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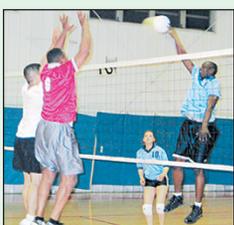
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# Private pilot lucky to be alive

Huntsville engineer survives plane crash

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The winds were turbulent but pilot Al Reisz didn't realize how bad they were until after he was in the air.

Reisz was the lone occupant in a Cessna 172, belonging to Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity, when he took off at 7:55 a.m. Saturday, March 12 at Redstone Airfield.

"The actual wind was stronger and more turbulent than the (weather) forecast," he said. "The wind was very strong and I had difficulty controlling it in all three axes (roll, pitch and yaw)."

So he decided to return the single-engine, propeller-driven aircraft to runway 17. It was so windy he had trouble getting the plane back on course.

"The wind had blown it to the east. But I did manage to get it back in pattern to come in for a landing," said Reisz, founder and owner of Reisz Engineers, a NASA contractor.

"I had enough speed under ordinary conditions and I was preparing for a go-around when the nose pulled into the pavement. The pull was overpowering. There was no way to keep it up. There was nothing I could do. It was overpowering. I gave it power to go around but right after that the nose just went into the pavement."

Only then did Reisz think of his personal safety. Before then his only concern was returning the plane intact.

"On impact there were flames," he said. "The nose seemed to move to the left just before impact but the flames seemed to come from the left."

He immediately exited on the right, passenger side, feet first. "I doffed my headphones as I went out the door," he said. Mindful of the fuel tanks, he ran to safety.

"It was just a terrible sight to see that left wing melt down," he said. "And I looked back a moment later to see the cockpit was consumed (by flames)."

Miraculously the right wing, which also had fuel, didn't burn. Reisz called this a tribute to aircraft design. "There was a fire wall in there that worked," he said.

He was uninjured. There was only a cut on his left thumb from where his left forefinger had bit into his upper part of his left thumb while he was pulling on the yoke while trying to keep the plane's nose up.

"I wasn't shook up. I was just distraught over the loss of the plane. That's the only

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DEBRIS— This is all that remained of the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity plane after the crash involving pilot Al Reisz, who was uninjured.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ENGINEER— Al Reisz, owner of Reisz Engineers, recalls piloting a Cessna 172 which crashed minutes after takeoff March 12 at Redstone Airfield.

## An open lane random survey

*What driving tip should all drivers follow?*

By **KELLEY LANE**  
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*Rita Bolduc  
retiree spouse*

**"Wear seat belts, use caution and obey speed limits."**



*Arnold Bolduc  
retiree*

**"People need to keep their distance away from other cars. A lot of people are right on other people's bumpers. They need**

**to observe the proper distance while driving."**

*Master Gunnery Sgt. Pete Coronado  
Marine Detachment*

**"Don't drive with your cell phone on."**



*Lt. Cmdr. Cartus Thorton*



**"People should practice defensive driving. It's always the other guy, right?"**

## Quote of the week

**'A**lways do more than is required of you.'

— *George S. Patton*

## More on Eleanor Roosevelt

**A**nna Richter and readers: I enjoyed your letter written in response to my random survey question on March 16. It was quite informational.

Originally, I had planned on choosing my mother because she was in town having lunch with me the day of this response. Unfortunately, they asked for a historical figure. Eleanor Roosevelt was one of the first to come to mind.

I agree with you that she was very well known as an equal with her husband well involved in the political scene, but despite the secrets they had and the misfortunes she still stood by him as his wife refraining from stabbing him in the back, which is what I said. And for the record, that is a true part of her accomplishments. In

retrospect "stabbing him in the back," might have been a strong phrase. Perhaps I should have said that she remained loyal.

There is no doubt that she did many great things for the growth of women paving the way for equality. If the *Rocket* had offered me the opportunity to submit a full article, you and the readers would have seen a similar letter to yours.

Thank you again for taking interest into my statements to the *Rocket* and for providing me and the readers a good history lesson.

She really is a woman to admire.

**C. Shawn Weber**  
Fleet Support, IMMC

## Girl Scouts exceed sales goal

**G**irl Scout Troop 545 would like to give our thanks to each and every person who supported our troop during cookie sales. We not only exceeded our sales goal, we were able to send more than 100 boxes of cookies overseas through Operation Cookie Drop. For a troop of seven first-graders, this was quite an achievement! Many thanks to the Commissary and PX for allowing Girl Scouts to have cookie booths. Thanks again for your support and we hope to see ya'll next year!



**Karla Chapman, leader  
Terri Stephan, cookie mom  
and all the girls of  
Redstone Arsenal  
Troop 545**

## Vice chairman visits troops in Djibouti

WASHINGTON — The job the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa does is overshadowed by actions in Afghanistan and Iraq, but it is an important component in the overall war on terror, Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace said here Friday.

Pace, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, highlighted that importance with a whirlwind tour to Djibouti, the CJTF home. He visited for 16 hours March 20 and was back at his desk in the Pentagon in time for work the next morning.

"I did it ... because I wanted the guys and gals in Djibouti to know that they were important," Pace said in an interview.

The general met with Marines, Soldiers, sailors and airmen assigned to the mission. He also met with CJTF leaders and the U.S. ambassador to Djibouti. (*American Forces Press Service*)



Courtesy photo

## Depot visit

**Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, addresses workers while visiting Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa.**

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# Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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**Name:** Sgt. Samantha Harder

**Job:** Paralegal/NCO-in-charge, Criminal Law Division, Office of Staff Judge Advocate

**Where do you call home?**  
Baker, Fla.

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

The best thing is knowing about the job – is knowing the job. The opportunity to help others. And that's about it. Just knowing the job, and opportunity to help others. It's great experience.

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

Visit family. Play sports. Be with my dog, Charlie (a longhaired Chihuahua).

**What are your goals?**

To complete my bachelor's degree in



political science and one day run for senator. It goes like this: complete my bachelor's in political science, get my law degree and hopefully one day be senator (in the Gulf Coast area of Florida).

# AER fund-raisers set

The Army Emergency Relief campaign continues through May 15. Fund-raising events include the following:

- Fancy scented candles, through May 15, at Sparkman building 5302, second floor. Call Teri Benson 842-7717.
- Teddy bear and magnetic ribbon sale, through May 15, sponsored by Engineering Directorate. Call Janet Martin 313-1996.
- Ice cream social, April 18 and May 11 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in the building 5300 hallway. Call Amos Richardson



955-9395 or Danny Berger 955-6193.

- Friendly folks personalized cartoons, through May 15, at building 5302, third floor. Call Pat Reilly 876-0209 or Sandra Swartz 842-6772.
- Online auction, through May 15, at www.aer-redstone.com. Call Maj. Kirk McCauley 313-4260.
- Unity bands sale, through May 15, for \$3 each or two for \$5 at building 5400. Call Jo Countess 876-8161, Toni Hamilton 842-9388 or Juanita Gooden 842-9402.
- Popcorn sale, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the building 5300 hall-

way. Call Susan Douglas 842-6795.

- Free-Throw Shootout, Saturday and Sunday at Pagano Gym for ages 10 and up and Redstone Fitness Center for ages 9 and under. Call Maj. Dave Bailey 313-2874.
- Bake sale, April 6 and May 4 at 7:30 a.m. at building 5308 lobby. Call Jennifer Jerome 955-0042.
- Barbecue, with pork steaks and chicken, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at NASA Recreation Area. Call Lisa Rushing 313-4302 or Kathy McDaniel 955-0694.
- Book sale, April 25-29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. between 5303 and 5304. Call Jerome 955-0042.
- AER bowling tournament, April 21 at noon, at Redstone Lanes, tickets \$10. Call Don Slagle 876-3445 or Lynn Moore 955-6001.
- Cookout, April 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., outside building 5302. Call Jennifer Cash 876-1156.
- Chocolate and coffee extravaganza, \$10 purchase prior to the event, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Call Sam Whitaker 876-9762 or Donald Battise 876-2333.
- RDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk, May 10 at 9:30 a.m. at PT track off Corporal Road. Entry fee \$15 includes T-shirt and refreshments. Rain date is May 11. Call Wynema Wooten 842-2775, Carolyn Farmer 876-3810 or Justin Olander 842-2769.
- Barbecue, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vincent Park (Rustic Lodge if rain). Tickets are \$8 each. Call Michelle Hankins 876-3755 or Mary Burnett 313-6541.
- AER golf tournament, four-person scramble, May 20 at Redstone Golf Course. Cost \$28 for members, \$40 non-members. Register by May 13 (rain date May 27). Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714 or Jim Dabbs 842-0170.

