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Cleaning homes of hazardous waste

Residents invited to turn in old household products

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Furniture polishes, oven cleaners, used motor oil and other household hazardous wastes tend to collect in homes and garages. And there's a right way and a wrong way to dispose of them.

Redstone officials want to help housing area residents get rid of these materials properly without resorting to unsafe methods such as putting the wastes in the trash. A Hazardous Waste Turn-in for post residents is scheduled Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Self Help Store, building 3500, at the corner of Vincent and Gray roads.

"Every home on Redstone Arsenal has hazardous products that need to be disposed of safely," environmental engineer Dan Seaver of the Environmental Management Division in the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works said. "This includes old cleaners, waxes, paint, garden poisons, automotive fluids and other hazardous chemicals. These items can be hazardous to the environment and to animals and families when you



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PILING UP— Acceptable categories for turn-in include paint and paint related products, automotive products, lawn and garden products, household cleaners and other miscellaneous items.

stockpile them or abandon them or dispose of them improperly.

"We just want to offer a way

to get rid of these things without throwing them in the garbage. Another end result of this turn-in will be a reduction

of potential injuries to waste handling people."

The drop-off is free of charge. Acceptable categories for turn-in include paint and paint related products, automotive products, lawn and garden products, household cleaners and other miscellaneous items. "We can't accept explosives or radioactive or biological type waste," Seaver said.

For packaging, residents should try to bring the products in their original container. If these containers are damaged, residents are asked to put them in a box that has been lined with two garbage bags or in a container with a lid. If the household wastes are leaking, put the box or container in cat litter, sawdust or other similar absorbent materials.

"We have coordinated this effort with the City of Huntsville," Seaver said. The city, which collects garbage on post, will handle the disposal.

"Redstone residents are encouraged to help reduce the toxicity of the community's waste stream by removing as many of these hazardous wastes as possible," Seaver said. "The end result will also be a reduction in potential injuries to waste handling personnel; lessening the risks of

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Securing property closes door on would-be thieves

Crime prevention a valuable key

By DAN O'BOYLE

For the Rocket

Although October's Security Awareness Month officially ends on Halloween, Redstone Arsenal's residents and work force are reminded that not being tricked will keep wrongdoers from getting a treat.

"A lot of what we see in the Provost Marshal's Office is that when folks report lost, stolen or missing property, unfortunately in a majority of those instances the reported property has not been properly secured," Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, provost marshal, said. "When property is left on top of a desk, in a desk drawer in an unlocked or open office, or a vehicle with windows down and doors unlocked – both on and off

of the installation – it creates a crime-conducive condition for a thief or a bad guy."

Preventing those opportunities from existing is the key to crime prevention.

"Typically what we see when badges are lost or stolen, or when purses, wallets or other personal property, for example, are lost or stolen, a lack of proper security is the reason," Scofield said. "Out here on the installation, we have what we call a trusted-agent situation. That is, everybody that is here is supposed to be here, although we do have a lot of visitors and they are affiliated with the Department of the Army or federal organization, so they are more trustworthy than the average Joe. Nonetheless, unfortunately, there are some folks who are not completely honest. And, occasionally, things such as lawnmowers and bicycles grow legs and walk away."

Again, Redstone's top cop says,

removal of temptation is key.

"Maybe somebody who would never even think about doing something like that sees a lucrative item, they could be tempted to take that item," Scofield said. "It's really pretty simple: don't open yourself up to becoming a victim by leaving things lying around, especially in an office environment. We get a lot of cases where a laptop computer, a wallet, a purse, change out of a drawer comes up missing. If an item is not locked up, it's not properly secured."

Quite often, people get a false sense of security while on the Arsenal, but common sense and attention to proper security are still advisable.

"Secure your valuables, so they don't grow legs and walk away," Scofield said. "Very rarely do we have a case on the installation where somebody actually breaks in, taking something that's not theirs."

Letters to the Editor

Fitting tribute to Mister Redstone

I was overcome... overcome with emotion and pride when reading the article in the Rocket of Oct. 20 on dedicating building 5250 in the name of Dave Harris. What an appropriate, thoughtful and wonderful tribute to a dedicated civil servant.

Being associated with Dave for 22-plus years was such a treat! That man could "bandage and heal the wounds" from a bad day with his practical and common-sense expertise, and make a good day a better day just by knowing him. Dave seldom closed the door to his office "next to the front door" of 5250. On many occasions, I just walked in to sit with him at his desk, chuckle at his expressions, and gather a bit of his wisdom for later reflection.

In the years I knew him, he was more than "The Voice of Redstone," he was "Mr. Redstone!" Many came and departed, but Dave was always there — the calm and intelligent crusader/representative who made the "Missile Community" a place we were all proud to be; he represented us (more than) well in Public Affairs!

I think of Dave often, pray for him on those occasions, and know he is writing "good copy" while enjoying "eternal life." His family and those of us in our "Missile Family" were so fortunate to have had him!

Laurie V. Atkinson
retired director of
Product Assurance/1982

Orders for election nonpartisanship

As the Nov. 2 general election approaches, we want to remind all leaders and voting assistance officers to take extra precautions to ensure our voters are not influenced to vote for any one candidate over another. Our voting assistance officers have been fully engaged and working hard to assist our Soldiers, civilians and eligible family members to register and vote. In the course of these duties, we must refrain from any political commentary.

Soldiers may register, vote and express their personal opinions on political candidates and issues, but not as representatives of the armed forces. They may also make monetary contributions to a political organization, and attend partisan and nonpartisan political meetings, rallies or conventions as a spectator when not in uniform.

Soldiers are prohibited from using their official position or authority to influence or interfere with an election;

affect the course or outcome of an election; solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue; or require or solicit political contributions from others.

This is an incomplete list of permitted and prohibited activities. The DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces, and the Army web site contain DoD election policy guidance for your information and use.

Your personal involvement has been invaluable and continues to be essential to ensure that our eligible voters are able to participate in a fair, balanced election process. We appreciate all of the efforts our voting representatives have made, and know they will continue their hard work in the coming weeks. It's your future. Vote for it!

Gen. Peter Schoomaker
Army chief of staff;

R.L. Brownlee
Acting secretary of the Army

An open lane random survey

What is your favorite Halloween memory?

By KELLEY LANE

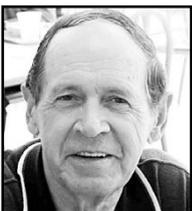
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Doris Gordon
visitor

"Taking the kids out trick or treating."



Pfc. Adrian Jones
Bravo Company
"My favorite is when my mom turned the lights off and scared all of us. She hid under the bed. I will never forget that night."



Bill Duncan
retiree
"I put a ladies silk stocking over my face. Over that I put a mask. When kids would come to the door for candy, I would tell them not to be scared and pull the mask off. They'd go screaming down the sidewalk. What made it even funnier was I had a few mothers run off and leave the kids."



Bill McCandless
DoD civilian
"I moved into my house here in Huntsville last year on Halloween."

Quote of the week

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

— Confucius

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

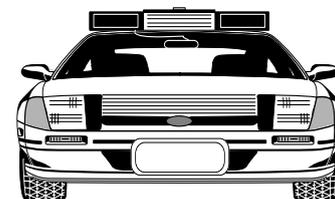
Oct. 16: An individual was assaulted in the post housing area. The subject was processed and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 18: An individual entered the station and reported himself AWOL. A check through NCIC revealed the subject had an outstanding felony warrant from Jefferson County sheriffs department and was a deserter. The subject was processed and released to Jefferson County sheriffs department.

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Oct. 19: An individual was found to be



operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 1. The individual was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 19: An individual was found to be in possession of marijuana during an inspection at Gate 9. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 21: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 1. The individual was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 10 speeding, 2 driving with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license and 3 possession of marijuana.

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Politics and federal service can mix... within limits

Hatch Act rules have revisions

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER RELEASE

Are you a politically-minded government employee? If so, be aware of how your activity pertains to the 1939 Federal Hatch Act, which restricted the ability of federal, District of Columbia and state government employees to participate in political activities.

Congress amended the Hatch Act in 1993 to permit more political activity by federal employees, although it did not change the provisions applying to state and local government employees. With the 1993 amendments, many federal employees (including Department of the Army civilians) are now permitted to take an active part in political management or political campaigns. Violating the Hatch Act restrictions can result in severe penalties, including the loss of one's job; so government employees who are interested in politics should make sure they under-

stand what they may and may not do.

The Hatch Act permits federal employees to: be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections; register and vote as they choose; assist in voter registration drives; express opinions about candidates and issues; contribute money to political organizations; attend political fundraising functions; attend and be active at political rallies and meetings; join and be an active member of a political party or club; sign nominating petitions; campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments and municipal ordinances; campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections; make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections; distribute campaign literature in partisan elections; and hold office in political clubs or parties.

Forbidden actions

The Hatch Act forbids federal employees to: use official authority or influence to interfere with an election; solicit or discourage political activity of anyone with

business before their agency; solicit or receive political contributions (this may be done in certain limited situations by federal labor unions or other employee organizations); be candidates for public office in partisan elections; wear political buttons on duty; and engage in political activity while on duty, in a government office, wearing an official uniform or using a government vehicle.

Certain political activities may also be criminal offenses under Title 18 of the U.S. Code, which deals with (among other things) conflicts of interest. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Any questions regarding Hatch Act restrictions may be directed to your local Staff Judge Advocate or Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Common questions

The following are some frequently asked questions received by the Office of Special Counsel, the agency responsible for investigating reports or complaints concerning Hatch Act violations, followed by the answers:

Question: Can I make a contribution to the campaign of a partisan candidate, or to a political party or organization?

