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# Honoring valiant local veterans

Military Hall of Heroes adding eight names

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Extraordinary people do extraordinary things under trying circumstances, especially for their country. Such is the case of the current and former local residents whose names appear in a place of honor at Madison County Courthouse.

Each year for Veterans Day, individuals recognized for valor are enshrined in the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes. Eight people will be inducted into the hall in an invitation-only Veterans Dinner tonight at the Von Braun Center North Hall.

"We need heroes. They inspire us and motivate us to serve. Their deeds bring honor on all veterans and on all Americans," Mike Beard, veterans service officer for Madison County for the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, said. "This memorial serves to inspire, motivate and educate visitors as well as honoring those veterans who are listed here."

This year's inductees include Philip Bacon, Stephen Hebert, Wyland Hopkins, Larry G. McDonald, Martha A. Garson Michel, Richard Snow Jr., Stanley Souvenir and Joe Tibbs.

Hebert, 55, a native of Esperance, N.Y., served in the Army 1968-70. He received the Bronze Star for his service as an infantryman in Vietnam where he spent a year from the end of 1968 to 1969. A tractor-trailer driver for Waste Corporation of Alabama, he plans to attend tonight's dinner with his wife, Nancy, and their daughter, Mary Jane, 20, a junior at Auburn University.

"For my family I'm pretty well excited about it, for my daughter's part, you know," Hebert said modestly. "What I did was just something that had to be done. At the time, I wasn't thinking of anything like that."

The Hall of Heroes, established in 1975 and sponsored by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission, recognizes veterans cited for valor in military action. The Medal of Honor tops the 16 types of valor medals; and there are more than 400 names listed.

"It's important from an historical standpoint and educational standpoint for the students of history who follow wars and conflicts," Steve Ray, first vice president of the Madison County



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**COURTHOUSE SHRINE—** The Hall of Heroes "serves to inspire, motivate and educate visitors as well as honoring those veterans who are listed here," veterans service officer Mike Beard says.

Military Heritage Commission, said. "And it's recognition of our local citizenry for the heroic actions that they performed in battle."

Each medal has its list of recipients from Madison County. The three Medal of Honor winners include Pvt. Richard Taylor, who was born in 1833 in Madison County but moved to Indiana after 1850 and fought for the U.S. Army in the Civil

War; Lt. Cecil Bolton and Staff Sgt. Paul Bolden, both of whom served in the Army during World War II.

Retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, director of Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company of Huntsville, and Ed Banville are

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## First woman among Class of 2004 inductees

Martha A. Garson Michel served in World War II

Here are this year's eight inductees into the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes and their biographies. Martha A. Garson Michel is the first woman to be inducted into the shrine which began in 1975.

### Philip Bacon

Philip Bacon, recipient of the Silver Star Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross, entered military service from London, Ohio. He retired as a colonel from the Air Force having served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He received the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action on Jan. 2, 1945 while leading a formation of P-47 aircraft in conjunction with an air-

ground operation. While leading his flight through a withering barrage of anti-aircraft fire, his flight destroyed or damaged enemy railroad assets and several enemy aircraft.

Bacon received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic achievement on July 29, 1944 while assigned to the 371st Fighter Group when he personally led a flight of P-47 aircraft against German motor convoys in the vicinity of Percy, France. This action led to the destruction of more than 80 hostile armored vehicles. Bacon is a resident of Huntsville.

### Wyland Hopkins

Wyland Hopkins, recipient of the Silver Star Medal and Bronze Star Medal "V," is a retired Army lieutenant colonel having served 22 years

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## Letters to the Editor

### Feeling broke at Oktoberfest

I thought that an evening out with the family would be a lot of fun. The Arsenal was hosting the Oktoberfest. Having spent 12 years in Germany, and enjoying countless bierfests over the years, I thought this would be "just the ticket." But I was shocked back to reality when I was hit with a \$10 charge, just to walk through the gate! I have a family of four. Holy cow! I'm \$40 in the hole, and we haven't done anything but walk through the gate! Okay, I need a beer. What?! Twelve dollars for the glass? And seven more to fill it up? I'm almost \$60 down, and we haven't eaten anything, my kids haven't ridden a single ride and the whole family is still thirsty (except me, with my \$19 beer)!

Something has got to change. I don't care if this post is crawling with well paid rocket scientists, it is still a military post, and Soldiers don't make enough money for this kind of robbery. And that's exactly what it was, robbery! In all my years in Europe I never paid a cent just to walk in the bierfest gate! The organizers of this event are really sticking it to the Soldiers. Most people I have spoken to say they didn't go because they couldn't afford to.

I have two suggestions: Next year make the fest affordable to the Soldiers and their families; or cancel the fest. It's not worth the price!

Someone, somewhere, is forgetting to take care of the Soldiers.

**Shane Muse**  
Army retired

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thanks for the opportunity to respond to this reader and to answer his question about Festival pricing. In fact, it's very similar in context to some we get each year who question the entry price — that is until we explain what a great overall value our Oktoberfest really is!"*

*"Despite Hurricane Ivan's unwelcome visit this year, the ninth annual Oktoberfest was a great success, thanks to this customer and well over 11,000 others who attended the Fest over the abbreviated three-day schedule (Sept. 17-19). As a result of the event, the Redstone MWR Fund put almost \$10,000 directly into Soldiers and Marines Unit Funds and*

*Redstone Arsenal private organization coffers, and at the same time generated some non-appropriated dollars for MWR activities and future reinvestment into our great military community. Some of the organizations supported were clubs like the Thrift Shop, Enlisted Spouses Club, the Teen Club, and the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. The majority of these organizations' participants are Soldier spouses and children, so one could say the Fest actually supported Soldiers there once again, though indirectly.*

*"First of all, while our Oktoberfest has an entry fee, it can hardly be said that the mere \$10 'covers nothing.' Quite to the contrary, the Oktoberfest gate fee covers riding all carnival rides all day at no additional cost, parking (normally \$5 minimum for any event out in town), plus a \$22,000 'Fest Halle and entertainment package featuring Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express (\$10K for The Express, and \$12K for the tents). Our research into similar regional county or state fairs this year indicates that their 'ride-all-the-ride days,' traditionally known as wristband days, are priced in the \$12 to \$15 range — and these are typically for a limited 5 to 6 hour period of time, and not all day like at our carnival. Many of our patrons also remarked at how happy they were we spent the extra money to host such incredibly professional musicians and entertainers like Terry's renowned band. In addition, \$2-off admission price coupons were in every Huntsville Times Oktoberfest advertisement for weeks before the event.*

*"Overall customer input on our German bier selections and food was phenomenal this year, as usual. However, we must clarify the misinformation stated in the patron's letter to the editor. First of all, admission is indeed charged at many fest celebrations in Germany, as well as virtually all regional or municipal fairs here in the states. Secondly, on the subject of beer prices: the one-liter authentic German stein, a great deal at \$12, came with a free fill-up with purchase of the glass. After that, refills of the same one-liter glass were only \$7, or only \$3.50 per half-liter of German beverage. (A half liter equates to approximately 17 American ounces — quite a tall-boy of fine imported suds!) So we can only surmise that our concerned friend and patron*

### Announcing association's appreciation

We would like to take a moment of your time to say thank you for publishing our picnic announcement for our picnic we held at the Sparkman Civic Center here in Hartselle on Oct. 23.

Our picnic was a success, due in part to your newspaper announcement in the

Redstone Rocket "Announcements."

We the members of the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 278 appreciate very much the time and effort you and your staff put into this.

**Gene Aittala**  
Hartselle

### Looking over the shoulder

Since it is apparent that the "jersey barriers" are going to remain in place for an indefinite period of time, isn't there something that can be done to the road shoulder, so that personnel entering in the right lane at Gate 3 are not directed into the "off-road" mode of travel? The road shoulder could easily be repaired so that vehicles are not required to go "off-road."

**Jim Ferris**  
HDS instructor

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Directorate*

*actually consumed two full liters of bier for only \$19 and went home with an authentic souvenir dimpled German stein to boot. At this year's Big Spring Jam, \$19 would have not been enough to purchase one and a half liters of American beer — served in a plastic cup, with no nice take-home memento mug. It should also be noted that our valued patron could have also purchased the one-half liter imported German beverage in a plastic cup for only \$4 if they didn't want the stein. The downtown Huntsville event that followed one week after Oktoberfest charged parking, \$20 per adult admission, and the beverages were definitely more expensive per ounce served — reportedly \$5 for a 14 ounce cup of domestic brew.*

*"The bottom line though is indeed Soldiers. They and our treasured Marines are truly our main concern here at Redstone Arsenal. On paper, the amount of active-duty troops we support on the Arsenal belies our installation's actual size. And our Redstone MWR places an average of \$28 per Soldier per year into Soldier and Marine Unit Funds, as compared to an average of only \$3 per Sol-*

*of Emergency Services appreciates your interest and concern. Numerous surveys have been conducted on the traffic at Gate 3 in an attempt to maximize the flow for those employees entering Redstone Arsenal. Those surveys show that we have too much traffic to go to one lane, but road width does not easily lend itself to the two lanes of serpentine that are in place. Recognizing that we need to use the gravel area for the two lane serpentine, the Directorate of Public Works has recently paved that area. We will continue to improve traffic flow as money becomes available."*

*dier at most other Army installations. This high a unit fund distribution is possible because of events like Oktoberfest, the Army Concert Tour, and the Kirk Franklin Concert coming to the Von Braun Center on Nov. 10 — not to mention an extremely generous MWR director and management staff! Soldiers and their cadre use these Soldier Unit Funds for morale support events and other purchases, spending the money on Unit Organizational Days, picnics, trips to Six Flags Over Georgia, white water rafting on the Ocoee River, dinners and much, much more. Soldiers know that without the patronage of MWR events and programs by the entire Redstone community, Soldiers, families, retirees, civilians and yes, even rocket scientists, this amount of support simply would not be possible.*

*"Again, thanks for the opportunity to provide a response to the community and explain what a great deal the festival truly is. We sincerely value and respect all our customers' opinions and we will continue working hard to keep Oktoberfest the Best 'Fest West of Germany!'"*

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# An open lane random survey

What does Veterans Day mean to you?

