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# Art auction has added twist

33rd annual fund-raiser  
on Saturday's canvas

By SKIP VAUGHN

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There's something different about Saturday's 33rd annual Art Exhibition and Auction sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

In addition to the art exhibition, there will be a Crafts & Services Silent Auction. This will include items donated by various members of the organization, local merchants and friends of the club.

Items of interest include a dinner party at the home of post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky. Also included will be a two-hour consultation with Harvey Cotten, chief operating officer for Huntsville Botanical Garden.

"It's going to be great," Joann Andrew, crafts and services chairman, said. "We're doing the art auction with a twist, so they'll get both events packed into a fun-filled evening."

The crafts and services auction will precede the art auction in the main ballroom of the Officers and Civilians Club. The exhibition begins at 5:30 p.m., and the auction starts at 7. Cost is \$10 per person. Non-ID cardholders and non-Redstone tagged vehicles will be admitted through Gate 9.

The art will be provided by Regency Fine Art of Atlanta, featuring serigraphs, lithographs, etchings, oil paintings, watercolors, celebrity collectibles and sports memorabilia.

"It's a new vendor so we're going to have a whole different selection of art available," OCWC member Chris Swart said. "The kinds of things they'll see at the



Courtesy photo

**WORK SAMPLE**— Looking at artwork are, from left, OCWC honorary president Becky Pillsbury, art auction chairman Lynn Carden, crafts and services auction chairman Joann Andrew and president Donna Williams.

art auction will be different than the last 15 years (with the previous vendor)."

This fund-raiser provides capital for the OCWC's welfare fund in support of community activities for military and civilian families. From 400-500 people are expected.

"It's to support the community," Andrew said. "The money goes right back into the military and civilian community. Different organizations all over the city will ask us for funding and we will give the money out."

The club's welfare fund supports activities such as the Red Cross, United Cerebral Palsy, USO, Senior Center, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Christmas Charities Year Round, Humane Society, Army Emergency Relief, Crisis Service of North Alabama, Habitat for Humanity and college scholarships for military family members.

For tickets and more information about Saturday's event, call art auction chairman Lynn Carden at 533-6368 or Andrew at 880-8251.

# Thrift Shop marks fifth year in current home



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CLOTHES FOR SALE**— Thrift Shop volunteer Betty Allen checks prices on clothing items.

Proceeds benefit  
local community

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Its building was falling apart but the Thrift Shop's role was very much alive.

So the consignment shop moved five years ago from a building on Army TACMS Road, its home for almost 20 years, to building 3209 on Hercules Road. Its former location was condemned and demolished. The Thrift Shop lives on.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony at building 3209 was held March 1, 2000. Sharon Samuelson, the registration clerk and volunteer coordinator on the thrift shop board, planned to mark the fifth anniversary with a cake.

"We've been here five years and we've been working hard," she said.

Proceeds from the non-profit organization are returned to the Redstone community. Last year the shop contributed \$8,000 to causes such as Space Camp scholarships, Chaplains' food baskets for Christmas and Thanksgiving, Red Cross, Boy

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## Letter to the Editor

### In company of Soldiers

Since supporting “the Soldier in the field” is what our job is all about, I felt compelled to forward the original e-mail telling about program airing. The program “A Company of Soldiers” was about a unit from the 8th Cavalry Regiment in Iraq, aired on PBS Tuesday evening (Feb. 22). I had forwarded the notice of this program that I had received to some Redstone recipients.

Don’t know if it’s proper to send this to you, just let me know if it is not, but I had to share a response that was sent to me from a guy that I don’t know; it is very poignant and tugs at the heart for anyone with an affinity for the Soldier.

If you see fit, please share this with the readership.

**Michael Cunningham**  
Close Combat Weapon  
Systems Project Office

*Editor’s note: This is the text of the letter from “Pat” at Redstone Arsenal.*

*“Mr. Cunningham: I watched the suggested program. It was more pain for our Soldiers than I could take. I do not see how they do their job as they do, for they not only fight the battle, but doubt from the Iraqi people on a level that is beyond comprehension for all the things and sacrifices they have made for these people. I know war is not a cake walk, but I felt like I was right there with them ... It was devastating to see that young man playing cards, and then he is gone. Leaving his brothers with strong intent and pain as well. When the tribute to Babbitt was made by his brothers, touching the dog tag, the helmet on the gun and the boots, I could feel so much through their feelings in their faces and hearts. I wanted so badly to just touch them and tell them I do not take them for granted and I support every hour of*

*their unstable lives. I have a routine in my life, pretty much. But these guys have none. The days and nights run together and they are (never) in a state of going to work or not, they have no choice. It is what they do, with honor. This came through loud and clear on the film. One of the Soldiers said that you do not come here and come back unchanged. This film makes it clear why.*

*“I have a picture of a TIME article on my desk that has an article about ‘A Day in the Life of the Military.’ The title carries no weight here; nobody wants to know the pain and the days of these Soldiers’ lives. These Soldiers are more than ‘A Company of Soldiers,’ so much more. I had such emotion. I was overwhelmed that these guys, who I do not know, are there for me and us and how we think of them only when the news is on or something comes up about the war. The guys had found golf clubs and balls in a palace that was once the home of one of Hussein’s wives, and they were playing, hard to hit the ball in the sand, but they laughed and were in a world that is nothing anyone who has not been there could possibly understand. The man over them came over and told them to stop and that they were there to do their job. They were so hungry for fun, lightness of heart, enjoying each other, that it made me angry for his doing this. Then I thought, he had to do this, they were playing out in the open, the bag of clubs could have been rigged. He was right. I pray for our guys. Sometimes I do not know what to pray, for their needs can only be met by God and his grace. But I ask for each and every one of them to know that there are people here who think of them and try to understand what the reality of their existence is on a daily basis...”*

### Madison man drowns in river

A Madison man apparently fell off a fishing dock and drowned Feb. 19 on Redstone Arsenal, according to the Provost Marshal Office.

Edward Zarnesky, 72, was fishing at the Easter Posey recreation area on the Tennessee River. He was reported missing about 5:45 p.m.; and Redstone

authorities found his vehicle on the NASA ramp. They found the body downriver about three-fourths of a mile east at 8:20.

Zarnesky’s son, retired warrant officer Edward Jr., works on post, according to Lt. Kenny Renew of the Provost Marshal Office.

### An open lane random survey

What do you think of mandatory HIV testing?

By **KELLEY LANE**  
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**Greg Black**  
contractor

**“It depends on why it is being done. If there are health reasons, people working in the medical field and they’re dealing with surgery and open wounds, then yes they should be tested.”**



**George Boyer**  
retiree

**“It’s getting to the point where it needs to be mandatory. They say there is such a high rate among teens who have sexually transmitted diseases. They’re killing themselves. In certain instances, it should be done.”**



**Staff Sgt. Ryan Hemke**  
**“It’s a good idea, but I don’t know what they’d be able to do about the results.”**

**Angie Swanson**  
Redstone Federal Credit Union

**“I don’t think it should be required. From what we know so far about how it is transmitted, it can’t be caught unless there are bodily fluids involved. If we’re talking about regular contact, you wouldn’t be exposed just by touching someone. I think it’s a privacy issue.”**



### Getting to know you

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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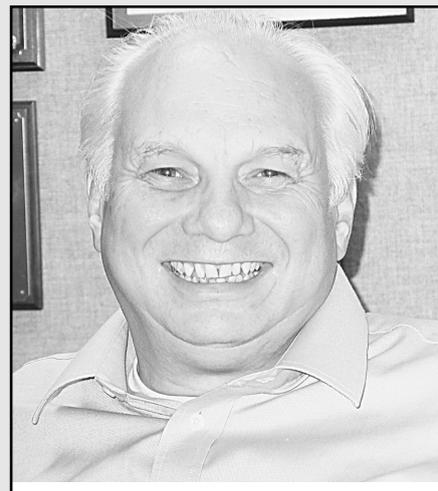
**Where do you call home?**  
Normandy, Tenn.

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

I like the variance, working different jobs, different audits, because it’s varied. It might be we’re working on one and then next month we’re working on something totally different. And it’s challenging.

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

I like to do photography. I do volunteer church work. I’m a substitute teacher for a senior Sunday School class (at the Faith Presbyterian Church in Huntsville). And I also help the church on outreach programs such as heading up the committee for building wheelchair ramps in conjunction with CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging) and Faith Presbyterian Church. We build wheelchair ramps for people who are homebound. And I’m also teaching a class in person-



al finance in Crown Financial Ministries; this is a biblical financial study.