Answer: Yes. A federal employee may contribute to the campaign of a partisan candidate, or to a political party or organization.

Question: I use my personal car to deliver mail for the Postal Service. Can I have a political bumper sticker on the car?

Answer: Yes. A Postal Service employee who uses her private vehicle to deliver mail can have a political bumper sticker on the vehicle, as long as the bumper sticker is covered while the employee is on duty.

Question: If I have a bumper sticker on my personal car, am I allowed to park the car in a government lot or garage or in a private lot/garage if the government subsidizes my parking fees?

Answer: Yes. An employee is allowed to park his or her privately owned vehicle

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Civilian employees get time off to vote

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER RELEASE

A liberal policy of granting employees limited time off from work (i.e. excused absence) to vote should be observed on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Civilian employees who are eligible and who desire to vote in the upcoming election may be excused as follows to the extent that such time off does not seriously interfere with agency operations.

Within normal commuting distance (40 miles) where the polls are not open at least three hours before or after an employee's regular work hours, supervisors may grant an amount of excused leave which will permit the employee to report for work three hours after the polls open or leave from work three hours before the polls close, whichever requires the lesser amount of time off.

If an employee's voting place is beyond normal commuting distance (40 miles) and vote by absentee ballot by mail or vote by absentee ballot on a non-workday is not permitted, the supervisor may grant excused absence (not to exceed one workday) to allow the employee to make the trip to the voting place to cast a ballot.

In determining the amount of time off which should be granted to employees who vote outside of normal commuting distance, the following guidelines may be used: The employee may be allowed sufficient time off to proceed to their voting place to arrive 2 1/2 hours before the polls close; or the employee can be allowed 2 1/2 hours to vote after the polls open plus time to proceed to their workplace, whichever requires the lesser amount of time off. Travel time for those voting outside the commuting area (40 miles) may be computed by using an average speed of 45 mph. For example: If an employee's voting place is 90 miles from this installation and the polls at their voting place close at 6:30 p.m. and the employee's work hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the employee would be excused from work at 2 p.m.

Excused absence to vote is not authorized if the employee's voting place is beyond normal commuting distance and voting by absentee ballot by mail or on a non-workday is permitted.

If you have any questions concerning time off for voting, contact your servicing employee relations specialist in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Getting to know you

By KRISTI FOSTER

For the Rocket

Name: Debbie Bearden

Job: Logistics automation specialist, Integrated Materiel Management Center

Where do you call home?

Harvest, Ala., and wherever my family is.

What do you like about your job?

It is very challenging, motivating, and I feel empowered. A big plus is the people that I work with and meet daily.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Play! I love to play with my grandsons Austin and Zachary.

What are your goals?

To always put God first in my life. To be a positive example for my family and to



be patriotic, work hard and earn what I enjoy. To grow old with my husband and to eat chocolate!

Haunted house has legacy of its own

Goddard House legend continues

By KIM HENRY
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The Goddard House had a long history of owners since its construction in 1835. In 1953, the house was closed due to its remote location on post and because of the difficulty of supplying water to it. Though there were talks of destroying the house, public sentiment won out and the house remained.

In 1955, the newly-created Army Ballistic Missile Agency decided that the house would make a perfect place for important visitors to stay. They were expecting high level officials because of the Arsenal's major role in missiles and rockets that had taken on national significance.

"Neither Huntsville nor the Arsenal had 'quarters commensurate with requirements of high level government officials' and this 'made it mandatory' that adequate quarters be provided 'as expeditiously as possible,' old records indicate," a 1980 *Rocket* article said. "After considering other solutions, it was determined that the most practical and economical solution was to use the otherwise unusable farm house by moving it to the headquarters area."

The 100-ton house was moved in two days across the post to a site in front of the



History Office photo

FINAL RESTING PLACE— The Goddard House is shown in 1956, where it is now located off of Redstone Road. The Hermes rocket to the right of the house was located in front of the post headquarters building 7101.

ABMA headquarters on Redstone Road. The house was moved 11 miles across Redstone Arsenal in December 1955 to become the post's new "wheel house." The wheel house, aptly tagged by Soldiers at the time, was to be used as quarters for VIPS on official visits to Redstone. Renovated to accommodate six to eight official visitors, the wheel house was scheduled to open for business Feb. 1, 1956.

Among haunting stories about the house was that a man was so adamant about not moving the house that he hung himself in the upstairs bedroom. This urban legend is not true, but a 1956 *Rocket* article did report some significance in the upstairs bedroom during the move. The move "went off so smoothly, post engineers swear they found two Coke bottles and a paper cup still rest-

ing upright on a second story window ledge."

There was only one noted incident that occurred during the 11-mile move of the house across post. It happened less than a block from the house's new site. "Utility lines had to be disconnected to let the house pass. It happened that the power disruption blacked out a Christmas cartoon show for post children, a situation quickly corrected by the Fire Department with a portable generator," the *Rocket* reported.

After the house was moved, the house was quickly remodeled and furnished in six weeks for its upcoming visitors on Feb. 14. The visitors were Charles E. Wilson, secretary of defense; Wilber Brucker, secretary of the Army; Dan Thomas, secretary of the Navy; and Lt. Gen. James Gavin, Army chief of research and development.

Evidently the secretary of defense was so impressed with his room at the Goddard House that when he got back to Washington, he requested that the secretary of the Army give "a complete report as to the cost of the house, including furniture."

Later he demanded a complete breakdown of the costs which included: a \$1,400 dresser, a \$1,055 easy chair, a \$702 bed, a \$495 mahogany desk and \$1,552 worth of wool rugs. That



Photo by Kim Henry

YOU RANG?— The Goddard House can be intimidating at night. The house towers over those who walk by, holding secrets from its long past.

*Eight eerie weeks of fall
Ghost story series,
8th and final part*

March, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Army chief of staff, "agreed heartily with the desirability of the project and on the basis of the facts, he felt we had nothing to apologize for," the 1980 *Rocket* article said.

Many other VIPS visited the Arsenal over the years and they too spent a night at the infamous house. "Notables such as Friendly and Edward R. Murrow of CBS stayed at the Goddard House while shooting a TV show on the missile program. A former movie star, Mona Massey, was a guest there with her husband, an Army reserve general officer," the *Rocket* reported.

Over the years it was passed down that the VIPs who stayed in the house refused to spend more than one night there. It was rumored that several had heard things like crying babies, barking dogs, mysterious footsteps and some had even claimed they saw a presence on the staircase.

In May 1956, the traveling farm house officially got the name that most know it by today: the "Goddard House." It was so named in honor of Dr. Robert H. Goddard, a pioneer in American rocketry. Over the years the house has served multiple purposes including bachelor's housing, transient housing and finally office space for the Hazardous Devices School.

In 1989, the *Redstone Rocket* interviewed Sgt. 1st Class Frank

Finchum, his wife Angie and their children, who were temporarily staying at the Goddard House while their permanent quarters were being repaired. "Well, there was the time Angie heard running footsteps, but no one was there, and the dog barked every time he went upstairs.

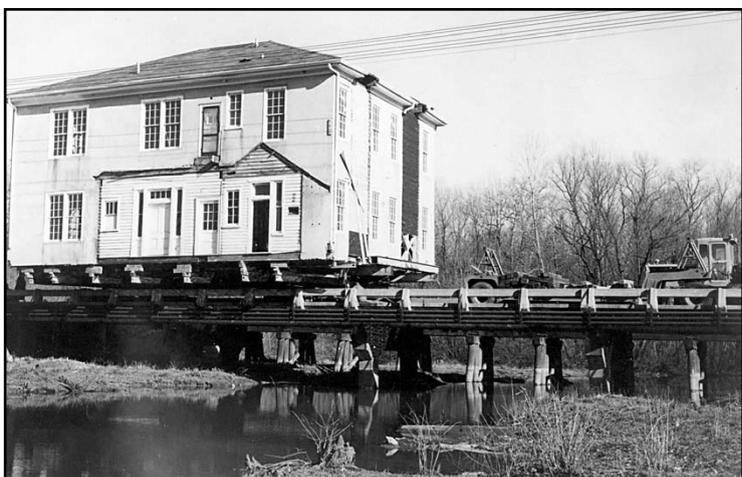
"When Angie heard the noises, she called me at work," Finchum said with a laugh. "I attribute most noises to nature. After spending two years in combat, strange noises don't bother me."

A Department of Army police officer remembers one night he found the Goddard House front door unlocked. "Me and a MP went in to 'clear the building' to make sure nobody was there," he said.

"We heard a baby crying, so we searched the house from top to bottom and found nothing." As they searched the house the crying would fluctuate in volume so it was hard to tell which room the crying was coming from, the officer said.

That same night the officer said they heard a dog barking in the attic, but they couldn't find a way to get up to the attic. The officer said he later escorted a *Rocket* reporter to the house to take photos at night. She reportedly saw strange lights coming from inside the house and was ready to go when she heard a dog barking.

Another DA police officer recalls some unusual activity at the Goddard House that caused



History Office photo

MOVING DAY— The Goddard House is moved in December 1955 to the south end of post in two days.

Research managers get all wet at organization day

Dunking booth among events

RDEC RELEASE

Research Development and Engineering Center management made a splash at the RDEC Organization Day on Oct. 7 at Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area.

Deputy director Col. Tom Economy led off the Dunking Booth, followed by Dave Knepper, Norm McGowen, Cyndy Jones, Rich Kretzschmar, Sherry Hilley, George Landingham, Jim Dinges, Tim Hughes and Randy Buford. Children squealed and adults cheered and laughed with delight as a succession of accurate throws hit the bull's-eye, effectively dunking the RDEC management and getting them all wet on a breezy autumn day.