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Sgt. Michael Hank  
Headquarters & Alpha Company



"It's a chance for those in a military career to reflect on what they have done and for those who are no longer with us to be around. It's up to the Soldiers to honor those who have come before, especially now with what is going on. They are the ones who made the sacrifices."

Spc. Gregory Hotujuc  
Headquarters & Alpha Company

"Remembering the generations that came before and paid the ultimate sacrifice for us. They were tougher than we are now-days."



Leslie Bloxham  
retiree spouse  
"When my husband was deployed in 1990, I felt in my heart that I fully understood the veterans then. I came under heat in my community for not bringing my flag in at night. To this day I keep my flag flying 24 hours a day, whether there's a light on it or not. As long as American Soldiers are sleeping under the stars overseas, who can't come in and can't be covered and don't have lights on them, my flag will fly. Veterans Day is every day. It's a state of mind and a feeling in your heart."

Sam Scherr  
contractor

"It's time to remember the Soldiers of the past who did their duty for their country and the ones who are out there doing theirs right now."



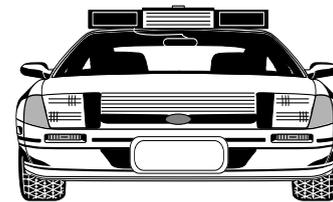
# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Oct. 31:** An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items, concealing them and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Nov. 3:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. The individual was issued a violation notice and released.

**Nov. 4:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and in possession of marijuana during an inspection at Gate 10. The individual was issued two violation notices and detained until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.



Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 24 speeding, 1 driving with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 driving under the influence, 1 open container (alcohol), 2 parked in a handicapped space, 1 parked in a no parking zone, 1 failure to obey traffic control device and 1 failure to obey officer.

## Quote of the week

'As I grow older I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.'  
— Andrew Carnegie

# Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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**Name:** Col. Bob English

**Job:** Chief of staff, Aviation and Missile Command

**Where do you call home?**  
Clarendon, Ark.

**What do you like about your job?**  
The opportunity to work with people across the command and get involved in just about everything that goes on around here.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Golf, computers, read. And that's enough. I don't have any spare time (laugh).



**What are your goals?**  
Finish out a 30-year career here at Redstone. And find a job in Huntsville that gives me some spare time (laugh).

# Veterans parade through downtown on their annual day

Community recognizes those who sacrificed

By KELLEY LANE  
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Veterans Day began as a way to celebrate the end of World War I, with the date of its official end used. As time went on it became a day of remembrance and celebration of those who put their lives on the line for the causes of freedom. Thursday marks another Veterans Day and Redstone is prepared for celebration and reflection.

The focus of the day's activities will be the annual parade in downtown Huntsville, beginning at 11 a.m., with a

program beforehand in front of the Von Braun Center.

More than 1,000 Soldiers will participate in the parade which will proceed from the Clinton Avenue Post Office past Veterans Memorial Park, then south on Washington Street before ending on Lowe Avenue. Military equipment will also be interspersed with local marching bands, floats and other such parade standards. The lineup and flow of the parade will be supervised by the Warrant Officers Association.

The theme for this year's event is "Blue Star Banner Pride" referencing the banners historically displayed by those with a deployed family member. The tradition has seen a revival, with businesses

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## Foot-stomping gospel concert takes stage

Kirk Franklin arrives for tonight's show

Redstone Arsenal MWR and Army Entertainment will present Kirk Franklin and Yolanda Adams' Hopeville Tour at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall tonight at 7:30.

The multi-Grammy and Dove award-winning Gospo-Centric Records recording artist and songwriter Kirk Franklin is in town for one night for a show the St. Louis American newspaper writes is, "an uplifting experience for those who enjoy foot-stomping, hand-clapping, soul shaking gospel music with an 'urban contemporary' groove."

Based upon many requests from patrons in the Redstone community, Army Entertainment decided to see if a show featuring Franklin and Adams' music would be a hit in this market. Franklin is known for gospel hits such as "Stomp," "He Reigns," "Lean on Me" and "Hosanna." His latest CD release, "The

Rebirth of Kirk Franklin," garnered five 2003 Stellar Award nominations and peaked at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart.

On the 2004 Hopeville Tour, Franklin shares the stage with fellow gospel music luminary Yolanda Adams. Adams is known for "Never Give Up," "The Battle is the Lord's" and "I Gotta Believe."

"Adams' impressive musical range and undeniable charisma helped liberate gospel music's more formal, traditional image," a prepared release said.

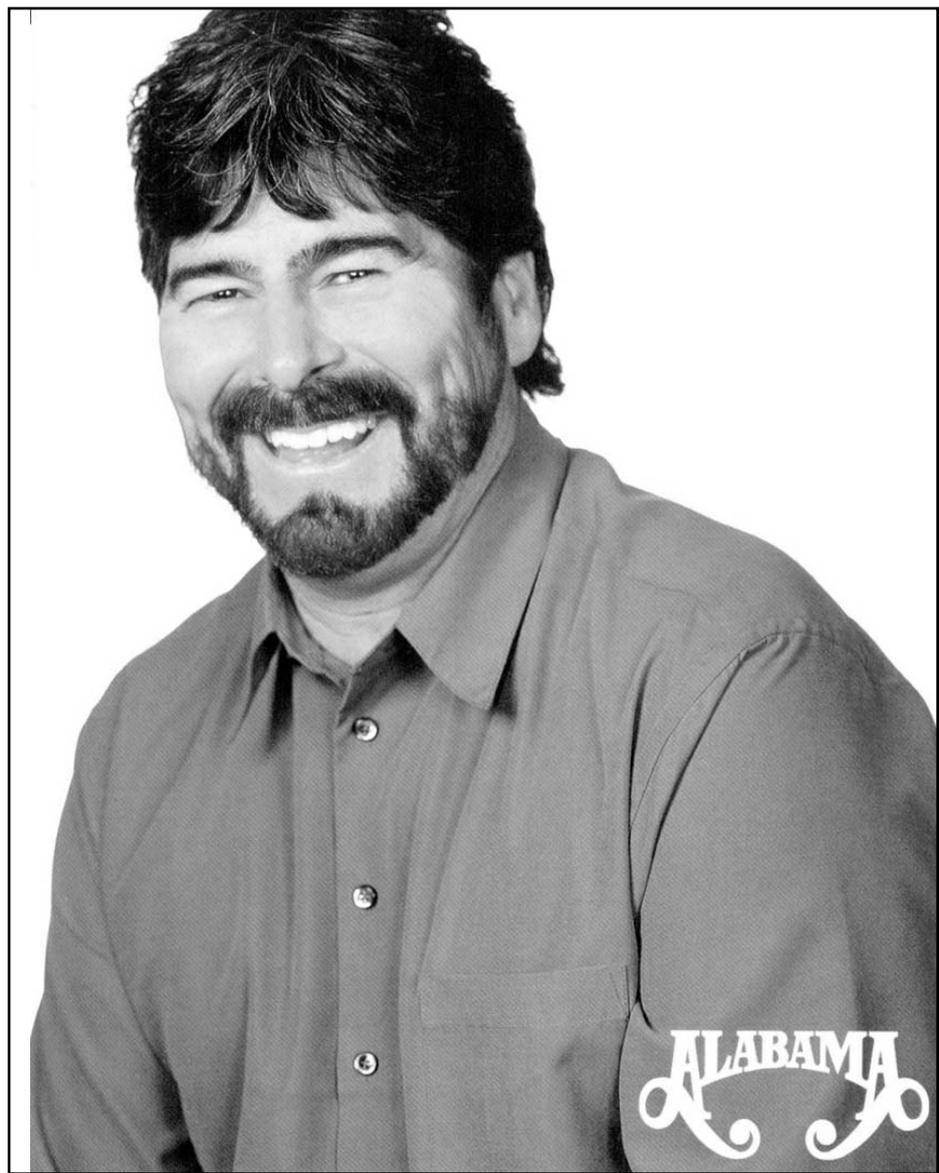
"Franklin's groundbreaking style and sound has led a revolution among gospel artists, with 'Lean On Me' garnering a Grammy nomination for Song of the Year, an unprecedented honor for a gospel artist," the release said. He is selling out venues across the country with his Hopeville Tour.

Tickets are still available at the VBC ticket window. Ticket prices are \$30 for gold circle seating, \$27.50 for main floor seating, and \$25 for balcony/loge. For more information, call 876-4531.



Courtesy photo

GRAMMY WINNER— Kirk Franklin brings the Hopeville Tour to town tonight at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.



Courtesy photo

GRAND MARSHAL— Randy Owen, lead singer for the group Alabama, is grand marshal of the Veterans Day parade Thursday in Huntsville.

## Hall of Heroes inducts new members each year

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co-chairmen for the Veterans Day activities which include tonight's dinner sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7. Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, is an honored guest for the evening along with Randy Owen, lead singer of the group Alabama. "The inductees will be there and their family members," Beaird said.

"The hall of course is a shrine in the Madison County Courthouse," Banville, emergency operations center manager for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, said. "It is a symbol of the pride, patriotism and heroism of Madison County's veterans. It's a depiction of the sacrifice of their injuries and yet a symbol of pride for the citizens of Madison County."

Criteria requirements for induction into the Hall of Heroes include the following:

- Medal of Honor: The individual named must have entered service from

Madison County. The individual need not be a native of Madison County.

- Other valor decorations: The individual named need not be a native of Madison County; however, he or she must have been a resident of Madison County for three years before being considered. The individual may or may not have entered service from Madison County.

Applications are available at the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs Office at 115-B Washington St., telephone 532-1662; and can be downloaded on the web at [www.mcmhc.org/requirements.htm](http://www.mcmhc.org/requirements.htm). They should be returned by Sept. 30 to qualify for the Nov. 11, Veterans Day, induction in the current year.

Information required for verification includes copies of the following: discharge (DD 214 or equivalent), orders or citation for each award to be considered and other official documents that support the award. Only recipients of a valor award are eligible for induction.

The hall's significance is "to recognize those Soldiers from Madison County who served in combat or not in combat and were recognized for their valor," Beaird said.

# MEDDAC Soldiers prepare to deploy



Photo by Lira Frye

**SHARP SKILLS—** Combat medics train to respond quickly to medical emergencies. Here, Spc. Eric Moorman, MEDDAC, begins an IV on Spc. Denise Jackson.

