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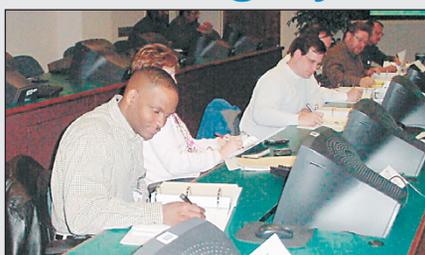
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War increases emergency needs

Annual fund-raising drive supports military families

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The ongoing war effort puts extra stress on Soldiers and their families. The Army has a safety net for those facing financial emergencies.

Army Emergency Relief is always there to help.

"It's a financial assistance organization that assists Soldiers, families and (military) retirees and families in a time of financial emergency that results in a financial need," Capt. Tommy Bailey, chairman for the 2005 AER fund-raising campaign, said.

The campaign, scheduled March 1 through May 15, has an \$85,000 goal. "One Nation - One Army - One Organization" is the slogan.

"From the military point of view it allows the Soldier to focus on their task or their job vs. a financial shortcoming," Bailey, a member of the Garrison's Headquarters & Headquarters Company, said. "It helps the Soldier focus on Soldiering."

He saw many cases in which Soldiers received AER support during his year in Korea from 1998-99. He saw more than 60 cases while serving here as commander of the HHC Garrison from 2002-04.

AER provides grants and no-interest loans to active duty and retired military and their family members, widows and widowers of retirees. Redstone assisted 355 individuals and families by providing more than \$249,690 in 2004.

"The determination of whether it's a loan or grant is based on financial need of the servicemember," AER officer Kristi Foster said. "The majority of the assistance we provide here is a (no-interest and no finance-charge) loan."

Financial emergencies include such things as vehicle repairs, rent, utility assistance and travel expenses for a funeral or serious illness of a family member.

"We can also provide assistance to National Guard and reservists who are activated under Title 10," Foster said. "We've had an increase in those (cases) here at Redstone in the past two years since we've been at war."

"AER means emergency assistance when a Soldier needs assistance," campaign co-chairman Staff Sgt. Amanda Calderon of Delta Company said. "Stuff always comes up like a vehicle breaks down, death happens and a Soldier sometimes doesn't have the means and they need help with it. Also, it's nice they won't be charged fees."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CAMPAIGN TEAM— From left are AER campaign co-chairman Staff Sgt. Amanda Calderon, chairman Capt. Tommy Bailey and AER officer Kristi Foster.

Last year's campaign raised \$117,670 through allotments and fund-raising events to exceed a \$70,000 goal. People can give by cash, check or military allotment. This year's campaign kickoff is March 1 at 10 a.m. at Heiser Hall.

"As a Soldier I'm grateful to know that people outside the military, the folks that are not eligible (for assistance), are still

working hard to ensure that funds are available for people that need it," Bailey said. "The level of concern is overwhelming."

"The reason why I always donate is I always feel that one day I might need it in return," Calderon said. "You should always give because you never know when you might need it."

Commander's letter: AER a beneficial campaign

The 2005 Army Emergency Relief fund campaign will be conducted locally from March 1 through May 15. This year Capt. Tommy Bailey will serve as campaign chairperson and Staff Sgt. Amanda Calderon will serve as co-chairperson. The AER campaign headquarters is located in building 3338, telephone 876-5397.

We request you appoint a key representative to solicit contributions from personnel within your organization. The key representative should not be the commander or supervisor of personnel being solicited. Please provide Kristi Foster, AER officer, 876-5397, with the name of the key representative from your organization no later than 3 p.m. Feb. 11. Each key representative will need to attend one of the following training sessions: Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2-3 p.m., building 5300, room 5140; Wednesday, Feb. 16, 10-11 a.m., building 5300, room 5140; Thursday, Feb. 17, 10-11 a.m., building 3338, conference

room; Tuesday, Feb. 22, 10-11 a.m., building 5300, room 5140; and Thursday, Feb. 24, 1-2 p.m., building 3338, Army Community Service conference room. Topics for these training sessions are collection procedures, turn-ins, scheduling fund-raisers and associated paperwork.

The AER kickoff will be held March 1 at 10 a.m. at Heiser Hall. Attendees at the kickoff will be military commanders, command sergeants major/sergeants major and first sergeants, directorate and department directors, staff office chiefs, project managers, chiefs of other major agencies, key representatives and members of the Redstone community.

We request the support of every member of the Redstone Arsenal community to ensure this beneficial campaign is a success.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury
commander, AMCOM and
Redstone

Letters to the Editor

Hunter's view on deer herd

The harvest of deer on Redstone Arsenal, and a portion of Wheeler Wildlife Refuge, has been controlled by quotas for the last 10 years. These quotas were set by the on-site wildlife biologist and approved by the Hunting Advisory Committee and the state of Alabama. The quotas and the approved hunting methods/equipment are enforced by the on-site game warden and Outdoor Recreation. The emphasis of the quota approach was to reduce the doe-to-buck ratio (previously estimated at about 25-to-1 in 1995) and to improve the 'quality' of the buck harvest. Having a more-balanced buck-to-doe ratio will result in more does being successfully bred, in a shorter time interval, such that more fawns will be born during a shorter time interval earlier in the year, which will increase fawn survivability because fewer fawns will fall prey to coyotes and other predators.

The doe quota for each of the last three years has been set at 300. The actual doe harvest has been a little under 200 per year. The doe harvest rate needs to improve. There are numerous ways that this could be achieved, such as, make a hunter bring in a doe before they can hunt for a buck, charge \$10 more for the post hunting permit and allocate that \$10 to a random drawing at the end of the year for everyone that brought in a doe (one chance per doe harvested) winner takes all (that could be over \$500), and make button bucks not count against an individual's buck harvest quota (hunters for the last three years have been afraid of shooting does because they might get a button buck by accident, which would count as their buck for the year).

Buck harvests have averaged 64 per year during the last three years. Two years ago, the buck quota was set at 50 with each hunter allowed to harvest only one buck during the entire season. There was no

antler size limitation. About 42 percent of the bucks harvested were 1.5 years old or younger. Only 16 percent were 3.5 years old or older.

Last year, the buck quota was lifted. A new twist was added that a buck had to have at least four points on one of its antlers (each point at least one inch long). Young bucks comprised about 10 percent of the total harvest – down by over 75 percent! Mature bucks made up 45 percent of the harvest which is nearly a three-fold increase!

This year the quota was again set at 50 and the 'four-point rule' remained in affect. In an attempt to increase the doe harvest, an additional 25 would have been added to the buck quota if at least 200 does were harvested this year. Every hunter had a realistic opportunity to harvest a genuine trophy buck! The buck quota was achieved in mid-January. It is still possible that more than 200 does will be harvested. It will be close.

Some hunters have been complaining that they should be allowed to harvest one buck a day all season long. If this is allowed to happen, then the buck population will decrease rapidly, the buck-to-doe ratio will plummet, and the average age of bucks harvested will also fall sharply. How many deer hunters would be happy to have a button or spike deer mount on their wall?

There is no question that the hunting opportunities at Redstone Arsenal are superior compared with much of Alabama. This is because of the wise management practices that have been in effect for the last several years.

In my opinion, the Hunting Advisory Council should keep the existing quotas. They should not be influenced by a small number of loud-mouthed, greedy hunters.

Rick Phillips

Gym access should start early

Hi, I am a single mother of a 10-year-old, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, and a West Point grad. For most of my life I have awakened before dawn to get in my workout. Then I get my son to school and myself to work. Over the past few years my son has put on weight, so I

have decided to change my workout routine to hours when he is awake so I can set the example and get him involved. Last week my son and I started our new routine of working out together by beating the crowds over to the post gym only

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Center of appreciation for charity

I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the Integrated Materiel Management Center community for a job well done during the 2004 Combined Federal Campaign. As a loaned executive representing the IMMC, I experienced the true heart, conviction and dedication the federal work force put forth making this campaign a huge success. I would like to thank my fellow loaned executive Art Ather for his support and outstanding strategic planning abilities. Working with Mr. Ather taught me a great deal about leadership, the type of leadership that is admired, respected and appreciated among his colleagues and peers.

I would like to personally thank everyone's generous donations that made a significant difference to better our community and to better the quality of life for individuals with special needs.

I would like to express my gratitude to all area merchants and sports teams who graciously donated items, sports memorabilia and services making the silent auction a tremendous success collecting \$7,800 for charities. Many thanks to the *Redstone Rocket* and *The Huntsville*

Times for their continued CFC coverage, and to WHNT Channel 19, and WEUP radio station, Ben Casey's "Focus on the Community" for advertisement airtime.