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**March 17:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and an open container in the vehicle during an inspection at Gate 8. He was issued two violation notices and detained until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

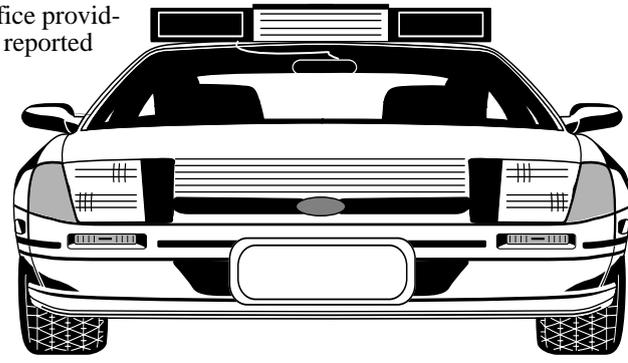
**March 17:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. The individual was issued a violation notice and released.

**March 17:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. The individual also had an outstanding arrest warrant. He was issued a violation notice and released to Gunterville Police Department.

**March 19:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. The individual was issued a violation notice and released.

**March 20:** An individual reported that someone broke into a locker in a government building and removed miscellaneous items. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**March 20:** An individual reported that



persons unknown threw eggs at his vehicle in the post housing area. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**March 21:** An individual reported that someone removed approximately \$600 in cash from a change machine. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**March 22:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. The individual was issued a violation notice and released.

**March 22:** An individual reported that someone removed a television from a government building. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Traffic accidents reported:** six without injuries, one with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 26 speeding, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 open container, 4 driving with a suspended/revoked license, 1 driving under the influence.

# Space and Missile Defense Command supports AER

The annual Army Emergency Relief fund-raising season is under way at the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Through the efforts of Sarah Trial of SMDC's Personnel Office (G-1) and other employees, SMDC has held bake sales, egg centerpiece sales, deviled egg sales and personal contributions to raise money for the event.

As of March 24, the total was more than \$3,560. The fund-raiser continues through May 15. SMDC's goal is to raise \$5,000 or more for AER.

"Our mission is to ensure that no U.S. Soldier is forgotten, rally the nation behind our troops and teach patriotism," Trial said. "Please use your tax-deductible charitable dollars to support those who defend the freedom of our country and the families who makes this support possible. We ask everyone to remember that supporting men and women in uniform is a gift we give ourselves as they serve on our behalf. We support them asking nothing in return except for the honor of letting them know they are appreciated and never forgotten."

AER is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary

of War and the Army Chief of Staff. Its mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to active-duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, family members, surviving spouses and orphans, etc. AER helps with emergency financial needs for food, rent, utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, medical/dental, and personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen. AER also gives undergraduate-level education scholarships, finances ordinary leave or vacation, pays fines or legal expenses, helps liquidate or consolidate debt, assists with home improvements, helps purchase, rent or lease a vehicle, and covers bad checks or pay credit card bills.

"These are only a few things AER does to help out Soldiers and their families," Trial said. "This year we are holding bake sales, car washes, etc., to raise money. I am really proud of the way people have stepped up to help make this campaign a success. This campaign kicked off March 1 and will continue through May 15. We will continue to have functions to help raise money."

*Editor's note: The Space and Missile Defense Command provided this release.*

# Sea-based radar completes initial testing

*Vessel developed  
for missile defense*

By SHERRI GRISWOLD  
*For the Rocket*

Air Force Lt. General Henry "Trey" Obering, Missile Defense Agency director, announced March 21 that the Sea-Based X-Band Radar vessel has successfully completed five days of initial at-sea testing, and arrived at Kiewit Offshore Services in Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 17.

Construction of the vessel is managed by the Ground-Based Midcourse Joint Program Office with headquarters on Redstone Arsenal. Thomas Devanney is acting program manager.

The vessel departed the Keppel/AMFELS shipyard in Brownsville, Texas, on March 13 to conduct "builder's trials." During builder's trials, the vessel completed a series of tests intended to verify the performance and safety of propulsion, ballasting, power generation, and auxiliary systems.

While at Kiewit Offshore Services the 2,000-ton X-band radar will be installed and integrated. Following radar integration, the Sea-Based X-Band Radar will depart for an extended test and verification program in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Sea-Based X-Band Radar is being developed by the Missile Defense Agency to serve as a primary radar for the Ballistic Missile Defense System, and will be used to track ballistic missiles for both testing and actual defensive operations. The powerful X-band

radar will also provide advanced discrimination of decoys and countermeasures that could be used by a hostile ballistic missile during an actual missile attack on the United States.

When completed, the radar and platform will be 282 feet high and weigh more than 50,000 tons. Its on-board propulsion system will allow it to operate throughout the world's oceans if necessary. Near-term plans call for it to be home-port-

ed at Adak Island in the Aleutian Island chain, but it will also have the capability to support both testing and operations throughout the entire Pacific Ocean missile defense testbed.

Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is the prime contractor, and Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems is responsible for development and manufacturing of the X-band radar that will be installed aboard the platform.



Courtesy photo

**IN TOW**— The Sea-Based X-Band Radar platform is towed March 13 out of Brownsville channel near South Padre Island, Texas.



Courtesy photo

**AT DOCK**— The Sea-Based X-Band Radar platform arrives March 17 at Kiewit Offshore Services in Corpus Christi, Texas. While at Kiewit, the 2,000-ton X-Band Radar (directly behind the platform) will be lifted onto the platform later this spring.

# Redstone's volunteers of year recognized in April observance

14 award winners named at luncheon

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Army spouse Robin Elliott was looking for something to do with her time. She found a way to contribute to the Redstone community.

Elliott, a volunteer at Army Community Service since October, is among 22 nominees for 2005 Volunteer of the Year awards. The 14 winners will be announced at the 21st annual Volunteer Recognition and Awards Luncheon at 11 a.m. April 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"All (six of) my kids are in school now and this is what I do to get myself out of the house," said Elliott, a volunteer instructor with Army Family Team Building and a helper with the annual Army Family Action Plan conference. "Plus I enjoy giving back to the Army community."

The Lowell, Ind., native arrived last July. Her husband is Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Elliott, who is to be promoted Friday to sergeant first class.

**'It's significant in that it's the only time during the year we can thank volunteers for what they contribute to the community.'**

— Kathleen Riester  
Army Community Service

The other nominees include Loyd Ackerman III, Gail Askew, Liz Blackmon, Michelle deGroot, Tyler Freeman, Marie

Handley, Janeshia Henderson, Ed Ingold, Wendy Lebischak, Octavia March, Olivia March, Mary McCarthy, Amanda Medley, Jean Mulcahy, Rick Phillips, Sharon Samuelson, Thomas Sharp, Judy Storie, Karen Thompson, Jasika Williams and Summer Wilson.

Larry Leggett, quality of life manager at ACS, coordinates the recognition luncheon.

"It's significant in that it's the only time during the year we can thank volunteers for what they contribute to the community," Kathleen Riester of Army Community Service said.

Riester manages the financial readiness program and mobilization employment program at ACS. One of the nominees, Lebischak, serves with the mobilization program by calling families of deployed Soldiers to let them know ACS is ready to help.

"She actually does reach out and touch a lot of people," Riester said.

The recognition luncheon is during National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, with this year's theme "Inspire by Example."

Winners will be announced in the following categories: Redstone Arsenal School Age Service Young Leader, Redstone Arsenal Middle School Young Leader, Redstone Arsenal Teen Young Leader, Redstone Arsenal Service to Youth Volunteer Award, Redstone Arsenal Dedicated Service to Youth, Redstone Arsenal Special Event Volunteer, Redstone Arsenal New Volunteer, Redstone Arsenal Active Service Volunteer, Redstone Arsenal Community Service, Redstone Arsenal Community Dedicated Service, Redstone Arsenal Community Lifetime Service Award, Military Community Service, Military Community Dedicated Service and Military Community Lifetime Service Award.

■ Huntsville engineer plans to return to flying hobby

## Pilot

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thing," he said. "I was very distraught over the loss of the plane. It was a loss to the (flying) club. And also the runway was shut down for a period of time."

The Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity representatives told him they were more concerned about his safety and not to worry about the aircraft.

Dan Ahern, director of Morale Welfare and Recreation, confirmed that priority.

"My primary and literally only concern was the safety of the pilot," he said. "I was simply overjoyed to see him walking around the activity building when I got to the site. The planes are insured; they're just pieces of equipment as far as I'm concerned. The safety of the pilot was first and foremost and ultimately the only thing we care about. We were tickled to death he was able to walk away."

"The Redstone Flying Activity is a wonderful place to fly," Reisz said. "Anyone interested in aviation, I encourage them to check with the Flying Activity to learn to fly and to fly."

Reisz became a licensed private pilot through the flying activity in the mid-1990s but has been flying off and on since the 1970s. He plans to return to the skies soon.

"I expect to be flying again with my flight instructor Frank Fleming and with (chief flying instructor) Max Gurgew," he said. "And they'll check me out, to find out what I could've done and I'll be a better pilot – especially with those winds."