**What are your goals?**

I plan to take the examination for Certified Government Auditing Professional at the end of July. I’d like to do that before I retire. And I plan to work another 3-5 years. I enjoy my work here in the Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office. And my goal is to remain debt-free. Me and my wife, Betty, have everything paid off.

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# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

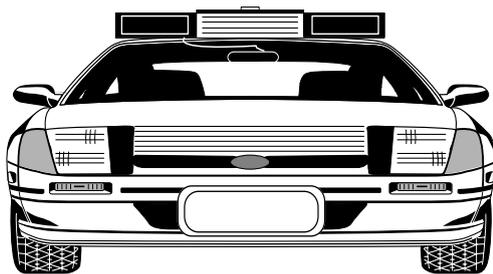
**Feb. 17:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during a check of the recreation area. He then attempted to elude police. The individual was processed and transported to the federal courthouse for further disposition.

**Feb. 17:** 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.

**Feb. 18:** An individual reported that someone had stolen her debit card. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Feb. 18:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a revoked license during an inspection at Gate 3. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

**Feb. 18:** An individual was stopped for speeding and found to be operating his



motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released to a licensed driver.

**Feb. 18:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a revoked license during an inspection at Gate 3. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

**Feb. 19:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and detained until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

**Feb. 19:** 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.

**Feb. 20:** An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant during an inspection at Gate 10. He was detained and released to the Huntsville Police Department.

**Feb. 21:** An individual reported that he was physically assaulted in the barracks.

Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Feb. 22:** An individual entered the police station and reported that she was AWOL. She was processed and transported to Huntsville airport for a flight to Fort Knox, Ky.

**Feb. 23:** 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.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 16 speeding, 6 driving with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license, 2 driving under the influence, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and 1 driving with an expired driver's license.

## Quote of the week

'The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.'

— Winston Churchill



Courtesy photo

## Take me home, please

This 5-month-old male mix breed puppy is looking for a home. For more information, call the Veterinary Treatment Facility at 876-2441.

# Evaluator suggests ways to reduce stress

*Lisa Lockett enjoys her work, her family and pampering others*

By **BETH SKARUPA**  
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Although talking to an auditor may not be your idea of a stress-free encounter, talking to Lisa Lockett may lead you to a surprising discovery. She's not just an evaluator for Internal Review, she's also an independent consultant for BeautiControl and because of that she knows a lot about relieving stress.

"These days everyone is under tremendous stress. Men and women are no longer working a typical 40-hour work week — many are working 60 plus hours a week," she said. "We are now working more hours for less pay, and may feel insecure about our jobs with the economy today."

She explained that the many roles and activities that most of us juggle in our daily lives — being employees, spouses, parents, cooks, cleaners, yard workers, volunteers, friends, sports enthusiasts and carpool drivers — can leave us exhausted and stressed. Stress impacts each individual differently and can be detrimental to our health. It has been linked to heart disease, depression, obesity, elevated blood pressure, insomnia, anxiety, migraine headaches and nausea.

"Some health experts say that 90 percent of disease is related to stress," she said. "Did you know that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women and stress is a major factor? If you are like most women today, you're starved for time and stressed to the max. As women, we tend to put everyone else's needs ahead of our own." She has experienced this herself as a wife and a mother to four teenagers. Her husband is Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. Her oldest son Ryan, who will be 19 in April, attends Wallace State-Hanceville. Her stepson Justin, 18, is a senior at Lee High who plans to attend



Courtesy photo

**Lisa Lockett**

Troy State after graduation. Her daughter Courtney, who will be 17 in May, is a junior at Bob Jones High and a cheerleader for varsity basketball. Her stepson Jarrod, 16, is a sophomore at Lee High and a junior varsity basketball player.

"My husband will be retiring in May after 30 years. I'm so proud of him. He's so fascinating, I call him my 'renaissance man,'" she said. "He is like a chameleon who can change and blend in any situation ... I love watching him work a room. I admire that about him, he's always so confident."

She finds her work as an auditor very interesting and diverse. She explained that she never knows what kind of audit will come up next and she loves meeting new people. She also noted that she works with a fun, laid-back group of people with tons of experience.

Although she enjoys her job and her family, she knows that women especially need to take time to pamper themselves to reduce stress. She started using BeautiControl products 18 years ago when she lived in Hawaii. She decided to become an independent consultant three years later after moving to Alaska. "It gave me something to do and it was fun," she said.

She explained that BeautiControl brings the spa experience into women's homes with affordable, professional products that allow them to enjoy spa-quality treatments. She offers women a 'BeautiControl Spa Escape,' an opportunity for hostesses and their guests to experience the rejuvenating effects of a day spa at a get-together in the hostess' home. Lockett finds that her work as a consultant allows her to help others and to manage her own stress, too.

"I relax and de-stress at every spa along with my clients and their guests. It must be the mood that is set. The lights are low, candles lit, and utter silence except for soothing music playing in the background. Your eyes are closed and all you feel is someone massaging your hand and back and telling you to breathe deeply and imagine yourself in a far away place. It feels surreal," she said. "The best thing for me is being able to bless someone. You know, for an hour, you give them the ability to step outside of the norm and concentrate on themselves."

Originally from Hattiesburg, Miss., Lockett has worked at Redstone Arsenal for three and a half years and for the Defense Department for the past 10 years. She started out as a clerk-typist at Fort Monmouth, N.J. She attended both South-

ern Mississippi and Honolulu Community College before receiving her associate's degree at Brookdale Community College in New Jersey. She received a bachelor's in accounting and a master's in technology management from the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

In her spare time she enjoys logic and crosswords puzzles, reading, decorating and "hanging out" with her family and friends. She also enjoys offering mini-spas at area schools. Before Christmas break last year, she visited both Heritage Elementary and Liberty Middle schools and set up mini-spas in their teachers' lounges as a treat from the principals to their faculty and staff. She's also busy encouraging people to become independent consultants like her.

"BeautiControl did a demographic study of this area and determined it needed 100 directors. There are only seven in this area, and most are in Madison," she said. "I'm inviting all interested persons to our seminar on 'Increasing your Family's Income with a Six-Figure Salary the Fun Way' on March 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton near the airport."

If you're interested in talking to Lockett about BeautiControl, call (256) 603-5331 or e-mail goochlane@knology.net.

## Diabetes management seminar offered

By **TAMIRIZ CENTENO**  
Preventive Medicine, Fox Army Health Center

Fox Army Health Center offers a monthly two-day seminar on diabetes management.

The class is free to all health care beneficiaries with a referral from their physician or health care provider. It provides information on medications, blood glucose monitoring, meal planning, exercise and stress management.

The class also offers hands-on practice in using a glucometer and evaluating various food products by taking a field trip to the commissary.

By the end of the class, participants

have a greater understanding about how to manage their diabetes and to prevent complications that result from poor blood sugar control. The class benefits both individuals newly diagnosed as well as those who have had diabetes for several years and who may want to update their knowledge.

The class is offered from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month, with some exceptions when a holiday occurs during that first week. To sign up, ask your health care provider for a referral, then call the Preventive Medicine Services Center at 955-8888, ext. 1026 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# Cataracts: Early detection key for healthy vision

By TAMIRIZ CENTENO

*Preventive Medicine, Fox Army Health Center*

A cataract is a clouding or darkening that develops in the normally clear lens of the eye. This prevents the lens from properly focusing light on the retina, at the back of the eye, resulting in a loss of vision. It is not a film that grows over the surface of the eye.

No one is exactly sure what causes a cataract, but it is known that chemical changes within the lens cause it to become cloudy. This is often thought of as a part of natural aging process, but it may also result from heredity, an injury or disease.

According to the American Optometric Association, cataracts are most often found in persons over age 55, but are also occasionally found in younger persons, even newborns.

Cataracts usually develop in both eyes, but often at different rates. Some cataracts develop slowly over a period of years and others form rapidly within a few months.

In a comprehensive eye examination, your doctor of optometry can determine whether or not you have cataracts. Cataracts vary in their development from person to person, so the symptoms may also vary. Here are some common symptoms that people experience:

- increasing haziness causing blurred or distorted vision ... colors may seem yellowed
- the appearance of dark spots or shadows that seem to move when the eye moves
- an increasing need for more light to see clearly
- a tendency to become more near-sighted because of increasing density of the lens

- double vision
- a gradual loss of color vision
- a stage where it is easier to see without glasses ... second sight.

Currently, there is no proven method to prevent cataracts from forming or to make the cloudy lens clear after a cataract has developed. Your doctor of optometry can prescribe changes in your glasses or contact lenses to help you see more clearly as your cataract develops.