Additional activities included live entertainment at center stage; softball, volleyball and horseshoes tournaments; games galore and fun activities for kids; bingo and a cake walk for all ages; and military displays. Lunch was catered by the Officers and Civilians Club and featured barbecue pork and chicken with all the fix-

ings for adults and hot dogs for kids. More than 2,000 attended the day's activities.

Entertainment on center stage featured Emily Dickson and Friends, comedian Scott Schofield, Larry Smith on the electric chromatic dulcimer, Dr. Bob Bell's "One Man Show," Dr. Mike Lyon and the SlipJig Celtic Band, Dave McConnell with classic jazz, and Toni Hamilton and the NEEMA International Performing Arts Center.

The "Green Team," with Raychon Betts as team captain, won the softball tournament, beating SED's "Black Team" for the title. The winner of the volleyball tournament was the "Handling Qualities and Flight Controls Team" (Aviation Engineering Aeromechanics Division) with Bill McCandless as team captain. In the horseshoes tournament, Scott Mitchell and Timothy Thompson were the "Top Shoes" (winners).

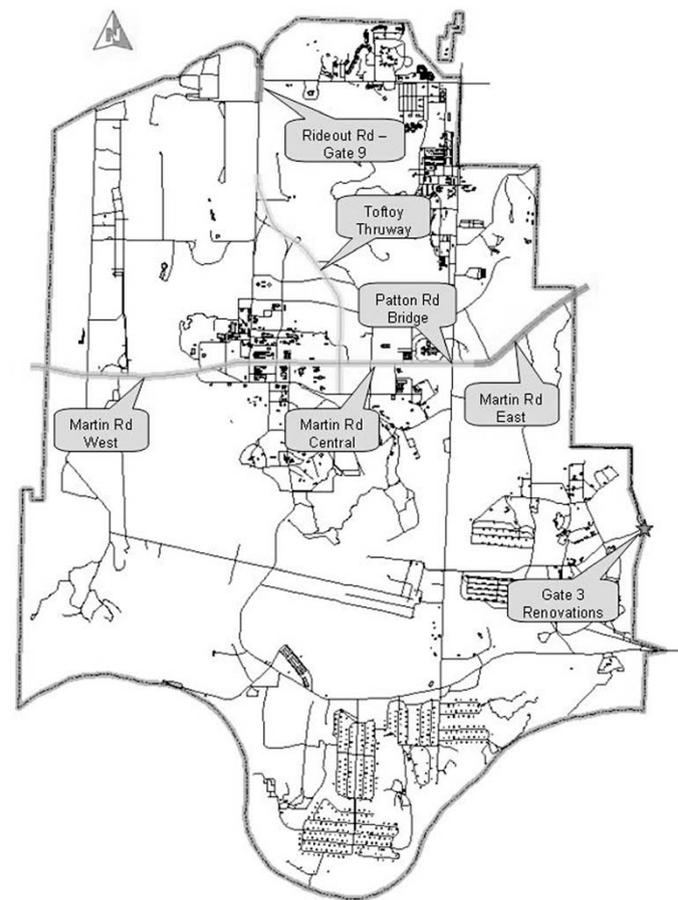
Chairing the event were Economy, Dr. Steven P. Smith and Dorothy May. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Committee for next year's RDEC Organization Day, call Smith at 876-8331 or e-mail steve.smith@rdec.redstone.army.mil.

Road, gate projects under way on post

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORATE RELEASE

The Directorate of Public Works provided the following information on ongoing road and gate projects:

- Rideout Road, Gate 9 – A project is under way to add two inbound lanes with scheduled completion Feb. 15.
- Toftoy Thruway – Resurfacing began last week.
- Martin Road west, Phase 1 – Widen inbound lane at Gate 7 and add another outbound lane. Paving on existing roadway will be milled and resurfaced. This project, which goes from Zeirdt Road to Rideout Road, is scheduled Oct. 25 through Feb. 8.
- Martin Road central, Phase 2 – Mill and resurface Martin Road from Rideout to east of the Patton Road overpass. This project is scheduled Oct. 25 through Feb. 8.
- Martin Road east – A project is under way to widen Martin Road from Patton Road to Gate 1 with scheduled completion Feb. 15.
- Gate 3 renovations – Construction of a new gatehouse and canopy, typical drive-through lanes, a vehicle inspection area and roadway lane realignment is scheduled to start next spring.
- Patton Road bridge – A maintenance project was under way on Patton Road bridge at the intersection of Martin Road and was scheduled to finish Oct. 22.



Redstone Arsenal, Alabama
Road / Gate Projects

Father and son share training assignment at Redstone

Private first class follows NCO dad

By **KELLEY LANE**
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Soldiers carry the faces of family and friends with them in their hearts and minds as they travel to new posts and training. Sometimes family is across the country or even the globe. Sometimes, however, family is just down the hall. So it goes for Staff Sgt. Dean Richards and son Pfc. Bradley Richards who came to Redstone separately to attend the same training.

Staff Sgt. Richards arrived at Redstone in May to retrain. A former cook, he came to learn the Multiple Launch Rocket System. Just last month he was joined here by his son, who is attending the same training



Photo by Kelley Lane

FAMILY FIRST— Staff Sgt. Dean Richards and son Pfc. Bradley Richards have enjoyed having each other nearby during their training.

program. The two enjoyed their brief visit before the elder Richards graduated his program and moved on last week.

Home for the duo is the small town of

Grampien, Pa., where Dean and wife, Valerie, set up housekeeping in 1977. Dean joined the National Guard the year before his son, Bradley, was born, so Bradley grew up with the military always in the background of his life. Two days after his birthday in 2002, Pfc. Richards began the path that would lead him here before taking him on to what he hopes will be bigger and better things.

“I just graduated high school. I plan on starting college when I get back home for criminology. I want to become a state police officer,” Pfc. Richards said.

Given the restrictions on fraternization between older Soldiers here to learn a new skill and new ones here to learn a first skill, the Richards haven’t been able to see each other whenever they wanted. Staff Sgt. Richards is a member of Headquarters & Alpha Company, while Pfc. Richards belongs to Bravo Company. Staff Sgt. Richards said the command has been as accommodating as possible to their situation.

“The drill sergeants and company commanders have been very cooperative,” he said. “We don’t really see each other throughout the week, but come the weekend they’ve been very gracious about giving him a pass to come with me for the day or even stay overnight.”

In addition to visiting local attractions and just spending time together, the two have been active in chapel activities and retreats.

“The only time we can really let our hair down, if we had any, is in the chapel during a religious service,” Staff Sgt. Richards said. “I like to take my rank off and just mingle with the guys. In God’s eyes we’re all equal.”

Staff Sgt. Richards joked that his son is still as fond of borrowing his father’s clothes as ever.

“This is his,” said Pfc. Richards, fingering the lapel of the uniform he was wearing.

Staff Sgt. Richards said that having a rank insignia as the only difference

between their uniforms also makes for some unintentional borrowing.

“He was going to drill one time and gathered the uniform he was going to wear the next day. It happened to be my uniform,” Staff Sgt. Richards said laughing. “He had to cut the sewn on rank off and pin his own on.”

Pfc. Richards shared the laugh. “I didn’t know it was his until I got there. Somebody said ‘So you’re an E-6 now.’ I was like, uh oh. I had to hurry up and cut it off,” he said.

When they return home to Pennsylvania, both will be in the same National Guard platoon, with Staff Sgt. Richards in charge. Having his father as his commander is nothing new, joked Richards. Given the son’s future plans for his military career, both can imagine a not so distant day when the son outranks the father.

“We tell people that I need this (specialty) to become a first sergeant. My goal is to become a first sergeant. His goal is to go to college and then (officer candidate school) to become an officer,” Staff Sgt. Richards said. “So we joke around that in the future I may be a first sergeant and he may be the company commander. We joke that when we’re out in front of the troops we’ll be courteous and professional. When we get behind doors, he’s still my son.”

Sharing their military experiences has been a bonding experience for both, as one draws closer to the end of his career and the other’s is just beginning.

“He talks to me about things that I went through when I went through (advanced individual training). I get to elaborate on some of the things that happened to me. It’s great,” Staff Sgt. Richards said. “It’s an awesome opportunity to share an installation with my son. When I first got in in 1984, they took my picture and my dad has it up on a wall. It’s going to be a true pleasure to put my son’s picture up on the wall as well.”

Small business research yields annual quality award

RDEC team wins Army recognition

RDEC RELEASE

Research Development and Engineering Center last brought home a SBIR Phase II Quality Award two years ago. But this year RDEC is back on top.

The center received one of eight Quality Awards presented in 2004 at the Pentagon by Dr. John Parmentola, director for Research and Laboratory Management Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology.

RDEC won in 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002 and now again in 2004.

"We won this year and are looking forward to next year's challenge," program coordinator Otho "Buddy" Thomas, of Advanced Systems Directorate, said. "Being able to accomplish part of the RDEC needed research is very important and the SBIR Quality Awards is one of the highlights."

The Army's Small Business Innovation Research Quality Awards Program began in 1994 to recognize SBIR Contractors, points of contact, contracting officers, technical monitors and technical directors of Army laboratories and research development and engineering centers for exceptional performance that exemplifies the SBIR program goal of bringing innovative technologies and products to the marketplace.

Time Domain Corporation submitted the winning proposal. Bill Howle, project manager, received the award for TDC.