*Troops leave shortly for overseas duty*

By **LIRA FRYE**  
*For the Rocket*

They've coined a phrase over at Medical Department Activity: There are three types of Soldiers in today's Army, those going, those preparing to go, or those returning. About a dozen Soldiers from MEDDAC fall into the preparing to go category and are scheduled to deploy soon to a combat support hospital supporting operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For Spc. Eric Moorman, who's been in the Army just over a year, his first deployment is a chance to use the combat medic skills he learned during his advanced individual training.

"When I joined, that's what I thought I would be doing," he said, but while at Fox Army Health Center his main duties included screening family members and retirees prior to their doctor visits. He only worked with Soldiers during morning sick call.

"I love it here, but want a change," Moorman said. "I want to get my hands

dirty and do what I signed up to do."

Although he's ready, Moorman said he's taking one day at a time as he prepares to deploy. "I have kind of mixed emotions," he said. "I don't really know how to feel."

Moorman's support comes from Soldiers deploying with him as well as from returning troops.

"Our noncommissioned officer in charge has been very helpful," Moorman said. "He was over there one year, and we've all talked with him a lot. He's told us what to expect and what we would see. He's also told us how he reacted and handled situations. That's helped a lot."

Deploying along with Moorman, Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Davis acts as the activity's first sergeant. As well as preparing himself and his family for his first deployment, Davis also has the added responsibility of making sure the troops are ready. While at Fox, he trained, maintained discipline and monitored the morale of the enlisted Soldiers.

Preparing to deploy takes more than just training and organizing military

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## ■ Redstone medics going to war zone

# Medics

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equipment. It also involves getting personal affairs in order. For instance, Soldiers have to make certain they have updated wills, powers of attorney and allotments to pay bills. They also have to address their families' needs.

"We had enough notice to get everything squared away," Davis said. "We've made sure all our Soldiers are fully prepared and fully ready to deploy."

Once he joins the combat support hospital, Davis, a licensed practical nurse with 15 years in the Army, becomes responsible for a ward.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve the nation in a time of war," Davis

said. "By not being there, you feel like you're missing something. It's my time to go, and I'm glad for the opportunity."

An opportunity Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins, the unit's senior medical non-commissioned officer, will also experience. A veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Thomas has 17 years in the Army.

"I feel an obligation to go," Perkins, also a licensed practical nurse, said. "I have two children, and I can't think of a job in the civilian world that would make sure of my family's needs. The Army says this is where you need to go, and that's where I go."

While all three Soldiers expressed concerns about convoy safety and the risks associated with a combat area, all three agree that they and their fellow Soldiers are well trained and prepared to meet the



Photo by Lira Frye

**EXPERIENCED— With more than 32 of years of combined experience, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Davis say they both feel fully prepared and ready to deploy.**

## ■ Parade among events honoring America's veterans

# Parade

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and organizations taking up the banners to show support for troops and their families.

"We've produced decals and presented nearly 1,000 banners to immediate family members from Madison County," said Bill Meiers, commander of the City of Madison American Legion Post 229. "We've produced a blue star flag and have asked companies, corporations, government and others to fly it as a show of support of American deployed military. So far, over 200 businesses and other agencies in Madison County are participating."

A special canopy will be erected in Veterans Memorial Park so that local veterans attending may watch the parade from a covered area. Awards will also be given for the best float, Junior ROTC and marching band. They will be presented by the Association of the United States Army, Army Space and Missile Defense Association and the National Defense Industrial Association.

Randy Owen, lead singer for the group Alabama, has been named parade grand marshal in recognition of his continued support for veterans and community service projects.

"Randy donated his time and amazing vocal talent here in Huntsville in 2000 when Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney's remains were discovered after 25 years in Laos and his remains were returned to North Alabama for burial," Ed Banville, Veterans Day committee co-chairman, said. "He has continually performed actions for veterans. Randy has taken lead to help the St. Jude's Hospital Children's Charity and has raised over \$60,000,000 himself in that great cause

which affects many Americans, including veterans and military families."

Owen will ride in the parade with several guests, including his father, a former platoon leader during the Vietnam conflict. World War II veteran retired Maj. Gen. Howard Garrison, former commander of the renowned Merrill's Marauders and 42nd Infantry Rainbow division, will also be present on the float. Other members of the Rainbow division have also been invited to join them.

Included among the parade floats will be special honorees, such as Redstone's Drill Sergeant of the year, Grant Scott. Scott and others will be honored at an invitation only dinner to be held tonight at the Von Braun Center. Other honorees include Owen and eight local citizens who will be inducted into the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes. Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by Mitchell Brown, vocalist Sheena Robinson, the Huntsville Concert band and the Audio Radiance Quartet. Honorees will also be presented with a small gift in recognition of their achievements by the Association of the United States Army, which sponsors the event.

Redstone is happy to support the activities of the day, with key agencies lending a hand in the preparation and execution, Banville said.

"It's the biggest thing the Army does with the community year round," he said. "This is a combination between Redstone, Marshall Space Flight Center, the city of Madison, the city of Huntsville and Madison County. All these people are working together to make this happen."

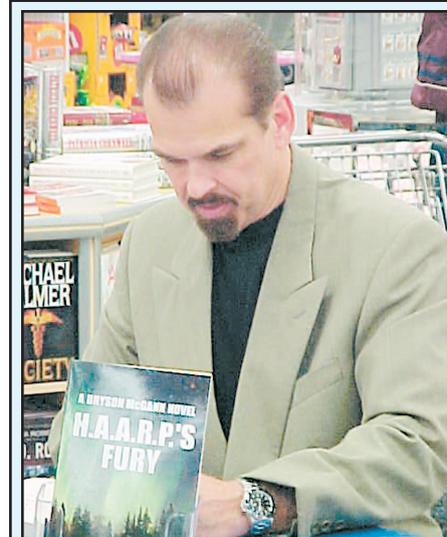
In addition to local government agencies and veterans groups, Redstone is providing direct assistance for the day.

Soldiers and rolling displays are being donated to the event through a joint effort between the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the Garrison. Coordination of the event has been handled by the 59th Ordnance Brigade S-3 office.

"We're providing the logistical support and making sure the post, AUSA, and the Huntsville/Madison County veterans associations are working together to make sure the parade is a success," Sgt. 1st Class Steven Cantrell said. "This isn't one person's parade or show, the whole community comes together. Everyone does their part. It's going to be great."

situations they'll face. They also said it's easier to go knowing their families live in an area that supports the Soldiers' efforts.

"The Huntsville community is the most supportive community I've lived in during my 17-year career with the military," Perkins said. "I can't think of a better place to leave my spouse than here."



Courtesy photo

## Book signing

**William Beck, author of "H.A.A.R.P.'S FURY," signs his book Oct. 30 at the Post Exchange. Many turned out to meet the author of the Bryce McCann novels. Customers and employees alike look forward to his new book as well as a return visit soon.**

## Griffin becomes commander of higher headquarters

### Army Materiel Command under new leadership

WASHINGTON — Gen. Benjamin Griffin is taking command of the Army Materiel Command after serving in the Pentagon as the Army deputy chief of staff, G-8, from November 2001 to last month.

Griffin began his career when he was commissioned as an infantry officer in July 1970 following graduation from Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Ga. He served two tours at Fort Bragg, N.C., holding several positions in the 82nd Airborne Division from platoon leader to company commander to operations officer at battalion and division levels.

Griffin's overseas assignments include a tour in Korea as a company commander and brigade S-2 in the 2nd Infantry Division. He served two tours in Germany in the 8th Infantry Division as secretary of

the general staff and mechanized infantry battalion executive officer in the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 87th Infantry. He was also commander of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment.

His later assignments include: special assistant to the chief of staff of the Army in Washington, D.C., and commander of the 2nd Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Light) in Alaska. In August 1994, he served as executive officer to the commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Following his assignment in Georgia, Griffin took command of Joint Task Force 6, Fort Bliss, Texas. He then served as the assistant division commander (support), 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas.

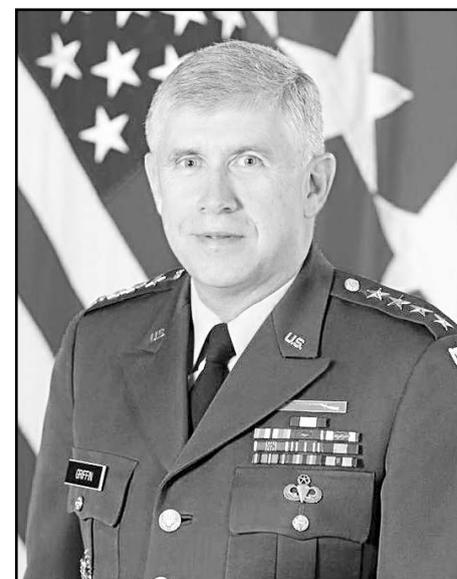
In July 1997, he became the director of force programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in Washington, D.C. Griffin returned to Fort Hood from June 1999 to October 2001 to command the 4th Infantry Division.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with three oak leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Expert Infantry Badge, and the Army General Staff Badge.

He received a bachelor's degree in business management from Old Dominion University in 1969 and a master's degree in business administration from Mercer University in 1981.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University.

Griffin and his wife, Noel, have three children, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Jason.



Courtesy photo

Gen. Benjamin Griffin



Photo by Erika Readus

### Doing the dirty work

Construction workers dig in during the ongoing bridge project on Martin Road. They ask that drivers slow down through the construction site.

## Reserve logistics battalion changes affiliation

### Re-flagging ceremony part of reorganization

A Reserve unit at Redstone is performing its logistics mission under a new banner.

The former 3rd Battalion, 399th Regiment became the 4th Battalion, 321st Regiment in a re-flagging ceremony Oct. 13 at building 3334 on Wells Road. This was part of a larger reorganization of the Reserves in the Southeast.

"On Oct. 1 our battalion and other Reserve units left the 100th Division, with headquarters in Louisville, Ky., and joined the 108th Division, with headquarters in Charlotte, N.C.," Lt. Col. Joseph Creekmore, battalion commander, said. "Our unit is a logistics battalion and will provide all the division's heavy wheel transportation and maintenance and other supply management needs.

"I have 184 citizen Soldiers from four states that drill in five line companies located in Florida, South Carolina and Alabama. My headquarters company is located right here on Redstone Arsenal, where we enjoy great support from the garrison command and AMCOM."



Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

**NEW COLORS—** Lt. Col. Joseph Creekmore, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Peirce participate in the re-flagging ceremony for 4th Battalion, 321st Regiment.

As a civilian, Creekmore is an Apache helicopter system safety engineer in the Aviation and Missile Command's Safety Office.

# Association of U.S. Army's best chapter lives here

## *Huntsville-Redstone group garners 20 honors for year*

This has been a banner year for the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

For the first time in its 46-year history, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has won the AUSA's Best Chapter Award. Gordon Sullivan, former chief of staff of the Army and AUSA president, presented the 2004 honor at the association's annual meeting Oct. 25 at the Washington Convention Center.

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter earned 20 awards and streamers for the 2003-04 operation year.

"It's a testimony to our community's support to the Army," chapter president Joe Fitzgerald said. "Redstone-Huntsville Chapter could not have done it without the support of our community and our Redstone Army leadership."

The best-chapter banner was hanging on a wall during a chapter reception Nov. 3 at the Heritage Club. "All the stakeholders or partners in our chapter signed it," Fitzgerald said.

The chapter has grown in recent years to 223 corporate members and more than 2,300 individual members, according to vice president for membership Zig Roebuck. "We had 80 companies three years ago," he said.

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter won the following awards this year: Chapter of Excellence, President's Club- Gold, Special Award (Two) for Armed Forces Week Activities and for Veterans Day Activities, Star Chapter, Superior Chapter, Merit Chapter, Greatest Government Civilian Employee Membership, Greatest Percent-

age Increase in Corporate Membership, Best Corporate Member Support, Best Chapter Newsletter, Best Chapter Web site, Chapter of Excellence in Corporate Member Growth, Family Programs, Take the Hill, Electronic Chapter, Institute of Land Warfare Streamer, Army Birthday Celebration, Lewis & Clark 200th Anniversary and Korean 50th Anniversary.

These awards and streamers were presented at ceremonies, luncheons and dinners during the 2004 annual meeting attended by about 50,000 people Oct. 25-27 in the Washington Convention Center.

# Scholarships on commissary shelves for 2005

## *Program for military children enters fifth anniversary year*

### DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY RELEASE

The fifth year of Scholarships for Military Children is open for business. Administered by Fisher House Foundation and funded by the manufacturers and industry supporting commissaries, the program has awarded over \$3 million through nearly 2,000 scholarships to the sons and daughters of active duty servicemembers, Guard and Reserve members, and military retirees.

Applications for the 2005 program are

available at the Redstone Arsenal Commissary, according to store director Sandra Edinger. Applications are also available online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> and a link to the program will be on <http://www.commissaries.com>, the DeCA web site. Eligibility and other detailed information is also available at the program web site. Applications, which must include an essay on how the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted the student's life, are due back at the commissary by close of business Feb. 16, 2005. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

"Last year we had four outstanding

winners," Edinger said.

"The Scholarships for Military Children program has become a major community event for commissaries since its inception five years ago," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency. "The program awarded 500 scholarships in 2004 and ceremonies were held in commissaries worldwide in honor of these outstanding students. The industry members who support this program should be proud – and we hope the fifth anniversary year will be the best yet!"

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty

personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall term of 2005, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The scholarship program can also accept public donations at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

# Post draws line for official use of government computers

*Do the right thing  
by following rules*

DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
RELEASE

Understanding the appropriate use of government computers becomes more critical each year because of the nature of government work, the continued widespread use of computers in the workplace, and the amount of malicious activity directed against government computers.

The Department of Defense Regulation 5500.7-R (Ethics), Chapter 2, Section 3, paragraphs 2-301 through 2-303, gives general guidelines on what is allowed and not allowed on government computers.

The regulation also covers government-owned telephones, facsimile machines, electronic mail, Internet systems and commercial systems. The regulation states that these government systems are for official use and authorized purposes only when the systems are paid for by the federal government.

## Local policy

Redstone Policy "Personal Use of Federal Communications Resources" (Number 25-8), reiterates the guidelines defined in the DoD Regulation. Redstone Policy "Internet Use" (Number 25-9) gives more specific guidance on the use of computers. Each of these documents provides users



with a good baseline in determining what they are allowed and not allowed to do.

In short, the purpose of Redstone government-owned computers is to accomplish official business; but some personal uses are allowed as long as guidelines are followed. The guidelines include:

- Do not overburden the communication system (such as may be the case with broadcasts and group mailings).
- Limit periods of personal use of systems to a reasonable duration and frequency, and whenever possible, restrict use to the DoD employee's personal time, such as after duty hours or during lunch periods.
- Personal use of systems must not adversely affect the performance of official duties by the DoD employee or the DoD employee's organization.

## Prohibited activities

The following activities are prohibited on government systems at all times:

- Chat. AOL/Yahoo/MSN Instant Messenger (includes running messenger in the background while the employee checks personal e-mail), ICQ, IRC, web-based chats, etc. The only authorized chat is on AKO.
- Games. Downloading games or playing games on Internet from places such as AOL/Yahoo/MSN games, any game web site, and "Fantasy" games.
- Inappropriate web sites include pornography, hate/racism and gambling.
- Personal business: conducting personal business includes maintaining personal and business web sites, bulletin boards, chat rooms, list servers, online auctions, and any other type of activity

that the employee is reimbursed for.

- Unauthorized software: downloading and installing software that has not been approved by the information assurance security officer and the installation information assurance manager. Unauthorized software includes screensavers, third party toolbars (such as Hotbar), software utilities, patches (other than from original vendor or DA/DoD web site), games and movies.

Restriction of the aforementioned activities is enforced to protect government data. Due to the functions and missions performed on Redstone Arsenal, loss of data or downtime on systems could mean loss of Soldiers' lives. If an employee engages in prohibited activities and that employee's computer is infected with a Trojan, a hacker can completely control that system. One controlled system could lead to the hacker taking over other systems. It is possible that the hacker could steal research and development data and sell it to a foreign country, which could then use that data to create countermeasures against our weapons.

Government employees are obligated to preserve and protect government assets, including government systems. Within reason, personal activities can be conducted, but common sense must be exercised. Regulations pertaining to prohibited activities are put in place for a reason — to protect American lives.

# New cafeteria serves up more space, better food

*Building 5400 facility welcomed by workers*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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That sigh of relief emanating from building 5400 probably came around breakfast or lunch time.

After 15 years and more than \$2 million, workers at Research Development and Engineering Center can finally enjoy a new cafeteria. The facility officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday.

It's a major improvement from its 1960s-era predecessor across the hall, according to RDEC workers.

"It's nice; has nice wide, good clean atmosphere, I guess you could say," Ryan McGill, an analyst in Advanced Systems Directorate, said. "The food seems better. I love Nathan's grilled cheeses. He makes a mean grilled cheese."

"I love it," Donny Fitch, facility assistant for building 5400, said. "It's a nice facility, state-of-the-art. Everything should be great around here now. We

shouldn't be getting any more food complaints. Finally got it done here after all these years."

"I've eaten in here. I think it's wonderful," RDEC director Dr. Bill McCorkle said.

"It's a win-win for everybody," Randy Buford, RDEC facilities manager and chief of operations, said.

The new cafeteria, originally planned in 1989, has about 8,900 square feet which is larger than its predecessor. It can accommodate more than 300 people and represented a \$2.2 million minor military construction project. Sherrick J&S, out of Nashville, began construction in July 2003 and finished last month.

The Post Restaurant Fund operates the facility which opened for business Oct. 27 with five workers. Breakfast is served from 6:45-9:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"It's larger and the equipment is brand new so that makes a difference as far as repairs," cafeteria manager Molly Ponder said. "It's just better. The other one, the kitchen was so small only two people could work back there at one time. This one, we've got a lot of space."



Photo by Skip Vaughn  
**HAPPY CUSTOMER—** Dr. Bill McCorkle, director of Research Development and Engineering Center, applauds the new cafeteria at RDEC headquarters building.

# Inductees

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on active duty. He received the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action while serving with the Americal Division in the Republic of Vietnam. While serving as company commander on March 11, 1969 his unit's position came under heavy enemy assault. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he crawled through the hostile fire to retrieve a radio from a Soldier who was mortally wounded. During this effort, he was severely wounded. Despite his wounds, he exposed himself for three hours to the hostile fire in order to direct supporting fire against the enemy positions. Through his timely and courageous actions, he was responsible for repelling the enemy attack.

Hopkins was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for his heroic actions on Feb. 27, 1969. On that date he left his secure bunker position, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, rushed to aid a wounded comrade. Despite hostile fire impacting all around him, he carried the wounded Soldier to an area where medical aid could be rendered. Hopkins has been a resident of Hazel Green for the past 21 years and is employed by SAIC.

## Larry G. McDonald

Larry G. McDonald, recipient of the Silver Star Medal, is an Army veteran who distinguished himself by gallantry in action on Dec. 12, 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam while assigned to the 9th Infantry

Division, 31st Infantry. While maneuvering around an enemy bunker complex, he received direct fire from less than 15 meters. Acting as if fatally wounded, he was given a chance to move to cover by his deception. Disregarding his own personal safety he charged the bunker hurling grenades, which eliminated all enemy soldiers. As a result of his action his element was able to eliminate several more enemy soldiers and the capture of three rifles, and an enemy regiment headquarters radio. McDonald is a native of Alabama and has resided in Huntsville since 1991.

## Joe Tibbs

Joe Tibbs, recipient of the Silver Star Medal, is an Army veteran who distinguished himself by gallantry in action on July 8, 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam while assigned to the 187th Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division. As a squad leader he spotted an enemy ambush waiting for his platoon to enter the kill zone. He quickly alerted his squad and then engaged the enemy. On two occasions he exposed himself to enemy fire to save wounded members of his squad. During one of these missions he was seriously wounded. Unable to return to his lines he lay on the battlefield and remained quiet for seven hours in fear his company would change its tactics and allow the enemy to escape. Due to his personal bravery, the enemy was completely routed. Tibbs is a Huntsville resident.

