enjoy 'Brats for a Buck' from 10 until noon. Volksmarch souvenirs are available such as walking sticks, mugs and "walking shields." For more information, e-mail [www.redstonewarrants.com](http://www.redstonewarrants.com) or call 955-6867.

### Hunting and fishing day

National Hunting and Fishing Day is coming to Redstone Arsenal on Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Outdoor Recreation will host Redstone Arsenal's "first annual" National Hunting and Fishing Day at its facility, building 5132 on Sportsman Lane (across for the Sparkman Center). Booths and displays from sponsors Madison R.V., S&L Marine, Hereford Taxidermy, Dick's Sporting Goods and Duck's Unlimited will be on hand. There will be games for the kids, a dunking booth, turkey shoot, archery demos, a snake show, boat show and a silent auction for Ducks Unlimited wildlife prints. The National Rifle Association will present the "Great American Hunting Tour," a traveling museum that displays hunting world records. "Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips and Pepsi for lunch," a prepared release said. "Admission is free, so come on out and join us." For more information, call 876-4868 or visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Boating safety

"Little Coastie," the U.S. Coast Guard robotic boat, will be in front of Costco on

North Memorial Parkway, next to Home Depot, Sept. 18-19 from 9 a.m. until closing. The Coast Guard Auxiliary invites you and your family to Little Coastie's birthday celebration at Costco's recognition of safety week.

## Conferences & Meetings

### Reliability workshop

The SAE G-11 Reliability, Maintainability, Supportability, and Logistics Division and Probabilistic Methods Committee will meet Oct. 4-6 at Huntsville Hilton. The meeting will be hosted by both the Army and NASA. For more information, call Charles Birdsong of the Research Development and Engineering Center 876-5119.

### Air defenders

The Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is sponsoring a social and general membership meeting Thursday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub. This event is free to members and prospective members.

### Professional seminar

"Are You Prepared to Help the Returning Veteran?" a professional seminar co-sponsored by Fox Army Behavioral Medicine, is Sept. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Corporate University, 101 Sivley Road, off Governors Drive across from Huntsville Hospital. Topics include survival skills during war and in the home, realities of having Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and living with someone with PTSD. The seminar is geared for ministers, psychologists, counselors, social workers, nurses, drug and alcohol professionals and marriage and family counselors. Continuing education units are available. There will also be an evening session for servicemembers, veterans, family members, employers and anyone interested in understanding what happens during combat. For more information and to register for the daytime seminar, call 1-800-879-7272 or 416-7272. For information about the evening seminar, call 876-9085.

### Air Force association

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association invites all former and any present Air Force members to the Firehouse Pub for an informal gathering on the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. For more information, call Terry Roop (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 16 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

### Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. Child care is available for members. Call Jennifer Kennedy 837-3310 for more information.

### Mentoring workshops

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, on June 17 approved the implementation of the

AMCOM People Empowering People Mentoring Program. AMCOM Human Resources Directorate continues to sponsor mentoring training workshops. Both paired mentor and mentee are required to attend the same workshop. This workshop is required for all interns, co-ops and AMC Fellows as well as participants of the People Empowering People voluntary mentoring program. There are seats available in the Sept. 27 mentoring workshop. Registration is through the Training Information Program. For more information, call Cheryl Wise of Human Resources Directorate 876-6062.

### Marine Corps league

The Brandon-Wilbourn Marine Corps League Detachment will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue. All Marines, active, retired or otherwise who served honorably, are invited.

### Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. Probate Judge Tommy Ragland is scheduled speaker. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Glenn Earhart is to speak on "Captured Enemy Ammunition — An Iraqi Legacy." For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members — see your organization ASMC representative or call Kim Jean 876-7208 or Lisa Lowry 876-1423.

### Warrant officer elections

The Redstone Chapter of the Warrant Officers Association will conduct its monthly meeting today from 11:30 to 1 at the Officers and Civilians Club. This will be an officer election meeting so all members are asked to attend.