Finally I would like to offer my deep appreciation and gratitude to management who volunteered their valuable time in the dunking booth. To the Scout Observation Directorate, What a team! A special thank you to Lloyd Cook, Jeff Northcutt, Laura Goetz, Murree Harmon, Lorri Ann Fitch, Ruth Minor, Linda Vital, Celia Holland, Elizabeth Smalls and many others who volunteered. These individuals put forth an extraordinary effort and were instrumental in the overall success raising \$928 for the dunking booth and collecting approximately \$2,000 in magnetic ribbon sales.

In closing, please accept my congratulations and my sincere gratitude for your efforts. Thank you, IMMC community, for your support that allowed us to surpass our initial goal of \$85,000 to the amount of \$101,888.

Rick Gray
2004 loaned executive,
Combined Federal Campaign

Where we are today in journey

As I decided to settle back on my sofa to relax, watching my favorite channel on television (Lifetime), the movie that was about to be broadcast was called "The Long Walk Home" starring Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek, two of my favorite actresses.

Since I knew what the movie was about, I decided to have my 15-year-old son watch it with me so he could see and understand some of the many struggles our ancestors had to go through to get us to where we are today. As we began watching the movie, many thoughts began to flood through my mind which leads me to write this letter. I asked myself these questions: How would Martin Luther King Jr. feel about where we are today as an African-American race? Would he be disappointed and feel somewhat neglected and cheated by his own race? Would he be shocked to see how many of our young black men are in prison due to drugs and black-on-black

crimes? Would he shed many tears of pain to see that as African-Americans there are many still without an education, when we were all taught from our youth that knowledge is power and a mind is a terrible thing to waste? Would he appreciate witnessing the broken homes where children are being raised by only one parent instead of both? Would he understand the disrespect and the lesser rendered services that we dare not give to one another but to others of a different race? Sure these problems exist amongst all races, but we as African-Americans seem to have a problem loving and respecting our own and, before we had freedom, we had each other. Before we had rights, we had each other. Before we had homes, cars, businesses and even respect, we had each other.

What happened? When did it become so easy for jealousy and envy to control

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Putting limits on common sense

Can someone please explain the 50 mph speed limit on Martin Road between Memorial Parkway and the gate? I was under the impression that a speed limit was set based on the maximum safe speed for the road you are traveling on. I cannot see how this road, a four-lane divided highway, can be considered less safe than I-65 or I-565 which have a speed limit of 70. Memorial Parkway has a speed limit of 50 which in my opinion is accurate for its conditions south of Martin Road. Seventy would be more appropriate for Martin Road (especially given that if you do 50 you will get run over).

Also would you explain why the speed limit cannot be raised to 55 on Patton Road south of the new (but no longer used) badge check facility and on Redstone Road between Patton Road and the Rocket Auditorium. Also would you explain why the speed limit cannot be raised to 65 on Rideout Road given it is a six-lane divided highway.

I understand the need for speed limits but in the case of Martin Road a speed limit set this low does not pass the common sense test.

Tony Thomas

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Martin Road Gate 1 to Memorial Parkway; this is a state highway maintained by the City of Huntsville. We do not have any control over this roadway. Actually, the speed limit was 50 mph before the additional lanes were constructed and the traffic was reversed each morning and afternoon accordingly. Now that construction is complete the Garrison will submit a request to the Huntsville City Traffic Department to re-evaluate the off post section speed limit."

"The Redstone section of Martin Road is under construction. When this construction is completed, the Garrison will re-evaluate the speed limits."

"Patton Road Gate 4 south to Buxton Road is about one mile in length and is

45 mph. This section has two traffic signal controlled intersections, one of which has six traffic phases. The posted 45 mph speed limit is adequate and appropriate under these operating conditions."

"The section of Patton Road from Martin south to Buxton is 50 mph. It would not be advisable to change the speed limit in this short section."

"Redstone Road, Patton Road to Rocket Auditorium: This section of Redstone Road is about 1.5 miles long and at one time was posted 50 mph. There have been several accidents during the morning/evening rush hours and appropriately, the speed limit was reduced to 45 mph. We will

re-evaluate this roadway after construction on Martin is complete to see if traffic is sufficiently reduced and an increase in the speed limit is warranted."

"Rideout Road is 55 mph from south of Overlook to about Toftoy entrance ramp. This short section of Rideout is not built to interstate specifications. The northbound approach to Gate 9 reduces the speed limit to 35 and the U-turn requirement during normal traffic conditions south of Gate 9 cannot support a 65 mph speed limit."

"Speed Limits are determined by several factors and some of those factors are:

- Length of section between intersecting roadways
- Width and number of lanes
- Traffic volume on roadway and intersecting roadways
- Number of traffic signals on roadway
- Number of intersecting driveways and type vehicle using those driveways
- Development on each side of roadway and its use, i.e. schools, churches, office buildings and industrial plants
- Other roadway characteristics, such as shoulder construction and width, drainage ditches, lateral and horizontal curves
- Traffic accident history and the 85 percentile speed
- Traffic engineering judgment."



Surfacing question on roadway

Toftoy Freeway has just been newly paved, and I can remember when it was repaved last time. Neither time has anything been done about the surface of the bridge over Martin Road. For a very, very long time, there have been constant potholes, repairs and more potholes. Can't some type of new surface be put down?

Nita Boyd
contractor CSC

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We are aware that the wearing surface of the deck is in poor condition. The Toftoy Road Maintenance project did not include the repair of the deck. Funding for both the resurfacing of Toftoy and the bridge deck

replacement was not available. The Garrison postponed the deck replacement project until funds become available. Funding is anticipated in late FY '05 or early FY '06."

"The Garrison DPW reviewed the prospect of adding another layer of wearing surface to the bridge, but determined a new surface could not be added because there are two existing layers of asphalt being on a bridge and those layers were not designed to carry the additional dead load. The immediate solution is to patch the surface as best as possible and continue to monitor the bridge's condition until the replacement project is funded. The condition of the bridge's current wearing is not ideal (smooth), but provides safe passage for motorized vehicles."

Wheelchair-bound customer seeks service at station

My name is Archie L. Jefferson Jr. I'm sending you this e-mail hoping that you can help. I'm an amputee in a wheelchair that can't get in the Service Station on Redstone because there is no access into the store for people in a wheelchair. I spoke with the manager about the problem and he told me to go across the street to the Service Station where the gas is and tell the manager over there my problem. I did that and he said that he would take care of it. Well, that was six months ago. I still can't get in the store.

The Service Station has been there for years and I'm surprised there is no access for wheelchair. I spent 21 years and eight months in the Army and now work on Redstone. I think that I have earned the right to be able to go in any store, plus it's the law to have wheelchair access. Redstone Arsenal Service Station needs to fix the problem. Can you help?

Archie L. Jefferson Jr.
Garrison

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "First of all, thank you for your continued patronage of the Arsenal's post exchange service,

and for the excellent input. Your observation about accessibility is absolutely correct, and based on that, Carlton Carpenter, the Redstone Arsenal AAFES general manager, has initiated a work order request with the Directorate of Public Works for a 5-foot (ADA standards) ramp and handicap parking lot striping at Service Station, building 3240."



Valentine's wishes from mom in Iraq

Happy Valentine's Day to Bernard, Chris and Gabby Broadnax. I love you and miss you all — Mom.

Maj. Rae Broadnax
CENTCOM in Iraq

An open lane random survey

What was your most romantic Valentine's Day?

By KELLEY LANE

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*Billy Fell
retiree*

"I was in Vietnam and she met me in Hawaii on R and R."



*Lisa Jourden
military spouse*

"Mine was when my husband presented me with a cameo from Italy and proposed marriage that day."

*Bobbie Fell
retiree spouse*

"He's made every one of mine special."



*Albert Lockhart
contractor*

"I've been married 32 years, so I've had 32 years of the best ever."



Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Name: William Tucker

Job: Owner, Sparkman Center Gift Shop

Where do you call home?
Chicago, Ill.

What do you like about your job?

I like dealing with people. I've done it my whole life. I've been in retail since I was 16.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I'm on the computer a lot. That's about the only thing left that I do. Computers are my hobby.

What are your goals?

Retire would be nice. Retire and go live in the country.



Computer worker found slain in her home

Toni Brocato remembered by Redstone community

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Toni Brocato is remembered by Redstone acquaintances as a likeable person, hard worker and good mother.

Brocato, of Computer Sciences Corporation, was the group leader for the network support task at the Threat Systems Management Office. She worked at that office for more than three years. Before that, she spent four years with NCCIM on the contract for personal computer network support at the Sparkman Center.

"She was a devoted mother," said Peter Colsch, the network manager and infor-



Courtesy photo

DEVOTED MOTHER— Toni Brocato is shown with her son, Ryan, who now stands accused of her death.

mation assurance manager for the Threat Systems Management Office. He had known her five years.