He grew up on a farm in west Kentucky on the Ohio River and served as an artillery first lieutenant in the Army. Reisz graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He finished his Army career at Fort Sill, Okla., and came to Huntsville in 1964. He became a propulsion engineer for

Boeing, contractor for Saturn V. He worked on the Apollo space program until 1970 – he described his role as a "number cruncher" – and began his own company in 1974. His 10-member company does industrial engineering and also has a NASA contract to develop an in-space rocket called a thruster. The University of Michigan is a subcontractor to Reisz Engineers on that space project. Reisz is also an engineer on the Henderson, Ky., airport expansion; and he recently completed the engineering on the Scottsboro airport expansion. Reisz said he stayed in the National Guard and Reserves long enough to receive his military privileges on post.

Through the years he knew such space pioneers as Dr. Werner von Braun – noting that March 23 would have been von Braun's 92nd birthday. He expressed regrets that many young Soldiers he talks to while working out at Redstone Fitness Center don't know that the nation's space program began with the Army at Redstone.

Reisz has documents and books and photographs from the earliest years of the space program and from the German rocket team which the Army brought to the United States after World War II. He is a member of the Saturn V Restoration Advisory Board at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. And he can continue his daily engineering work and his weekly racquetball games and his evening workouts and make plans to return to flying, because he was able to survive the only air crash he has experienced.

"Of course I'm lucky," he said. "But I wasn't even thinking about that in trying to get the plane down. You can't think about your safety because all your mental capability, all your attention, is in trying to get the plane down. In my case it was only when the crash stopped that I immediately thought about getting out, and I did."

# Guard unit credits training in overcoming 27 insurgents

*Kentucky military police  
repel ambush in Iraq*

By **DONNA MILES**  
*American Forces Press Service*

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A Kentucky National Guard unit is being credited with responding in “textbook” fashion during an ambush here March 20, killing 27 insurgents and capturing a sizable weapons cache and valuable intelligence.

The insurgent death toll is the highest in Iraq since the Fallujah operation in November 2004 and, according to Army Capt. Todd Lindner, commander of the Richmond, Ky.-based 617th Military Police Company, represents “without a doubt, one of the most significant impacts an MP company has had in this war.”

Lindner credits his unit’s dogged commitment to training and unwillingness to cut corners with preparing his Soldiers for the firefight along an alternative supply route about seven miles southeast of Baghdad.

Three squads from the 617th MP Company were providing security for a convoy along the supply route when it came under attack by 40 to 50 insurgents armed with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

According to Lindner, the Soldiers positioned themselves between the convoy and the attackers, “putting down a heavy volume of fire” and flanking the enemy, when they began receiving fire from the rear.

“They were armed to the teeth, and looked like they were ready to fight for a long time,” Lindner said of the insurgents.

Ultimately, the unit killed 27 of the insurgents and captured several more. After the attack, they recovered a cache of RPGs, rockets, machine guns, assault weapons, hand grenades and ammunition.

Three unit Soldiers were wounded, two seriously.

“These guys were amazing,” Lindner said of his Soldiers. “This proves what we’ve been saying all along: These guys rock.”

Lindner credits training with making the vital difference in his unit’s ability to respond under fire.

“We’ve been training for this mission for the last year before we got here,” he said. “Once we knew we were coming (to Iraq), we changed our training to focus specifically on this mission.”

That training, he said, “absolutely made a difference” in his unit’s response during the weekend attack, sharpening its ability to maneuver while firing.

Sgt. 1st Class Marshall Ware, platoon sergeant for the squads involved, agrees the training the unit received “absolutely” made a difference during the attack.

“From Day 1, there was an emphasis on training,” he said. “We trained and trained and trained.”

Equally critical, he said, was the unit’s strict adherence to standards — conducting precombat inspections, making sure weapons are clean, and requiring use of body armor, Kevlar helmets and eye and hearing protection.

These steps have protected his company against numerous attacks, Ware said. “You can’t completely take the risk out of what we’re doing, but you can mitigate it,” he said.

Ware, who served 10 years on active duty before becoming a full-time National Guardsman, said he came to the Guard with prejudices that its members played second string to the active force. But he said the Guard members he worked with quickly proved him wrong.

“The Guard is not the same Guard it was two years ago,” he said. “They’re as good as any active duty unit.”



Photo by Donna Miles

**COMBAT VETERANS**— Sgt. 1st Class Marshall Ware and Capt. Todd Lindner, platoon sergeant and commander of the Richmond, Ky.-based 617th Military Police Company, respectively, credit training and sticking to the rules with their unit’s success in killing 27 insurgents during a March 20 firefight.

# Month of Military Child springs forth in April



Courtesy photo

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE**— From left are Redstone youngsters Justin Alexander, Melina Connolly and Jared Miller.

## Activities planned for family members

### GARRISON RELEASE

Child and Youth Services is again participating in the Defense Department's "Month of the Military Child" in April.

This is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities.

"Research and experience clearly shows that children's earliest years are crucial learning years," Shellie McDonald, training and curriculum specialist at the Child Development Center, said.

Month of the Military Child is a chance to celebrate the unique needs of military children, families and communities. Military child care programs represent an essential service for families, due to the stressful times in the world today. It's a time to remember that if we want our children to succeed, we must give them a great start.

The Child Developmental Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Defense Department is dedicated to improving quality for children by encouraging all military programs to obtain and maintain accreditation standards.

Child and Youth Services plans many activities to celebrate the Month of the Military Child with the theme "Children are the Seeds of Tomorrow's Flowers."

Parents are encouraged to attend as many of the month's events as possible

and enjoy celebrating with their children.

Activities and events scheduled for the month include:

- **April 1** — Kickoff Parade beginning at 10 a.m. at Child Development Center. Children, staff, parents and the chain of command will march around the chapel to Youth Services.

- **April 2** — Character Counts 1-5 p.m. at Youth Services; Carolyn Taylor and Yolande Lewis will present a class on Character Counts.

- **April 4-8** — Boys and Girls Club National Photography Contest at the Youth Center. School Age Services and Youth Services will participate.

- **April 13** — Child Development Center open house 5-6 p.m. Child Development Center parents will be invited to tour the center and meet with the staff.

- **April 15** — Olympic Day at soccer field on the corner of Hughes and Goss roads at 10 a.m.

- **April 16** — Community Block Party 1-4 p.m. at Youth Center.

- **April 22** — Bring your Trike Day at 10 a.m. at CDC Circle. Child Development Center children will bring their tri-cycles and ride around the center and Youth Services.

- **April 27** — Family Child Care Fun Day 9-10:30 a.m. at Childwise. FCC children will participate in a variety of games.

- **April 29** — Little League Baseball opening at Joe Davis Stadium at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the Month of the Military Child events, call Shellie McDonald at 876-7952.

# Installations to receive higher priority for funding

WASHINGTON — The Army has begun implementing a new policy that will increase annual funding for installations. Army leaders have set a goal of funding installations at an annual rate of 90 percent of validated requirements for base operations services and for sustainment, restoration and modernization. The Army will continue to program to the goal of 95 percent for SRM set by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The new policy will increase funding for installations. The Army Budget Office will distribute the funding in phases through the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the Installation Management Agency. Funds will come from other parts of the Army's budget as the Army identifies programs lagging in execution during its annual budget review. IMA will program the funds to provide infrastructure upgrades and services that have been most lacking during recent months.

The new 90-90 funding renews the Army's commitment to improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their families. Funding installations to 90 percent of requirements provides a more predictable level of funding that gives garrison commanders more control in managing their communities.

Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey has placed well being and quality of life

for Soldiers and families as the top priority for the Army.

"Soldiers are the centerpiece of our formations so nothing can be more important than a Soldier; nothing can be more important than the family," he said.

"Our installations serve as our flagships of readiness," Army chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker said. "The environment in which our Soldiers train, our civilians work, and our families live plays a key role in attracting, recruiting and retaining the high quality people the Army needs. To enhance combat effectiveness and enrich the workplace setting, we are reinforcing our commitment to our Army family."

"The Army leadership has made an important decision that recognizes the vital role installations play in the Global War on Terrorism," IMA director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson said. "This is the highest level of funding ever committed to installations, and it recognizes the need to give Soldiers and their families services and facilities equal to the service they give this nation."

IMA planners are working to execute the new funding for maximum impact on the installations. Funding will be released through a phased plan over the balance of this year and through an annual funding program for future years.

*Editor's note: This is a Department of Army release.*

# Army distributes system to put training online

## *Courses available at home or office*

Step through the Army's portal to promotion points and better pay. Interested? Read on. Imagine being able to go online, select a course that you need for promotion points or an upcoming deployment, without ever leaving your duty station or your home. Now you can register for that course, take the course, and have the results put in your training and personnel record for credit accountability and, for enlisted personnel, for promotion points. The promotion points, of course, lead to better pay.