## Richard Snow Jr.

Richard Snow Jr. received the Dis-

tinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal with "V" device. While serving with the Army in Vietnam and in Laos, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster for valorous actions. He distinguished himself while participating in aerial flight. On both occasions he braved extremely intense enemy fire while entering the hostile area. He maintained his helicopter in a vulnerable position to attempt the rescue of trapped personnel on April 24, 1968; and on Feb. 8, 1971 he placed devastating fire on enemy positions during offensive operations in Laos.

On Jan. 16, 1971, while serving in Vietnam, Snow received the Air Medal with valor for heroic action while participating in aerial flight in the vicinity of an abandoned firebase. On that date he destroyed an enemy anti-aircraft site that had placed intense fire on an aerial reconnaissance team and then continued his assault on the enemy positions until the mission was complete and resulted in the destruction of an enemy bunker complex. He retired as a lieutenant colonel and is employed by Sparta Inc. Snow is a native of Pennsylvania and has been a Huntsville resident since 1986.

## Martha A. Garson Michel

Martha A. Garson Michel was awarded the Soldiers Medal while assigned to the Army Nurse Corps. On April 3, 1945 she distinguished herself by heroism and courageous action in Germany. On that date, she voluntarily risked her life to evacuate patients from a burning hospital

ward and aided in the extinguishment of the flames. She is the first woman to be inducted into the Madison County Hall of Heroes. Michel resides in the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann veterans home in Huntsville.

## Stephen Hebert

While serving with the 9th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam, Stephen Hebert was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with valor for heroic actions. On Aug. 30, 1968 he distinguished himself by valorous actions while his unit conducted a reconnaissance in force mission in Vinh Long Province. When enemy elements engaged his company with automatic weapons and rockets from concealed positions he charged forward, picking up ammunition and took over for a wounded machine gunner. Manning the machine gun, he leveled devastating volleys of fire that enabled his comrades to overrun the enemy positions. The New York native has lived in Huntsville for more than 30 years.

## Stanley Souvenir

While serving with the Army in Vietnam, retired Col. Stanley Souvenir received the Air Medal with valor for heroic actions during aerial flight on Aug. 4, 1968. On that date he was serving as pilot of a UH-1C helicopter in support of military operations in the A Shau Valley, Republic of Vietnam. While his aircraft was receiving intense enemy ground fire, he provided accurate suppressive fire against enemy positions, which enabled the assault force to land and the helicopters to depart without taking any enemy rounds. Souvenir resides in Brownsboro.

# Force protection exercise gets robotic assistance

*Emergency responders  
use new technology*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
*For the Rocket*

When it comes to the Global War on Terrorism and ever-increasing threats, Redstone Arsenal has unveiled an initiative that presents a stride forward.

During the Arsenal's fall Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection exercise, Team Redstone members simulated the release of chlorine gas near the Sparkman Center, using a camera and chemical sensor equipped PACKBOT robot for the first time in an exercise.

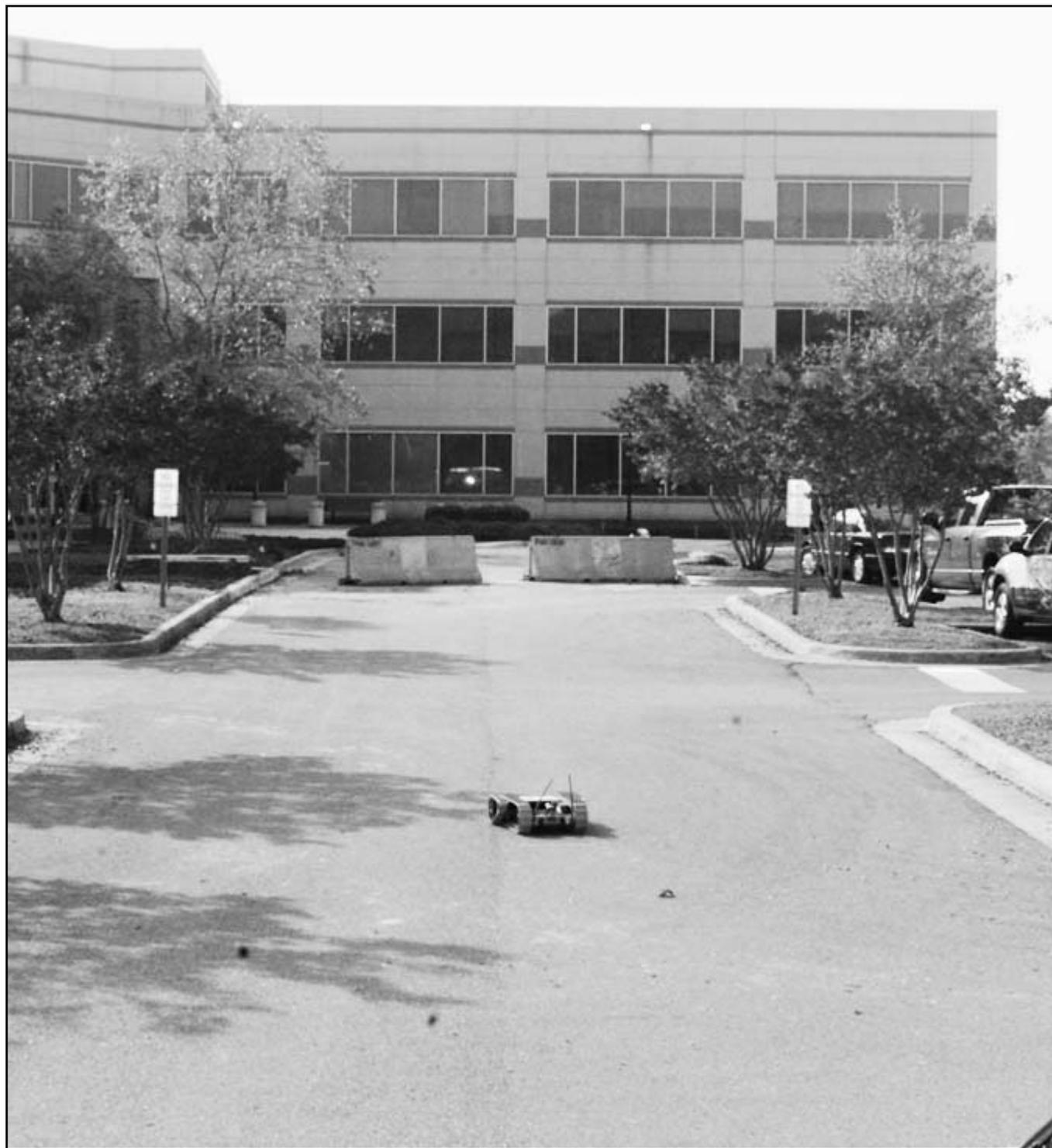
"What we're doing at Redstone today is almost exactly like what the Soldiers did in Iraq," Danny Price, Robotic Systems Joint Program Office engineer, said. "That is, in a suspected area, if it's not known whether or not chemicals are involved, sending in a robot instead of a Soldier possibly saves lives. We have been able to integrate off-the-shelf sensors with the robot rather quickly, saving taxpayer's dollars while getting the mission done."

Also integral to the exercise was the use of the Force Protection Operational Requirements Testbed. The FORT used physics-based simulations during the exercise, depicting the event scenario for Emergency Operations Center staffers. FORT's virtual reality visualization tools helped illustrate the chlorine gas plume's route so that planners could anticipate and react according to situational changes.

"Practicing through simulation allows us to conserve resources, and it gives us a chance to look at all the different technologies that are out there so that we can determine what the best one is for our use," garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin said. "Leveraging technology in response to terrorist threats is good."

Not only did the exercise test and provide training for the first responder personnel — firefighters, law enforcement, safety, environmental — but also the exercise was conducted with support from the Huntsville/Madison County Emergency Management Agency, Fox Army Health Center, Huntsville Hospital and Crestwood Medical Center.

"We can't just respond as an Army or as DoD agencies, or as NASA or as a city to a terrorist threat," Devlin said. "It's got to be an American response."



**CLEAR THE WAY—** The remote controlled PACKBOT moves toward the site of a simulated chlorine gas attack at the Sparkman Center.

Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

# Army Reserve striving to boost recruiting, retention

By GARY SHEFTICK  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army Reserve Command sent notices last week to about 400 of its full-time Soldiers transferring them to recruiting duty.

In some cases, these Active-Guard-Reserve or AGR Soldiers were ordered to report Nov. 7 to a recruiting course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"I know this is a challenge to units and the individuals involved, but this is a 'must not lose' mission," said Brig. Gen. James A. Helmly, chief of staff for the Army Reserve Command, in a note to the field about units losing their full-time support.

The recruiting mission for Army Reserve Soldiers is up from 21,000 this past year to 22,175 recruits for fiscal year 2005, and USARC officials said the Recruiting Command will need the added support to meet the objective.

Lt. Gen. James Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve and USARC commander, told Reserve Soldiers at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting Oct. 26 that the Global War on Terror requires a new way of doing business.

"Sometimes we lose the sense of energy and urgency associated with war," Helmly said, adding that all should expect "profound change" in the Army Reserve.

"We've got to learn to put some orderliness to a bumper

car track," Helmly said, "because we're not going back to a world of symmetry."

Helmly said Army Reserve Soldiers historically expected to work in secure rear areas, but said that every convoy in Iraq today is a potential combat operation.

Sixty-two Army Reserve Soldiers have

given their lives in the Global War on Terror, Helmly said. A total of 120,091 have been mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001, with 51,245 mobilized Soldiers still on active duty.

Army Reserve Soldiers must be an integral part of the joint expeditionary Army, Helmly said. In fact, he said the word "reservist" should not be used in the future.

"Calling yourself a reservist is like calling someone in the active component an 'activist,'" said Command Sgt. Maj. Michelle Jones to a group of NCOs at an earlier AUSA session the same day.

"Everything is changing," said Jones, "(We're undergoing) the biggest transformation in Army Reserve history in 50 years."

"We need more types of smaller units," Jones said, "and we need every Soldier in those units to be able to deploy."

In order to enhance the readiness of units, soon trainees will no longer become members of Army Reserve units until they are qualified in their military occupational specialty and thus able to deploy. Jones said a special account for trainees, transients, holdees and those in schools will be established, known as TTHS.

The active component has long had a

TTHS account for trainees and medical holdovers.

Until now, however, Army Reserve Soldiers attending initial-entry training have been on their unit's roster, holding down a slot, even though they were not available to be deployed.