Brocato, 45, was found beaten to death

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Jan. 28: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended driver's license. The individual also was in possession of marijuana when he approached Gate 9 lost. He was issued three violation notices and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

Jan. 28: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

Jan. 30: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

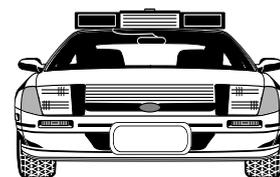
Jan. 30: An individual was found to be drunk and disorderly and under age drinking in the barracks. When approached by officers, he resisted arrest. He was processed and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

Jan. 30: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

Jan. 30: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a canceled license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

Jan. 30: An individual entered the police station and reported that he was AWOL. He was processed and issued a DD Form 60 provisional pass and transported to the airport.

Jan. 30: An individual was observed on Redstone Road hunting without a permit and from a public roadway. The individual also had an unauthorized weapon. He was processed and issued a violation notice and released. The weapon was



retained on DA Form 4137. Investigation continues by the game warden.

Feb. 1: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

Feb. 2: An individual approached Gate 9 and appeared to be disoriented. A check through NCIC revealed that he was a missing person. He was transported to Huntsville Hospital pending pick up by family members.

Feb. 2: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended license when he was stopped for speeding. He was issued two violation notices and released to a licensed driver.

Traffic accidents reported: nine without injuries, one with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 38 speeding, 5 driving with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license, 3 driving under the influence, 1 parked in a handicapped space, 1 no proof of insurance and 1 hunting without a state hunting license.

Quote of the week

'Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them: a desire, a dream, a vision.'

— Muhammad Ali

in her home Feb. 2 at 1910 Crepeyrtle Green in southeast Huntsville. Her body was found wrapped in a blanket about 1 p.m. in the garage, according to published reports. Her son, Ryan Brocato, 17, was arrested Feb. 3 in Manassas, Va., at the home of his father, B.C. Brocato. Police said it may be this week before Ryan is returned to Huntsville to face a murder charge in his mother's death.

"I know she was a very caring person, hard working," Darren Waldrep, a systems analyst on the Redstone help desk, said. "I know she was real dedicated, hard worker. And I know she was a dedicated mother, especially to (her autistic 21-year-old daughter) Erin, who had special needs."

Brocato began her career at the main office at NCCIM. From there she transferred out to the contract and worked

about two years with the personal computer network support group where she became the team leader. She joined the Computer Sciences Corporation, providing support under contract at the Threat Systems Management Office. Her CSC supervisor was Ron Livingston.

"She was a very likeable person," Waldrep said, "and liked to laugh and have fun."

"She was part of the transition from Nichols Research into CSC when we acquired Nichols, and she's been employed at the Arsenal since that time," Scott Williams, senior manager of Computer Sciences Corporation, said. "She's a highly motivated, highly skilled individual. She was well liked. She was just a very, very special lady and she will be sorely missed by CSC and our clients."

Laughter comes with the haircut at Willie's shop

Sparkman barber
enjoys his work

By SKIP VAUGHN
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No sign necessary on the door. Just listen for the laughter. That's a sure sign the barber's in.

It's just another day in the Sparkman Complex service center in building 5302. Willie Hugley, the barber, is trading golf stories with a regular customer.

"I tell you, I've seen 'em miss the whole ball," he quips while deftly trimming around the edges. "That golf game will give you a fit."

Hugley should know. He's an avid golfer himself, but he has just as much fun in his barber shirt and with his clippers and comb and the customers he loves to entertain.

"I love my job," he says. "I enjoy talking to the customers, listening to what they say and tell what's on their mind. Everybody comes down here and says what's on their mind. I just love my job."

So, his job isn't just cutting hair for

military and civilians alike, male and female, about 100 customers altogether. It's "to make people happy," he says.

"If you're feeling down, just come see me. I'll make you laugh. Relieve stress, stress reliever. Some people be ready to snap when they come down here (laughter). By the time they leave, they forget what they were stressed about."

The 39-year-old Opelika native has been cutting hair about 14 years, the last five at the Sparkman Center. Eventually he'd like to invent hair care products and golf products.

"I listen first and see where they're coming from," he says about his daily banter with clientele. "And if I can give any input, I will. If I can't we'll just talk about something else (more laughter)."

Laughter is as vital to him as his clippers and scissors. "It's very important. It does the soul good. It frees the soul," Hugley says.

"A million and one jokes come through here. A million lies and a million jokes. And a little truth. That's a typical day. They see who can tell the biggest fish tale, I tell you (more laughter)."

His hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (11-4:30 Monday); call 881-

8179 for an appointment. The topic of choice is usually golf or fishing or sports in general. He's knowledgeable about such matters, having played football and run track at Alabama A&M University from 1986-90.

"I feel very confident that every time I come here that I'm going to get a blue-ribbon job here," says customer William Smith, of Integrated Materiel Management Center, as he leaves the chair. "He cuts your hair one time, you basically don't have to tell him no more. And that's

out of hundreds of heads. Each head gets its own personal cut."

Another regular, Carlos Suggs of Acquisition Center, arrives for some good-natured ribbing. No haircut necessary this time.

"He tells some tall folk tales," says Suggs, eager to set the record straight about his friend the barber. "If you ever need a laugh, come to the barbershop. Come see Buster."

Hugley grimaces and then laughs. The barber is definitely in.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TOOLS OF TRADE— Sparkman Center barber Willie Hugley keeps conversation going while cutting William Smith's hair.

THAAD team on target for missile flight test

By PAM ROGERS

For the Rocket

The Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Project Office continues to ramp up for the first flight test, scheduled for the spring, of the development phase of the program.

One of the latest events in that preparation was a dry run last month for the Data Analysis and Reporting Team at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. This was a dress rehearsal involving participants from the THAAD Project Office, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, the Missile Defense Agency, White Sands, and other government agencies.

During an actual test the DART will collect, distribute, analyze and report interim and final flight test results. For the dry run, team members used sample data to run through a pre-established scenario intended to assess the readiness of procedures that will be used during the first flight test.

This activity also served to check out the DART facility equipment and analysis tools, assess validity of timelines, verify the functionality of data links and provided an opportunity for the team members to become familiar with the newly-opened DART facility. The event concluded with each of 15 team leaders briefing out what their team had accomplished during the event and identified any corrective actions

that must be implemented to ensure readiness for first flight. Overall assessment indicated the DART team is on the path to successfully support first flight.

In another development, the Missile Defense Agency announced the completion of a "pathfinder" missile at the THAAD production facility in Troy, Ala. Assembly of this missile was intended to verify manufacturing and assembly processes before assembly of production missiles begins. Operations for assembling the first of 30 THAAD production rounds began earlier this month.

The operations required to assemble the pathfinder missile verified the design and setup of the assembly system contained in the newly-opened facility and resulted in only minor corrections to the production line, according to Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space, owner and operator of the Troy plant. These changes have been incorporated for production of the missile to be used in FT-01, the first flight test of the development phase of the THAAD program. Following completion, the pathfinder missile was shipped to White Sands Missile Range and from there to the Lockheed Martin facility in Sunnyvale, Calif. There were no anomalies noted in the missile upon arrival in Sunnyvale.

The pathfinder missile will now be used to conduct mechanical environment tests that are critical confidence builders in preparation for flight testing this year.

New supervisors introduced to human resources

CPAC RELEASE

The Redstone Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Training Office recently conducted the Department of Army and regionally developed course, "Human Resources for New Supervisors."

This weeklong course was held at Redstone Arsenal in the EMS facility within the Sparkman Complex, with 37 supervisors in attendance.

First priority was given to new (less than one year of supervisory experience) supervisors of civilian employees. Second priority was given to supervisors with more than one year experience but less than five.

This course is designed mainly for the new supervisors of at least three appropriated fund employees. The participants gained a broad based spectrum of information, reference materials and workshop exercises related to Classification,

Staffing, Training, Management and Employee Relations, as well as Labor Relations.

The curriculum was outlined as follows: Classification, instructed by Eileen Stecker; Staffing, Carol Dennis and Kathy Roe; Training, Greg Hill, Syleria Jarmon and Jerrel McCollum; Management and Employee Relations, Ashley Tyson and Peggy Newberry; and Labor Relations, Brooks Woerner.

This course will be offered on a continuous basis throughout the year with the next scheduled dates May 16-20 and Aug. 15-19. To register go the AMCOM homepage, from the subject index, select "T" for Training Information Program. From the TIP menu, register in the catalog by course title: HR for New Supervisors, Fundamentals & Tools or course code HRNS.

For more information, call Syleria Jarmon at 313-1587.