Larry Levitt, Advanced Systems Directorate, submitted a SBIR topic titled

"Alternative Communications for Non-line-of-Sight Applications." The stated objective of this topic was "Wide bandwidth communication systems employing traditional RF methods are limited by multipath propagation effects and time dependent fading. The objective is to advance the state-of-the-art of a modulation scheme which spreads narrow pulses over an extremely broad bandwidth known as impulse radio. This technique is covert, jam resistant, utilizes low power, is immune to multipath effects (excellent clutter rejection), and will not interfere with or degrade the performance of another narrowband user in the electromagnetic spectrum."

Levitt said, "While the primary RDEC application will be to transmit digital video to enable steering a teleoperated unmanned ground platform for delivery of weapons payload, other potential application areas include missile links for non line-of-sight environments (low altitude trajectories) including urban terrain, and transmission of sensor data from autonomous platforms. TDC successfully demonstrated the transmission of live video from an unmanned aerial vehicle nose-mounted camera to a ground station at range up to 800 meters using ultra wideband radios as the link. TDC also demonstrated a communications relay link using three UWB radios to transmit over a distance of 1.5 kilometers. The UAV (MLB Corporation, Mountain View, Calif.) was a deliverable to the government under the SBIR contract. The Advanced Systems Directorate recently provided the UAV to the Systems Simulation and Development Directorate for use in their small UAV laboratory. The



Photo by Ryan McGill

HONOREES— Research Development and Engineering Center team members include from left Otho "Buddy" Thomas, SBIR program coordinator; Kathy Herring, SBIR program analyst; Dr. Bill McCorkle, RDEC director; Raymond Shores, contracting officer; and Larry Levitt, technical monitor. Jane Greer, senior analyst at DCS Corporation, is not pictured.

accomplishments of this SBIR fit very well with the Unmanned Systems Initiative that is being managed by the Advanced Systems Directorate."

Congress started the SBIR Program in 1982 in part to enable small firms with strong research and development capabilities to participate in solving defense related scientific or engineering problems through defined phases.

Phase II includes principal research or research and development efforts to pro-

duce a well-defined deliverable prototype. It lasts up to two years with funding up to \$730,000.

The SBIR Quality Award Team credits Kathy Herring and Jane Greer, retired from the Advanced Systems Directorate; Eugene Walton's group, Director, RDEC Contracting Office; Willard Rathbun's group in the Legal Office; and Vickie Girardi and Mary Hambrick of Engineering Directorate for the success of the daily operation of the RDEC SBIR Program.

Defense association chapter honors program office

The Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office was honored Oct. 20 with the John B. Medaris Award.

Maj. Gen. John Holly, GMD program director, accepted an engraved bust of Maj. Gen. Medaris on behalf of the GMD team of government, military and industry partners.

In the past three years, the team has developed, built and fielded a globally distributed, complex and unique missile defense system using an atypical approach to the acquisition.

The award is presented by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association in recognition of "an individual or team that has demonstrated technical excellence in promoting the defense preparedness of our great nation."

Medaris's dedicated efforts in the engi-

neering and scientific fields related to guided missile development, as well as his work to create public understanding of the challenges and promises of the space age, marked him as one of the nation's leading authorities on the U.S. space program.



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TIME TO CELEBRATE— From left Maj. Gen. John Holly, Col. Damian Bianca and Dr. John Ruddy celebrate presentation of the Medaris award.

Leaving alone unused leave leads to yearend forfeiture

Hours exceeding 240 should be scheduled

CPAC RELEASE

As the holiday season and end of the leave year swiftly approach, please review your annual/restored leave balances. Annual leave that

is subject to forfeiture (for most, those hours in excess of 240) must be scheduled three pay periods before the start of the new leave year. The scheduling record is required as a basis for restoration of leave forfeited for reasons beyond the control of the employee.

The current leave year ends

Jan. 8, 2005, and any leave subject to forfeiture must be scheduled no later than Nov. 26. Please be aware that there is no entitlement for restoration of forfeited annual leave when the employee has failed to request use of the leave before it was subject to forfeiture.

All employees should follow the procedures established for requesting/scheduling leave within their organizations. Restoration of forfeited annual leave may be based on the cancellation of scheduled annual leave due to exigencies of the public business or due to an illness of the employee that resulted in a proper charge to sick leave. An agency must restore the annual leave in a separate leave account.

Restored annual leave must be scheduled and used not later than the end of the leave year ending two years after (1) the date of restoration of the annual leave forfeited because of administrative error; (2) the date fixed by the head of the agency or designee as the date of termination of the exigency of the public business; or (3) the date the employee is determined to be recovered from illness or injury and able to return to duty. Restored annual leave that is not

used within the established time limits is forfeited with no further right to restoration.

Leave will be restored only for those individuals whose assignments, duties, expertise or abilities meet the needs of an exigency. Whenever possible, the decision to cancel an employee's leave should be made well in advance of the actual cancellation. Only a bona fide emergency should prevent a manager from making a cancellation decision well in advance of the cancellation or assignment of an affected employee to duties generated by the exigency. In addition, a specific beginning and ending date must be established in advance unless the suddenness or uncertainty of the circumstances prevents an advance decision. These dates will establish the specific time frame within which employees were prevented from using their scheduled annual leave resulting in a subsequent forfeiture.

Emergency essential employees in a combat zone may have their leave restored whether it was scheduled in advance or not. This amendment relieves the employees and supervisors from the administrative burden of scheduling, canceling and restoring excess annual leave in

this situation. Restored annual leave must be scheduled and used by the end of the leave year ending two years after the termination of the exigency of the public business.

The following areas are considered combat zones: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro); Albania; the Adriatic Sea; the Ionian Sea; the Persian Gulf; the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman; part of the Arabian Sea; Gulf of Aden and the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. The following areas are considered qualified hazardous duty areas and are to be treated as if it were a combat zone: Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia and Macedonia. Employees deployed overseas away from their permanent duty station in support of Operation Joint Forge, (but outside the former Yugoslavia); Operation Allied Force, Operation Joint Guardian, Operation Southern Watch, or Operation Northern Watch are not entitled to combat zone benefits.

Employees who have questions concerning leave issues should contact their servicing CPAC human resources specialist.



Photo by Lira Frye

Framing the question

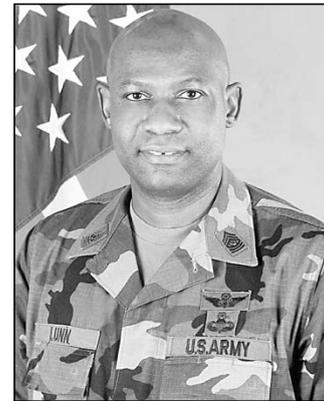
Josh Sutton, left, and Grace Bennett, both certified framers with the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center, discuss framing options with Jim Metzger during the center's open house Oct. 20. The center offers framing, wood working, and a variety of other arts and crafts classes. More than 150 people attended.

Monthly NCO Call issued by command sergeant major

Calling on all noncommissioned officers – all services, active duty and retired.

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn invites all NCOs to an NCO Call from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the Firehouse Pub.

“NCO Call is a way for all NCOs to come together to forge new friendship, foster camaraderie and to maintain Army customs and traditions of the NCO Corps,” he says. “Now more so than ever before it



Courtesy photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn

is important for non-commissioned officers to bond and build on the NCO Corps of the future. NCO Call on Redstone Arsenal is designed to do just that; so come out and support the corps as well as have a great time. The only requirement is to be an NCO: (active duty), retired, National Guard, Reserves, Marines – it does not matter.”

Guests are also welcome to this monthly event.

Tradition of heroes on display

“A Tradition of Heroes” display, located in the Sparkman Center, first floor, building 5300, honors Team Redstone employees and their family members who are serving this country in hostile areas of the world.

If you know of Team Redstone employees, military and civilian, or their family members, who are serving the U.S. in hostile areas or have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please submit their name, Team Redstone organization or unit, and where they are serving, along with a photograph (5-by-7 preferred) to

the Public Affairs Office, AMSAM-PA, Attn: Erika Readus, Building 5300, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898. Provide your contact information with your submission including a return address if you would like to have your photograph returned. Photographs can also be e-mailed to: erika.readus@redstone.army.mil.

A Tradition of Heroes stands as a reminder that the everyday freedom that Americans enjoy was not won, and is not maintained, without service and sacrifice.

For more information, call Readus at 876-5302.

Silent auction open for bids to benefit charity drive

Variety of products available online

By ERIKA READUS
For the Rocket

If you are in the market for a football autographed by hall-of-fame receiver John Stallworth or a teddy bear dressed like a biker that sings "Born to be Wild," these are among the items up for bid.

Just log on to the Combined Federal Campaign silent auction.

Running through Nov. 5, the online auction has been organized to support needy citizens locally, nationally and internationally.

"We have had such a great response from the community and so many wonderful items have been donated," Maria Clark, auction chairman, said. "It's a great feeling to know that people of the Tennessee Valley care so much about helping others."

Categories of available products include patriotic items, handmade items, sports memorabilia, clothing, services and more. Among the items in the sports memorabilia section is an autographed Seattle Seahawks football signed by Walter Jones, Pro Bowl left tackle.

Handmade items include a shaker box, afghan and a St. Jude quilt.

In the auction's services section, bidders have the opportunity to submit the



Photo by Erika Readus

AUCTION KICKOFF— Combined Federal Campaign coordinator Donna Johnson and CFC auction chairman Maria Clark look at a football signed by hall-of-fame receiver John Stallworth which is among the many items up for bid.

winning bid and dine with post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky, in Quarters One.

All online auction items have been donated, and proceeds will go to CFC, with winning bidders filling out pledge cards to designate locations for donations.