### Admin professionals

Greg Screws, newscaster for Channel 31 television, will speak at the International Association of Administrative Professionals meeting Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at building 5300, room 5140.

### Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet Sept. 20 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville Tom Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. Hollie Cameron of New Horizons Computer Learning Centers is to speak on "How to Effectively Use Outlook." Cost is \$16.50 for members, \$17.50 non-members. Reservations and cancellations are required by noon Sept. 16. Call 830-0377 or e-mail [royerfe@juno.com](mailto:royerfe@juno.com).

## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The

unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will 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.

### 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.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesdays 9-5 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. "On Sept. 11, we will be open for sales from 10-2," a prepared release said. "All active duty military personal and family members E5 and below, we are having a special sale in your honor. All donation tickets — will be posted — are 50 percent off this day only. You must have a valid ID or be in uniform for this special." Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Silent auction fund-raiser

The 2004 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is gearing up for this year's campaign. An online silent auction will be held in late October as part of the CFC fund-raising activities. In 2002 the silent auction raised more than \$11,000 and helped increase awareness of CFC with federal donors. You can help by donating or collecting items for the auction. Suggested items include gift baskets, sport memorabilia, gift certificates, antiques, jewelry, paintings, handmade items, family business services, etc. All donors will receive official acknowledgement for any items or services provided for their personal records. Items can be dropped off at the CFC Office, building 3708 on the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads. Donations are needed by Sept. 13. For more information call Maria Clark, chairman of the CFC Silent Auction Committee, 313-7620 (work) or 653-4695 (cell phone).

### Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel's Fall Bible Studies will meet at the Bicentennial Chapel every Thursday. Morning studies are 9:30 a.m.; lunchtime study is 11:30 to 12:15; and the evening study starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Faith 890-0685 or Tonie 489-5646 for more information.

### Army family team building

Have you ever heard the terms AFAP, BNOC, CYS, DFAC, TA50 and MRE just to name a few? Did you ever wonder what the person was talking about when they used this foreign language? If you would like to translate these acronyms and more you are just the right person for Army Family Team Building. If you are new to the military lifestyle or would just like to learn more about the Army, AFTB Level 1 can help you make the connection. The classes are free and open to everyone who supports the mission of the Army — DA civilians, contractors, reservists, cadets, family members and friends. The first session of Level 1 will be held Sept. 21-23 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call 876-5397 for enrollment or more information. Child care will be provided free of charge and enrollment for AFTB child care is today from 8 to 4 at Army Community Service.

### Computer classes

Army Community Service offers free computer classes to help boost your career opportunities. You will learn the basic and advanced features that will help maximize your productivity, help you manage documents, organize your communications, build spreadsheets, databases and professional looking presentations. Classes are available for Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access and Publisher. At the conclusion of each class, you will receive a certificate of completion. You may take the classes during ACS regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

### Value engineering award

The Robert B. Tarquine Value Engineering Achievement Award is presented annually to acknowledge individuals' notable contributions to the RDECOM

Value Engineering Program. Nominations are now being accepted for a deserving individual who is assigned to AMCOM and has made significant contributions to the AMCOM VE Program. Criteria for nominations can be obtained from the RDECOM VE Office by sending your request to [sharon.aldijaili@rdec.redstone.army.mil](mailto:sharon.aldijaili@rdec.redstone.army.mil). The honoree is selected by a voting panel comprised of the RDECOM Value Engineering Office. Questions concerning the award may be directed to Juanita Gooden 842-9402. Nominations must be submitted by Oct. 6. This year's award will be presented at the FY 2005 VE Kickoff and Awards Ceremony.