A pilot program for TTHS is being tested by the 81st Regional Readiness Command, headquartered in Birmingham, Ala. An Army Reserve official said plans call for TTHS to be implemented across the Army Reserve next year.

The Army Reserve is working 23 initiatives to boost retention and recruiting, Helmly said. Some will need congressional approval, he added, but most would just be changes to Army policy.

One benefit just approved by Congress was enhanced Tricare medical benefits for reserve-component Soldiers and their families. The 2005 Defense Authorization Act, signed Oct. 28, makes RC families eligible for medical care up to 90 days before a deployment. Upon return, RC Soldiers are now eligible for one year of Tricare Standard coverage for each 90 days of active-duty service. RC Soldiers pay 28 percent of the cost and agree to stay in a Reserve unit while they are covered.



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Lt. Gen. James Helmly



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

## *CFC in action*

Dr. Richard Amos, foreground, deputy to the commanding general at Aviation and Missile Command, and Art Ather, director of scout observation and an Integrated Materiel Management Center loaned executive to CFC, deliver lunches to the homebound with Meals on Wheels on Oct. 22. Meals on Wheels is among the charities in the Combined Federal Campaign.

# Medics provide relief to Afghan refugees

By Staff Sgt. PHILLIP WITZKE  
Army News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan — Huddled in the ramshackle of what is left of a once prominent hillside community, children peered through the closed gates at the Soldiers as they dismounted their vehicles. Rivulets of liquid coursed down the hillside, pooling in small puddles on the road that ran along the base of the community; the smell of raw sewage assaulted the Soldiers' nostrils.

But relief would soon be on the way, as Soldiers from the Kabul Compound Medical Clinic arrived Oct. 27 to bring what relief they could to the residents of Sia Sang Kaita Now refugee camp on the outskirts of the Afghan capital.

As the medics unloaded supplies and set up a mobile clinic in a small courtyard and adjoining brick and mud dwelling, word began to spread that the Americans had come to bring medical aid to the camp. Soon, a small crowd began to gather.

Small children, parents with infants, and women lined the walls outside the courtyard, each one waiting for a chance to see a medical professional, many for the first time.

Although the medics weren't able to treat everyone within their two-hour time limit, they managed to provide services to about 85 women and children on common illnesses such as cold and flu, cuts, and aches and pains.

Bringing medical aid to these refugee families is a mission that was born out of necessity.

First, there is no medical Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Kabul area because of the variety of hospitals and free medical clinics. The closest PRT is in the Parwan Province, well north of the capital city. And secondly, the refugees are not considered part of the civilian population in the Afghan culture, which further isolated this group of nomads.

"Most of these people have never seen hospitals or doctors," said Spc. Timothy Laynor, a medic from the 25th Infantry Division (Light) assigned to Kabul Compound. "This is my eighth mission and the third refugee camp I have been in. This was a brand new camp and we could tell that they had probably never seen a medical provider. But they were very open to it. They know why the Soldiers are here: to help them. So, they would automatically just go right to us."

Laynor said the most common ailments the team saw were dysentery, ringworm, diarrhea and stomach problems, which can be associated with an unclean living environment.

To help minimize such infections, the children were taught how to wash their hands and faces, especially before eating, and posters were hung to remind adults to wash before preparing food. It is a simple solution to a bigger problem, but one that with training can help the community stay healthier.

"Education is really the key to this," said Dr. (Col.) Michael Young, the medical doctor for Kabul Compound Medical Clinic. "They can learn they need to wash their hands before they prepare food and they need to possibly boil their water until they have a safe water source."

Another preventive measure is to immunize the children against parasites and provide the children and women with vitamins and iron. It is a small measure to help the nutritional needs of this community as the residents try to exist on what little food they can get and a water supply that is often tainted with any number of bacteria and disease.

"We try to give the children anti-parasite medicines," Young said, "but they are going to get re-infected. That is more a symptom of the lack of infrastructure and the hygiene, no sewers and not boiling water."

Even with education and some medical attention, there is still more to be done.

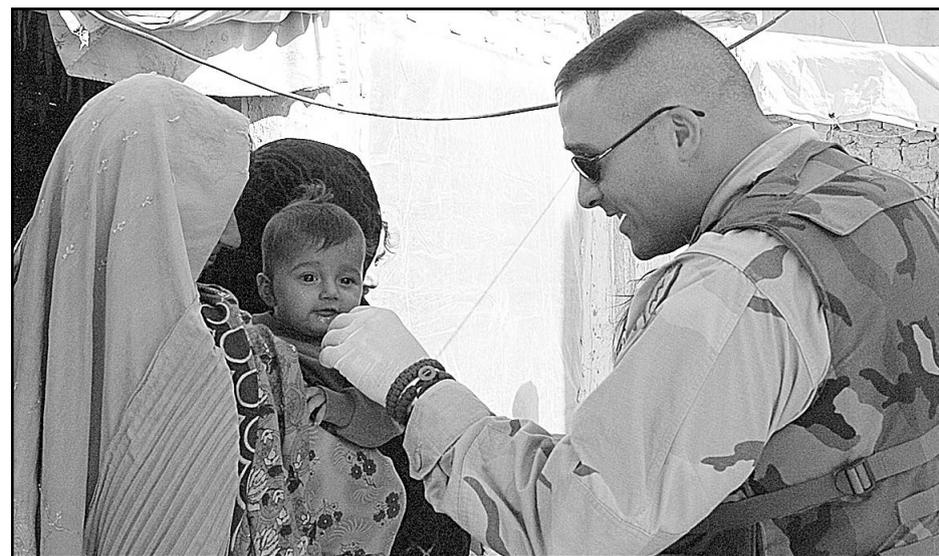


Photo by Staff Sgt. Phillip Witzke

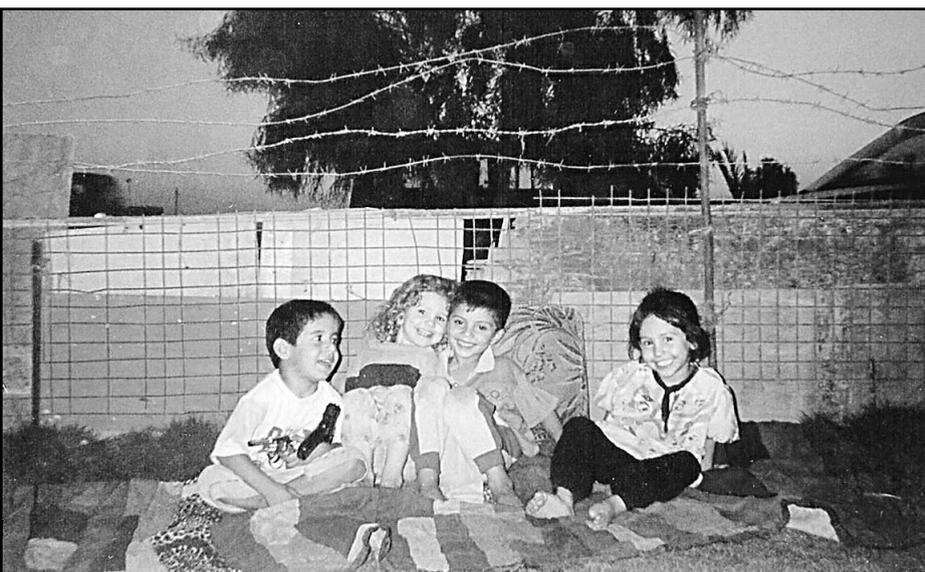
**HELPING HAND—** Spc. Timothy Laynor helps treat a child Oct. 27 at the Sia Sang Kaita Now refugee camp. Many of the children were immunized to help prevent infection from common diseases that are contracted from poor water supplies and lack of proper hygiene in the camp.

Many of these residents didn't get to see a medical professional and in some cases the medics just didn't have the right medication to give them.

There remains a desperate need for things like common cough and cold medications, children's pain and fever reducer, cortisone creams or other topical antibiotic creams and anti-fungal creams, Laynor said.

Despite the hurdles that must be overcome, the Kabul Compound Medical Team will be out in the community, striving to provide whatever care and relief they can to the people in the Kabul area who need it.

"Children are the future here, so we want to make sure we treat them," Laynor said. "And there are no clinics for women, so we will see them."



Courtesy photo

## Children of Iraq

These are some of the children of Iraq who benefited from the items donated by members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter. The items were brought to the 279th Signal Battalion National Guard Armory for shipping by its Family Support Group.

## Soldiers take gold, bronze medals in CISM boxing championships

By TANJA LINTON  
Army News Service

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — Team USA filled their coffers with precious metal of three different varieties — claiming gold, silver and bronze medals at the final day of the 48th annual Conseil International du Sport Militaire world military boxing championships, Oct. 30, at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

It was the first time in recent memory that a U.S. boxer had earned a medal of any color in the CISM boxing championships.

Army 2nd Lt. Boyd Melson of Fort Carson, Colo., took the gold in the 69-kilogram weight class in front of a cheering crowd that included his father at Huachuca's Barnes Field House. Melson outpointed Uzbekistan's Elshod Rasulov, 20-14, to win the championship.

Marine Corps Sgt. Eric Canales, of Camp LeJeune, N.C., took on Dilshod Mahnudov of Uzbekistan in the 64-kg weight class. Canales lost on points, 33-18, leaving him with the silver medal.

Army Sgt. Miguel Albares lost his 54-kg bout in the semifinals Oct. 28, but still brought home a bronze medal.

The last day of boxing included the second knockout of the championships from Robert Kramberger of Slovenia. The championship closed when the CISM flag was lowered and handed to the South African delegation, which will host the 49th annual CISM boxing championship in 2005.

The final results of the 48th annual CISM boxing championships were:

- **48-kg class** — gold, Vitalya Volkov, Ukraine; silver, Bouchouk Redouane, Morocco; bronze, Bonkaele Madolo, South Africa, Ryskeldy Almanov, Kazakhstan.

- **51-kg class** — gold, Meirzhan Rakhimzhanov, Kazakhstan; silver, Kamron Kosimov, Uzbekistan; bronze —

Hakan Pasaoglu, Turkey, Oreksiy Dzhunkivskyy, Ukraine.