Ultimately, if your cataract impairs your daily activities, your optometrist can refer you to an eye surgeon who may recommend surgical removal of the cataract. The surgery is relatively uncomplicated and has a 95 percent success rate.

When your eye's natural lens is removed during cataract surgery, some type of treatment is usually needed to achieve clear, comfortable vision.

Intraocular lenses, contact lenses and glasses are all common forms of post-cataract vision correction. Intraocular lens implants are inserted at the time of surgery and serve as "new" lenses. Daily wear and continuous wear contact lenses have also become increasingly popular as post-cataract vision correction.

It is well known, however, that the use of dark sunglasses with ultraviolet protection may increase the age of onset of cataracts or slow their progression. This is important even on cloudy days. Also, smokers and diabetics tend to get cataracts at an early age.

Whatever the treatment, regular eye followup care is important in making sure you maintain good vision and eye health. For more information on cataracts visit the American Optometric Association web site at [www.aoanet.org](http://www.aoanet.org).

# Women's history celebrated during March

*Educational fair slated Thursday*

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RELEASE

The public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, Calif. The week including March 8, International Women's Day, was selected. In 1981 Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month.

Statistics taken from the U.S. Census Bureau show that among the 71 million women at least 16 years old who work, 50 percent work full time, year-round. More than 9-in-10 employed, civilian women age 16 and over work in one of three

occupational groups: sales and office (37 percent); management, professional, and related (36 percent); and service (18 percent). Fifty-six percent of college students are women. Women have constituted the majority of college students since 1979. In each year since 1982, more American women than men have received bachelor's degrees. Fifty-seven percent of women 16 and over are in the civilian labor force. The percentage for men is 70 percent.

Sixty-one percent of women 18 and over cast a ballot in the last presidential election. This compares with 58 percent of their male counterparts. Among all voting-age people, women have voted at higher rates than men in every presidential election since 1984.

Some 1.6 million women are military veterans; another 164,000 serve in the armed forces.

There are 145 million females as of July 1, 2001. That exceeds the number of males, who numbered 139.8 million.

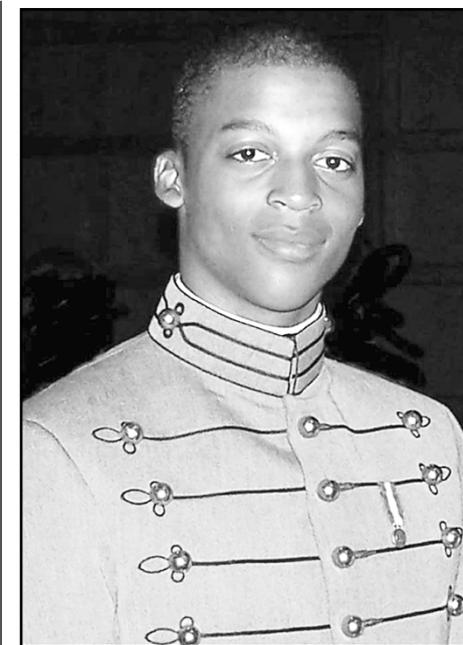
Males outnumber females in every age group through ages 30-34. Starting with 35-39, women outnumber men. At 85 and over, there are more than twice as many women as men.

In support of Women's History Month, the Team Redstone Women's History Planning Committee will bring you an Educational Fair on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby outside Bob Jones Auditorium.

The national theme this year is "Women Change America." In keeping with the theme, Team Redstone will make available information in the form of scientific displays, handouts, and key people who can assist with career and educational progression. The Aviation and Missile Command will host a table from Federally Employed Women; Marshall Space Flight Center will host three tables — Society of Women Engineers, MSFC's Nursing Mothers Program, and Athens State University; Research Development and Engineering Center will sponsor a table demonstrating technology and International Association of Administrative Professionals; Morale Welfare and Recreation will have two tables outside the cafeteria in the Sparkman Complex dedicated to fitness; the Civilian Personnel Operations Center will have a table with job/career development information; Fox Army Health Center will have a table on medical awareness; and the Garrison EO/EEO Office will have a welcome table and Women's History display.

Also planned are the traditional essay and display contests sponsored by the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, with awards presented at the Team Redstone 3-Mile Fun

Run on March 30. For more information, contact any of the Team Redstone EEO offices or call Becky Miller of Garrison EEO Office at 876-9223.



Courtesy photo

## *Cadet scholar*

**Cadet Kendrick Bernard Vaughn, son of Col. John and Maureen Vaughn of Madison, was named to the dean's list at the U.S. Military Academy. To qualify for the dean's list, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Vaughn graduated from Bob Jones High in 2004 and plans to graduate in 2008 from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant.**

## ■ Local community realizes Thrift Shop benefits

### Thrift

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Scouts, Soldier awards programs, and vouchers to Army Community Service for needy families. Another \$10,000 in items was donated to local charities.

"Most of the work is done by volunteers," Samuelson said. "We only have two paid positions — manager and bookkeeper — and everything else is run by (45) volunteers."

People can bring in items they no longer need and consign them, and also make purchases for low prices.

"So they benefit by being able to consign their goods, they benefit by being able to shop here at very low prices and they benefit by putting money back into

Redstone," Samuelson said. "That's our whole purpose — to help the Soldier and his family."

"The money goes to a good cause," said volunteer Maureen Vaughn, wife of Col. John Vaughn.

Beverly Green has volunteered at the shop since 1996 and also in the early 1970s. "I just think it's a worthwhile cause and I meet a lot of interesting people," she said, "We help the military families."

Gayla McMichael, an engineer in the Research Development and Engineering Center, likes to shop occasionally in thrift shops for antiques, vintage jewelry and older appliances. She was perusing the merchandise during lunchtime Thursday at Redstone Thrift Shop.

"One person's trash is another person's treasure," she said, laughing.

# Soldier feels he's contributing to terror war



Photo by Kathleen Rhem

**PRIZED POSSESSION**— Staff Sgt. Kevin Bowe shows off photos of his family mounted on the toolbox at his desk in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

## *Service to country a family tradition*

By **KATHLEEN RHEM**  
*American Forces Press Service*

NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — Staff Sgt. Kevin Bowe and his wife, Sgt. Brandy Bowe, spent their “honeymoon” on a Caribbean island. There was plenty of sun and stunning views of crystal-clear, blue-tinted waters.

But this couple didn’t visit Jamaica or the Bahamas. In fact, the only home the two Army reservists have shared so far in their short marriage has been in Cuba — at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

Kevin, who is responsible for the tools in his unit’s motor pool, and Brandy, a military police officer, were married in December 2003, while she was home on leave from her unit’s deployment here. Kevin soon found out his unit, the 783rd Military Police Battalion from Inkster, Mich., would soon replace his wife’s unit, the 384th MP Battalion from Fort Wayne, Ind.

She volunteered to spend an extra six months here, and the two were allowed to reside together for the final four months of that period before she redeployed. Though they’ve spent only six of the 14 months they’ve been married together, neither is upset, Kevin said.

“We understood all of this prior to even getting married,” he said. He explained that he did an active-duty stint before joining the Reserves and Brandy’s father is a retired Soldier, so both already were familiar with the trials of military life.

Instead of resenting the time he’s been separated from his bride, Kevin — an unbelievably upbeat individual with an infectious smile — is grateful for the time they’ve been able to spend together. “My chain of command has been very supportive,” he said, adding that he and his wife work together as a team to solve problems.

In fact, Kevin comes up with a positive side to just about every aspect of his life.

At home in Michigan, he is a case-worker for veterans’ issues on the staff of Sen. Carl Levin. He said his deployment here has given him a clearer view of how American policies affect people at the ground level.

“I’m understanding more what goes on in Capitol Hill — at the ground level as a Soldier, compared to being in Washington, D.C., and just looking at the paperwork and hearing politicians argue about issues,” he said.

Kevin said he strongly believes he’s making a contribution to the war on terrorism in his role here at Guantanamo Bay. That’s very important to him for an intensely personal reason: Kevin lost a dear friend in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

“I’ve been affected by terrorism,” he

said, referring to his friend who died and to his roots in New York. “I like what I’m doing, which is providing support for Operation Enduring Freedom here. The overall mission here is dealing with terrorism.”

He also said he believes his 11-year-old daughter, Kara, understands the importance of the work her dad does. “She understands after 9/11 about how important this is ... for overall national security,” he said. Bowe also has a 3-year-old son, Ryan.