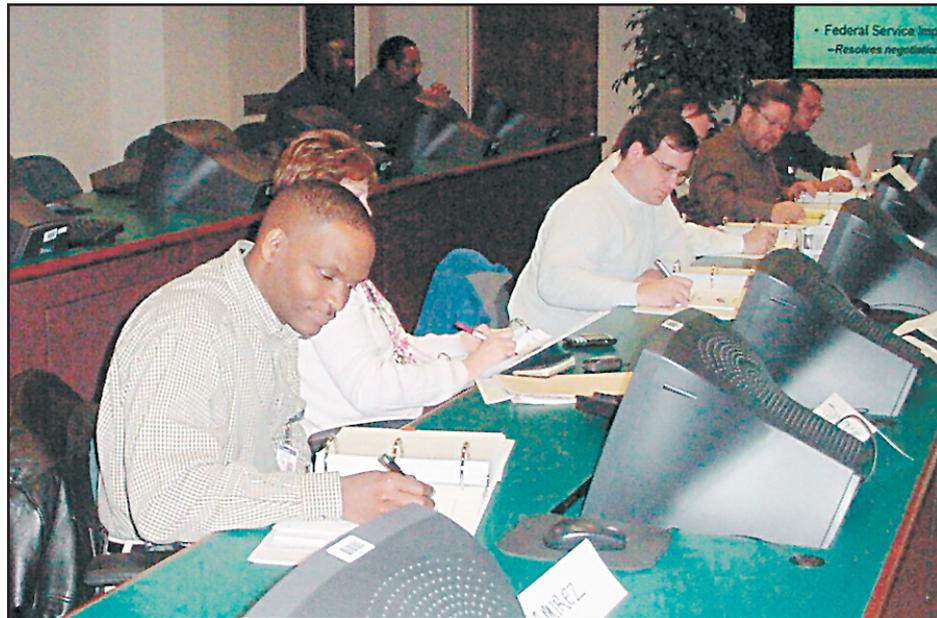


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CLASS ACT— Thad Odom of GBI Project Office participates in the course for new supervisors.

Testing easy as 1, 2, 3 at Education Center

EDUCATION CENTER RELEASE

The Education Center would like for eligible Soldiers and community members to take advantage of its testing programs.

For those seeking a college degree, a College Level Examination Program test might be the ticket to graduating early. The center offers 14 paper based CLEP exams and 37 Dantes Subject Standardized Tests. Each of these can provide from 3 to 6 semester hours of college credit. These exams are free to all military and are available for a fee to the spouses and retirees. The center's counselors are always available to assist in choosing an exam which can be applied toward a degree plan.

The CLEP exams offered include English Composition, Social Sciences and History, Natural Sciences, Humanities,

College Math, Analyzing & Interpreting Literature, College Algebra, Freshman College Composition, History of U.S. I and II, Information Systems & Computer Applications I, Introductory Psychology, Introductory Sociology and Principles of Management. There are 37 DSST exams and all colleges on post will accept credit in this group.

All of the aforementioned exams are kept in stock as well as the Excelsior Examinations. Any military who is enrolled in Excelsior College can receive these by calling Sarah Bryan at 876-9764 at the Education Center.

The ACT and SAT exams are also in stock at the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Drive, and can be administered to any military needing these scores for any reason.

For more information, call Bryan, test control officer, at 876-9764.

Army helping build new Iraq border posts

By NICOLE DALRYMPLE
Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq — An estimated \$25 million is being spent to construct 100 new border forts along the northern borders of Iraq, as well as rehabilitate and enhance numerous points of entry.

In several northern provinces, 34 forts are under construction and 66 others are planned to start in the coming months.

“The Iraqi Interim Government understands the importance of having secure borders,” said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, spokesman for Task Force Olympia. TF Olympia serves as the command and control element for coalition forces in the two northern governorates of Iraq — Ninewa and Dahok. “They are demonstrating commitment and resolve to secure the borders for the Iraqi people.”

Controlling the borders is a primary tenet of Iraq’s internal security plan, explained Carol Hewes, program manager for the



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WORK IN PROGRESS— This border checkpoint being renovated in northern Iraq will soon have a vehicle staging and inspection area, seizure and storage area, banking facility for currency exchange, a customs facility and an immigration facility.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Northern District’s Security and Justice Sector. “The border forts provide a base of operation for the border police, who act as the eyes in remote areas away from the central points of entry. The points of entry are similar to our border crossings in the States. They provide a staging area for all pedestrian and vehicular traffic entering and exiting Iraq.”

The 133 Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) is overseeing the renovations of 27 existing

forts and the construction of 15 new ones, while the Corps is providing construction management and quality control for the 100 new forts and the points of entry. Work is ongoing in four northern provinces.

“Renovations will take approximately two to three months and new forts will take about six,” said Capt. Dave Bouffard, battalion civil engineer for the 133 ECB(H). “The forts are being constructed using a concrete masonry process that

maximizes the use of locally available materials. All construction is being done by local Iraqis. No Coalition Forces are participating in the actual construction.”

“The forts function as the Iraqi border patrol’s command outpost from which they run 24-7 operations,” Bouffard said. “All forts include living quarters and office space, as well as independent life support sources for water, fuel, power generation and sewer.”

More than \$2 million is being spent to upgrade and renovate existing border points of entry. The upgrades include vehicle staging and inspection areas, seizure and storage areas, a banking facility for currency exchange, guard posts, a customs facility and an immigration facility.

“We know how important it is to prevent foreigners from coming into Iraq,” said Wilson Myers, Project and Contracting Office representative for Iraq’s northern governorates – Dahok, Irbil and Ninewa. PCO is the

contracting agency for distribution of the construction funds. “We are focused on properly equipping and manning the force in order to protect freedom for a sovereign Iraq.”

The new forts will provide additional capabilities and staging areas for the Iraqi security forces. While most Iraqis will never see a fort, due to its remote location, there are direct benefits to the Iraqi people, according to Hewes.

“You hear about the insurgents in Mosul and around the country,” she said. “I think if we can continue to take steps to keep them out of Iraq that has a significant impact on people’s lives and their security. The border forts are the front line defense for Iraq. The border police are cutting down on the number of insurgents and weapons entering the country and that’s significant.”

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Afghanistan tour proves varied, interesting

Corps of Engineers worker volunteers for 4 more months

By JOAN BURNS
For the Rocket

Fred Wissel knew he was about to make a decision that could change his life. He had thought about the decision for weeks. Working in Iraq or Afghanistan could be an interesting experience, he reasoned.

Wissel's instinct to remain safe was strong. "I didn't want to end up a hurt or dead hero," he said. But his desire to help others was compelling.

So like many other Corps of Engineers employees, Wissel made the decision to trade his relatively safe life as a project manager at Huntsville Center for the unknown, perhaps risky, life working as a project manager in Afghanistan.

Wissel decided to join Operation Enduring Freedom. The mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan District became his own.

The two-fold mission is to improve the quality of life for the people of Afghanistan whose lives have been critically altered by the more than 25 years of war and civil unrest in the country; and to improve the quality of life for American Soldiers who serve there.

The Afghanistan Engineer District, headquartered in Kabul, is supported by more than 80 Corps of Engineers civilian volunteers. The three major program areas are the U.S. Forces Program, the Afghan National Army Program, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Upon reporting for duty in Kabul, Wissel found that he had been assigned to a job in the actual construction of barracks for ANA's military personnel. His immediate response was, "I'm not a construction person."

His assignment was subsequently changed to program management in the design/build area, a job more appropriate to his expertise.

Like his job at Huntsville Center, Wissel's responsibilities in Kabul involved coordination of technical engineering personnel, project scheduling, contract negotiation and funds management for AED projects.

His job skills and experience served him well since the Corps' Afghanistan Engineer District is helping develop the infrastructure for an effective, functional Afghanistan National Army.

One of many projects supporting ANA is the repair of airport runways. Unexploded ordnance left from the Russian conflict litters the ground along the barbed wire-lined perimeter of the airport's runways. Runways are in a serious state of disrepair.

Additional projects are construction of

bases for brigades, hospitals and training facilities. "The work is varied and interesting," Wissel explains.

A typical workday began at 7 a.m. and ended around 8 p.m. six days each week. Wissel's day, however, began at 5 a.m. to accommodate sharing of bathroom facilities located down the hall from the room he shared with two other people.

On Friday working hours were from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., giving a few hours off for recreation such as volleyball and cook-outs.

Wissel has volunteered to go to Afghanistan for an additional four-month tour. The decision to return was not as dramatic as with the first assignment. He has found a special kind of satisfaction in his work there.

"I feel that I did the right thing although I will be the first to admit that I miss the good, normal life that I gave up to come over here," he said.

Though he doesn't know what his next assignment will be, it likely will continue to involve projects in support of ANA as on his first four-month tour.

Wissel expresses his commitment to the mission of the Corps of Engineers in Afghanistan. "If we didn't care about the people of Afghanistan, we would not be there. We are there to improve the quality of life for the people," he said.