- **54-kg class** — gold, Tulashboy Doniydrov, Uzbekistan; silver, Maksym Tretiak, Ukraine; bronze, Miguel Albares, United States, Almaz Asanov, Kazakhstan.

- **57-kg class** — gold, Pasquale Benardino, Italy; silver, Bekzod Hidirov, Uzbekistan; bronze, Andreas Propp, Germany, Esteban Garcia-Comorera, Belgium.

- **60-kg class** — gold, Serik Sapiyev, Kazakhstan; silver, Sergej Hann, Germany; bronze, Valdimir Matreichuk, Ukraine, Ulugbek Buribaev, Uzbekistan.

- **64-kg class** — gold, Dilshod Mahnudov, Uzbekistan; silver, Eric Canales, United States; bronze, Nafil Hicham, Morocco, Harun Sipahi, Germany.

- **69-kg class** — gold, Boyd Melson, United States; silver, Maxat Baktybazarov, Kazakhstan; bronze, Ait Hammi Miloud, Morocco, Vyacheslav Kusov, Ukraine.

- **75-kg class** — gold, Sherzod Abdurahmonov, Uzbekistan; silver, Maxat Baktybazarov, Kazakhstan; bronze, Andrea Di Luisa, Italy, Donatas Bondorovas, Lithuania.

- **81-kg class** — gold, Robert Kramberger, Slovenia; silver, Antonio Brillantino, Italy; bronze, Andrej Laus, Lithuania, Tino Gross, Germany.

- **91-kg class** — gold, Clemente Russo, Italy; silver, Ovidiu Chereches, Romania; bronze, Zhenis Taumurinov, Kazakhstan, Azizjon Rahnonov, Uzbekistan.

- **91 plus-kg class** — gold, Roberto Cammarele, Italy; silver, Steffan Kretschmann, Germany; bronze, Jasur Matchanov, Uzbekistan.

Fort Huachuca has a long boxing tradition and is the home of Army boxing. That tradition continues when Arizona's largest military installation will once again host the All-Army Boxing Championships Jan. 25-29, 2005 and the Armed Forces Boxing Championships Feb. 14-18, 2005.



Photo by Beth Davie  
**CHAMPION**— Second Lt. Boyd Melson wins the gold in the 69-kilogram weight class of the CISM boxing championships Oct. 30 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

## Bravo Bulldogs prepare to face Delta force

Division leaders meet  
on flag football field

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Makeup games are under way this week before the postseason playoffs but Bravo coach/quarterback Lee Diaz already has an idea who'll meet in the final.

"I think it'll be Bravo and Delta for the championship, no doubt in my mind," he said.

Bravo and Delta were leading their respective divisions with identical 7-1

records entering this week's action. They are scheduled to play tonight at 7 at the flag football field off Patton Road for their second meeting this season. Delta beat the Bulldogs 22-6 on Oct. 13.

"They're the only team to beat us so far. So to us, that's the team to beat," Diaz said. In other makeup games, the Bulldogs were scheduled to play 326th Chemical twice and MEDDAC once.

"We're just getting ready for Delta really," Diaz said. "Delta is all we're worrying about. We aren't worrying about anybody else but Delta."

The Devastating Dragons, post runners-up last year, won the preseason tournament.

Diaz is the only permanent-party

member of Bravo's team which has 12 junior enlisted students. Corrine Artale, one of two female players, is the leading receiver with four touchdowns. Receiver Adrian Jones has two touchdowns; and running back Julius Jones has one rushing TD.

"I consider us to be a high-scoring offense. We've got a lot of deep threats," Diaz said. "We average about 20 points a game."

The Bulldogs, with normally 10 players on game night, practice three times a week with hopes of overcoming a Delta team that has more depth.

"All of our practices and all of our game-type situations are geared toward Delta Company," Diaz said. "They're the

only threat I see going into the playoffs."

Entering this week, Delta (7-1) led the Western division followed by 326th Chemical (6-3) and Headquarters & Alpha (2-5). The Eastern division had Bravo (7-1), MEDDAC (5-3), HHC 59th (2-6) and Charlie (0-7).

Last week's results included:

- Nov. 1 — Headquarters & Alpha def. 326th Chemical 32-14, Bravo def. Charlie 20-8 and Delta def. HHC 59th 40-0.

- Nov. 2 — Charlie won by forfeit over HHC 59th, 326th Chemical def. MEDDAC 18-6 and Delta def. Headquarters & Alpha 22-6.

- Nov. 4 — Bravo won by forfeit over HHC 59th and Delta def. MEDDAC 12-6.

# Auburn gets nervous nod at home on Plains

*Tigers favored over Georgia*

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Here are Skip's Picks (210-90) for this week in college football:

- Alabama at Louisiana State – **LSU**
- Ole Miss at Arkansas – **Arkansas**
- Georgia at Auburn – **Auburn**
- South Carolina at Florida – **Florida**
- Vanderbilt at Kentucky – **Kentucky**
- Alcorn State at Alabama A&M – **Alcorn**
- San Diego State at Air Force – **Air Force**
- Army at Tulane – **Tulane**
- Northwestern at Michigan – **Mich.**
- Miami at Virginia – **Miami**
- Pittsburgh at Notre Dame – **ND**
- Arizona at Southern Cal – **USC**
- Nebraska at Oklahoma – **Okla.**
- Texas at Kansas – **Texas**



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

## Top flight

The Huntsville Flight professional basketball team contributes a basketball to the Combined Federal Campaign silent auction. Its mascot presents the gift to Rick Gray, left, and Art Ather, Integrated Materiel Management Center loaned executives to CFC.



## 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. 18. 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).

### Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Challenger Activity Center. "Come join the growth, fun, friendship and service to the community," a release said. Membership is open to all enlisted spouses and GS 1-8 employees whether they are active duty or retired, and includes all services, the Reserves, and the National Guard. For more information, call Jean Mulcahy 881-7024.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Nov. 18 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. The association is open to membership for E-9s from all services. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will meet Nov. 16 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The buffet line may be used by those requiring lunch. For more information, call James Foster 852-2129 or Mary Peoples 955-4275.

### Town hall meeting

The combined AMCOM/PEO Town Hall, with Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander

of the Aviation and Missile Command, is Nov. 30 from 9-11 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. All AMCOM, PEO-Aviation, PEO-Tactical Missiles, PEO-Air, Space and Missile Defense and RDEC employees are encouraged to attend or view the town hall on Team Redstone television channel 42, or via Internet portal TV-equipped computer desktops. This meeting will focus on the formation of the Life-Cycle Management Command and Soldier-Focused Logistics initiatives. Seating will be reserved for AMCOM and PEO principal and deputy principal members, board of directors as primary organizational element members, the hearing impaired, and union representatives. Balance of the seating in the auditorium will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Badges must be worn by all attendees.

### Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will again participate in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Huntsville at 11 a.m. Thursday. Following the parade, the Vulcan Chapter will hold its monthly meeting at the Paul L. Bolden Military Museum off of Airport Road. All current and veterans who are qualified paratroopers or glider Soldiers are invited to participate with the chapter. Lunch will be available for a small charge. For more information, call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

### Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the UAH-Tom Bevill Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Yeqing Bao of the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Cost is \$16.50 for members, \$17.50 for non-members. For information call 830-0377.



## 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. Spe-

cialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

### Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

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

### Redstone motorcycle training

Experienced Riders Motorcycle Training is conducted at the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership off I-565 and Greenbrier Road. Soldiers, DoD civilians and military retirees are funded by the government. Contractors pay \$75 per person. For registration information, call Keith Coates 876-3383 or John Zuber 876-3114 of the Garrison Safety Office.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. Currently the shop is accepting fall/winter/Thanksgiving and Christmas items. 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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 Thursday. 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.

### 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,

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“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.

### 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.

### Kirk Franklin concert

Redstone Arsenal MWR and Army Entertainment present Kirk Franklin and Yolanda Adams’ Hopeville Tour at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall tonight at 7:30. 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 still available at the VBC ticket window. Ticket prices are \$30 for gold circle seating, \$27.50 for main floor seating, and \$25 for balcony/loge.

### 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 of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs. Selected officers will normally attend Advanced Civil Schooling for up to two years, followed by a three-year tour at West Point. For more information, call Master Sgt. Donald Hunter 876-6012 or Lt. Col. Ronnie McDaniel 876-6747.

### West Point briefing

Maj. Steven Isenhour, from the West Point Admissions Office, will be at Heiser Hall, Redstone Arsenal on Nov. 16 at 5 a.m. to give an admissions brief to all Soldiers on the process of making application. Interested Soldiers should contact their chain of command and arrange for time to attend the briefing. All interested Soldiers are encouraged to attend regardless of high school academic performance.

### Christmas charities

Christmas Charities Year Round needs coats and jeans for boys and girls sizes 6, 7 and 8. It also needs games for boys and girls age 7 and up for Christmas giving. For more information, call 837-2373.

### Job fair

Looking for employment? Don’t miss the upcoming Job Fair. Many employers will be available to discuss employment opportunities. The Job Fair will be held Nov. 18 from 12-2 p.m. at the Challenger Community Center, building 1500. This event is sponsored by Army Community

Service and is open to all active and retired military spouses, veterans, guards, reservists and transitioning employees. It provides an opportunity to meet with several local employers in one place at one time.

### Soldier out-processing

Effective Nov. 8, the Military Personnel Division will establish a Processing Control Station in building 3494. The Processing Control Station will manage and control Soldier out-processing. The battalion/unit level administration center will issue the DA Form 137-1. Upon receiving a Soldier who has a completed DA Form 137-1, and a copy of his or her DA Form 7425 and DA Form 5123-1, the Processing Control Station will issue the DA Form 137-2 for the individual to out process the installation. All Soldiers will process through the Processing Control Station. The PAC will initialize the records of Soldiers scheduled to out process by entering them initially into the ISM approximately 30 to 60 days prior to departure. For more information call Larry Marvin 876-1671, Annie Scott 876-3295 or Eather Moore 876-3178.

### Speed limit change

The speed limits signs were changed to 25 mph on Sparkman Circle as of Oct. 26.

### Army Family Team Building

Do you know how to read an LES? Are you receiving and utilizing all of your benefits and entitlements? Not sure, stop by Army Family Team Building to learn how to make the transition to the military community or civilian work force on Redstone. AFTB offers free childcare with registration, and dinner is provided for all students. The next session of AFTB Level 1 classes will take place Nov. 16-18 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information, call 842-8375.

