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Tactical aerostat
receives upgrade

By KIM HENRY

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Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it is an aerostat which has provided force protection in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The aerostat is just one of the surveillance elements that is a part of the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment System. The RAID Product Office (provisional) performed three capability tests on the aerostat at Redstone May 2-6 to enhance the system for Soldiers in the field.

"We are testing off-the-shelf technology to allow Soldiers better information so that they can respond more rapidly and make more informed, appropriate decisions," product manager Maj. Reid Vander Schaaf said.

After fielding the system, the product office realized that there were certain capabilities that needed to be added to the system in efforts to better assist in force protection and threat changes. The three main



Photo by Kim Henry

EYE IN THE SKY— The aerostat is among the surveillance pieces used in force protection in Iraq and Afghanistan.

improvements to the system are Inertial Reference Unit capability, map overlay capability and enhanced communication between RAID and the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System.

Since the aerostat is always in motion, something was needed to stabilize the sensor of the aerostat so that it could

register accurate location data. The completion of the tests ensures that RAID aerostats along with the inertial reference unit will produce accurate motion profile, reduce drift of true headings, and provide real-time readings directly from IRU to sensors. The unit capability adjusts to inertial drift of the aerostat while in

motion to make it more stable.

With the unit in place, RAID is also testing a map overlay capability on the aerostats. Essentially this helps to put the image that is being monitored from just a coordinate to an image that is on a map.

"The map overlay capability shows what is in the vicinity of the object," Vander Schaaf said. "Otherwise you are just looking at numbers." This test was successfully performed with RAID towers.

Communication on the battlefield will be enhanced by RAID interfacing with AFATDS. Previously, a Soldier would have to relay the coordinate information of something picked up from surveillance to the battle captain who would then relay the message to a Quick Reaction Force to take action. Now, after testing the AFATDS communications with the RAID Aerostat, the battle captain can see directly what is happening and relay the information to the quick reaction force.

"By linking the RAID system with the AFATDS, we are

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Holocaust remembrance ceremony sparks optimism



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHEDDING LIGHT— Talking after the Holocaust Remembrance ceremony are, from left, Sara Crocker, assistant treasurer of the Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama; garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin, event chairman Dr. Richard Brooks and Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon.

Garrison commander honored
during annual event at temple

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The setting sun cast an orange glow on the filled sanctuary at Temple B'nai Sholom in downtown Huntsville.

Members of the local community, including Redstone officials, attended an annual Holocaust Remembrance ceremony May 4 sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama. There were readings by high school students and the symbolic lighting of seven candles.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin lit the seventh candle and received the 7th Candle Award from a federation representative. Devlin was recognized for his personal involvement in enabling the Temple B'nai Sholom to hold a service at Bob Jones Auditorium on Redstone Arsenal in 2004.

"I'm touched and I am humbled and I'm almost at

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An open lane random survey

Why do people litter?

By KELLEY LANE
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Barry Horn contractor
"I would say it's a maturity thing. Young people litter more than older people. You don't really respect the environment until you're older."



David Stineman contractor
"People are lazy. That's why they litter."

Lavelle Harris visitor
"They just don't really care. You have to care about the environment in order to keep the environment clean."



Glen Arrington contractor
"People are too lazy to take it to the garbage can."

Word spreads for missing children

We have all been hearing the horrid news of children kidnapped and killed elsewhere. Could you let us know what provisions exist to use the Intranet systems to inform people at the Arsenal, including NASA and contractor employees, of specifics if local authorities should issue an Amber Alert?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "As soon as the Directorate of Emergency Services confirms that a child is missing and abducted either on Redstone Arsenal or from off RSA and possibly proceeding onto RSA, we issue an All Points Bulletin and a Be on the Lookout to all emergency services personnel on duty. The APB and BOLO contain descriptive information and all pertinent details surrounding the case. At the same time, we transmit a media release packet containing necessary and appropriate information to the Public Affairs Office which, in turn, provides that information to the public via all media sources.

"The PAO enlists the assistance of the Directorate for Information Management to transmit this information to the Redstone community and work force via the RSA Intranet and other media sources (IPTV, Channel 42, mass e-mailing, electronic billboards, etc.). "The PAO also provides information to local media and the Huntsville/Madison County Emergency Management Agency.

Updates on information pertinent to the case are treated in the same manner. PAO will also periodically conduct media briefings to local news media in order to keep the public updated on the current status of the situation.

"Additionally, the DES participates in the Alabama state Amber (America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response) alert system once all appropriate criteria have been met to substantiate that a child abduction case has occurred on the installation.

In accord with the state's program, all pertinent information is sent to the Alabama Department of Public Safety in Montgomery which, in turn, sends the information via the Emergency Alert System to all television and radio broadcasters throughout the state. The information is immediately broadcast by participating stations to thousands of listeners and viewers.

"Radio stations interrupt programming to announce the alert, and television stations and cable systems run a 'crawl' on the screen along with a picture of the child. Generally, an alert is broadcast at least every 30 minutes for the first three hours following an abduction.