He’s upbeat about the future, too. Bowe’s unit redeployes to Michigan in May, but he’s requested to extend here for an additional year. Brandy has been working to secure a job with a civilian contractor on the island, and the couple hopes she will rejoin him here soon.

In the longer term, Kevin said he hopes someday to work with the FBI or the Drug Enforcement Administration. He said it’s important that he remain in public service.

“I have a history in my family (of working in public service),” he said. “So I think it’s sort of a learned behavior — giving back to society, because I’ve really been fortunate.”

Like many people, Kevin Bowe has lived through hard times and misfortune — the death of his friend on 9/11 and shortly thereafter the death of his beloved stepmother took a hard toll — he just prefers always to look for the positive and not dwell on the negative. “Some people have sad stories; I have sad stories. But I’m triumphing over them,” he said. “Nothing’s a handout in life. It’s all about what you make in it.”

He also has a long list of people he’s grateful to, starting with his parents. “Honestly, any success that I have, I attribute it to my parents who set the foundation in me,” Kevin said.

Second on his list are “people that instilled military values in me when I first came in.” He said he owes much of his success to the senior Soldiers who showed him the ropes as a young troop.

And more than anyone else, Kevin said he is grateful to his wife, particularly for volunteering to extend at Guantanamo Bay to spend time with him. “This isn’t an easy duty station for most people,” he said. “So I’m just fortunate that I have a wife that’s in the military and also supportive and made the sacrifices for her country and also for me.”

During an interview, Kevin continually brought the conversation back to Brandy — and glowed each time he mentioned her name. “Those who know her, they will tell you she is a superstar, a real winner,” he said. “And that’s why, fortunately, God has brought us together.”

Speaking briefly about his faith, Kevin said he’s not a very spiritual person. “But I believe God puts people together to help them out,” he added.

# Iraqi brigade takes control of area, future

By TASK FORCE BAGHDAD  
Army News Service

KHADAMIYA, Iraq — Iraqi and Coalition Forces made history Feb. 21 when the 40th Iraqi National Guard brigade officially assumed control of their area of operation.

This is the first ING brigade to stand alone and have direct control over an area of operation. The new brigade's area covers numerous spots in Baghdad, including Haifa Street, Ahdamiyah, Sheikh Malouf and Al Shaab. Coalition Forces will continue to advise the brigade, but the areas will be under complete Iraqi control.

Brig. Gen. Jaleel Khalaf Shwail, 40th Brigade commander, said he is proud to represent his country and his more than 2,300 soldiers.

"This is a historical event in the history of Iraq," he said. "It is our time to take the liberty and democracy (Coalition Forces) gave to us on a golden plate."

Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, 1st Cavalry Division commander, attended the ceremony and applauded the strides the ING made over the past year.

"This is just the beginning," said Chiarelli, who was also a facilitator of the ceremony. "No



Photo by Pfc. Matthew McLaughlin

**RENDERING HONORS— Lt. Gen. Daham Alassal, Ministry of Defense, and Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, 1st Cavalry Division commander, salute during the 40th transition of authority ceremony Feb. 21.**

one can doubt your high level of readiness. No one can doubt your resolve. No one can doubt your patriotism."

Chiarelli encouraged the soldiers of the 40th ING to be responsible for their areas of operation as the first brigade to

assume their own sector.

"You are the pioneers of a nation that is free at last," he said. "Thank you for the privilege of working with such extraordinary patriots."

The ceremony was shadowed by clouds as well as mourning

over sacrifices made by ING soldiers during the democratic elections.

Following the TOA, Chiarelli presented a plaque to Jaleel in memory of those men who gave their lives on Jan. 31 to ensure that all Iraqis were free to cast their vote in the first democratic election. Fourteen members of combined security forces, including ING soldiers and Iraqi police, were killed trying to protect their people.

"We dedicate this plaque to the martyrs, your brothers in arms," he added, "they are heroes whose great work will not be forgotten."

Khalaf said post election Iraq is full of hope for the future and faith in his soldiers and Coalition Forces.

"After the elections, Iraqi people started gaining trust back in the American forces," he said. "(The elections) gave the image that the ING could provide security for Iraq."

Khalaf praised Coalition Forces for their assistance in liberating Iraq and training ING soldiers. He said the training they received helped them take this next big step toward Iraqi autonomy.

For months, a group of Soldiers of the 256th Brigade Com-

bat Team, also known as Task Force Bengal has been training soldiers of the 40th Infantry Brigade of the Iraqi National Guard on combat and staff operations.

"Americans trained us very well," he said. "When they give us a direct responsibility, it means we are at a level that we can control ourselves."

Fouad Alhilaly, a doctor with the 40th ING, said the ING has their work cut out for them, but are fully capable of handling their area. If they can handle Baghdad, they can handle Iraq, he said.

"Baghdad is the cornerstone of Iraq," he said. "If we can control Baghdad, we will have 70 percent of the security of Iraq handled."

Khalaf vowed he would not rest until his nation is safe from insurgents.

"Every single second before I die I will use to finish them," he said. "All I wish is to give the Iraqi people rest and enjoy freedom. When I feel Iraq gets to that level, I accomplished my mission and I will rest."

The ING brigade has about 2,300 soldiers and will patrol an area that is about 16 square kilometers in size.

# First lady praises troops, families in Germany

Laura Bush  
visits air base

By DONNA MILES  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — For U.S. troops fighting the war on terror, “heroism with a human touch is part of the mission,” first lady Laura Bush told troops and their families at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, during a visit Feb. 22.

Bush traveled to Kaiserslautern, the largest American military community outside the United States, to thank troops and their families for their contributions to U.S. and world security.

Later in the day, she told students at Gen. H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden — most of them children of U.S. servicemembers — that they too are serving their country with courage and resiliency.

The first lady noted how significantly Ramstein’s role has changed since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Today, “Team Ramstein” directs air operations in a theater spanning three continents covering more than 20 million square miles in 93 countries. And besides supporting peacekeeping and humanitarian missions in the

Balkans and northern and southern Africa, Bush said, the base’s people now stand “on the front lines of a new war of the 21st century — to confront terror and to defeat it.”

**‘You don’t fly jets or wear uniforms, but as the children of our military, you serve too. The courage with which you do so is an inspiration to all of us.’**

— Laura Bush

She credited base personnel with supporting an air bridge from Europe to Asia that delivered more than 3,000 tons of humanitarian relief to northern Afghanistan, preventing mass starvation there. In addition, she said, they’re opening critical airfields in Iraq and providing vital en-route support to deploying forces.

“As you go about your duties here every day, you’re standing watch for freedom and you’re protecting the rights and the liberties we all hold dear,” she told the troops. “And you’re bringing opportunity and security to nations that have known decades of cruel oppression.”

But “the most amazing thing about our men and women in uniform,” Bush said, “is that even as they fight to defeat terror, they still have an enormous capacity to extend the hand of friendship and compassion to people who desperately want a better life.”

The faces of our men and women in uniform, she said, “are the faces of American compassion abroad.”

“Each of you has a greater impact than you can ever imagine on people that you will only know for a brief time,” the first lady said. “And all of you are delivering the greatest gift you will ever receive by sacrificing your own comfort, your own safety and your own lives so that others might know freedom.”

Bush paid special tribute to military families, who she said “make countless sacrifices to help your loved ones fulfill their duty.”

At Arnold High School, Bush said she’s proud of the children of U.S. servicemembers. “You don’t fly jets or wear uniforms, but as the children of our military, you serve too,” she said. “The courage with which you do so is an inspiration to all of us.”

The first lady told students they have something some young people don’t: parents who provide “incredible role models”

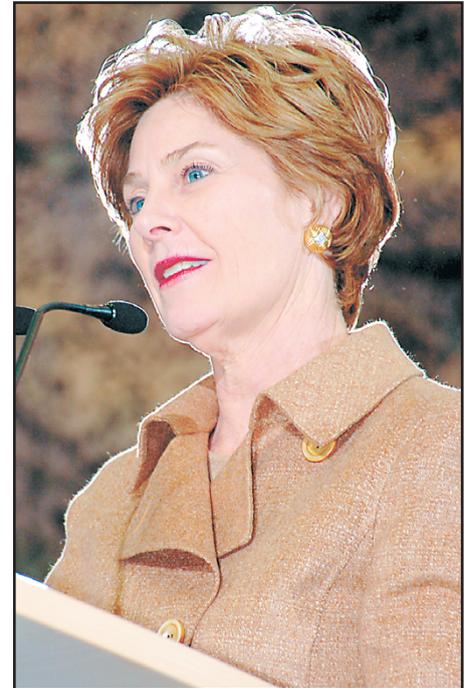


Photo by Pvt. Jennifer McFadden

**STAY IN SCHOOL—** First lady Laura Bush discusses the importance of education to more than 400 students in the gymnasium at Gen. H.H. Arnold High School, Wiesbaden, Germany, Feb. 22.

as they fight terror, advance freedom and change lives.