### Oktoberfest

Redstone Arsenal's ninth annual Oktoberfest is Sept. 16-19 at the post activity field near the intersection of Patton and Aerobee roads. This family event is open to the public. "Come on out Sept. 16-19 for incredible German schnitzel, bratwurst, fresh-baked brotchen baked daily, delicacies, Weisswurst mit süssernsenf, as well as light and dark German beverages served by our own Soldatenstube German restaurant," a prepared release said. "Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express will be in our 'Fest tent each night with all the authentic games, music and traditional Bavarian dance you can handle. We're also featuring Mike Sheehy and the Moonlighters on Saturday from 1-5 p.m. in the 'Fest tent. While you're there, register to win two round trip tickets to anywhere in Europe, plus \$400 Euros if present for the drawing on Sunday. Great games, carnival rides, a kids area with a live band, military displays, an arts and crafts fair, and parking are included with your low gate admission." The Warrant Officers Association is sponsoring a 5K and 10K Volksmarch on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. until noon and free admission to the Oktoberfest venue until noon. 'Fest times are Thursday, 5-11 p.m.; Friday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.; and Sunday, 1-8 p.m. Price is Sept. 16, \$8 and Sept. 17-19, \$10. There are no advance ticket sales — all tickets for purchase at the gate. Look for coupons in The Huntsville Times for \$2 and \$3 off (limit one coupon per person). For more information, call 876-5232.

### Officer course

Command and General Staff College is teaching the final year of CGSC classes. Phase III CGSC classes will start in October; and classes will be held on Monday nights or weekends from October through April. Both the weekend and weeknight option will be offered this year. This is the final year phase III CGSC will be taught at Redstone. Next year will mark the beginning of the Intermediate Level Education, which replaces CGSC. For students who have completed phase II, this is the last chance to finish CGSC in a classroom environment. After this year, correspondence will be the only option. The course is open to promotable captains, majors and lieutenant colonels. Even those who have enrolled in the correspondence course may be eligible to switch to classroom instruction. Interested officers should call Lt. Col. Komp 876-8825, Lt. Col. Goodman 544-6884 or Lt. Col. Anderson 428-1637.

### Shakespearean shows

Madison Theatre Guild will present "Shakespearean Shorts," Sept. 10-12 at the Madison Public Library. Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 6:30 and Sunday afternoon matinee will be at 3. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students/senior citizens (62 and older); children 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets are available at the Madison Library or at the gate. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 772-1963 or the Madison Library 461-0046. A portion of all ticket sales will be donated to the library.

### Community volunteers

Day of Caring for Madison County, Sept. 14 is a one-day volunteer blitz. The United Way of Madison County and the Volunteer Center are making plans to help health and human service agencies serve the community. Day of Caring projects provide opportunities for agencies to gain needed resources to meet their needs. Agency projects are hands-on where volunteers get to build, paint or "spruce up" an agency. Supply driven projects are for those who cannot leave the workplace or home. People projects allow volunteers to spend time with agency clients. "Join us and adopt a project, buy T-shirts or spread the word about the event," a prepared release said. For more information call the United Way office 536-0745, ext.109.

### Group life insurance

For the first time in five years, the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program is having an open season through Sept. 30. This open season gives employees in FEGLI eligible positions the opportunity to enroll in the program (if they don't have Basic now) or change or increase their current FEGLI coverage. The director of the Office of Personnel Management, Kay Coles James, stresses the importance of this open season: "Like many things, life insurance needs change over time. That is why I want to make sure you have every opportunity to elect FEGLI coverage without having a physical examination or answering any medical questions." For more information, visit [www.fegli2004.opm.gov](http://www.fegli2004.opm.gov).

### Calhoun College courses

Calhoun Community College's registration for the second eight-week term begins today through Oct. 13. Term dates are Oct. 18 through Dec. 16. Check Calhoun's web site, [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu), for complete details and a list of courses or call 876-7431.

### Red Cross blood drives

Thursday from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488. Sept. 17 from 7-12:30 at building 4545 and 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316. Sept. 23 from 7-12:30 at building 7613 and 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220. Sept. 24 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers and 9-12:30 at Army location on Wynn Drive. Sept. 25 from 10-2 at Morale Welfare and Recreation building 5132. Oct. 1 from 9-2:30 at the Post Exchange. Oct. 7 from 7-12:30 at building 5400, 7-12:30 at Ground-based Midcourse Defense and 7-12:30 at the Sparkman Center. Oct. 8 from 7-12:30 at the