### Logistics achievement award

Nominations for the Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are now being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army’s logistics program. The 2004 “Ernie” format will include two awards — the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Nominations should be submitted by Dec. 3 to Kathryn White 876-1757 or Debra Foley 842-6783. The award will be presented to the winners during a luncheon Feb. 24 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

### Quarterly retirement ceremony

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate in the event. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stephanie Owens or Staff Sgt. Russell Kimball 876-2819. Deadline for signing up to participate is Dec. 17.

### PX news

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours Veterans Day, Thursday: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Concessions, open; GNC, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mall Barber Shop, open; Beauty Shop, open; Furniture Store, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; Barber Shop, building 3479, closed; Food Court – Anthony’s, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Churchs, closed.

### Jazz concert

The Tennessee Valley Jazz Society-Huntsville will present the U.S. Army Field Band “Jazz Ambassadors” in a free Veterans Day concert, Thursday night at 7:30 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville Chan Auditorium. For tickets and information, call 858-0409 or 824-6822.

### Latin dance

The Alabama Hispanic Association will hold its last Latin dance event of 2004, the “Christmas Charity Dance,” Saturday night at 8 at the Senior Center auditorium, 2200 Drake Ave. Dance instructor Monique Ryan will give a Merengue, Salsa and Cha-Cha group dance lesson at no additional charge from 8-9. Music will be provided by Luis Treviño and the Latin Rhythms band, alternating with “DJ Azucar”(disc jockey Signey Hernandez).

Admission is \$12 per person in advance and \$15 per person at the door. Advance tickets are available at La Michoacana Grocery Store and Cancún Café Mexican Restaurant until Friday. La Michoacana is located at 2007 University Drive (phone 532-0266) and Cancún Café is at 11243 South Memorial Parkway (882-5488). Tickets are also available through members of AHA.

### Growing small business

Huntsville’s Intuitive Research and Technology Corporation has been ranked as No. 75 on the 2004 Inc. 500 list of fastest growing privately owned firms in the U.S. Next year will bring even more opportunities with its continued growth in AMCOM program management support and Intuitive’s newly opened Electronic Systems Support Laboratory, a new venture in systems integration test support. Intuitive has more than 55 employees and sales of over \$8 million. Although incorporated in Texas, Intuitive’s main office is in Huntsville, with more than 45 employees supporting the Army’s AMCOM, SBCCOM, and RDECOM and the Missile Defense Agency. Intuitive, a certified 8(a) company and small and disadvantaged business, provides a myriad of services in programmatic support, systems engineering, product development, production systems support, rapid prototyping, and technology management solutions

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to the Department of Defense, government agencies and commercial companies.

## Pow Wow event

November is traditionally known as Native American Heritage Month. This year Team Redstone plans a two day Inter-tribal Pow Wow. This event will be open to the public as well as all government, military and contractor employees. The Pow Wow will be held 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 19-20 at the Parade Field off Patton Road. For more information, call Jackie White 876-9259.

## Galaxy of lights

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is offering discount tickets for Galaxy of Lights, a mile-long holiday light extravaganza at the Huntsville Botanical Garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave. Hours are 5:30-9 nightly Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. Tickets at the gate are \$12 per car. But you can get your ticket from CWFC for \$9 per car. Call Randy Bigler 842-6551.

## Fox Army Health Center

Effective Nov. 15, Fox Army Health Center will adjust the hours it offers some services. "This change offers us the opportunity to continue to provide high quality patient care and patient services while ensuring the best use of staff and resources as the military continues its support in the Global War on Terrorism," a prepared release said. New hours of operation Monday through Friday are: Active Duty Student Sick Call, 6:30-8:30 a.m.; Physical Therapy, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Occupational Medicine, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Primary Care Teams 1 and 2, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Pediatrics, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Internal Medicine, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Optometry, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; General Surgery, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Behavioral Medicine Services, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Substance Abuse Services, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Laboratory Services, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Radiology Services, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Pharmacy Services, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Primary Care Services are still available by appointment from 8-11:30 a.m. every Saturday. Fox Army Health Center is closed Sunday.

## Garden plot notification

Soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians who are assigned a garden plot, be advised that starting Dec. 15, Grounds Maintenance will begin preparing the area for the upcoming planting season. Plant stands, fences, hoses, sprinklers, etc., must be removed by that date, or grounds maintenance will remove the items and place them in storage for approximately 30 days. Any item not claimed within 30 days will be forfeited. For more information regarding next year's planting season/plot assignment, call Claudia Scott 876-7144 or Wardell Pearson 876-6666.

## PX news

Visit the Post Exchange on Veterans Day when the PX is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. "Take an additional 25 percent off reduced clothing and shoes," a prepared release said. "Take an additional 25 percent off all fall home décor. Register to win an Americana gift basket, \$50 gift card, deluxe U.S. flag set." The first 20 shoppers at each register will get a free U.S. flag window decal. Watch your receipt; if there is a U.S. flag on it, you will get a \$5 gift card free to use on a future purchase.

## Leadership course

Applicants have until Feb. 9 to apply for the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management resident program, Class 05-2, which runs May 16 through Aug. 5 at the Army Management Staff College, Fort Belvoir, Va. For more information, call Michael Davis 876-6068.

## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																			
SCBK04203671	Electronics Engineer	10-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04203671D	Electronics Engineer	10-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04206559	Program Analyst	10-Nov-04	PEO Aviation	NH-0343	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X										
SCBK04219889	Protocol Specialist	10-Nov-04	AMCOM SGS	GS-0301	7	9	33,247 - 52,871	X	X										
SCBK04159104	Business Planning Analyst	11-Nov-04	AMCOM CG	GS-0301	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X										
SCBK04197202	Configuration Management Specialist	12-Nov-04	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X					X	X	X			
SCBK040206837	Human Resources Assistant	12-Nov-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0203	5	5	26,841 - 34,899			X				X	X	X			
SCBK040206837R	Human Resources Assistant	12-Nov-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0203	5	5	26,841 - 34,899	X	X					X	X	X			
SCBK04211373D	General Engineer	12-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST04192029	Security Specialist (Disclosure)	12-Nov-04	SMDC	GG-0080	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X											
SCBK04240008	Acting Program Manager (Prototype Intergration)	15-Nov-04	ARDECOM	DE-0000	00	00	00000 - 00000	X											
SCBK04188184	Electronics Engineer	15-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04188184D	Electronics Engineer	15-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04231499	Inventory Mgmt Specialist	16-Nov-04	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	49,207 - 63,967			X				X					
SCBK04232192	Inventory Mgmt Specialist	16-Nov-04	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	49,207 - 63,967			X				X					
SCBK04205511	Military Construction Analyst	16-Nov-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	5/7/9	11	26,841 - 63,967	X						X	X	X			
SCBK04225871	Program Analyst	16-Nov-04	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X						X	X	X			
SCBK04225871D	Program Analyst	16-Nov-04	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04238610	Engineering Technician	17-Nov-04	TMDE	GS-0802	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X										
SCBK04238416	Engineering Technician	17-Nov-04	TMDE	GS-0802	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X										
SCBK04232193	Equipment Specialist (General)	17-Nov-04	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	49,207 - 63,967			X	X	X				X			X
WTST04212370	Security Specialist	17-Nov-04	I&SD	GG-0080	5/7/9	11	26,841 - 63,967	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST04236032	Security Specialist	17-Nov-04	I&SD	GG-0080	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04199768	Electronics Engineer	18-Nov-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04199768D	Electronics Engineer	18-Nov-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04166704	General Engineer	19-Nov-04	GMD JPO	NH-0801	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X		X				X	X	X			
SCBK04166704D	General Engineer	19-Nov-04	GMD JPO	NH-0801	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04229781	General Engineer	19-Nov-04	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X					X	X	X			
SCBK04203278	Secretary (OA)	19-Nov-04	RDECOM	DK-0318	3	3	33,247 - 47,888	X	X										
SCBK04123030R	Traffic Manager	19-Nov-04	IMMC	NH-2130	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X											
SCBK04155950	Procurement Analyst	22-Nov-04	ACQ Center	GS-1102	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X										
SCBK04204320D	Lead General Engineer	28-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04204320	Lead General Engineer	28-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04914669	Supv General Engineer	29-Nov-04	TMDE	NH-0801	3	3	97,486 - 126,735	X	X	X	X			X					
SCBK04914669D	Supv General Engineer	29-Nov-04	TMDE	NH-0801	3	3	97,486 - 126,735	X	X	X	X			X					
SCBK04229045	General Engineer	30-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04229045D	General Engineer	30-Nov-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04185784	Program Analyst	30-Nov-04	PEO TACT MISSILE	GS-0343	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X											
SCBK046466110C	Architect, Chem Engr; Civil Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Architect	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X										
SCBK049149660C	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
SCBK049141420C	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
SCBK049200740C	Engineering Technician	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0802	11	12	49,207 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
SCBK04964710	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667			X									X
SCBK04964596	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft & Electronics)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667			X									X
SCBK04974896	Equipment Specialist (General)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667			X									X
SCBK04983599	Logistics Management Specialist	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,133 - 91,174			X									X
SCBK046514530C	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	12	12	52,281 - 67,968	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
SCBK046516280C	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X					X	X	X			X
SCBK046514340C	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK049413670C	Physical Security Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
SCBK046857350C	Civ Engr; Architect; Chem Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Architect	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0808, 0893, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	12	13	54,024 - 89,369	X	X					X	X	X	X		X
SCBK046979940C	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	12	13	57,812 - 89,369	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST050010010C	Electronics Engineer	31-Mar-05	TSMO	GG-0855	5/7/9	11-13	26,841 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																			
<b>WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)</b>																			
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																			
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																			
Resumes are now being accepted for <a href="http://AMC Fellows">AMC Fellows</a> and <a href="http://Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee">Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee</a> . Visit <a href="http://www.amccareers.com">www.amccareers.com</a> or <a href="http://www.cpol.army.mil">www.cpol.army.mil</a> , search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: <a href="http://NEAEJ04710482">NEAEJ04710482</a> & <a href="http://NEAE04756647">NEAE04756647</a> , for more information.																			