Their parents have given children in Afghanistan and Iraq the chance to grow up in peace, she told the students. “I know you are proud of your parents, just as every American is grateful for their service,” she said.

# Child development fees top quality of life issues

## Conference delegates make annual report

Child development care fees were voted the top new issue during the 17th annual Army Family Action Plan conference held Feb. 15-16 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

No. 2 was timeliness of emergency medical response at Redstone Arsenal. Others in the top five included advance notification of wages and garnishments, funded human resources employment assistance and establishment of a teen club.

The top most valuable services were: No. 1, Commissary; No. 2, Medical/Dental; No. 3, Army Community Service; and No. 4, Army Family Action Plan.

Issues from the various work groups included:

- Medical/Dental – timeliness of emergency medical response at Redstone Arsenal, and medical record accessibility.
- Employment Services – loss of Federal Employment Retirement System employee sick leave, military spouse preference, and funded human resource employment assistance.
- Commissary/AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) – quality of dry cleaning services, PX customer service, and quality and cost at alteration shop.
- Traffic/Transportation/Personnel Finance – advanced notification of wage garnishment, customer service training for Defense Department civilians/contrac-

tors, and weight allowance for household goods.

- Youth – establishment of a teen club.
- Family Housing/Facilities Maintenance – clearing quarters when undergoing permanent change of station or end of time in service, storage space in family housing and barracks, and non-availability of government furniture in continental

U.S.

- Morale Welfare and Recreation – Army One Source for retirees, child development care fees, and Army lodging rates.

For more information, visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

The Department of Army's six most critical active AFAP issues for 2005

include: No. 1, Tricare dental benefit enhancement; No. 2, distribution of Montgomery GI Bill benefits to dependents; No. 3, paternity permissive TDY; No. 4, modification of weight allowance; No. 5, survivor benefit plan and dependency and indemnity compensation offset; and No. 6, teen program standardization.

## Updated information wanted for phone book

### Changes due by March 23

This year, as in the past, the Directorate of Information Management and the Public Affairs Office are beginning their quest to ensure that the 2005-06 issue of the telephone directory will be in the hands of organizations and employees by early June. However, to ensure that the publication contains the most current and accurate individual and organization phone numbers, the DOIM and PAO rely on Team Redstone organizations and their employees to furnish the input.

### Organization listings

Many organizations' building and phone numbers in the current telephone directory are outdated. In order to update those, organization points of contact

should provide the correct information to Geneva Murphy. She can accept changes through e-mail at [geneva.murphy@redstone.army.mil](mailto:geneva.murphy@redstone.army.mil), by fax at 842-1221 or by mail at U.S. Army Garrison, Directorate of Information Management, Attn: IMSE-RE-IMCS, building 3687, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898. In order to meet the publication deadline, all changes must be received by March 23.

### Personnel listings

To update information in the personnel listing of the phone book, individuals will need to update their Redstone Personnel Locator at <http://rpl.redstone.army.mil/> or access the RPL via the Phone Book link on the AMCOM Infoweb as follows: <https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/>. If no information has changed, respondents still need to review the information and click the 'update' button in order to modify the date of

last update.

The Redstone Personnel Locator is a data base that contains both work and personal contact information. Work telephone numbers will be used to update the local telephone directory. Personal telephone numbers will be used to update the Personnel Central Repository, which will be used to contact employees during periods of national emergency or personal emergencies. Personal telephone numbers will be protected and only released to those in the chain of command plus a limited number of people, such as the AMCOM Operations Center, who have a need to know.

At a minimum, individuals are asked to provide their organization name, office symbol, work numbers and at least one personal emergency contact number. Point of contact for this information is [pcr@redstone.army.mil](mailto:pcr@redstone.army.mil).

# Legal eagles try to keep Redstone's technology safe

*Intellectual Property group protects inventors' interest*

By KELLEY LANE

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A lot of new technology comes out of Redstone. New equipment is designed. Old designs are improved. New ways of doing existing tasks are created. Old ways of doing things are streamlined. Who protects the rights and interests of the Army, Department of Defense and the inventors when it comes to their designs and ideas? The Intellectual Property group makes sure that all the legal bases are covered.

When a civilian employee, contractor or office has a new invention, the Intellectual Property group begins its work by processing a patent application and submits it to the corresponding federal office. While it can take some time for an application to make its final rounds through the federal office, quick submission gets the ball rolling. It also protects the rights of the inventor during the process.

A patent application is a legal way for an organization or individual to stamp their name on an invention or innovation. What happens to inventions that are not protected by filing a patent application? Well, legally, the invention is still up for grabs. Any other person can submit an application on it and in extreme cases, file lawsuits to keep the actual inventor from

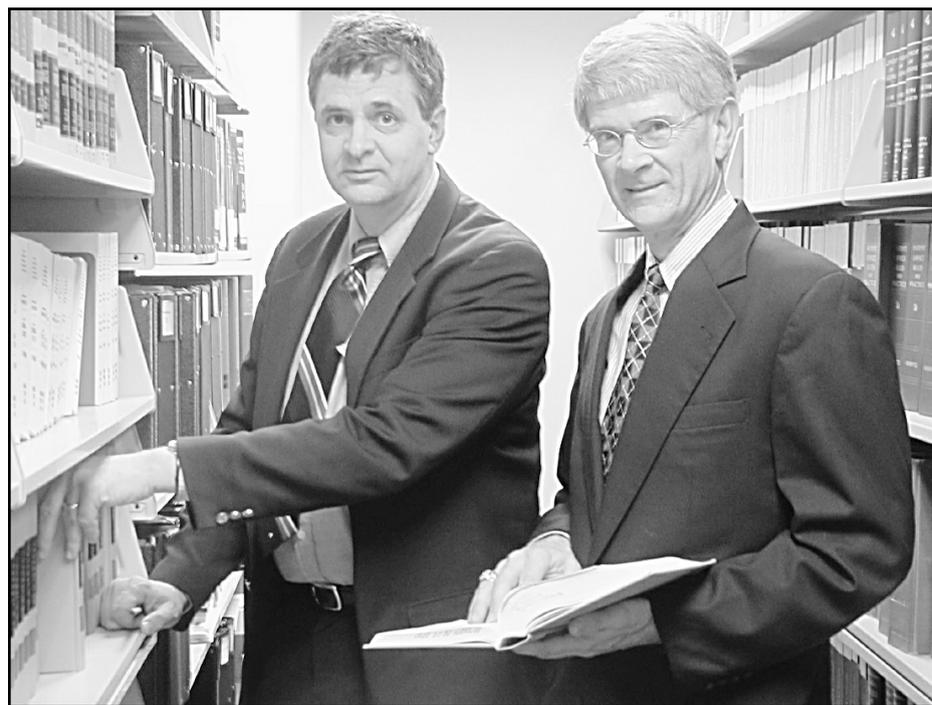


Photo by Kelley Lane

**NEW ADDITIONS—** Patent attorneys Michael Gray, left, and Jack Greer are the newest sources of information in the legal office library.

using or marketing their own idea. In the case of technology created at Redstone, this could be catastrophic to projects and programs that use the new idea — all because the proper paperwork was not filled out in a timely manner.

"Inventors need to be aware of the need to submit their inventions and descriptions to us so that patent protection can be obtained and not lost," patent attorney Anne Lanteigne said. "Otherwise, if we make the invention and neglect to protect it, someone outside can make the same thing and get a patent. We may have had the invention first, but that won't matter."

Protecting Redstone's rights also means ensuring that technology is covered under a patent application before it is presented to the outside at conferences and meetings.

"They need to bring it in to us and let us start processing the application before they start talking about it in public," patent attorney Dayn Beam said. "They can lose their rights if they talk about it, show it to other people and wait more than a year before we file a patent on it."

"It would be very beneficial for inventors to come talk to us before they go to a conference," patent attorney Jack Greer

said. "They're excited about going to a symposium and presenting. We're not going to try and stop them from doing that. We just want to file something either right before or shortly thereafter so we don't have the clock ticking on them losing their rights."

Besides making good business sense, filing patent applications can make money. Inventors may receive monetary bonuses for going through the proper channels to protect Redstone's technology. They can also receive royalties for their ideas. If the new development is a cost saving one, they are also eligible to receive the usual rewards such endeavors earn.