You don't have to imagine being able to do this or wait for this to happen in the future because the future is now. The Army is embarking on a course of action that will revolutionize Army training. The Distributed Learning System is breaking new ground by bringing training to the Soldier whenever and wherever needed.

DLS is the infrastructure that delivers distributed learning, providing the Soldier self-development, unit and mission-critical training to support both synchronous training (where the instructor and student interact while linked via videoconferencing, teleconferencing or the Internet) and asynchronous training (where the instructor and student interact via e-mail and the Internet). Distributed learning instruction may not even require an instructor's presence. It can involve several types of media, and emphasizes the use of reusable content, networks and learning management systems.

## **Five components**

"One of the things that's important to the Army leadership from the Chief of Staff on down, whether it's the officer or the NCO chain, is Soldiers being able to reach out and touch training. That's the bottom line message," Col. Sharon Holmes, project manager for DLS, said. The system's five components include Digital Training Facilities, the Army Learning Management System, Army e-Learning, an Enterprise Management Center, and the development of the Deployed Digital Training Campus.

PMO DLS and TRADOC TPIO are the team changing the face of training through the use of distributed learning which provides high quality, standardized web-based courseware at the right place

and right time for the Soldier. Soldiers can take advantage of DLS digital training facilities which were developed to provide Soldiers a place to access web-based, job-related and self-development courses away from the work place and distractions of home. The system has successfully fielded 274 fully operational digital training facilities worldwide. Training and Doctrine Command oversees the development of Military Occupational Specialty Qualification courseware and is an integral part of the Army team fielding the Army learning management system. Together they have witnessed a positive impact on the individual Soldier and unit readiness.

## **Fielding under way**

DLS is currently fielding the new Army learning management system. This powerful technology provides 24/7 access to distributed learning courseware and collaboration with other students and instructors. From the office, home or digital training facility, Soldiers will be able to meet their training needs, including access to content, course catalogs and schedules, collaborative resources and training history.

The combined capabilities of the digital training facilities and the Army learning management system will make training coordination more efficient, delivery more flexible, and provide Soldiers the ability to track their own training history.

"The Army LMS has the potential to touch every Soldier and civilian in the U.S. Army," Holmes said.

Distributed learning affords the Soldier many benefits, including increased training flexibility and opportunities, and less time away from their duty station and family. Benefits also include improved training coordination and information access for the Soldiers, leaders, training officers and NCOs in determining training requirements as well as training status.

"DLS provides the ability to distribute standardized training to individual Soldiers and units through the application of information technology," Holmes said.

For more information on your training future and the digital training facility nearest to your location, visit the DLS web site at [www.dls.army.mil](http://www.dls.army.mil).

*Editor's note: This article was provided by Project Manager for Distributed Learning System.*

# Black Hawk support teams go up to combat zones

## *Rotations continue to world's hot spots*

The Utility Helicopters Project Office has rotated a team of aviation professionals throughout the Army's combat zones over the past year.

These teams have conducted fleet-wide inspections of Utility aircraft. They inventoried each aircraft for critical subsystem compliance and then developed an execution plan for essential desert modifications. Elements of these teams have rotated through Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The most recent team crafted critical stay-behind-equipment procedures to mitigate known shortages of combat aircraft subsystems. Additionally, the UH-60 Deployment Assistance Team provided every Black Hawk unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom III digitized UH-60 publications, technical manuals and supplementals, desert modifications and maintenance related CDs/DVDs. It also provided current Aviation Safety Action Messages, Safety of Flight Messages and Air Worthiness Releases pertaining to the UH-60 fleet.

The program office is forming another cadre for the next rotation to support Soldiers.



Courtesy photo

**WELCOME HOME—** Members of a Utility Helicopters Project Office team returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom include from left Leon Hite Jr., Maj. Courtney Cote, Maj. Brian Tachias, Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Col. Cory Mahanna, Capt. Sean Donahue, Barb Quick, Ralph Smith and Capt. Phillip Robinson.

# 'Bumper of My SUV' singer signs autographs for troops

*Country music star remembers friends*

By **SAMANTHA QUIGLEY**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — The line to have a compact disc autographed by Chely Wright had started to form well before she arrived at the Henderson Hall exchange here March 22.

Arriving early for the 3:30 p.m. autograph session, Wright got right down to the business at hand. The CD she was signing includes a song that's become a favorite of servicemembers wherever she performs it: "Bumper of My SUV," inspired by an encounter with a woman who took offense to the Marine Corps sticker on Wright's vehicle.

But the song is not the only reason folks were lining up to have their CDs signed by the country music star. More importantly, they were there because she

is an avid supporter of the troops, and the troops know that.

That support and love of the troops is honest and genuine. It's demonstrated in the frequency of her visits to perform for them overseas and in the way she jumped up from the table when Air Force Brig. Gen. Burt Field of the Joint Staff walked in the door. He got a big hug from the star he'd met in 2002 when she performed at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea.

"It took me one second to remember," Wright said. "It's those things, it's those connections where you get to connect the dots. It's really special for me, and I think in turn, it's special for them because they realize, 'Oh, wow. She didn't just come over there and we were just a bunch of guys in green suits.'"

Field said later that Wright's support for the troops is fantastic. Her performances, he said, were a morale boost.

"It's all the corny stuff," Field said. "It's a little slice of home. She connects with the audience because she has the background. That makes it special."

Wright comes from a military family. Her brother is a Marine, and her grandfather and father served in the Army and Navy, respectively.

Wright also remembered the Marine who stopped by the autograph session. Lt. Col. Carlo Montemayor had a photo with him of the two of them at Logistics Support Area Anaconda in Iraq when she performed there. The photo was one of him handing her a commemorative coin during that September 2004 show.

Montemayor, with Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, said he'd thought of framing the picture, but when he heard Wright was going to be signing autographs in the area, he knew he had to sign and give it to her.

"He'll never forget me," Wright said. "What he doesn't know is I'll never forget him. I have that picture, and I will keep that picture, and it's special."

During that concert, Montemayor said, Wright performed her song "Bumper of My SUV" for only the second time in public. As it did then, the song draws a positive and emotional response from servicemembers.

"The picture that I gave her was a very emotional moment for the both of us," Montemayor said. "I thought it was a very moving song, a very touching song."

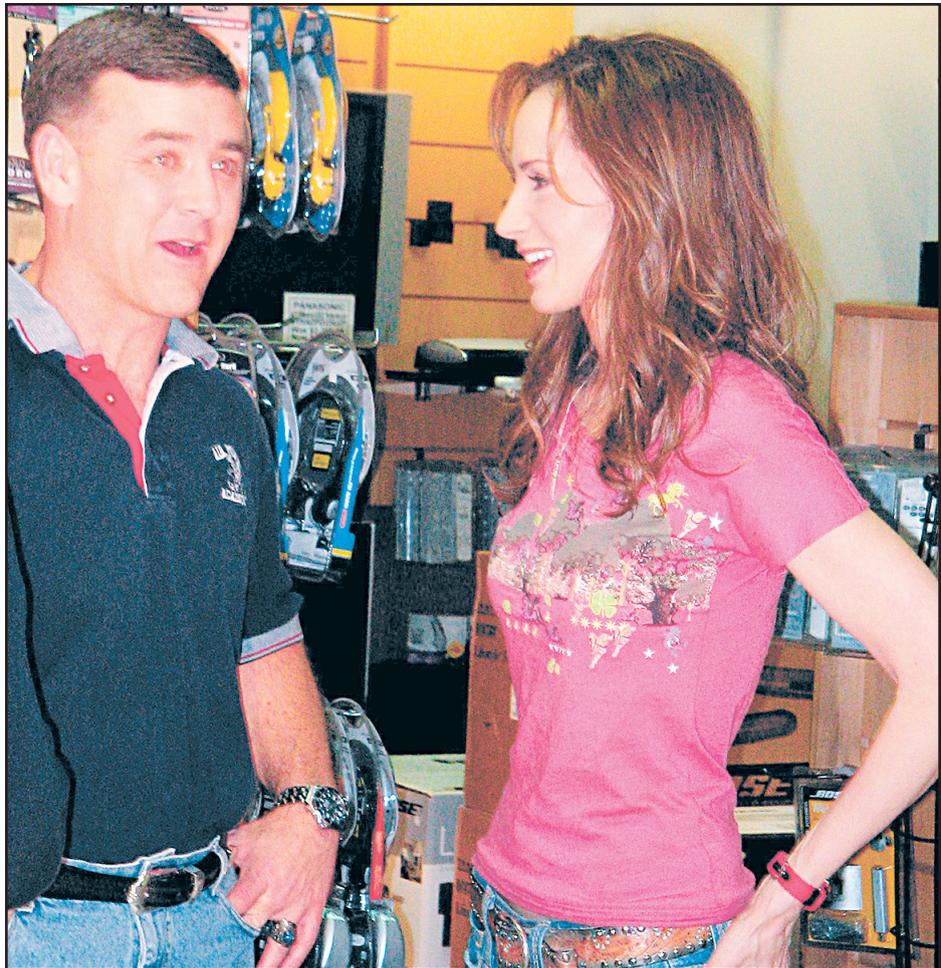


Photo by Samantha Quigley

**AUTOGRAPH BREAK**— Country singer Chely Wright takes a short break from signing autographs at Henderson Hall military facility in Arlington, Va., March 22 to talk to an old friend. Air Force Brig. Gen. Burt Field met Wright when she performed at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea in 2002. Field is serving on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, just a few blocks from Henderson Hall.