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WORK IN PROGRESS— Fred Wissel of Corps of Engineers wants to help improve the quality of life for people in Afghanistan.

Jones ready to hit road with more than 46 years service

Intelligence and security worker retiring at end of February

By SKIP VAUGHN
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U.C. Jones arrived at Redstone in 1960 as a military policeman driving a 1956 Chevrolet with no air conditioning, standard shift.

He married a Huntsville girl, Opal, in 1962 and left. In 1970 he returned to Redstone from Vietnam and was again assigned to the 291st MP Company as a platoon leader, executive officer, company commander and later as operations officer for the Provost Marshal Office. He began

his civil service career in Intelligence and Security Directorate in 1979 and stayed there.

Jones will retire Feb. 28 with more than 46 years of government service, including 20 in the military.

"I want to spend some time with the family," said Jones, the foreign disclosure officer at Program Executive Office for Aviation. "Spend my remaining years with the family, especially the wife because she's followed me around for over 42 years. We plan on traveling some, doing some of the things we want to. Who knows? I may even find a part-time job to stay busy."

The Kentucky native and avid Alabama football fan retires with mixed emotions. His years at Redstone

Thirty Soldiers arrive for duty in January

The Garrison provided the following inprocessing list for January:

- Sgt. 1st Class Robert McNeely, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Staff Sgt. Richard Zamora, AMCOM; Master Sgt. Paul Gilbert, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Dennis Hubbard, Delta Company; Pfc. Patrick Murphy, Veterinary Clinic; Staff Sgt. Lawrence Marcum, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Tuynukua, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Kern Duncan, MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Jerry L. Johnson, AMCOM; Staff Sgt. Albert Schevey, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Staff Sgt. Daniel Wells, Delta Company; Spc. Kenyan Simon, Garrison; Sgt. 1st Class Robert Wannamaker, HHC 59th; Sgt. Steve Rickard, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Staff Sgt. Samuel Rodriguez, HHC 59th; Spc.

Draper Hollier, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Staff Sgt. Dorothy Parker, 832nd Ordnance Battalion

- Sgt. 1st Class Henry Herrera, Bravo Company; Sgt. 1st Class Chelsie Stokes, Charlie Company; Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Lenker, APG; Sgt. Jese Hurst, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Greta Wiley, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Parker, NCO Academy; Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Henderson, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Warnie Stokes, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Eric Post, AMCOM; Maj. David Diehl, Army Engineers; Maj. John Chu, Garrison; Chief Warrant Officer Henry Rexing, Program Executive Office for Aviation; and Chief Warrant Officer Orville Wilson, Headquarters & Alpha.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CRIMSON TIDE FAN— U.C. Jones' loyalties to Alabama football are reflected by his office walls at building 5681.

have been rewarding; and he will miss the people.

"You had some highs, you had some lows," he said. "Good times, bad times. I won't say that it's all been fun, because it's not. The majority was good."

Jones, 64, was assigned to PEO Aviation in December 2000. "The job I do here, the work climate, is fantastic," he said.

The walls of his office in building 5681 include Alabama football posters and paintings. One of the two portraits of legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant has this quotation: "If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride – and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high – but so are the rewards."

Jones graduated from Louisa (Ky.) High in 1958 and joined the Army that December. He retired as a captain in December 1978 at Fort McClellan, Ala.

"I've got to say the military was good to me. It taught me a lot of things, responsibility," he said. "Plus it helped me get a higher education."

He served in Vietnam from 1969-70 as an Infantry platoon leader with the 25th Infantry Division. He received the Soldiers Medal for his actions on New Year's in 1970 when he and a warrant officer used a water truck to extinguish

the flames after an ammo dump was set on fire at the division's base camp. This led to his induction into the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes in the early 1980s.

Jones began his civilian career in October 1979 doing the same things he does now: technology transfer, foreign disclosure and some personnel security action. Co-worker Bill "Billy Mac" McPherson, since retired, was among his mentors.

He received an associate degree in law enforcement from Calhoun College in 1972, a bachelor's of general studies with major in police science from Chaminade of Honolulu in 1974 and a master's in public administration with major in police work from Jacksonville State in 1978.

He and Opal have a son, Edward Alan Jones, 40, and two grandchildren. Edward, married to the former Angela Evans of Huntsville, does computer work for CSC in Birmingham and has a daughter, Jennifer, 13, and son, Matthew, 9.

Keeping up with these Joneses after retirement will mean following the Alabama football schedule.

"We enjoy Alabama football. We try to go to all the games," said Jones, who also enjoys golfing, fishing and camping. "And now with impending retirement, we plan to travel some. You know, load our motor home up and hit the road."

Girl Scouts sending tasty treats overseas

Deployed Soldiers set for cookie shipments

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It just doesn't get more American, or tastier, than Girl Scout cookies. Local troops are doing their part to send a little taste of home across the globe to deployed Soldiers with their new project, Operation Cookie Drop.

In addition to their normal cookie sales, currently ongoing, troops are offering the opportunity for people to buy additional boxes. Those boxes will then be packaged and sent to Soldiers in the field.

"Girl Scouts of North Alabama Inc. has teamed up with the Alabama National Guard Bureau, the Association of the United States Army and Crestwood Hospital to ship Girl Scout Cookies overseas," a prepared release said.

For more than 70 years, cookies have been a part of the Girl Scout way and it is perhaps what they are best known for. However, behind the sweet faces and sweet treats there is the desire to build character and a sense of duty. Cookie sales are often combined with charitable projects. Most troops choose a worthy cause to accept such cookie donations for every year as part of their Gift of Caring project. The Cookie Drop endeavor is



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COOKING UP IDEAS— Members of Troop 545 plan their cookie selling strategy.

another dimension of that larger project.

"Through Operation Cookie Drop, Girl Scouts and the general public can show our military troops some gratitude for what they do as well as share a little taste of home with them," Paula Schlumbrecht, CEO of Girl Scouts of North Alabama Inc., said.

Making such an effort to remember

Soldiers is another way for Girl Scouts to reinforce the ideas of service, gratitude and patriotism in their young members while doing something nice for those who do so much for everyone. On the other end of the shipment, Soldiers are reminded that many thanks await them back home and that the way of life they are working to uphold is standing strong. The project

is in keeping with the theme for this year's cookie sales "Mission: Possible." By completing their goals, Scouts are giving Soldiers a little pick-me-up while they complete their own.

"I'm excited to be a part of anything that supports Girl Scouts and empowering girls. I'm also thrilled about anything supporting troops and bringing them a bit of home. Cookie drop lets us do both," Karla Chapman, troop leader for arsenal Brownie Troop 545, said.

Troops are taking orders for cookies and will continue to do so through February. Booth sales are also scheduled for every Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 to March 19, at the Post Exchange and Commissary. Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Additional booths will also be scheduled throughout the community.

To show your support for North Alabama Girl Scouts and deployed Soldiers by participating in Operation Cookie Drop, call the Girl Scouts at 1-800-410-8338.

"A box of Do-Si-Dos or Trefoils can really boost the spirits of our military personnel. Operation Cookie Drop is about troops helping troops," Schlumbrecht said.

Girl Scout cookies keep well and are easily transportable, two musts for Soldiers on the move. There are eight varieties available at \$3 per box.

General says teamwork makes military appealing

By TAM CUMMINGS
Special to American Forces Press Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — "Some people are not comfortable in life if they are not part of something bigger — if they are not part of a team. Being in the military is like that. I think it is a place where people come to seek order and to be a part of something special, an extension of that team," Brig. Gen. Jim Chambers said.

Chambers had graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and was in his third year as a teacher and coach in Marietta, Okla., when one of his father's friends suggested during a golf game he look into a career with the military. Chambers' wife, Elaine, was teaching school and he was coaching football, basketball and track and field, "but still, there was no money at the end of the month," the general said.

"My dad's friend asked if I was interested in a commission. I'd always been drawn to (the military) and I missed being in an orderly atmosphere," Chambers, the son of a retired Air Force technical sergeant, explained.

So Chambers, now commanding general of the 13th Corps Support Command, went to basic training and then to Officer Candidate School and

was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1979. He has remained in the Army for more than 27 years.

"It's been a continuous adventure," Chambers said. "We like the changes. We like traveling. I think almost everybody in the military thrives on building teams and starting over in new locations."

Chambers said he's enjoyed the professional development his career has provided. "After completing company command, I thought, 'It doesn't get any better than this,'" he said. "But there is always a new challenge. Every time I became restive and thought it was time to plant roots, the Army provided a new opportunity to have another challenge and stay in. I've enjoyed everything I've ever done, regardless of what it was."

Today's Army offers a career to Soldiers coming from average American homes, Chambers said.