"There are a lot of financial benefits in getting the patent application filed," Beam said. "There's an award when we write it up and send it in. There is an award if it gets issued — a couple hundred dollars. Then they get a share in the royalties if we end up licensing it. When they invent something on the job, the government takes the rights, but they get a portion of the royalties. Theoretically, if everything went well, they could get about \$150,000 a year additional payments."

Besides covering the legal bases of others' new ideas, the Intellectual Property group has come up with a few improvements of its own. Two attorneys have joined the group.

Michael Gray joined the office Nov. 1. He arrived from the U.S. Patent Office, bringing firsthand expertise on how the process works. He was a patent examiner, making decisions on the approval of the same type of applications he now prepares.

"I was in private practice previous to that. I've been involved with patents since about 1987," he said.

Greer joined the office Jan. 10 from private practice with a patent law firm in Knoxville. He has eight years experience in dealing with patent law and applications.

Information on the filing process, requirements and monetary rewards is available from the Intellectual Property group link at [www.redstone.army.mil/legal](http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal) or by calling Gray at 842-0639 or e-mail [michael.k.gray@us.army.mil](mailto:michael.k.gray@us.army.mil).

## Australia to send more troops to Iraq

By DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Noting that Iraq is at "a tilting point," Australian Prime Minister John Howard announced plans to send more troops to Iraq.

The Australian government announced Feb. 22 that it will send a 450-member task group to the southern Iraqi province of Muthanna to provide security for Japanese engineers and to train Iraqi security forces in the province.

The deployment, scheduled for April, will increase Australia's presence in Iraq, known as Operation Catalyst, from about 920 to 1,370 troops.

Howard told reporters in Canberra the

added troops were being sent at the request of Japan and Great Britain.

The announcement follows Australia's Feb. 15 announcement that it was deploying a contingent of logistics specialists to Iraq to train elements of the Iraqi Army in logistics operations and resource management.

Australian Defense Minister Robert Hill said the increased troop presence will help "maintain the momentum toward freedom" in Iraq, particularly during the critical period following the Jan. 30 elections.

"The ultimate goal," he said, "is free Iraq and an Iraq that can be a constructive contributor to the Middle East region and the world."

# THAAD hardware passes acceptance testing

## Weapon system ready for flight

The Terminal High Altitude Area Defense project's innovative Command and Control, Battle Management and Communications Tactical Operations Station and Launch Control Station have successfully completed all factory acceptance testing at Raytheon's Huntsville manufacturing facility and were delivered to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., for participation in flight testing later this year.

Rigorous acceptance testing has confirmed that all elements of the C2BMC hardware, the shelter, power, data processing, networking, voice communications and radio subsystems performed as designed.

"The employment of these innovative shelters will support THAAD's integration into the Ballistic Missile Defense System and provide the flexibility and mobility to extend and deepen the BMDS," said Col. Chuck Driessnack, THAAD project manager. "They will be rapidly deployable, operated and maintained by Soldiers in a mission-tailored force at strategic, operational or tactical levels. They embody the U.S. Army's goal to have a more flexible and mobile force."

The THAAD C2BMC TOS and LCS hardware incorporates many features influenced by Air Defense Artillery Soldier comments from Fort Bliss, Texas and a "pit stop" design approach leveraged from the race car industry. Specifically, the hardware enables rapid removal and replacement of equipment, provides a built-in-test for fault detection, and

provides Soldier workspace enhancements. These improvements increase operator productivity, operational availability, and simplify diagnostics by improving fault recognition. THAAD C2BMC received the 2002 David Packard Award for Innovative Logistics Design for the outstanding improvements to these shelters.

THAAD C2BMC integrates the launcher and radar to create the THAAD weapon system, and provides the planning, control, coordination and communications necessary to fulfill the THAAD mission. THAAD C2BMC is responsible for activities associated with missile defense battle planning as well as actual conduct of the missile defense battle.

The THAAD program, managed by the prime contractor Lockheed Martin, consists of the THAAD interceptor and launcher working in conjunction with the Raytheon-developed radar and C2BMC.

Another step toward THAAD first flight was made recently when the redesigned THAAD launcher rolled out of the Huntsville Lockheed Martin facility in a ceremony to highlight its delivery to the THAAD program. This launcher provides greater capability than the previous THAAD launcher in that it is an M-1120 based platform with more reliable and maintainable electronics. The launcher was scheduled to travel to the Lockheed Martin facility in Sunnyvale, Calif., for several weeks of system level integration events prior to delivery at the White Sands Missile Range for participation in flight tests.

The THAAD development program is funded by the Missile Defense Agency.

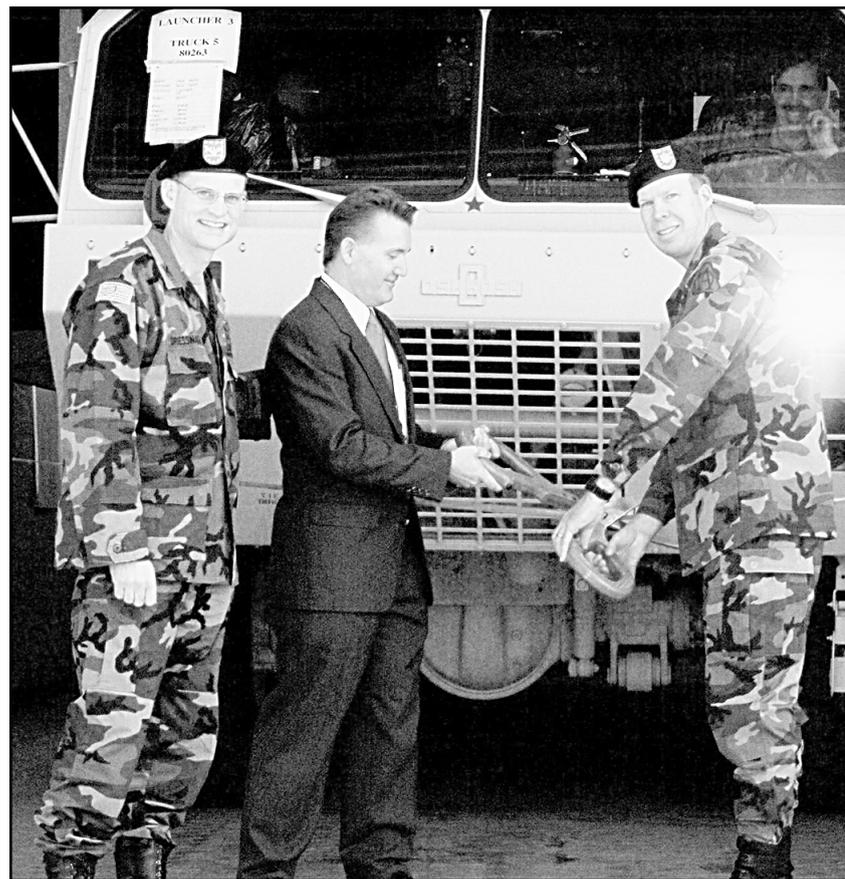


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**LAUNCHER ROLLOUT—** From left are THAAD project manager Col. Chuck Driessnack, Mark McBride of Lockheed Martin and Lt. Col. Mark Arn, THAAD launcher product manager.

## Spokesman: Consider source on Iran's airspace claims

By JOHN BANUSIEWICZ  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Despite Iranian claims to the contrary, U.S. military aircraft are not flying missions in Iran's airspace, Pentagon spokesman Larry Di Rita said here Feb. 22.

"I would consider the source and leave it at that," Di Rita told reporters at a Pentagon news conference. "I'm telling you that we're not doing those kinds of activities."

Di Rita emphasized he speaks only for the Defense Department, but cautioned reporters not to interpret that to mean other agencies may be flying over Iran. "It's not for me to speak for other departments," he said. "It is our belief that it's not happening elsewhere (in the government) either."

At the same news conference, Army Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, the Joint Staff's deputy operations director, said that as more associates of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi are killed and captured, the noose continues to tighten around the fugitive Jordanian terrorist who has masterminded much of the violence in Iraq.

"We've got more of his associates and people in the last couple of weeks than we had before," Rodriguez said. He declined to address whether the captured associates have been helpful in trying to track Zar-

qawi down, but did say coalition forces continue to pursue intelligence leads.

Rodriguez also noted that Operation River Blitz, which kicked off Feb. 19, is focused, like other similar recent operations on getting "rid of insurgents who are preventing security" in Anbar province. He said attacks have been down since the Jan. 30 elections, noting that casualties — deaths and injuries — during the Ashura holiday Feb. 18-19 were down two-thirds from last year's violence.