Photo by Samantha Quigley

**BUSINESS AT HAND**— Navy Lt. Cmdr. (Chaplain) Dan Stallard talks with country singer Chely Wright during a March 22 autograph session at Henderson Hall military facility in Arlington, Va. Wright had visited the U.S. Marine base at Quantico, Va., earlier in the day. Stallard serves at the Navy's chief of chaplains office.

# Sailors, families get free theme park 'salute'

*Anheuser-Busch makes offer*

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NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, Va. — For the third time since the first Persian Gulf War, Anheuser-Busch is currently offering free theme park admission to members of the U.S. armed forces and their families through a program called "Heroes Salute."

The program is offered at Busch Gardens theme parks in Williamsburg, Va., and Tampa Bay, Fla., and its three Sea Worlds in Orlando, Fla.; San Antonio; and San Diego. The program, which began in

February, will last through Dec. 31.

"I think it's fantastic," said Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Amanda Bruechert, a USS Iwo Jima sailor and native of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich. "I think it's a great way to support the troops and their families for everything they do."

"It's a great morale booster for the sailors," added Iwo Jima sailor Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class David McDonald. "It's free — everybody loves that favorite word," said the Miami, Fla., native.

Sailors who visit their local Morale Welfare and Recreation Information, Tickets and Tours office will quickly find that MWR doesn't carry these tickets, but they do have the informa-

tion on how to receive free admissions.

**'In our own small way, we're giving something back to the brave men and women and their families who make sacrifices every day for our country.'**

— August Busch IV  
president of  
Anheuser-Busch Inc.

"We are usually a first contact for the customers," said Antonia Stephens, Naval Station Norfolk's ITT manager. "Often, a sailor or his wife will come into our office to buy the tickets and our first question will be, 'Did

you hear about the free opportunity with the Busch parks?' We give our customers basic information concerning the program, a point of contact through Busch web sites and assure them that it is a real program — no gimmicks."

This isn't the first time this program has been offered. Anheuser-Busch has done similar events twice before: once after the first Persian Gulf War and again after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. These previous programs gave free admissions to nearly 2 million servicemembers and their families.

"In our own small way, we're giving something back to the brave men and women and their families who make sacrifices every day for our country," said

August Busch IV, president of Anheuser-Busch Inc. "As a salute to America's heroes, we wish to extend a message of thanks and an invitation."

According to an official release, the program is open to any servicemember on active duty, active reserve, ready reserve, or in the National Guard or U.S. Coast Guard, along with up to three direct dependents of qualified servicemembers.

"The free admission to Busch is a blessing to some of our military families," Stephens said. "Our mission here is to serve. If this free day brings some joy to our military families, we are excited to be a part of it, providing any information to get the sailor and his family out to the park."

## Grand Ole Opry announces partnership

*Show of support beamed to troops*

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The Grand Ole Opry has announced its partnership with the Defense Department's "America Supports You" program, an ongoing nationwide program to showcase and communicate America's support to the men and women of the armed forces.

The partnership launched Saturday when the "Grand Ole Opry Live" program was made available to U.S. armed services around the world through the American Forces Radio and Television Service. A live feed to American troops allowed servicemen and women to see Saturday's show from the Opry stage in Nashville, and a return feed from Iraq made the troops a part of that night's inaugural Grand Ole Opry Live broadcast on the military's worldwide network.

Trace Adkins, Craig Morgan, the Oak Ridge Boys and Ricky Skaggs were among the performers scheduled to appear. The program airs nationally in the United States and Canada.

"We're especially excited that our U.S. armed forces around the world will now be able to experience America's music from the Opry stage each week via the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service as part of our constantly growing audience," said Pete Fisher, Opry vice president and general manager. "The Opry has always had a very special way of connecting country music's artists with its fans. Our America Supports You partnership further connects us with some of our most treasured fans - America's servicemen and servicewomen."

"We are thrilled that the Grand Ole Opry is joining the America Supports You team," said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense. "We look forward to working together to ensure the message that America Supports You

reaches all our troops and their families. The millions of fans and friends, as well as the stars of the Grand Ole Opry, will be important in this effort."

The Opry provided post cards to be mailed to troops; and in continued support of America Supports You, the Opry will provide public-service announcement opportunities for performers and spotlight America Supports You in upcoming broadcasts of "Grand Ole Opry Live" and on the syndicated radio program "America's Grand Ole Opry Weekend," which already is carried on the American Forces Radio and Television Service.

The partnership was a natural fit, Fisher said.

"The Grand Ole Opry is as American as apple pie and baseball," Fisher said. "One thing Americans value is freedom. It's because of the efforts of those who defend those freedoms that we have the opportunity to perform country music on the Grand Ole Opry stage."

## U.S. forces aid victims of recent Afghan flooding

KABUL, Afghanistan — After days of heavy flooding, the Helmand River in Afghanistan's Uruzgan province is receding, making way for local government leaders to decide how to aid more than 600 displaced people. Flooding has washed away livestock, homes and farms, and has left spring crops below water level for a 10-mile stretch of the river.

Representatives from the United Nations, Afghan government and U.S. Army met on the Helmand's east bank March 22 to view flood damage and make a formal assessment of local needs based on the intensity of the flooding and what residents will be able to recover from the area.

Assessing needs for the stricken area, said Marin Din Kajdomcaj, field officer for the United Nations, includes "seeing what the people can do for themselves — seeing what coping mechanisms are in place — and what needs to be done."

"We will make an emergency assessment and make a delivery of necessary assistance if we deem it appropriate," said Din Kajdomcaj, adding that residents' needs will be met only until they can repair damage to their homes and crops. "What we don't want to do create is a situation that will bring more people to the area," he said, adding that the situation though "unfortunate, is not major." (*Special to American Forces Press Service*)

## Situation eyed in Kyrgyzstan

GUATEMALA CITY — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday the United States is closely watching developments in Kyrgyzstan.

After meeting with Guatemalan President Oscar Jose Rafael Berger Perdomo and Minister of Defense Carlo Humberto Aldana Villanueva here, Rumsfeld told

reporters the United States is monitoring the situation in the Central Asian nation.

Early Thursday, protesters stormed Kyrgyzstan's main government building in Bishkek and demanded the resignation of the country's president, Askar Akayev. Among their other complaints, the demonstrators have accused senior Kyr-

gyzstan leaders of approving flawed parliamentary elections held earlier this month. Rumsfeld also said press reports saying Akayev has left the country aren't corroborated by U.S. intelligence.

Kyrgyzstan is a former Soviet possession that provided bases that sustained U.S. military efforts during Operation Enduring Freedom. A contingent of U.S. troops remains at Manas air base in the country in support of coalition efforts in Afghanistan.

Kyrgyzstan has a poor economy and is experiencing high unemployment. The country has minerals such as gold, but has realized scant oil revenues, unlike its neighbors with more robust petroleum production facilities. (*American Forces Press Service*)

# Defense Travel System due for arrival soon

*Electronic reimbursements touted for speed, less paper*

Redstone Arsenal will soon join other Army organizations that are already using the new Defense Travel System.

Resource Management officials said they plan on standing up the system the end of May and then begin transitioning organizations to the new system. They expect to have everyone transitioned to DTS by December.

First envisioned in the mid-1990s, DTS fielding began in 2001 at 27 pilot sites and at 232 other sites across the Defense Department, and is already supporting hundreds of thousands of military and civilian personnel.

DTS shares many of the same features as the system currently used by most Team Redstone members, IRATS. The most touted benefits include: fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses; approvals and certifications tied directly to mission; a significant reduction in time spent administering travel; reduced paperwork; and the automated payment of government charge cards.

In December 2003, the Defense Department selected DTS as the re-engineered travel system mandated to be used by all DoD employees. DTS became the official temporary duty travel system and was approved for fielding to the entire Defense Department.

"Within the next two years we will deploy DTS to the most high-volume trav-



Online photo

**FRIENDLY SKIES— Defense Department is deploying its re-engineered travel system for military and civilian travelers.**

el sites within DoD," program director Col. Brandy Johnson said. "It will take time to deploy DTS to all of the DoD, but the process is well under way."