"I've seen a shift," he explained. "We're an Army made up mainly of Soldiers raised in middle- and low-income households, definitely not an Army made up of kids from the affluent households."

"I see an Army of Soldiers who want to better themselves. I see the eagerness in their eyes and their desire and motivation when they are promoted. The Army is a place you can come to and improve yourself.

There are 100 doors to go through to make that improvement.

"I started out as a private from Oklahoma," he continued, "and I know that Soldiers believe you can start at the bottom and work yourself to the top."

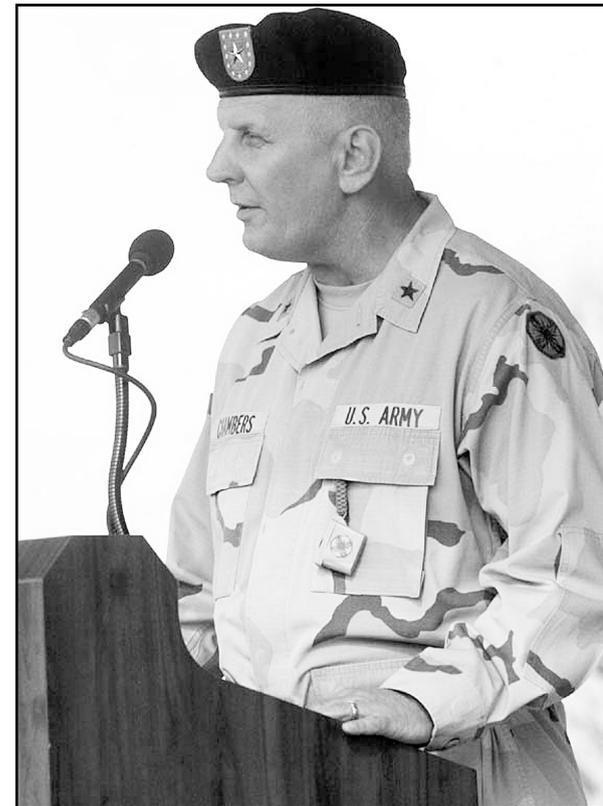
Chambers said people interested in a career in the military should follow a few basic rules for success.

"You don't have to be Ivy League," he said. "You just have to have desire, be goal-oriented, love what you do and take every job and mission as an adventure. Leave every place better than you found it."

Chambers was a high school teammate of Maj. Gen. J.D. Thurmond, 4th Infantry Division commander, and said they both came from the same small town and went to a small state school for college. "We both also have very supportive wives and families," he said. "Elaine and I have been together for 30 years, and I can't imagine doing this without her."

The general said his advice boils down simply: "Bottom line: You can't be embarrassed about being a servant for the country. Work hard, lean on your faith, maintain your values and at the end of the day, things will be OK."

Editor's note: Tam Cummings is news editor for the Fort Hood Sentinel.



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FINDING ORDER— Brig. Gen. Jim Chambers, commander of the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood, says the Army is a place where people come to seek order and to be part of something special.

Busby takes advantage of opportunity for MEDDAC

Clutch jumper
beats Delta

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With the score tied and 36 seconds left, MEDDAC decided to play for one last shot against Delta Company.

The medics passed the ball around as the clock ticked down. But with less than 10 seconds left, MEDDAC's Aaron Busby saw his chance.

He nailed it.

Busby's mid-range jumper from the left side with eight seconds left lifted MEDDAC to a 36-34 win over Delta on Feb. 2 at Pagano Gym. The medics improved to 4-5 while Delta fell to 1-7.

"We weren't going to give up an easy shot. And I was open so I just shot it," said Busby, a 6-foot-2 center/forward. "I know I'm automatic from anywhere inside the key to 15-foot jumpers. And I was open. I just couldn't pass it up."

Busby finished with a team-high 10 points.

"We just played a good game, solid game," small forward Torreon Scott said.

"We just didn't make mistakes at the end of the game."

Delta had one more chance but Anthony Brooks' layup rimmed out before the final buzzer. Willie Fegans scored 20 for the Devastating Dragons who led 18-17 at halftime.

"We got kind of careless with the ball, ball control," Delta forward/guard Robert Coppage said. "And a game we should've had, we let them stay in it. Got careless with the ball. Playing with five (players) builds character."

Results from last week included:

- **Feb. 1** — HHC 59th def. Marines 48-38, Bravo def. NCO Academy 36-26 and Charlie def. MEDDAC 47-26.

- **Feb. 2** — HHC 59th won by forfeit over Charlie, MEDDAC def. Delta 36-34 and Marines def. NCO Academy 44-28.

- **Feb. 3** — Headquarters & Alpha def. Bravo 41-39, HHC 59th def. Delta, and Marines def. Charlie 46-20.

The standings entering this week were:

- **Eastern division** — Charlie (7-3), 326th Chemical (6-2), MEDDAC (4-5) and Delta (1-8).

- **Western division** — Marines (7-3), HHC 59th (6-3), Headquarters & Alpha (5-5), Bravo (3-7) and NCO Academy (2-7).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MUSCLING UP— Aaron Busby (15) battles for the ball under the basket. Later he hits the game winner for the medics.

Barracks renovations get homes up to standard

Most-deficient quarters first in line for treatment

By ERIC CRAMER
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers living in barracks will see big improvements beginning this spring as the Army's Installation Management Agency begins to execute a \$250 million program to identify and upgrade the Army's most deficient barracks.

The funding was made available as a short-term fix to improve 177 barracks that were identified as "red," or substandard under the Installation Status Report. The plan is to upgrade those facilities from red to amber within a year.

"This funding gives IMA one more way to improve quality of life for our Soldiers," said Philip Sakowitz, deputy director of the

Installation Management Agency. "It's not the end of the story, of course, and our plan is to spend about \$260 million a year to sustain barracks facilities."

Sakowitz said IMA has been steadily building and renovating barracks under a long-term \$10 billion program. In the past two years, many barracks upgrades have been accomplished while units are deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

"Now we can tackle the barracks that need the most attention first," Sakowitz said.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston said the Army's goal is to take care of Soldiers.

"We're already taking good care of our Soldiers, this gives us a chance to do it better," Preston said. "The American Soldier deserves the highest standard of living whether they're married or single. The barracks isn't just room and board to our

single Soldiers, it's their home."

George Lloyd, a strategic planner for Unaccompanied Personnel Housing, said the Army has identified 177 barracks buildings that require changes. He uses the medical term "triage" in which the most serious cases are treated first.

"We'll be working on those facilities that need the most work beginning in April 2005, and hope to finish up by September 2006," Lloyd said.

He said the Army has allotted about \$250 million a year, above its normal building and maintenance budget, to the improvement program.

During the renovation process, some Soldiers will be moved out of barracks and off post. Those most likely to be affected during the renovations are "geographic bachelors" — Soldiers at locations remote from their families.

Lloyd said some junior enlisted Soldiers may also be authorized Basic

Allowance for Housing while renovations of their barracks are under way.

"We've identified about 20,000 individual Soldiers' units we feel are critical, or 'red,'" Lloyd said. "Our goal is to make them more liveable, get them to 'amber' and then renovate to meet the 1+1 standard that is our goal." He said the 1+1 standard will provide a home-like atmosphere for Soldiers in the barracks environment.

"The 1+1 standard provides a two-bedroom module for every two junior enlisted Soldiers, and each noncommissioned officer is assigned individually to a two-room module," Lloyd said. "We haven't achieved that standard Armywide yet."

He said the Army has finished about \$6 billion of a scheduled \$10 billion in improvements to reach the 1+1 standard.

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Facilities exercise age restrictions

Gym

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to be turned away because he isn't old enough to participate in any of the classes or use any equipment.

My son has competed in three triathlons, has earned a junior black belt in karate, is as tall as me, and is enthusiastic about going to the gym with me. During the summer this may not be a problem. But during the winter it is cold and dark when I leave for work, and cold and dark when I get home. There is nothing fun about trying to walk, jog, bike ride, roller blade, hike or swim in this weather. Every where we turn these days there are reports about the obesity of our youth. I believe that especially on a military post where the grownups are "forced" to remain in shape, there would be a program for, or that allowed participation from, our kids.

I am extremely disappointed that he is not welcome at the post gym, at this crucial time in his life when he is developing life-long habits. (Note: I would rather have my son learn to enjoy spending time at a gym before going into his teen years than some of the other things kids get into. Also by the time my son reaches 13 he may not want to spend time at the gym with his mother if we don't set this standard now. I believe like with adults, the staff at the gyms should have the prerogative to ask disruptive kids to leave, but it is a disservice to our youth to exclude all of them for general purposes. And not all kids enjoy basketball or volleyball, so opening up just the basketball court is not the answer.)