The insurgents continue to kill "a lot of innocent civilians inside of Iraq," Di Rita added. "Most Iraqis do not want what the insurgents want, which is a country that's thrown itself back into the Dark Ages," he said.

Di Rita expressed gratitude to Australia for its decision to send more troops to Iraq, and said such decisions rightly rest with each country and its own situation.

"We obviously are very grateful for Australia's continued involvement in this important mission," he said. "But each coalition country will determine its own way ahead."

Rodriguez noted that troops held over in Iraq for election security have begun to return home, and that the current U.S. force level in Iraq of 155,000 would drop to the pre-election level of about 138,000 "in the next few weeks."

# Army takes its 27th armed forces boxing crown

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FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — Huachuca means thunder in Apache, and Army boxers unleashed a hailstorm of blows here Feb. 19 to once again take the armed forces championship title.

The Marines came in second, followed by the Air Force and Navy during the championship at this Old West outpost.

The Army has won 27 of the 29 armed forces championships since the series began in 1967. The Marine Corps won in 1978 and 1991. No championships were held in 1982.

"This has been a very special year for me. This team has a special place in my heart, because most of the boxers are inexperienced," said Army head coach Basheer Abdullah. "(The national championships) will be a learning process for us." He noted his team also will be working with the International Military Sports Council, also known as CISM.

All four services had inexperienced teams and brought fresh faces to this year's Armed Forces Championships.

Marine Cpl. Eric Canales showed off what made him a 2004 CISM medalist, and was one of two boxers to defeat his Army opponent. The other boxer to do so was his Marine teammate Lance Cpl. Jackie Saye, who stunned the crowd when he knocked down Army Pfc. Corey Stewart despite having received two standing eight-counts.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

**MAKING POINTS— Army's Spc. Quentin McCoy of Fort Carson, Colo., outpoints Marine Cpl. Wilfrido Gonzalez 25-17 at the armed forces boxing championship Feb. 18 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.**

Air Force head coach Edward Rivas already is looking forward to building on the experience. "We have a small team, somewhat inexperienced. I'm very proud of all of them," he said. "We'll be back next year."

The lone Navy boxer of the night, Petty Officer 2nd Class Deano Jenkins, was visibly upset when his attempt to make a

mark for his service was stopped by Army's Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs early in the second round.

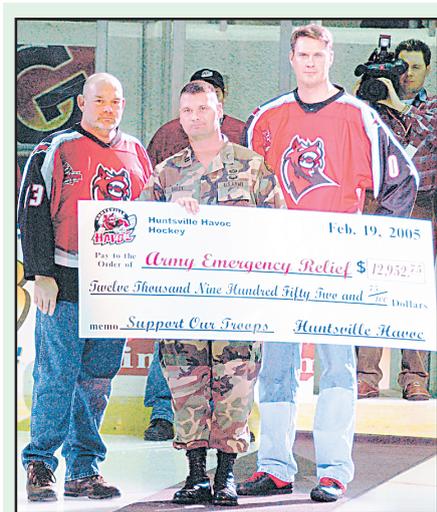
New Army boxer Spc. John Franklin is the first Army National Guard member to earn an armed forces gold medal. "This means a lot to me," said Franklin, originally a member of Company B, 110th Engineers, in Kansas City, Mo., and now assigned at Fort. Carson, Colo. "My unit believed in me to represent the Guard." He now looks forward to making it in the top three at the nationals and earning a spot on the CISM team.

Another fresh face on the Army team, Spc. James Villa of Fort Lewis, Wash., could barely contain his excitement about winning. "Wow! I'm dumbfounded," Villa said. "My unit supported me throughout the trial camp." His next goal is making it into the Army's world-class athlete program.

Military boxers will now prepare to make their mark at the nationals March 12- 19 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The CISM world military boxing championships will be held June 29 to July 5 in Pretoria, South Africa. Fort Huachuca garrison commander Col. Jonathan Hunter will serve as the chief of mission for the U.S. delegation.

*Editor's note: From a U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca news release.*



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## Check on ice

Capt. Tommy Bailey, chairman of the 2005 Army Emergency Relief campaign, accepts a \$12,952.75 check to AER on Feb. 19 from the Huntsville Havoc professional hockey team. Making the presentation are team president Keith Jeffries, left, and general manager Kevin Walker. It represents proceeds from military appreciation night Feb. 5 when the Havoc beat the Jacksonville Baracudas in a shootout 3-2 at the Von Braun Center.

# Troop teams entering postseason tourney

## Marines finish with flourish

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The Marines are rolling into the post-season basketball tournament which begins March 7 at Pagano Gym.

Kyle Henning scored 14 points as the Marines finished their season with a 40-38 win over 326th Chemical on Feb. 23 at Pagano. The Marines led 17-14 at half-time.

“I think we just out-hustled them,” guard Rob Smith said. “We tried to run them the whole time and keep them tired. We tried to sub in new players to stay fresh while we ran them up and down the court. But I would have to say overall team defense probably won the game.”

Miguel Smith scored 22 of the 326th’s 38 points.

The Marines, one of the two best teams in the Western division, improved to 11-5 while 326th Chemical fell to 9-5 atop the Eastern division.

“That gives us two wins in a row so that kind of gives us momentum going into the tour-

namment,” Rob Smith said. “They were a first-place team so that kind of gives us an idea of how we’re going to have to play in the tournament if we want to do well.”

Here are results from last week:

- **Feb. 22** – Marines def. Bravo 47-44 and Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 36-28.

- **Feb. 23** – HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 42-41 in overtime and Marines def. 326th Chemical 40-38.

The standings entering this week were:

- **Eastern division** — 326th Chemical (9-5), Charlie (10-6), MEDDAC (8-8) and Delta (1-14).

- **Western division** — HHC 59th (11-4), Marines (11-5), Headquarters & Alpha (9-7), Bravo (5-10) and NCO Academy (3-10).





### 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.

### State racquetball tourney

The Family Fitness Center, 2100 Members Drive in Huntsville, will host the Alabama State Singles and Doubles Racquetball Tournament from March 18-20. This will be a sanctioned tournament; and players from throughout Alabama will try to be the best in their respective skill or age divisions. Tournament applications are available at any Family Fitness Center. All players will receive a tournament shirt; and prizes will be awarded for first place finishers. For more information, go to <http://www.familyfitness.com/> or call Leon Stanley or Bob Frazier 880-0770.

### 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; 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 class

A Boaters Education class titled: "America's Boating Course" will be presented by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3512 South Broad St., Scottsboro. The one-day course will start at 9 a.m. and end about 5 p.m. Each textbook contains an interactive CD that can be used at home after the class. Those who pass the course exam will meet the requirements for the Alabama Vessel Operator permit. Course materials may be purchased for \$15. Lunch may be brought or an order-in service will be provided. Reservations are requested, but not required. Families with more than one member participating need not purchase duplicate course material, but a \$3 charge for each additional exam will be collected. For more information, call Lois (256) 582-2545 or Bill (256) 259-2159.

### 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.

### Youth baseball

Registration for Little League baseball for boys and girls ages 5-12 continues through March 11. A copy of birth certificate and a current sports physical must

accompany registration if not already on file. No registrations will be accepted without complete paperwork. Redstone Arsenal teams participate with Huntsville Recreation Services. Opening ceremonies take place at Joe Davis Stadium in the end of April. League play takes place in May and June. Fee is \$45 per player. CYS Central Registration fee of \$18 must be paid if not already current. Late registration fee of \$10 applies to all registrations accepted after March 11. Registration fee will include team hat and jersey for each child. For more information, call Mike Gates 313-2177.

### Babe Ruth signup

Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registrations for the 2005 Summer Season on March 5, 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. to noon; and players ages 13 to 19 as of July 31 are invited. Registration forms will be accepted after March 19 on an individual basis. HBRL boundaries are the Huntsville city limits and players may choose the park they want to play in. The registration fee is \$65, and a birth certificate is required for all players. Persons interested in coaching a team are also encouraged to apply. Contact your park representative for registration location. The Babe Ruth parks and their primary contacts are: Central Division, Brahan Springs — Bud Gambrell 564-5612; Northern Division, Mastin Lake — Dewayne Friend 830-7077; and Southern Division, Sandhurst — Tim Harrison 544-3180.