DTS features the following:

- **Fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses.** This is a priority item. "Why should our travelers be financing our operations? That's what happens, in effect, if we don't reimburse them promptly," Johnson said. Thanks to DTS, Defense Department will now be able to reimburse its business travelers quickly and electronically.

- **Worksite approvals and certifications.** DTS places approval of travel arrangements and certification of travel vouchers at the traveler's worksite instead

of at a servicing finance location. This places the authority to make travel decisions with the leaders and managers responsible for completing the mission.

- **Significant reduction in the time spent administering travel.** Reports to Congress based on field-testing of DTS indicate that on average the time spent administering travel is cut to one-third of what it had been before DTS. And saving time also means saving money.

- **Reduced paperwork.** As DoD's single end-to-end electronic solution for defense business travel, DTS is, in fact, online travel. DTS provides electronic connectivity between the traveler, the

authorizing official, the service/agency accounting and disbursing systems, the local comptroller's budget, the commercial travel service provider, the commercial bank card service and the electronic archive of travel-related documents, to include required travel receipts. This electronic connectivity and archival process eliminates the reams of paperwork previously required for business travel.

- **Automated payment of government charge cards.** This attribute makes DTS "a knight in shining armor" for many travelers and for military services and defense agencies. It takes much of the after-the-fact bill paying responsibility away from the traveler, and will work to reduce those delinquencies that are caused by having the extra delay in the payment/repayment chain. Once a voucher is approved for payment, reimbursement for expenses charged to the traveler's government charge card is made electronically directly to the traveler's government charge card account.

As of the end of 2004, DTS is being used at more than 3,000 sites worldwide. It is envisioned that DTS will be deployed to more than 11,000 DoD locations by the end of fiscal 2006, at which point DTS will support over 90 percent of all DoD business travel.

To learn more about the capabilities and functionalities of DTS, visit the Defense Travel System web site at [www.defensetravel.osd.mil](http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil).

## Seven servicemen die in Afghanistan, Iraq

WASHINGTON — Four Soldiers were killed in action in Afghanistan, and two Soldiers and a Marine were killed in Iraq, officials announced Saturday.

Four Soldiers were killed when their vehicle struck a mine while traveling on a road about 40 miles south of Kabul Saturday. The Soldiers were part of a joint U.S.-Afghan National Army patrol.

Two Soldiers assigned to Task Force Baghdad were killed and two more wounded when their patrol was struck Saturday by a car bomb, officials in Baghdad said.

A Marine was also killed Friday while conducting security operations in Anbar province.

No other details are available in either incident. (*American Forces Press Service*)

Win  
or lose

# Devastating Dragons want to roar again in volleyball

*Delta Company  
won last year*

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Delta Company hopes to defend its title in troop volleyball.

The Devastating Dragons beat Headquarters & Alpha in last year's final at Pagano Gym. Teams are preparing for the preseason tournament which starts April 4 at 7 p.m. The season should start about two weeks afterward.

"We're going to repeat," Delta coach/player Robert Harris said. "We're going to do it again."

"I'll have a whole new team," Headquarters & Alpha's Anthony Thomas said. "It's going to be a whole new team. All my big guns are gone. I'm starting from scratch."

"To be honest with you, we're at a disadvantage because we have a lot deployed," MED-DAC player Denise Jackson said. "But we're hoping to have a good team with more people coming in."

About seven teams are expected to participate, according to sports and fitness director Gaylene Wilson.



Photo by Skip Vaughn  
**HIGH INTENSITY**— HHC 59th players, left, play defense in a win over the Marines in the 2004 preseason tournament.

# Army takes 3 medals in U.S. Boxing Nationals

By TIM HIPPS  
Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.— A young and inexperienced squad exhibited the All-Army boxing team's best performance in five years in the 2005 U.S. Amateur Boxing National Championships March 15-19 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Although the Soldiers didn't produce any national champions, All-Army coach Basheer Abdullah said they exceeded his expectations.

Spc. Christina Brown won a silver medal in the women's 165-pound weight class. Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs and 1st Lt. Boyd Melson won bronze medals in the men's 178- and 152-pound divisions respectively.

All told, six Soldiers reached the quarterfinals, including Sgt. Joe Guzman (201 pounds) and Spc. David Gallegos (141 pounds), both of Fort Carson, Colo., and Sgt. Lavalie Viridiana (119 pounds) of Fort Myer, Va.

Brown, a 6-foot-3-inch, multi-sport athlete stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., lost her gold-medal bout to Baltimore's



Photo by Tim Hipps

**WITHIN REACH—** Spc. Christina Brown, right, of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., uses her reach advantage during a 17-16 victory over Emery Hernandez of Sterling, Ill., in the women's 165-pound semifinals of the 2005 U.S. Amateur Boxing National Championships. Brown won the silver medal in her weight class.

Franchon Crews when the referee stopped the contest 67 seconds into the first round. The much shorter and stockier Crews attacked from the opening bell and tallied more than 15 points in the opening minute.

"I was shocked," Brown, 24, said of Crews' aggressiveness. "I didn't think (her

punches) were landing to the point where she was scoring that much."

Abdullah said Brown lacks the experience needed to handle such a brawler. "Brown doesn't have the experience to deal with that type of boxer yet," he said. "We tried to catch the girl coming in with a good strong right hand but the girl is physical."

Downs, 30, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, dropped a 21-12 decision to Brandon Gonzalez of San Jose, Calif., in the semifinals. Downs was allowed by supervisors of the 127th Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Warrior in Iraq to attend the All-Army boxing camp and compete in the 2005 Armed Forces Championships and U.S. National Championships.

Downs qualified for a berth in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program by winning an Armed Forces crown. His performance here solidified the selection, Abdullah said. Downs is 6-foot-4 but failed to use his reach advantage against Gonzalez, who threw much quicker punches. His Army teammates repeatedly yelled at Downs to "keep it long, keep it long," but he kept going inside and getting scored upon.

"I don't feel like I showed up tonight," Downs said after climbing from the ring. "It wasn't that I couldn't see the punches; I was just a little sluggish."

Melson, 23, a WCAP member and

graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., lost 15-10 in the 152-pound semis to Brooklyn's Daniel Jacobs. Melson, a southpaw, struggled throughout the tournament with an injured left hand but refused to use it as an excuse. He entered the final round trailing by five points and failed to reduce the deficit.

"I should've turned to my aggression earlier but it was tough because he knew only to look out for my one hand," said Melson, who spent half of the past year at Officer Basic Course.

Abdullah praised the All-Army boxers for their performances. "These athletes definitely exceeded my expectations," he said. "I thought I was going to get maybe one or two (boxers) into the semis. That would've been a blessing. But they accepted the challenge, dug in deep, and we advanced six into the quarters. And then we advanced three into the semis, so I'm pleased."

Because most members of last year's All-Army boxing team have joined the professional ranks, retired from the sport or left the military, this was the most inexperienced team Abdullah has taken to the national championships in several years.

"We've got a long way to go," Abdullah said. "Right now we're winning off a lot of heart."

*Editor's note: Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.*

## Coaches on two varying fields of valor share support

*Colonel in Iraq played at Duke*

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Army News Service

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — They are in different arenas now, separated by thousands of miles, yet they draw strength from one another.

Mike Krzyzewski coaches the Duke University men's basketball team, and this past week he was in the thick of the NCAA tournament, trying to lead the second-ranked Blue Devils to another national championship. (Duke eventually lost to Michigan State.) At the same time in Mosul, Iraq, Col. Bob Brown was experiencing his own brand of "March Madness." Brown also was leading men in uniform — the Lancers of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. He, too, was trying to accomplish a mission.

To motivate his team, Krzyzewski reminds the Blue Devils of the sacrifices made by members of Brown's Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Fort Lewis.

"I tell our team to be happy in your moment," Krzyzewski said. "To think about what these people are doing for our country is amazing."

"I am so proud of what Bob Brown and our troops are doing. It absolutely keeps everything in perspective about how lucky we are."

### Mutual admiration

The admiration travels in both directions. As they face their own, more dangerous "moment," his troops benefit from lessons

Brown learned from Krzyzewski a quarter-century ago at the U.S. Military Academy, where Krzyzewski coached Brown for three years, from 1977-80.

"Team building is the number one lesson," Brown said. "The strength of the SBCT is our teamwork with our great assets and marvelous Soldiers. Loyalty, discipline, pride, and the value of hard work are several other things learned from Coach K."

Brown remembered that Krzyzewski always demanded a full effort from his players. "He ... never accepted excuses about the tough military training or 23 credit hours a semester - he had been through West Point, as well," Brown said. "One time, he benched me for not playing tough defense."

"He put me in in the second half and I stole the ball three times and dunked each time. We won the game - his motivational technique worked great."

### Playing days end

Krzyzewski moved on to Duke before Brown's senior year, when the Black Knights struggled to a 7-19 record. Brown was a co-captain who averaged 19 points per game.