The auction can be found at <http://www.jtwconsulting.com/cfcauction/>. For more information, call Clark at 313-7620.

Household hazardous waste tends to collect

Waste

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injuries to fire and rescue personnel due to improper storage of hazardous wastes in homes; decreasing air, ground and water pollution as well as the contamination of our sewage treatment plant and storm drains."

The turn-in is a first for Redstone but has been conducted on other installations in the U.S. "If it's successful, we'll do it periodically in the future, perhaps quarterly," Seaver said.

All members of the Redstone housing area are invited to participate in this residential turn-in. The effort is being conducted by members of the hazardous waste branch in the environmental management division. For more information, call Seaver at 876-6123.

"The most important thing is just to keep hazardous materials from going to a landfill and leaking into the groundwater where it could affect human health," Terry Hazle, chief of the environmental management division, said.

Craig Northridge, chief of the compliance branch in the division, suggested the

turn-in to garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin.

"We want to give people in housing the opportunity to be more environmentally friendly with disposal of their chemicals," Northridge said. "It's before fall cleanup time. And if it goes well, we'll do it again in the spring."

Residents can bring the following items to the turn-in:

- Paint and paint related products – oil or water-based paints, mineral spirits, turpentine and thinners, furniture strippers, paint removers, stains and aerosols.

- Automotive products – transmission fluid, brake fluid, anti-freeze, car batteries and used motor oil.

- Lawn and garden poisons – weed killers, liquids, powders, sprays, soaps; herbicides, pesticides and fungicides; rodent poisons, roach and flea powder.

- Household cleaners – oven cleaners, toilet cleaners, disinfectants, drain cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, floor and furniture polishes, ammonia or bleach-based products.

- Miscellaneous – acids, pool chemicals, photographic chemicals, solvents and household batteries.

Hatch Act restricts political activities

Politics

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with bumper sticker in a government lot or garage. An employee may also park the car with bumper sticker in a private lot or garage for which the employee receives a subsidy from his or her agency.

Question: Can I help organize a political fund-raiser?

Answer: Yes. An employee is allowed to organize a fund-raiser, including supplying names for the invitation list, as long as he or she does not personally solicit, accept or receive contributions.

Question: Can my name appear on invitations to a political fund-raiser as a sponsor or point of contact?

Answer: No. An employee's name may not be shown on an invitation to such a fund-raiser as a sponsor or point of contact.

Question: Can I speak at a political fund-raiser?

Answer: Yes. An employee is allowed to give a speech or keynote address at a political fund-raiser, as long as he or she is not on duty, and the employee does not solicit political contributions.

Question: If I'm going to speak at a political fund-raiser, what information about me can be printed on the invitations?

Answer: An employee's name can be shown as a guest speaker. However, the reference should not in any way suggest that the employee solicits or encourages contributions. Invitations to the fund-raiser

er may not include the employee's official title, although an employee who is ordinarily addressed with a general term of address such as "The Honorable" may use, or permit the use of, that term of address on the invitation.

Question: Can I attend a state or national party convention? If so, in what capacity?

Answer: Yes. A federal employee may serve as a delegate, alternate or proxy to a state or national party convention.

Question: If I run as a candidate for public office in a nonpartisan election, does the Hatch Act allow me to ask for and accept political contributions?

Answer: An employee who is a candidate for public office in a nonpartisan election is not barred by the Hatch Act from soliciting, accepting or receiving political contributions for his or her own campaign.

Question: May I distribute brochures for a political party to people arriving at a polling place on Election Day?

Answer: Yes. An employee may stand outside a polling place on Election Day and hand out brochures on behalf of a partisan political candidate or political party. (Reminder: Local ordinances frequently specify required distances from polling places.)

Answers to other questions about allowable political activity by federal employees can also be found in Hatch Act regulations in Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Army's jazz band performs at UAH

Group's diverse repertoire to entertain Veterans Day

By LIRA FRYE
For the Rocket

It jumps. It grinds. It bops. It's jazz. Deeply intertwined with the history of America, jazz represents a merging and melding of many different peoples and their heritages.

The U.S. Army Field Band's Jazz Ambassadors performs America's original art form during a Veterans Day concert Nov. 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Chan Auditorium. This 19-member big band is the Army's premier touring jazz orchestra.

Formed in 1969, it has received acclaim both at home and abroad.

Band director Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird said he feels it's a privilege to play with the Jazz Ambassadors.

"We all love the music to begin with," he said. "But to use the music to evoke the patriotic response we get from people is almost indescribable."

Concerts by the Jazz Ambassadors are designed to entertain all types of audiences. Custom compositions and arrangements highlight the group's creative talent and gifted soloists. Their diverse repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, Latin, contemporary jazz, standards, popular tunes, dixieland, vocals and patriotic selections.



Courtesy photo

ALL THAT JAZZ— The U.S. Army Field Band's Jazz Ambassadors is coming to the University of Alabama-Huntsville for a Veterans Day concert.

"This unit is special," Laird said. "Most bands play for Soldiers, but the field band is unique in that it gets to represent the Army to communities who don't often see Soldiers."

Congress has proclaimed jazz "a national treasure." The Jazz Ambassadors

proudly present this unique American music throughout the country and the world.

Sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society, tickets are available at no charge by calling Winnie Jobs at 544-4863, building 4200, room 410F.

Continuing education system enrollment goes online

GARRISON RELEASE

Access to the Army Continuing Education System's eArmyU program was made available Oct. 15 to most active-duty enlisted Soldiers.

The Army launched eArmyU in 2001 to offer eligible enlisted Soldiers the opportunity to work toward a college degree or certificate online. The program began with selected installations and so far more than 46,000 Soldiers have taken courses from 29 institutions.

With the program's expansion to the entire Army, the eArmyU "Technology Pack" or "laptop" option will be offered solely as a retention and readiness tool in support of Army Transformation and the Army Campaign Plan by encouraging reenlistment into combat forces/operational units.

The eArmyU "no laptop" enrollment, now called "eCourse enrollment," will be offered to the majority of other active-

duty Soldiers.

With eCourse enrollment, Soldiers use their personal computers to participate in the program on a course-by-course basis. There is no longer a service-remaining requirement with the eCourse option. However, Soldiers must have sufficient remaining time in service to complete the eArmyU course in which they are enrolling.

Both no-laptop and laptop students receive several tools to support their success as an online student, including an Internet Service Provider account, textbooks, eArmyU "Boot Camp" tutorial, an e-mail account, online academic tutoring, digital library services, and 24/7 helpdesk and technology support.

All eligible Soldiers receive 100-percent tuition, up to \$250 per semester hour with an annual ceiling of \$4,500. Tuition Assistance covers tuition, fees, books, academic advisement, library resources, and administrative and technical support.

To find out more about the Armywide expansion of eArmyU, call the Garrison, Directorate of Human Resource, Army Education Division at 955-0154 or 876-3465. E-mail address is eArmyU@redstone.army.mil.



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ELECTRONIC ADVENTURE— Education services officer Linda Cameron, Sgt. 1st Class Dean Kelly and eArmyU counselor John Junkins review eArmyU eCourse enrollment.



Photo by Mark Thompson

Iron shepherd

Spc. Eric Moe and patrol/narcotic detector dog Boris took second place in the under-30 category at the U.S. Police K-9 Association "Irondog" Endurance Run held at Fort Meade, Md. This year's event was hosted by the National Security Agency, and featured a challenging 3.5-mile course, including a "Beaver Dam" tunnel crawl, a catwalk and a test of competing dog handlers' shooting abilities.

International students tour historic Chattanooga

Educational visit gives taste of South

By SCOTT HUTHER
International military student officer

The International Military Student Office took five international soldiers, a civilian from Korea attending the Army Logistic Management Course and three family members on a field studies tour of Chattanooga on Oct. 16-17.

Soldiers were from Hungary, Jordan, Egypt and Korea. The purpose of this field studies program trip was for these soldiers to learn more about America's educational, political and economical systems. During this tour the students had an opportunity to visit the Tennessee Aquarium, have a narrated tour of the area on the Southern Belle Riverboat, ride on an old diesel locomotive and tour the Tennessee Valley railroad museum, ride the Incline railway to the top of Lookout Mountain, learn about the Civil War Battle of Chattanooga at the Battles of Chattanooga Electric Map Museum, see Ruby Falls located deep inside Lookout Mountain and stay at the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel in downtown Chattanooga.

The first stop on the journey was the Tennessee Aquarium in downtown Chattanooga. There the soldiers had an opportunity to see the largest freshwater life center in the world. The soldiers learned about the conservation efforts to preserve

our rivers. The Aquarium's exhibits guide visitors on a journey from the Tennessee River's source in the Appalachian high country, through its midstream, to the Mississippi Delta, and on to the great rivers of the world in Africa, South America and Asia.

The next stop was a tour of the Tennessee River on the Southern Belle Riverboat. This narrated tour explained the history of the area and soldiers were able to enjoy a trip down the beautiful Tennessee River.

We then went to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Living Museum where we had an opportunity to go for a ride on a historic locomotive, learn how the trains are turned around, and see an old authentic train station and a Morse code demonstration.

After completing this we checked into the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel. This train station constructed in 1905 was converted to a hotel in 1973. The hotel has regular hotel rooms or you can choose to stay in actual train cars. We also visited the miniature train museum on the hotel grounds and rode a New Orleans trolley around the 30-acre complex.