## 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).

### 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.

### Air Force association

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association invites all former and any present Air Force members, reservists or ANG to the Firehouse Pub for an informal gathering on the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. "AFA membership is not required to participate and we encourage anyone who has worn the blue suit to stop by and enjoy the camaraderie," a prepared release said. For information call Terry Roop (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m.

### Military pay operations

The 10th Army Military Pay Operations Conference is scheduled April 19-22 at the Marriott East Hotel, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, Ind. The theme is "One Team, One Mission" with the underlying purpose of resolving any pay issue as one team with one mission in mind: pay servicemembers what they expect to be paid when they expect to be paid. For more information and to register, visit the

Field Services Office web site at <https://dfas4dod.dfas.mil/centers/dfasin/milpay/fso/> or e-mail Master Sgt. Scott Hummel at [scott.hummel@dfas.mil](mailto:scott.hummel@dfas.mil).

### Marine Corps league

The Huntsville Detachment of Brandon-Wilbourn Marine Corps League will hold its monthly meeting March 8 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Drake Avenue. All active, former or retired Marines are invited.

### Worldwide logistics workshop

The Logistics Support Activity's Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop is March 7-11 at the Sparkman Center. This workshop offers an opportunity for attendees, from strategic through tactical levels, to receive instruction and obtain a wide range of information on logistics systems, programs and initiatives. It provides auditorium, classroom and computer training, in addition to one-on-one consultations and Help Desk support. The theme for this year's workshop is "Pursuing Logistics Excellence for a Transforming Army." Soldiers, civilians and contractors can register online by completing the 2005 WLTW Registration Form at <https://www.logsa.army.mil>.

### Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet Thursday night at 7 at Huntsville-Madison Library, 915 Monroe St. Sandy Montgomery is to speak on "Solar Sailing in the Inner Solar System." Social will follow at Shoney's.



## 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 25B/74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they 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](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. Go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov), search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. 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.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. Military personnel and their families may call the manager for an appointment. The shop is accepting spring and summer items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop will be open for sales March 5 from 10-2; and specially selected tickets will be 20 percent off that day for military card holders. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Manager position

The Thrift Shop has an opening for manager with annual salary \$16,380. Requirements include computer and office skills, and the ability to work with the public. The manager supervises a paid staff and volunteers, and attends all board meetings. Applications can be picked up during business hours at the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, and returned by March 24. For information call Sheila or Carolyn 881-6992.

### 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 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](http://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, Saturday 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.

### 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.

### Pancake fund-raiser

The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville is sponsoring its 28th annual Pancake Day at the Huntsville High School Cafeteria on Saturday 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>.

### 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.

### Defense budget analysis

The Education Committee of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of Association of the U.S. Army began a 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](http://ausa.org) or you can join at the door). Retired Lt. Gen. Theodore Stroup, vice president of education at AUSA national headquarters, will return to Huntsville to present an analysis of the FY '06 defense budget March 8 in the auditorium of the Lockheed Martin Facility, 4800 Bradford Drive. He will make two identical presentations; one from 9-10:30 a.m. and one from 1-2:30 p.m. To make a reservation, call Martha Townsend or Virginia McCullough 542-5100.

### Reserve unit vacancies

The Battle Projection Group, 1st Brigade, 87th Division (TS), Birmingham, is looking to fill the following vacancies: five majors for simulation coaches; 23 captains for simulation coaches; six majors/captains for OPFOR controllers; one major for operations officer; three lieutenant colonels for chiefs; one sergeant first class for plans NCO; one master sergeant for OPFOR controller; five majors/captains for development officers; one master sergeant for signal chief; and two specialists for signal specialists. The unit has a continental U.S.-based mission to conduct battle command and staff training exercises for Army Reserve, National Guard and active units up to the brigade level. For more information call Lt. Col. James Knickrehm (800) 260-1337, ext. 5146; Lt. Col. Brian Tenney (205) 238-8853, Capt. Dwight Coleman (205) 229-6106 or Maj. Robert Bradley (205) 499-0038.

### Calhoun registration

Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension, announces spring second semester registration for eight-week sessions beginning March 9. Registration continues through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Classes are offered at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Calhoun is a Servicemembers Opportunity College offering a VA approved curriculum. Academic advising is available for active duty servicemembers, and special degree programs are offered for qualified members of the military. Courses are open to all area residents. Calhoun is fully accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Call 876-7431 for more information, or visit Calhoun's web site at [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu), click on Schedule on the home page, click on Spring 2005 Schedule on the second page, on the third page scroll down to Redstone Arsenal Classes for course listings. Calhoun is located in building 3343 on Little John Drive.

### Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is registering for the spring term, March 21 to May 21. Classes offered include Aircraft & Spacecraft Development, Aviation/Aerospace System Safety, Studies in Rhetorical Theory, Aerodynamics, and Aviation Safety. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Management fields; as well as certificate programs in Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Aviation Safety, Space Studies, and Pre-Engineering Studies. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is March 18. For more information call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Education Center, building 3222.

### Professional development

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual Mini-Professional Development Institute on March 17 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The Mini-PDI is a one-day session with lunch included and bus transportation provided to and from the luncheon. Four continued learning points will be earned by attendees. This year's program, "Leaping for the Gold," features Dr. Connie Ingram, a nationally-known speaker and executive coach. Ingram will cover topics such as Personal Growth, Leadership Skills, Communication Skills, and Managing Anger and Stress. The luncheon speaker is Dr. Tom Pieplow, associate director for aviation at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. There will also be entertainment during lunch by the Grissom High School Jazz Band. Cost is \$75 for ASMC members and \$85 for non-members, and can be charged to the government IMPAC card. To register, enter a DD Form 1556 into the TIP system under catalog F52MPDI, or call Cecile Pfeiffer 955-0685, David Adkins 955-0000 or Stephanie Cole 955-0701, or fax registration information (name, member status, phone number, credit cardholder name, card number, and card expiration date) to 955-8332.

### Multiphysics seminar

The FEMLAB Multiphysics Seminar and Minicourse is March 15 at Marshall Space Flight Center. Dr. Claude Irvine is host for this free event from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seats are limited; and registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Register at <http://www.comsol.com/seminars/usa/huntsville/flsemmini>.

### Garden plots

Personnel desiring garden plots for the 2005 planting season should contact the Family Housing office, building 3207 on Hercules Road, according to a specified schedule. Priorities have been established to better serve all interested personnel. The procedures for requesting and assigning garden plots is as follows: first priority — Active duty military must request their plots by March 7; second priority — Retired military must request their plots by March 15; and third priority — DoD civilians must make their request March 16-31. If there are plots left over, assignments will be on a first come, first serve basis. The 2005 planting season must be utilized at Vincent Drive (Area 1)

and Wesson Circle (Area 2). There are 54 garden plots available at Vincent and 58 plots available at Wesson. Due to the limited number of plots available, only one plot will be assigned per family until March 31. For information call Ms. Scott 876-7144 or Mr. Pearson 876-6666.

### Quarterly retirement event

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled March 31 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate. If you would like to participate, call Sgt. 1st Class Russell Kimball 876-2819 by March 11.

### Alzheimer's symposium

The Alzheimer's Association will present the 10th annual Mary Elizabeth and George Gesman Alzheimer's Disease Symposium, March 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marriott Space Center in Huntsville. Cost is \$50 (\$75 for physicians). Continental breakfast and lunch are included; and continuing education credits are available to doctors, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, and nursing home and assisted living administrators. For more information or to register, call 880-1575.

### Association scholarships

The Huntsville Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association has a number of scholarship opportunities available for undergraduates and graduates. Scholarships are available for military personnel, working students and students enrolled in SROTC. For more information, go to <http://www.afcea.org/scholarships>.

### Women's history

The Team Redstone Women's History Planning Committee will sponsor an Educational Fair, Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby outside Bob Jones Auditorium. "The participants will be sharing a wide variety of valuable information and accomplishments," a prepared release said. "Everyone is invited to come by."

### Army civilian of year

The Association of the United States Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will sponsor the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award and Dinner on March 30 at 7 p.m., at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local DA civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. Support your outstanding civilian nominees by attending the recognition dinner. Tickets can be purchased through the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies at <http://www.teamweek.org/>, or directly from the AUSA event coordinator, retired Col. Jerry Hamilton, at [A.Hamilton@TBE.com](mailto:A.Hamilton@TBE.com) or 726-1033. The outstanding civilians were nominated by their commands or agencies in February. The chapter nominee selected from among all of the local nominees goes on to compete for the AUSA Southeast Region competition later in the summer. The region winners are recognized nationally at the AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in October. Information on nominations will be provided to local commanders and executives.

### Defense association honors

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association