"We had a rough season without him," said Brown, who was a 6-foot-5 shooting guard. "I was averaging 23 points a game as a senior 14 games into the season, and then I tore my patellar tendon in a game against Niagara University, and my playing days were over."

Of course, Krzyzewski's story is much more widely known than Brown's. In 25

years at Duke, he has won three national championships, more than 700 games, and 12 national coach-of-the-year awards. He has a sterling reputation, on and off the court.

Brown graduated from West Point in 1981 after scoring 1,282 career points for the Black Knights. He embarked on his Army career and rose to his current rank of colonel and his position as commander of the 1st Bde., 25th Inf. Div.

Basketball no longer bound them together, but Krzyzewski and Brown never lost track of one another. Brown gave Krzyzewski an American flag that had flown atop his Stryker vehicle during a patrol in Mosul. Brown still has a copy of the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling, which Krzyzewski gave him at West Point.

### Humble leader

"I have always admired how it talks about being a humble leader," said Brown, adding that it "reminds me of my father and Coach K."

Krzyzewski and Brown's relationship came under the media spotlight at Christmas because of the coach's generosity. According to published reports, when it appeared that thousands of Christmas gifts for Brown's Soldiers in Iraq might go undelivered, Krzyzewski wrote a check for \$10,000 to pay for postage, arranged for 2,000 phone cards to be sent with them, and spearheaded a fund-raising effort that netted another \$20,000 to assist Soldiers and their families.

"Success has not changed him one bit,"

Brown said. "And he does tons of things for people that nobody ever hears about."

In return, Brown's brigade sent each Duke player an American flag patch and a photo of the Soldier who had worn it on election day in Iraq. Brown said that election day was "a great victory for freedom. We thought (the flags) would be a great symbol of victory for the Duke players. Coach K agreed, and he read the team the letter I wrote them about teamwork, and they are wearing the flags." Krzyzewski told the *New York Times* that Brown would one day be his third former player to become a general. "He's going to be, when it's all said and done, one of the great Americans," Krzyzewski told the *Times* of Brown. "I'm as sure of that as I was of Grant Hill being a great player and Christian Laettner and Jason Williams. Bob's got it."

Brown thinks just as highly of Krzyzewski. "Coach K is truly a great man," Brown said. "I feel very blessed to have played for such a great man and learned so much from him."

And what of the largesse Krzyzewski has shown thousands of Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq? "Whatever Bob has said we at Duke have done for those Soldiers in Iraq," said Krzyzewski, "they have done so much more for us."

*Editor's note: Bob Reinert writes for the Northwest Guardian newspaper at Fort Lewis, Wash.*



## Sports & Recreation

### Golf tournament

A golf tournament fund-raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters will be held April 22 with a shotgun start at noon at Colonial Golf Course. Call 880-2123 to register or go to [www.bbbsna.com](http://www.bbbsna.com).

### Golf benefit

Alabama Ballers Basketball inaugural golf tournament is Saturday at Foxrun Golf Course, 870 McCollum Road in Meridianville. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start at 8. Entry fee for this four-man scramble is \$55. For information call Lester Jones 830-1279 or Isaiah Crutcher Jr. 895-6233.

### Bowling tournament

The Army Emergency Relief bowling tournament is noon April 21 at Redstone Lanes. Tickets are \$10. Call Don Slagle 876-3445 or Lynn Moore 955-6001.

### Pineapple Open

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will host the 11th annual Pineapple Open Golf Tournament on April 29 at the Redstone Golf Course. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. A rain date has been set for May 6. The entry fee is \$45 for MWR golf members and \$60 for non-members. The entry fee deadline is April 22. For more information, call Gail Askew 726-0156.

### Free-throw contest

The inaugural Redstone Free-Throw Shootout, a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief, is Saturday and Sunday. Ages 10 and up (including adults) will compete Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pagano Gym, using all six goals for shooting free throws (best of 20), with \$10 entry fee and prizes of \$200 for first, \$100 second and \$50 third. Ages 9 and under will compete at Redstone Fitness Center and shoot best of 10 for a \$5 entry fee with prizes \$75, \$50 and \$25. The family affair is Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at Pagano where the contest will conclude; and members of the Huntsville Flight NBDL team have agreed to put on a basketball clinic. The free throw winners will be announced at halftime of the Flight's April 8 last home game of the season. Winners will also be notified by phone, mail or e-mail (from application). For more information, call Maj. Dave Bailey 313-2874.

### RDEC 5K

RDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk, a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief, is May 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the PT track off Corporal Road. Entry fee \$15 includes T-shirt and refreshments. Rain date is May 11. Call Wynema Wooten 842-2775, Carolyn Farmer 876-3810 or Justin Olander 842-2769.



## 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).

### Logistics support conference

The annual Army Integrated Logistics Support Conference is May 3-5 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This event is sponsored by ASA (ALT) ILS Directorate, the Logistics Support Activity and the International Society of Logistics. To register and see an agenda, go to the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics home page [www.hats.org/sole](http://www.hats.org/sole). For more information call Randy Gibbs 313-2942, Debbie Baugh 955-0963, Jane Reeves (334) 663-6762, or Kurt Weidenthal 464-5351, ext. 214.

### Federal bar association

The Federal Bar Association will meet April 6 at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Social begins at 11:15 a.m. and lunch at 11:30. Scheduled speaker is Rhonda Brownstein, staff director for litigation and legal affairs for the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery. The cost is \$15. For reservations call Devinti Williams 544-0012 by noon April 4.

### Contracting forum

DCMA Huntsville will hold a Government-Contractor Forum May 17-18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. For information e-mail Lorena Henderson at [warfighter@dcma.mil](mailto:warfighter@dcma.mil).

### Supply management seminar

The Center for Management and Economic Research at the University of Alabama-Huntsville and the North Alabama International Trade Association will offer a three-day seminar May 12, 26 and June 16 at UAH on global supply chain management. For more information, call Dr. Jeet Gupta 824-6593.



Courtesy photo

## Civil War era

The International Military Student Office's field studies program trip March 19-20 to Atlanta offered an opportunity for visitors to don Civil War era outfits at the Cyclorama/Civil War Museum. They also visited Stone Mountain Park, CNN Studio, Centennial Olympic Park and Underground Atlanta. Standing from left are Capt. Ming-Hsien Chen of Taiwan, Tech. Sgt. Mohkles Smairi of Tunisia and Capt. Mohamed Hussein of Egypt. Seated is Pamela Huther of Madison, Ala.

### University women

American Association of University Women will meet April 5 at the UAH Beville Center. Social begins at 5:45 p.m., dinner at 6:30 and the lecture at 7. Carol Madry is to speak on "Future of the Huntsville Arts Council." Dinner cost is \$15. For reservations and more information, call 881-8171 or visit [poseyeb@knology.net](mailto:poseyeb@knology.net).

### Transition workshop

The Transition Center, Military Personnel Division, Human Resources Directorate, Garrison hosts a three-day transition workshop once each month in building 3493 for personnel transitioning out of the military or leaving civil service, military retirees and family members of all. In this workshop, various service providers brief on retirement and separation benefits as well as resume preparation and preparation for interviews and how to dress. Upcoming workshops are April 19-21 (already full) and May 17-19. To reserve a seat for May, call Tanzella Jackson 842-2718.



## 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, which is accepting spring and summer items, will be open Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. 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 April 7. 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 Thursday. For more information, call Glenda Davis 828-5681.

### **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 continues 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.

### **Quarterly retirement event**

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled Thursday 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. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Russell Kimball 876-2819.

### **Enlisted 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>.

### **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 tonight at 7 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.team-sweek.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.

### **Defense association honors**

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association announces the opening of nominations for its annual awards program to recognize the accomplishments of the local Defense Industrial Base work force. The chapter will recognize these individuals with an Annual Awards Banquet on the evening of April 28 at the Marriott Space Park. The chapter is accepting nominations for its Medaris Award, two Defense Management Awards and four Defense Technical

Awards. These nationally-recognized awards will be presented as will the recipients of two book scholarships given by the chapter to Alabama A&M University and UAH and the recipients of five fellowships given by the Space and Missile Defense Working Group. More information on the 2005 Awards Program and the nomination process can be found at [www.ndia-tvc.org](http://www.ndia-tvc.org).

### **Alcorn State scholarships**

The Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University is offering two scholarships for prospective students desiring to attend Alcorn State. These include the TVA-ASU Scholarship and the William Earl James Memorial Scholarship for \$500 each. Applications must arrive at the following address by April 4: TVA-ASU Alumni, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 5413, Huntsville, AL 35814. For more information or application requests, call Melvin Mayo 852-7927 or Sam King 882-7733.