Valerie Coffey
Reserve lieutenant colonel

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "It would appear from your letter to the editor that you are a frequent user of our MWR fitness facilities and we thank you for your

patronage. We also appreciate you taking the time to bring your concerns to our attention and affording us the opportunity to address them publicly, because we receive a good deal of similar input from concerned parents who are also regular fitness center customers.

"There is no doubt that TV and other media reports cite growing concerns about overweight and under active children — our kids simply need to be more active now to become healthy, active adults. And we appreciate your focus on the specific exercise capabilities of your child and encouragement for him to stay active by setting the example. You are not alone with your concerns. However, we are required by the Department of the Army's Installation Management Agency to follow very specific guidelines regarding age and use of fitness facilities and equipment. The current Army policy does not allow children 13 to 15 years of age to use these cardio, strength, aerobics, sauna or steam room areas unless accompanied by their parent or guardian 'at any time.' The policy also specifies that installations do not have the authority to locally supersede the age restrictions. Since your son is permitted in other areas of the gymnasium when you are with him, an option for you to consider may be floor sports with him in the gym or even walking the perimeter of the gym floor. For your information, 18 laps around the gym equals one mile.

"Again, thank your for your continued patronage and for your input. Thanks in large part to customers like you — who take the time to advise us of their needs and desires so we can improve — Redstone MWR Sports and Fitness program was rated Best Medium Sized program in the entire Army last year! To obtain a copy of the IMA policy on age restrictions or for any additional questions or concerns, please contact Gaylene Wilson, sports and fitness director, at 842-2574 or email: gaylene.wilson@redstone.army.mil."

Revisiting Dr. King's dream for nation

Journey

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such a blessed race of people, when we see others amongst us doing well? When did it become easier to inflict harm upon one another over something insignificant and have no remorse? When did we stop caring for the proper upbringing of our children and allow them to be the parents and we become the child? When did we forget to raise our sons and daughters up in the ammunition of the Lord so that when they are older and wiser, they will know that their bodies only belong to their soul mate? What job interviews are our young men going to with pants sagging down to their ankles only to be judged by their appearance instead of their intelligence? Fathers, when did you get the OK to walk away from your responsibilities because you just didn't want to do it anymore? Mothers, when did you stop being examples to your daughters when you allow different people in and out of your life?

I know that there are many of us who are not like this in no respect but, the fact of the matter is, the majority of our

problems outweigh the minority so therefore I can't speak for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but I do know what he fought for and how important it was for him to fulfill the dream that he had and shared with millions. He believed in his dream and his strong will and faith in God set him out to pursue that dream with many along to support him. He believed in nonviolence because that would only escalate the problems and it definitely wasn't a solution to one, either.

Through all the pain, anguish, sleepless nights that he endured along with his family he fought, and he never gave up! His belief was that one day we as a people would rise up against all odds and tear down the ugly walls of segregation and humiliation so that we as African-Americans may be able to attend the best schools and apply for the best jobs and be treated as equal citizens with dignity and respect. He didn't make it to the promised land with us but, we did; so I ask again, does the life we lead today still reflect the dream of Dr. King? ...

Gloria D. Dorsey
retired sergeant first class



Sports & Recreation

Taekwondo classes

SKIESUnlimited's Taekwondo lessons continue through March. Prices are \$40 for first family member, \$33 second member and \$28 third family member per month. This program is open to patrons age 5 through adult. For information call Brandie DeRemer 313-3701.

Dance lessons

Child and Youth Services' SKIESUnlimited, along with SABA School of Dance and International Performing Arts Company, is offering dance lessons to children 5-18 Monday through Saturday until May 22 at the SABA Dance Studio. Students will attend class once per week. The entire session is five months long, however, families may pay monthly. Cost is \$35 per month. Any child participating must have a valid sports physical completed before registration or participation in any dance class. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-3701.

Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 will offer the following boating safety classes this year from 6:30-9 p.m. at Stillwell Hall, building 3305, room 215: Class 05-1, Feb. 10 through March 24; Class 05-2, April 14 through May 26; Class 05-3, June 9 through July 21; Class 05-4, Aug. 11 through Sept. 22; and Class 05-5, Oct. 13 through Nov. 23. A \$25 fee covers the cost of the class text and binder which are provided to all students. For more information and class registration, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 (work) or 830-6621 (home).

UAH hockey

Members of the Redstone community may be interested in an upcoming series for the University of Alabama-Huntsville hockey team. Air Force will come to town Friday and Saturday for two games against UAH in the College Hockey America Conference. Game times are 8:05 p.m. Friday and 4:05 p.m. Saturday at the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$8.50 for adult reserved, \$7 adult general admission, \$7 student reserved and \$6 student general admission. UAH students with valid UAH photo identification cards are admitted free in the general admission seating area. UAH students may upgrade their seating and purchase reserved seats for \$2 at the Von Braun Center box office on game day. All children age 2 and above are considered students. Children under 2 are admitted free, but must sit in an adult's lap. To purchase tickets, go to the Von Braun Center or call Ticketmaster at 1-800-277-1700. For more information and group sales, call the UAH Charger Ticket Office at 824-6939.

Baseball trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council plans to sponsor a baseball bus trip to see the St. Louis Cardinals play the Atlanta Braves in their only regular season series in Atlanta. This is a three-day trip that leaves Redstone April 29 at 11 a.m. and returns May 1 about 5 p.m. "We will see two games (Friday and Saturday) with two nights

lodging at the Embassy Suites Galleria," a prepared release said. "Snacks and refreshments are always provided on the bus." Cost is \$195 per person based on double occupancy. The trip is limited to 40 people, so reserve your space now. After you have a confirmed space, a \$100 non-refundable deposit will be due by March 1. Respond by e-mail to debra.roesch@redstone.army.mil or Retired402@charter.net. For more information, call Debbie Roesch at 842-2962.

Gymnastics classes

SKIESUnlimited offers gymnastics classes for children of all ages: Mommy & Me Gymnastics, \$25 per child, ages 12 months to 3 years; Tumbling, \$30 per child, ages 5-14; Kindernastics, \$30 per child, ages 2-5; and Cheernastics, \$35 per child, ages 5-14. All children participating in a sports activity must have a valid sports physical completed prior to participation. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-3701.



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).

Admin professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its 10th annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," Feb. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Huntsville Hilton. Keynote speaker is Linda Spalla, former president and general manager of WHNT-TV. Afternoon workshop topics include Effective Writing, Scrapbooking, Professional Manners, Edwards Jones Financial Tips, Pros & Cons of Fad Diets/Bariatric Surgery, and Identity Theft. A fashion show will also be included with the luncheon and continental breakfast and snacks will be provided to attendees. The course is in TIPS by the course number PPE, and vendor name is IAAP. Tuition fees are \$125 and student rates are \$50. You do not have to be in the administrative career field to attend this training event. To register call Susan Douglas 842-6795.

Warrant officers

The Warrant Officer Association, Redstone Arsenal Chapter invites all warrant officers to attend its meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Chapter activities and information can be viewed at <http://www.redstonewarrants.com/>. For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer Tommy Vaden 955-0886.

Logistics society

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will hold a joint luncheon meeting Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Madison Square Mall Holiday Inn. Daniel Rhodes, of the Lead

AMC Integration Support Office, is to speak on the Single Army Logistics Enterprise. Cos is \$13.75 for members, \$14.75 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday by calling Emma Louise Cooper 313-6763 or Randy Gibbs 313-2942.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Joe Ritch, co-chairman of the Tennessee Valley BRAC Committee, will speak on community efforts associated with base realignment and closure in 2005. For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members — see your organization ASMC representative or call Kim Jean 876-7208 or Lisa Lowry 876-1423.

Management institute

North Alabama Chapter of the Project Management Institute will have a focus group meeting with facilitator Brice Marsh from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 15 at Sci-Quest, 102-B Wynn Drive. To RSVP send an e-mail by noon Feb. 14 to RobertAldridge@programs@NorthAlabamaPMI.org.

Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet Feb. 14 with 5:30 p.m. social, 6 dinner and 6:30 program at the UAH Tom Bevill Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Stephanie Kingsford, certified public accountant, and Steve Lyda, sales and use tax audit division, are to give a panel update on taxes for the individual and business. This program will qualify for one hour CPE credit. Cost is \$16.50 members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 full-time undergraduate students. Reservations are due today by calling 830-0377.

Federal retirees

National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. Ernest Williams, chapter service officer, is to discuss 2005 income tax highlights and changes. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club will have its monthly meeting Thursday night at 6:30 at the Challenger Activity Center. New members are welcome. Child care is available for members. The meetings include food and fun. For more information, call Jennifer Kennedy 895-6782.