On the second day of the trip, we rode the Chattanooga Incline Railway called "America's Most Amazing Mile" to the top of Lookout Mountain. The breathtaking 72.7-percent grade of the track near the top gives the Incline the unique distinction of being the steepest passenger railway in the world. At the top of Look-

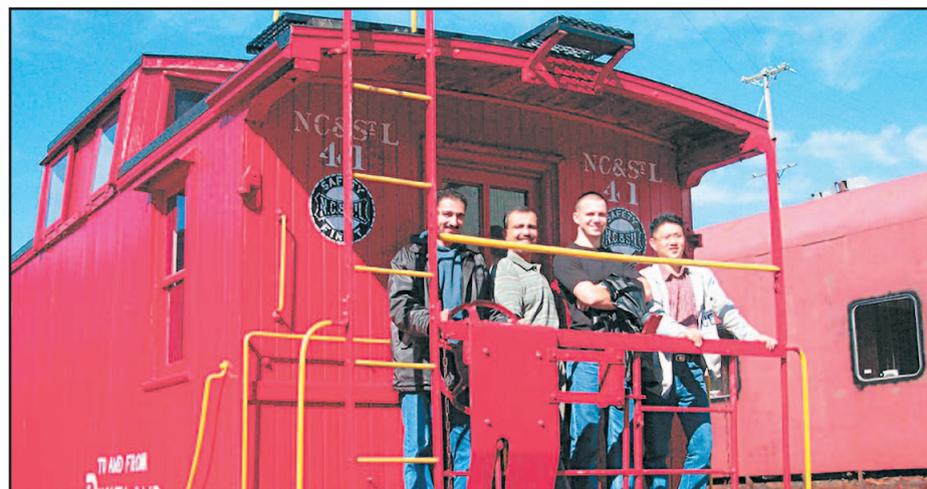


Photo by Ron Garrett

ALL ABOARD— Visiting the Tennessee Valley Railroad Living Museum are, from left, Capt. Mohammed Hussein of Egypt, Maj. Hasan Hajjaj of Jordan, Staff Sgt. Tamas Urban of Hungary and Hyeong Lee of Korea.

out Mountain, you can see six different states on a clear day. The observation deck at the top provided a great opportunity for photos of the countryside and of the other students.

We then walked down the street three blocks to the Battlefield Electric Map Museum and saw a 35-minute presentation about the battles of Chattanooga and learned the significance of the Battle of Chattanooga in the outcome of the Civil War.

The last stop on our trip was Ruby

Falls located in Lookout Mountain. There the students had an opportunity to go on a guided tour of the cave and see the 145-foot waterfall. This waterfall is the largest underground waterfall open to the public in the United States.

The trip was a success and gave everyone an opportunity to travel outside of Huntsville and learn more about our country. It also gave them an opportunity to spend time and learn more about the other international students who are here for training.

Get your resume ready for Job Fair

Employers sign up for Nov. 18 event

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE RELEASE

There are numerous venues available today to help you search for employment, but nothing can compare to meeting employers face-to-face.

If you are looking for a new job or a career change, make plans to attend the Job Fair on Nov. 18 from 12-2 p.m. at the Challenger Community Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road.

This event, sponsored by Army Community Service, is open to all active and retired military spouses, veterans, guards, reservists and transitioning employees. It will provide a unique opportunity to meet with many local employers in one place at one time. So, it is a time efficient way to search for employment, make valuable contacts and deliver resumes to prospective employers.

Making the most out of the Job Fair will require more than just showing up and handing out resumes. The challenge takes place before the job fair. The following tips are provided to help you prepare:

- Target the companies that you are interested in applying with and research them before the job fair.
- Ensure that your resume is updated.
- Dress professionally, be positive and

enthusiastic.

- Sell yourself – give employers reasons why they should hire you. Describe how your qualifications, accomplishments and skills will benefit their company.

- Collect business cards and take notes on what you learned after visiting each employer. This information will be useful during your second interview and for your follow-up letters.

- Write thank you notes to employers within 4-5 days after the job fair. Let them know you are interested in the position.

- Follow up 2-3 weeks later with a phone call to check on the availability of the position and to express continued interest.

ACS will offer the following workshops to help you prepare for this event: Interviewing tips, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.-noon; and Resume writing, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10 from 9-11 a.m. To register call Debra Jefferson at 876-5397.

The following companies have confirmed their participation: Aerotek Automotive/LE, Moseley Technical Svc., Alabama Department of Rehab Svc., Nonappropriated Funds CPO, Avon, Northrop Grumman, Comcast Cable, Palco Telecom Service, DIRECTV, Randstad, EOD Technology, Sanmina-SCI, Express Personnel, Snelling Personnel, H&R Block, SOS Temporary Services, Jacobs Sverdrup, Swift Transportation, Kwajalein Range Services, University of Alabama-Huntsville, LG Electronics, Volunteers of America, Mentor 4 Inc. and West Corporation.

Disability awareness gets healthy response from government

Changing attitudes, removing barriers

By CLARENZA CLARK
Garrison EEO Office

What is National Disability Employment Awareness Month?

Congress designated each October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy has the lead in planning NDEAM activities and materials to increase the public's awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities.

This effort to educate the American public about issues related to disability and employment actually began in 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

Twelve years ago, the Congress and President George H.W. Bush signed one of the most significant civil rights laws since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In doing so, America opened its door to a new age for people with disabilities. The ADA of 1990 has brought about important progress in our nation and our government. Under President George W. Bush administration's New Freedom Initiative, work is being continued to ensure that people with disabilities can participate fully in the workplace and all aspects of community life. Through funding for new technologies and innovative resources, the workplace is striving to fulfill the federal government's commitment to opportunity for every citizen.

Decade of progress

Much has been accomplished in the past 11 years. Attitudes are changing and barriers are coming down all across America. Employers now provide a range of "accommodations" to ensure that employees with disabilities can keep their place in the wage-earning world, resulting in unprecedented economic opportunities. And outside of the workplace, the promise

of the ADA, coupled with the entrepreneurial spirit of the private sector, has enabled people with disabilities to enjoy much greater access to a wide range of affordable travel, recreational opportunities and life-enriching services.

Because of the ADA, people with disabilities are gaining equal access to public sector services, which have rallied to the ADA's goals — from improving access at town halls and courthouses to providing accessible parking to assistive listening devices at public meetings. State and local governments have developed some of the most innovative and meaningful responses to the ADA. In addition, Bush's administration is committed to full and effective implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, which will help ensure that people of all abilities can access government information and online services. The administration is working closely with state and local governments to move people with disabilities out of institutions and into community-based settings, going above and beyond the requirements of the Supreme Court's landmark Olmstead decision.

Worldwide call

ADA is being heard all around the world. More than 40 countries, from Australia to Uganda, now have laws prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities — many of them inspired by the ADA.

Earlier this year, President Bush proposed the New Freedom Initiative — the next step securing the promise of the ADA. The New Freedom Initiative will help ensure that Americans with disabilities can access the best technologies of today and even better technologies in the future. Educational opportunities and accessible transportation will be expanded steps taken to fully integrate people with disabilities into the work force. Housing opportunities will be expanded to improve access to churches, mosques, synagogues and civic organizations.

The Department of Defense's Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program has expanded, which provides federal employees with disabilities greater access to electronic and information technology. The Department of Labor launched DisabilityInfo.gov in 2002, an online resource that streamlines access to information about federally sponsored employment, job accommodations, trans-

portation, state and regional assistance programs, technology and other programs relevant to the daily lives of individuals with disabilities.

Partnership effort

It is encouraged that leaders of today fully enforce the ADA while working in partnership with businesses, states and local governments to promote the highest possible degree of voluntary cooperation. Through the New Freedom Small Business Initiative, the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration are educating small business owners about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities and helping adult workers with disabilities acquire the skills and resources needed to

become small business owners.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is releasing user-friendly information on how the ADA applies to particular disabilities in the workplace and providing free ADA workshops offering employment-related services and information sessions for small businesses. The Bush administration is implementing the "Ticket to Work" program, which allows Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability beneficiaries who want to work to choose their own employment-related services. The Department of the Labor and other agencies are also improving the capacity of community One-Stop Career Centers to provide training and employment services to people with disabilities.

Redstone thanked for saving lives through giving blood

Red Cross ceremony honors 'superstars'

By ERIKA READUS
For the Rocket

President Dwight Eisenhower once observed that the American Red Cross represented a true "neighbor helping neighbor" tradition.

"I think Team Redstone is a perfect example of that tradition," Rick Cantrell, American Red Cross Madison/Marshall Counties chapter manager, said. "The American Red Cross has been able to provide 423,000 shelters for hurricane victims, as well as handing out more than 10 million meals to those affected by natural disasters. Also, the Red Cross has delivered more than 900,000 messages, annually for servicemembers and their families through donations provided by Team Redstone, other organizations and countless individuals."

Red Cross blood drives are also key humanitarian efforts.

"We are combining community service with work to be one of the top blood donating agencies for the American Red Cross," Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, said.

Team Redstone donated 5,000 units of blood over the year and was recog-

nized last week for those contributions at the Redstone Arsenal Blood Service Awards Ceremony.

Lesley Burnette, a Madison County resident whose daughter is affected by a rare blood disease called Diamond-Blackfan Anemia, told the audience the importance of the Red Cross blood program.

"It's the difference between life and death. My daughter would not be here if it were not for people like you here, who make up Team Redstone," she said. "Kate has received every kind of blood product available, red blood cells, whole blood, and bone marrow, which was donated by her older brother."

Burnette stressed the importance of keeping up the Red Cross blood programs and encouraging non-donors to give.

"We say that movie stars and athletes are heroes, but they're not," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, said. "The real heroes – Team Redstone's superstars — are those who donate blood and support the American Red Cross."

Pillsbury urged all award recipients to hang their awards in visible places so that blood donors are reminded daily that they are making a difference and saving lives.