### **Labor law symposium**

North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is sponsoring the third annual Labor Law Symposium April 21 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. Cost is \$125 for FBA members and \$175 for non-members. "This is a one-day symposium and we are seeking to get 6 hours of continuing legal education credits from both the Tennessee and Alabama state bar associations," a prepared release said. "We have two Merit Systems Protection Board

judges, one Equal Employment Opportunity Commission judge, and our own local U.S. Magistrate judge, Harwell Davis, as speakers. The other two speakers are Joyce Kitchens, an attorney from Atlanta, and Lt. Col. Margo Stone, chief of the civil law division of the Air Force Judge Advocate School at Maxwell AFB." For more information, call Margaret Simmons 895-1101.

### **Accreditation notice**

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Fox Army Health Center on April 20-22. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization. Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview which will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the

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nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to: Division of Accreditation Operations, Account Representative (Attn. Ms. Fontanetta), Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. The Joint Commission will acknowledge such request in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting.

## High school musical

The Buckhorn High School drama department will present "Grease" at 7 p.m. April 14 and 15, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 16 and 2 p.m. April 17. Tickets are \$5.

## Commissary sale

The Commissary will have a case lot sale Thursday through Saturday. This joint venture with the Post Exchange will include hot dogs, soft drinks and chips for the customers. "This is our way of saying thanks to the community," a prepared release said.

## Car wash benefit

The Evening Optimist Club will hold its annual car wash to benefit the Youth of Huntsville, May 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lee's Magic Tunnel Car Wash, 2318 Memorial Parkway southwest. Cost is \$7 for wash and sealer wax (\$13.50 value). In case of rain, the event would be held June 5. For information or tickets, call Bob Allen 772-5966.

## Orchid show

The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society will hold its spring Orchid Show Saturday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn, 8716 Madison Blvd. in Madison. Show hours are noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

## Volunteer award

The National Military Family Association is accepting applications for the Very Important Patriot Award. The program, now in its 11th year, recognizes exceptional volunteers worldwide whose outstanding service contributes to improving the quality of life in their military and civilian communities. Any active duty, National Guard and Reserve, or retired servicemember of the seven uniformed services, their family members, and survivors are eligible to be nominated. Nominations will only be accepted online at <http://www.nmfa.org/vip> through April 15. Winners will be notified mid-May.



## Civilian retirees

Beginning Friday, separated Army serviced employees will be able to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian by telephone and speak with a benefits counselor for six months following their separation. Employees who resign, retire, or transfer may continue to contact the ABC-C at 1-877-276-9287. For the hearing impaired,

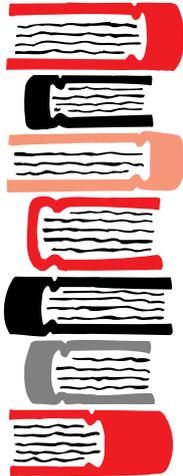
the number is 1-877-276-9833. Assistance will be provided on benefits related issues pertaining to their separation or retirement transition. ABC-C will inform all future retirees in writing of this service.

## Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation to be held April 5 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and refreshments. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

## Library week celebration

The Redstone Scientific Information Center will celebrate National Library Week April 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the annual national celebration of libraries and librarians. National Library Week has been a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the nation since 1958 and is a time to recognize the contributions that America's libraries and librarians have made. Light refreshments will be served and live demonstrations of RSIC resources will be available. "Learn all about the library's electronic resources and connect with the ultimate search engine - your RSIC librarian!" a prepared release said. RSIC is located at building 4484 just off Martin Road behind Garrison headquarters. For more information, call 876-9309.



## AER book sale

Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief is April 25-29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sparkman building 5300, first floor corridor between 5303 and 5304. Books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotapes can be contributed through April 26 by calling Brian Barry 876-5743.

## Male singers

Southern Splendor Chorus, part of the Barbershop Harmony Society, is having "Guest Nights" Thursday and April 7 at Athens Bible School, 507 S. Hoffman St. in Athens. "If you enjoy singing, please plan to attend," a prepared release said. Visit the web site at [www.southernsplendorchorus.org](http://www.southernsplendorchorus.org).

## Workers' compensation session

The Injury Compensation Office, in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, will conduct a Workers' Compensation information session at request. If your organi-

zation wishes to schedule a session at your location choice, call Debra Hammond 842-9038 or Kim Stoufer 876-5294.

## Mustang drivers

The Rocket City Mustang Club is hosting the 2005 National Mustang Club of America car show May 13-15 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8-4 Sunday. If you would like to show your Mustang, the deadline to register is April 15. Admission is free for all spectators. Registration forms along with more details on the show can be found at [www.rocketcitymustang.com](http://www.rocketcitymustang.com).



## Technology expo

The annual Redstone Arsenal/AMCOM Technology Exposition is Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event is free and open to all personnel. "Preview the hottest advances in information technology," a prepared release said. "Twenty-five-plus exhibitors will be demonstrating the latest in critical servers, networks, computer equipment and evaluation tools, communication technology, recording tools, system integration, management software, training and IT support and communication solutions, audiovisual presentation products, imaging accessories, video conferencing integration, systems and storage, office equipment and much more." For more information, or to request a specific company or technology, call Brie Blumenreich 888-603-8899, ext. 250 or e-mail [blumenreich@ncsi.com](mailto:blumenreich@ncsi.com). For more information on upcoming conferences and events, visit <http://www.ncsi.com/>.

## Aviation association scholarships

The Army Aviation Association of America offers scholarships and interest free loan opportunities to eligible children, spouses and siblings of AAAA members. Certain scholarships are also dedicated to enlisted, warrant officer, company grade officers and Army civilian members. Application deadline for academic year 2005-06 is May 1. Sponsor AAAA membership must have been activated by May 1, 2004 for 2005-06 applications. For specific application information/forms visit the AAAA web site at [www.quad-a.org](http://www.quad-a.org), email [aaaa@quad-a.org](mailto:aaaa@quad-a.org), or call (203) 268-2450. For Tennessee Valley Chapter scholarship or membership information, call Tom Harrison, vice president for scholarships (256) 964-8460, ext. 103, or Mike Carden, vice president for membership, 461-6039.

## Library exhibit

The Huntsville Art League will exhibit at the Bailey Cove Branch Library from April 1-30. On April 3, the Friends of the Bailey Cove Library will host a reception open to the public from 2-4 p.m. The Selah Singers will sing spirituals during that time. For more information, call HAL 534-3860 or the Bailey Cove Library 881-0257.

## Infantry reunion

Veterans of the 88th Infantry (Blue Devil) Division and Trieste U.S. Troops (TRUST) are invited to join the Southeastern Chapter, 88th Infantry Division Association, at its 50th reunion April 28 to May 1 at the Holiday Inn Columbus North in Columbus, Ga. For more information, call Robert McCall 881-6325.

## Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will have a free public lecture at 7 p.m. April 7 at Huntsville/Madison Library, 915 Monroe St. Geri Hopkins is to speak on "Weightless in Seattle: The Physiology of Living in Space." A social will follow at Shoney's. For more information, call Ronnie 509-3833.

## Employee training seminar

The AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office is sponsoring a Section 508 training seminar April 5 at Bob Jones Auditorium. There will be two sessions at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. with guest speaker Helen Chamberlain, program director for General Services Administration, Office of Government-wide Policy, Center for Information Technology Accommodation. Section 508 is a federal law that requires that all electronic and information technology procured, maintained, used or developed by the federal government is accessible for individuals with disabilities. Attendees should include managers, supervisors, procurement personnel, government purchase card holders, IT personnel, and anyone involved in acquiring and ensuring Information Technology is compliant with Section 508 requirements. For information call Demetria Cruz 876-9718.

## Mentoring program

Dr. Richard Amos, the AMCOM deputy to the commanding general, has approved the launch of the formal People Empowering People Mentoring Program. The next six month mentoring cycle will be conducted from May to October. The AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) will sponsor informational sessions to inform the work force about the program. The program is open to all AMCOM permanent civilian employees; and participation in the PEP Mentoring Program is voluntary. No pre-registration to attend a session is required. Here's the session schedule: April 5 from 8:30-10 a.m., 10:30-noon and 1:30-3 p.m. in conference room 8124, building 5308; April 6 from 1:30-3 p.m. in conference room 1148, building 5301; and April 7 from 1:30-3 p.m. in conference room 2139, building 5302.

## Volunteer instructors

Have you thought about teaching but don't have the required teaching experience? Army Family Team Building can provide you with the experience you need before pursuing a teaching career. Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? AFTB will hold its last instructor training session for this season on April 11-14 from 6-9 p.m. in building 3338 on Redeye Road. Dinner and child care will be provided free of charge. To register for the instructor trainer class, or for more information, call 842-8375.

## Tsunami impact

The tsunami that occurred in Asia Dec. 26 impacted many. Do you want to share how it influenced your life and family with the Redstone community? If you have any information that you would like included in an upcoming program on the Arsenal, call Gladys Lee 876-5844 or Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648.