Army family action plan

For the past two years, issues raised at Redstone Arsenal Army Family Action Plan Conference made their way to the final round of issues that were formally addressed by the Department of Defense regarding quality of life in the military community. The annual AFAP Conference is Feb. 14-15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. If you would like to be a delegate for the conference, call Larry Leggett 842-8375 or e-mail him at larry.leggett@redstone.army.mil. You may also complete the online registration form at www.redstonemwr.com and complete the Quality of Life Survey.



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/74H information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 25B/74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your education/experience in the following computer skills: database management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B/74B as well. To schedule an interview, call Victor Marshall 313-0168.

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 for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Tax assistance center

The Redstone Tax Center, building 3489 off Ajax Road, provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty and retired military and their dependents. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 for walk-in services. For an appointment, directions, or more information, call 842-1040.

Scholarship program

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers announces its annual scholarship program for ASMC members and their immediate families. This scholarship is open to high school seniors, undergraduates and those working on graduate programs. The application can be found on the Internet at <http://www.asmonline.org/national/nationalawards.shtml> or you may call

Judy Smith 876-6163 or Debbie O'Neal 876-2671. Application deadline is Feb. 28. Packages may be mailed to AMCOM, Attn: AMSAM-RM-FD, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898 or taken to Smith at building 5300, third floor, work station 53B062.

Bookkeeper job

The Thrift Shop has an opening for bookkeeper with annual salary \$4,200 (approximately 10 hours per week). Applicants should have a thorough knowledge of Quick Books financial program and proficiency with bookkeeping procedures. Applications can be picked up during business hours at the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, and returned by Feb. 24. For information call Isabel Boicourt 881-6992.

Combined fund organization

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications for a Principal Combined Fund Organization to administer the 2005 CFC. The primary responsibility of the PCFO is to support the federal government in managing a comprehensive local workplace fund-raising campaign while ensuring the fiscal integrity, accountability and transparency of the process in accordance with 5CFR, Part 950.104.(c). The primary goal of the PCFO is to conduct an effective and efficient campaign in a fair and even-handed manner. Only federations, charitable organizations, or a combination thereof are eligible to apply for this position. The federation or charitable organization selected to serve as PCFO will be required to sign a memorandum of understanding with the LFCC. Further information may be downloaded from the official OPM web site: www.opm.gov/cfc. All applications must be mailed to CFC Chairperson, AMSAM-CFC, building 3708, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5795 by Feb. 14.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is accepting applications for the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded annually for up to four academic years to unmarried dependent children of Soldiers (active, retired or deceased) to attend post secondary school full time for the entire academic year. Applications for the 2005-06 academic year are available at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, or by mail. You may mail your application request to AER Headquarters, Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund, 200 Stovall Street, 5N13, Alexandria, VA, 22332-0600. Applications and additional eligibility criteria are also available on the AER web site: www.aerhq.org. Completed scholarship application and supporting documentation must be postmarked by March 1. For more information call Army Community Service, Kristi Foster, 876-5397.

Association scholarship

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present a \$1,000 scholarship. Application packets must be received before May 1 in order to be considered. Completed application packets should be mailed directly to: RAWOA Scholarship Program, c/o Chief Warrant Officer Richard Storie, 102



Courtesy photo

Lift every voice

In celebration of Black History Month, Darrell McCauley, a local gospel and rhythm and blues singer, hosts a karaoke event at the Post Exchange. "We had a great time singing. The audience joined in many of the songs," he says. The PX is honoring many African-Americans during the month with mini concerts, book and history displays throughout the store.

Trevor Circle, Toney, AL. 35773. Applications will be accepted from the children (natural and adopted), dependent stepchildren under age 21 (seniors in high school or currently enrolled college freshmen) of members of the active, National Guard, reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians in the Tennessee Valley area. Awards will be announced by June 15. To download a packet and application form, go to www.redstonewarrants.com.

Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will accept scholarship applications for 2005. This scholarship is for students majoring in business (high school and college students). The scholarship application is located on the web page <http://www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/current.htm> listed under "Upcoming Events." Deadline for entry is March 31. For more information, call Glenda Davis 828-5681.

Art auction

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present its 33rd annual Art Exhibition and Auction, March 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club. This year the club plans to double the fun by having a Craft and Service Auction. The exhibition starts at 5:30 p.m. and the auction at 7. Tickets are \$10; and proceeds benefit the OCWC welfare fund. Tickets can be purchased at the club 830-2582 or through an OCWC representative. For more information, call Lynn Carden 533-6368.

Welfare fund requests

The Officer and Civilian Women's club distributes funds each year to a variety of requesting organizations. OCWC Welfare Request Forms will be available in the group's newsletter "Southern Exposure," at Army Community Service or by mail at P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808. The request deadline is Feb. 28..

Logistics achievement awards

The annual Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award Luncheon/Ceremony is March 17 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The two awards to be presented are the Management/Executive Award to GS-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award to GS-13s and below (or military equivalents). Nominees include the following: Management/Executive Award — David Dapkus, Edward Grimble, Tom Ingram, Gifford Lee Jr., Mark Moe, Diane Overholt, Gordon Porter, Charles Reeves II and Alfreda Tabb-Green. Professional/Technical Award — Larry Johnson, David Lizotte, Eric Moton, Bruce O'Gorman, Redus Tittle, Darlene Williams and Craig Zeisset. Cost of tickets, available through March 11, is \$14. For tickets or more information, call Kathy White 876-1757 or Debra Foley 842-6783.

Singing valentines

Southern Splendor Chorus will send a barbershop quartet to sing for your loved one. A card, a song and a rose start at \$40. Visit the web site at www.southernsplendorchorus.org or call (256) 682-9441.

Pancake fund-raiser

The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville is sponsoring its 28th annual Pancake Day at the Huntsville High School Cafeteria on March 5 from 6 a.m. to noon. This is its fund-raiser that supports projects such as Reading is Fundamental, School Safety Patrols, Boys and Girls Clubs, Camp ASCCA and other programs that benefit families. Tickets are \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for all you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. For a limited time only, the Kiwanis Club Of Huntsville president is offering a special discount price of \$3 per ticket. For more information, call Charlie Urban 683-2047.

CFC charities

Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit charitable human health and welfare organizations wanting to receive contributions. Under federal law, each recipient must be a 501 (c) (3) organization. The application period is March 14 through April 14. The CFC campaign manages the collection and disbursements of donations from military and federal employees in Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan County as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. For more information or to obtain an application, call Melinda Seigler, CFC director, 536-0745, ext. 108 or download the application with instructions at <http://cfc.redstone.army.mil>.

Black history contests

Display and essay contests are planned for Team Redstone's observance of Black History Month. The essay should be two pages, double spaced and pertain to either the national theme "The Niagara Movement" or local theme "Visions and Sounds of the African-American Culture." Send essays by Thursday to the Garrison's Sgt. 1st Class Mixon (fax 876-8947, phone 876-8648) or OMEMS' Master Sgt. Jackson and Sgt. 1st Class Williams (fax 842-6853, phone 876-9224 or 842-

9765). Unit/department static displays should be in place by Thursday for judging Friday. The contest winners will be announced at the Black History Month celebration at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

History month program

Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will present a Black History Month program and potluck dinner Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at Heritage Plantation Clubhouse, 100 Bluff Springs Road in Madison.

Black history committee

The Black History Committee is searching for participants for the live dramatic performance "Up From Slavery" at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. "We are hoping to feature some of our own members of the Redstone community," a prepared release said. "Please come out and display your talents. There will be only four rehearsals lasting only one hour after duty hours." For information call Loretta Ragland 876-7772.

Computer classes

The Employment Readiness Program offers free self-paced computer tutorials to military family members who would like to develop or enhance their computer skills. Other members of the military community, including active duty personnel, retirees and civilian employees may take advantage of this training on a space available basis. Classes are available for Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook, Access, and Windows XP. A certificate of completion is issued upon successful completion of each course. For more information, call Debra Jefferson at Army Community Service 876-5397.

Labor relations workshop

"Employee and Labor Relations Workshop for Supervisors and Managers," a two-day workshop, provides civilian and military supervisors and managers with increased skills and effective strategies for dealing with problem employees and poor performers as well as for managing civilian employees represented by federal employee unions. Participants will increase their understanding of the practical implications of managing a unionized work force. The course is scheduled March 15-16; and the registration deadline is Feb. 14. For more information call the course manager, Louise Olszewski, at 842-6670 or review the course announcement on the web site at <http://cpolrhq.belvoir.army.mil/scr/> for additional details and payment information. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

Defense budget analysis

The Education Committee of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of Association of the U.S. Army began series of educational meetings last year. These general membership meetings are held twice each year and are free to AUSA members. Non-members may attend by joining AUSA (join online at ausa.org or you can join at the door). Retired Lt. Gen. Theodore Stroup, vice president of education at AUSA national headquarters, will