The next blood drive is Nov. 4 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at buildings 4488 and 5400.

International military student has interesting stay on post

Jordanian returning to his native land

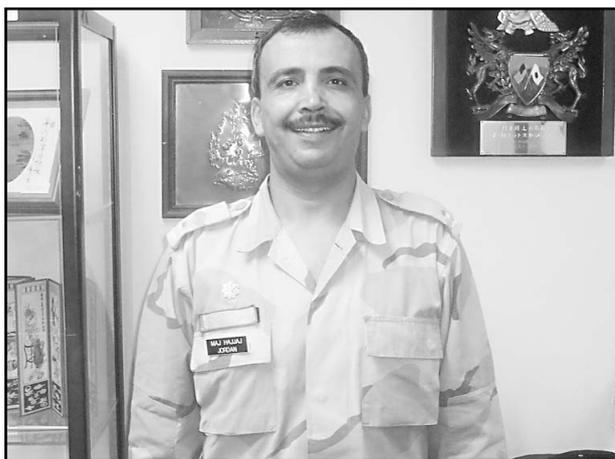
Jordanian air force Maj. Hasan Hajjaj learns something new every time he visits the United States.

He's getting ready to leave Redstone after taking the Radar Repair Course from Aug. 2 through Oct. 29 while assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

"I spent an interesting time at Redstone," the married father of two said. Besides attending class, he went on many trips and did plenty of shopping.

"America is a very big country which has a good system to control all things to get the best results," Hajjaj, 40, said. "This is the third time I have been in America. Every time I see different things but the thing that does not change is the kind and nice way that the people treat me."

He plans to use the training he received and pass this information to



Courtesy photo

ENJOYS VISIT— Members of the International Military Student Office are "great guys who do their job," Maj. Hasan Hajjaj of Royal Jordanian Air Force says.

other soldiers in Jordan.

The most memorable thing about his stay was "the nice way I was treated in the USA and the beautiful places I visited (with the International Military Student Office)," he said. The members of that office are "great guys who do their job; honestly they give me all kinds of assistance."

■ Goddard House home for past mysteries

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him to take a closer look. "As I was driving by the house I saw a light in the window, it looked like a lantern or a candle. I got out to check it out."

The officer said he walked up to the house with his dog, Kelly, but when he started up the steps the dog stopped. "The hair was standing up on her back and she had a low growl," he said. "She stayed right there staring at the window." He said that he turned around to try and get her to come up the steps and when he looked back at the house the light was gone.

"I checked the door and shined my light in the window, but didn't see any-

thing," he said. "When a dog reacts, it makes you know something is there."

Sadly, this house that has endured so much and possibly houses the unknown has little to show for it. It was evaluated for the National Registry of Historic Places but failed to meet the standards. An historical buildings survey performed in 1982 summed up the condition of the house: "Although this antebellum house represents pre-military land use, it retains little of its original integrity. The house has been extensively renovated and moved from its original site, and therefore possesses little architectural or historical significance."

Historically significant or not, the Goddard House bears notoriety to all who work at Redstone. Happy haunting to all and to all a good Halloween night.

Devastating Dragons keep right on rolling

Delta starts 3-0
in regular season

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Preseason champion Delta Company has made a strong start in the flag football season.

The Devastating Dragons were 3-0 after beating Bravo Company 22-6 on Oct. 13, HHC 59th 14-8 on Oct. 14 and Charlie Company 20-0 on Oct. 20.

"I think we're doing really well. We're practicing hard," said cornerback Ron Myers, who leaves this week for Fort Carson, Colo. "And I think because we're going to practice on a consistent basis is why we are as successful as we are now."

HHC 59th tackle Dash Bean was optimistic after his team's 2-1 start. The defending post champion 59th beat Headquarters & Alpha 6-0 on Oct. 12, lost to Delta two nights later and beat 326th Chemical 13-6 on Oct. 20.

"We've picked up and started playing a lot better," Bean said. "We're coming together more as a team."

But the 59th fell to 2-2 when it lost a rematch with 326th Chemical 18-13 on Oct. 21.

The Marines dropped out of the league after two forfeits. The Eastern division includes HHC 59th (2-2), Bravo (3-1), MEDDAC (3-2) and Charlie (0-4). The Western division has Delta (3-0), 326th Chemical (4-1) and Headquarters & Alpha (0-3).

Results included:

- MEDDAC won by forfeit over Marines, 326th Chemical won by forfeit over Charlie and HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 6-0 on Oct. 12.

- Delta def. Bravo 22-6, 326th Chemical won by forfeit over Marines and MEDDAC def. Headquarters & Alpha 24-6 on Oct. 13.

- Bravo won by forfeit over Charlie, 326th Chemical def. MEDDAC 14-6 and Delta def. HHC 59th 14-8 on Oct. 14.

- Delta def. Charlie 20-0, HHC 59th



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON THE LINE— An official watches the line of scrimmage during Delta's 24-20 win over HHC 59th in the 2003 preseason final. The Devastating Dragons also won this year's preseason tournament.

def. 326th Chemical 13-6 and Bravo def. 24-6, MEDDAC def. Charlie 32-18 and MEDDAC 20-7 on Oct. 20. 326th Chemical def. HHC 59th 18-13 on Oct. 21.

- Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha

Senior golfers conclude tournament season

By GUNNER WALLIS
For the Rocket

Redstone Golf Course held the third and last golf tournament of the season for its members Oct. 3-4.

Two rounds of golf were played to determine the Men's Senior Champion (50 and older), Men's Super Senior Champion (65 and older) and the Senior Women's Champion (50 and older). Play started that Saturday with tee times and the committee was on hand to start the players, officiate rules and monitor the pace of play.

The first round was played on Meadowview and Hillside. Pace of play went so well that almost all players finished at or near four hours. The second day weather was great and the pace of play was very good. All players started Sunday with a shotgun start at 11 a.m., playing Meadowview and Whispering Pines. This allowed everyone to finish at the same time and enjoy a cookout of bratwurst and hamburgers provided by the Soldatenstube Restaurant.

Low scores for the first day were indicative of the winners but some good and bad play on the second day caused some switching at the finish. Two sad stories circulated at the end of the tournament, one of a player in contention who played a wrong ball and the two stroke penalty caused a loss of the championship. Another contender for top honors took five strokes to get out of the rough

that caused hopes of the title to slip away.

Many thanks to PGA professional Vicki Carpenter, who ran the tournament, and director of golf Larry Underwood for ensuring the courses were in great condition for play. Here are the results (data above shows name of player, handicap in parenthesis, gross score for each day, gross total; all dollar values indicate merchandise certificates from the Pro Shop):

- Men's Senior Champ, 50-plus, played from the white tees: Bruce Umstaedter (4), 75,83, 158, champ, \$100; Art Askew (9), 79,82, 161, first place, \$80; Gunner Wallis (14), 83,82, 165, second place, \$70; George Koebler (7), 81,85, 166, third place, \$50; and Bobby Graves (18), 91,95, 186 minus 36 equals 150, low handicap, \$25.

- Men's Super Senior, 65-plus, played from the gold tees: Harry Riley (9), 80,83, 163, champ, \$100; Paul Stanger (14), 81,83,163, first place, \$80; Vic Vergara (12), 79,85, 164, second place, \$70; Keith Erdman (13), 84,84,168, third place, \$50; and Charles Thompson (21), 92,89, 181 minus 42 equals 139, low handicap, \$25.

- Womens Senior, 50-plus, played red tees: Linda Kephart (19), 84, 94, 178, champ, \$100; Dee Thonus (23), 91, 92, 183, first place, \$80; Joan Arnold (22), 97, 92, 189, second place, \$70; Di Wilson (28), 100, 94, 194, third place, \$50; and Pam Bucey (24), 94,100, 194 minus 48 equals 146, low handicap, \$25.

Auburn should overcome Ole Miss

Tigers run past Rebels

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Here are Skip's Picks (190-83) for this week in college football:

Auburn at Ole Miss – **Auburn**
Florida vs. Georgia – **Georgia**
Kentucky at Mississippi State – **Ky.**
Vanderbilt at LSU – **LSU**
Tennessee at South Carolina – **Tenn.**
Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State – **State**
Air Force at Wyoming – **Wyoming**
Army at East Carolina – **Army**



Michigan vs. Mich. State – **Michigan**
Louisiana-Monroe at Notre Dame – **ND**
Delaware at Navy – **Navy**
Oklahoma at Okla. State – **Oklahoma**
USC at Washington State – **USC**
Miami at North Carolina – **Miami**

Open house deemed soaring success

Flying Activity draws crowd

By ADRIAN BAKER
MWR Sales and Marketing

Are you a military aviator? Maybe you're a civilian pilot, and have your FAA flight instructor certificate. Perhaps you'd just like to see if becoming a small-engine pilot interests you.

Once again, the MWR Flying Activity had a successful Open House, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Crowds waited in line for private mini lessons from one of the Flying



Photo by Adrian Baker

GOING UP— Flyers begin their mini flying lessons at the Flying Activity's open house Oct. 2.

Activity's 28 FAA-certified flying instructors, who also happen to be members.

Flights were directed up and away from the Redstone Airfield. Flyers were able to go up over downtown Huntsville



Photo by Kristi Foster

Fence me in

Darcy Edwards, left, and Jason Davis, employees of Bestway Fence, are hard at work on Phase II of the Soldier's Sports Field renovation. The renovation includes new fencing and dugouts for two softball fields located on Patton Road and fencing for the soccer field across the street. The project, funded by Morale Welfare and Recreation, is expected to be completed by the end of October and will cost \$62,700. For more information on the MWR Sports and Recreation Programs and other MWR activities, visit www.redstone.mwr.com.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Uniform support

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of Association of U.S. Army has again funded the running uniforms for members of the post Army Ten-Miler team which competed in the 20th annual race Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. A uniform was presented Oct. 18 to Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. From left are team coach Alexander Steel, AUSA chapter president Joe Fitzgerald, Pillsbury and team member Maj. Morris Bodrick.

and Madison, taking the controls momentarily for the feel of flying. Children and adults alike took their first flights and received Flying certificates. Cost per person was \$30 for mini flying lessons for adults and \$25 for the kids.

Military aviation displays were also on hand, as well as sponsor stations WVNN and "Mojo" from the WZYP 104.3 morning show, complete with a dunking tank for getting local celebrity

DJs soaked. Also provided were plenty of fun and free food.

For details on Flying Activity, lessons, pricing, or information, go see them at building 4828 on Hale Road or call them at 881-3980. The Flying Activity is located through Gate 9, (Rideout Road south), turn right on Hale Road, and then follow the signs to 4828. To see airplanes and lesson fees online, go to www.redstonemwr.com.



Sports & Recreation

Hunter safety

The annual Redstone Hunter Safety Briefing will be given at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and Nov. 18. You need only attend one of the briefings. This is an annual requirement for those who wish to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Monday night football

Visit the Firehouse Pub each Monday night for NFL Monday Night Football. Doors open at 4 p.m. for game prep, pre-game rivalry and trash talk. There are free hot dogs, hamburgers and other foods with beverage purchase. And as always, watch the game on the big screen. This deal runs all season long. For more information, call 842-0748.



Conferences & Meetings

Men singers

The Rocket City Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Aldersgate Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 12901 Bailey Cove Road. For more information, call John Gonzalez 842-2992 (work) or 852-2408 (home).

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 Rook (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m.

Contracting symposium

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is sponsoring its 32nd annual Symposium on Government Contracting and the annual Eastern Briefing Conference on Nov. 3-4 at the Huntsville Marriott. The symposium runs from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday afternoon features a luncheon sponsored by Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association. Among the featured speakers this year is Steven Schooner, professor and co-director of the Government Procurement Law Program at George Washington

School of Law and Lt. Col. Michael Benjamin, chairman of Contract and Fiscal Law Department, The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Va. Registration is \$250 for both days, \$125 (Nov. 3 only) or \$140 (Nov. 4 only). For more information, call Brian Toland 842-0539. The TIP registration code is F51SGA.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. The Redstone Multicultural Choir will provide the entertainment. For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members — see your organization ASMC representative or call Kim Jean 876-7208 or Lisa Lowry 876-1423.



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 assur-

ance, 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 for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

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 9-1. Military personnel and their families should contact the manager for an appointment. The shop will be open for sales Nov. 6 from 10-2; and specially marked paperback books will be 10 cents each. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop accepts handmade craft items for consignment. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. For more information, call 881-6992.

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.

Tradition of heroes

Plans are under way to honor Redstone's heroes. To make this happen, we're asking for your help in identifying them. If you know of Team Redstone employees, military and civilian, or their family members, who are serving our country in hostile areas or have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please submit their name, Team Redstone organization or unit, and where they are serving, along with a photograph (5-by-7 preferred) to the Public Affairs Office, AMSAM-PA, Attn: Erika Readus, building 5300, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898. Photographs can also be e-mailed to erika.readus@redstone.army.mil. Also, provide your contact information with your submission including a return address if you would like to have your photograph returned. Photographs will be displayed in the Sparkman Center, first floor, building 5300. The display, titled "A Tradition of Heroes," will stand as a reminder to us that the everyday freedom that we enjoy was not won, and is not maintained, without service and sacrifice. For more information, call Readus 876-5302.

Parents' night out

Child and Youth Services is offering the Redstone community a "Parents Night Out" every third Saturday of the month. Reservations for this after-hours care can be made by calling the Child Development Center 876-7952. Military personnel may make their reservation starting at the beginning of each month. All others in the Redstone community (including contractors) must make their reservations starting the Monday prior to the third Saturday. Fees for Soldiers E-4 and below is \$10 per child; all others will pay \$15 per child. A 10 percent multiple child reduction will also be given. Evening snack is provided. For more information, call 876-7952.

Marine Corps ball

The 229th Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration is Nov. 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Happy hour begins at 6 p.m. and the ceremony at 7. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Wiggins (256) 468-6278.

Parking permits

The existing Official Vehicle Parking Permits will expire Oct. 31; and the new permits are ready for issue. To obtain Official Vehicle Parking Permits, send a letter of request to Bobby Noles, AMSAM-RA-DPW, or e-mail bobby.noles@redstone.army.mil. In your message, state the number of permits required and point of contact and telephone number of the person that will be responsible for maintaining control of the permits.

Enlisted dining out

The 59th Ordnance Brigade Enlisted Dining Out is Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$20 for E-6 and above, and \$15 for E-5 and below. For more information, call Shawnette Richardson or Paula Perkins 842-2902/2898.

Blood drives

Redstone Arsenal blood drives for November include: Nov. 4, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at building 5400 and building 4488. Nov. 18, from 7-12:30, at Sparkman Center. Nov. 19, from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, 8-12:30 at Army offices at 106 Wynn Drive and 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316. Nov. 23 from 7-12:30 at SMDC in building 5220 and Nov. 24 from 7-12:30 at building 7613.

Veterans Day prayer

The Church of the Nativity, 208 Eustis Ave. southeast, will hold a day of prayer for all members of the military and their families Nov. 11. Its labyrinth will be open for a sacred prayer walk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "If you are unfamiliar with this ancient non-denominational prayer form, members of Nativity will be happy to assist you," a prepared release said. "Please join us as we pray for peace in our world and for members of the military and their families." For more information, call the church 533-2455.

Contract managers

National Contract Management Association will hold a seminar on "The Capture Management Life-Cycle: Winning More Business" from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at Holiday Inn, Research Park. Cost is \$190. For information call Lee Ann Hunt 890-8040.

Youth classes

SKIES Unlimited is a program for children of military and Department of Defense personnel, including contractors. The program includes Tennis Lessons, Kindermusik, Dancing and Drumming, Kindernastics, Cheernastics, Tumbling, "Mommy and Me" and Taekwondo. Parents can register their children for these classes at Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. For more information, call 313-3701.

Breast cancer screening

Breast Cancer Screening Day, for military beneficiaries (ID card holders), is today from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fox Army Health Center surgery clinic. No appointment needed; just walk in. Breast examinations will be done and appointments for a mammogram will be given as needed. Other health care screenings will be offered the same day. For more information call 955-8888, ext.1037.

Florida Tech registration

Florida Institute of Technology Graduate Center will begin registration for the spring 2005 semester at 9 a.m. Nov. 9 in building 5304, room 4326. For more information, call the administration office 881-7878.

SHORAD dining out

Short Range Air Defense project manager Col. Richard De Fatta would like to invite all former SHORAD employees to attend

the annual SHORAD Dining Out, Nov. 19 at the Officers and Civilians Club. "This is a great opportunity to see old friends, catch up on what's going on, and enjoy a fine dinner," a prepared release said. "Several former project managers have already agreed to attend, so please join us for a fun night." Cost is \$34 per person. For more information, call Maj. Jason Shepard 313-3171 or Bonnie Coleman 876-4927.

Haunted hayride

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring discounted tickets for Wilson's Farm Haunted Hayride in Union Grove. The Farm is presently open Wednesday and Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday after 2 p.m. It will be open every night Halloween week. They offer tractor pulled Hay Rides around the farm and woods with haunted surroundings and surprises. There is also a barrel cart ride. A hay bale maze and scarecrow maze is set up for smaller kids. Pumpkins are plentiful as well. There is a concession stand with cold drinks, popcorn, nachos, candy and hot chocolate for those brisk cool nights. Special CWFC discounted rates for Redstone Arsenal employees and their families are \$4 per person for ages 11 and under, \$5 per person for ages 12 and up. To get your CWFC discount, you must bring this Redstone Rocket announcement with you and show it to the ticket person at Wilson's Farm. To schedule special group appointments, call (256) 931-6768 and leave a message. Be sure to mention that you are a Redstone Arsenal employee. Visit the Wil-

son's Farm website at www.wilsonsfarm.com or e-mail Wilsons-farm@otelco.net for driving directions.

Kirk Franklin concert

Redstone Arsenal MWR and Army Entertainment present Kirk Franklin and Yolanda Adams' Hopeville Tour at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall on Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The multi-Grammy and Dove award-winning Gospo-Centric Records recording artist and songwriter Franklin is known for gospel hits such as "Stomp," "He Reigns," "Lean on Me," and "Hosanna." Tickets are on sale at all TicketMaster locations or by calling 800-277-1700. For everyone working or living on Redstone Arsenal, tickets are also available at the ITR Recreation Center, building 3711 on Patton Road. Ticket prices include \$30 for Gold Circle seating, \$27.50 for Main Floor seating, and \$25 for Balcony/Loge seating. Tickets can be purchased in blocks of 50 for a group-discount rate of \$2 off face value per ticket (only at the ITR Center on Redstone Arsenal). For more information and/or group ticket sales, call 876-4531.

West Point recruiting

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch qualified company grade officers and noncommissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class. NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience and 12-15 years

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Photo by Erika Readus

Dunk 'em

Bill Andrews of Integrated Materiel Management Center takes his turn in Thursday's fund-raiser at the Sparkman Center to support the annual Combined Federal Campaign. Post Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn also took a turn to benefit CFC.