"Once the child is located or the case is closed, the DES notifies the state DPS which distributes an Amber cancellation using the same EAS broadcast system.

Simultaneously, the PAO and DOIM will transmit the same cancellation message via their respective media channels."

Letter policy

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Note to Mr. Hit and Run

Work in building 5681, and drive a silver Audi. On April 27, just before lunch time, someone hit my car while it was parked in the parking lot. There was \$1,868 worth of damage caused which requires major body work. The person responsible for the damage failed to leave a name, note or any insurance information. I'm politely asking for the person who hit my car to step forward and provide the appropriate insurance information in order to responsibly resolve this matter. Do not be scared. I will not disclose your name for the public shame and ridicule you deserve — although I should. And just for clarification, hitting someone's car and leaving the scene is a criminal act.

If anyone saw this happen, please contact me, anonymously if necessary, and give a description of the offending vehicle. I'd be very inclined to provide a reward barring the arrest of the hit and run expert. If you're reading this letter, Mr. Hit and Run, now you're asking yourself, did anyone see me do it? Are you sure? There's a lot of people coming and going during lunch time at 5681. It'd be easier to step forward than be arrested in your office, don't you think? Your choice.

Sean E. Cagle

Watch out for motorcycles

Last year May came and went without mention of Motorcycle Awareness Month in May. The number of motorcycle collisions can be reduced significantly if motorists would apply these two approaches to their driving habits.

May is the perfect month for Motorcycle Awareness. It is the beginning of the motorcycle riding season and is a prime month for riders to be on the Arsenal's roads.

All drivers must make two precautions: actively look for motorcycles in traffic and always yield right of way to motorcycles if you feel that it may

not be safe to proceed. All the personal protective equipment required to ride on post is not effective when other motorists do not follow the precautions.

Regards and ride safe. The life you save may be mine.

Steve Huffman
IMMC

Quote of the week

'When prosperity comes, do not use all of it.'
— Confucius

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
St. Joseph, Mo.

What do you like about your job?

Getting to drive the forklifts. Being trained by Staff Sgt. Stewart Blue and Staff Sgt. Anthony Brooks at the Ammunition Supply Point.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to read, draw, write and hang out.



What are your goals?

I want to become the highest-ranking female in military history after being a drill sergeant just like Sgt. Barry Brown and Sgt. Sandra Ross.

Military personnel office seeks data

Soldiers' time away from home is tracked electronically but units have to help in this process.

"Under provisions of the Fiscal Year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act, effective Oct. 1, 2000, the services were required to track deployed and non-deployed Soldiers' time away from home station," a prepared release said. "Congressional intent is that all services and their components manage high deployment, and reduce the time Soldiers

are away from home, thereby improving morale and quality of life. Each unit or activity must appoint a Perstempo user to input this information. If you do not have military, you can disregard.

"You will not be able to access Perstempo and input the military unless you are granted access to eMilpo first. Call Deidra Gay at 876-4724 or e-mail deidra.gay@redstone.army.mil for an application or with any questions." (*Garrison release*)

Army Rangers of World War II invited to dedication ceremony

TULLAHOMA, Tenn. — Army Rangers who trained at Camp Forrest, Tenn., in the 1940s on land now occupied by Arnold Air Force Base are encouraged to participate in an upcoming event honoring the training and World War II accomplishments of the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions.

A ceremony dedicating a historical marker honoring the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions will occur at 11 a.m. June 6 at the intersection of Wattendorf Memorial Highway and Tennis Court Road near the Tullahoma entrance to Arnold Air Force Base.

Army Rangers from the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions who trained at Camp Forrest in the 1942-44 time frame, as well as civilian or military staff members who supported training at Camp Forrest during that time, will be recognized and honored during the ceremony.

A permanent historical marker unveiled during the ceremony will recognize the fact that the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions trained at Camp Forrest

before deploying to participate in D-Day. The marker will include the words: "On June 6, 1944, the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions would 'Lead the Way' at Omaha Beach, scale the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc, and spearhead the invasion across Europe."

June 6 is the 61st anniversary of D-Day, the day thousands of Allied forces invaded occupied France during World War II.

The ceremony is open to the public and current and former Army Rangers are encouraged to attend.

Former Rangers interested in being recognized during the ceremony should call J. D. Kirby at (770) 287-7762 or Jack Daniel at (865) 671-8137.

A committee consisting of former Army Rangers is organizing the event. Donations to help pay for the cost and installation of the marker are welcome. Donations can be sent to Jim Squires; P.O. Box 105; Gainesville, GA 39503. Make checks out to "Ranger Marker."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

April 28: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items, concealing them and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

April 28: Two individuals were found to be in possession of fraudulent state identification cards when they presented it for entry at Gate 1. They were each issued a violation notice and released to Alabama State Troopers. Investigation continues by the Alabama State Troopers.

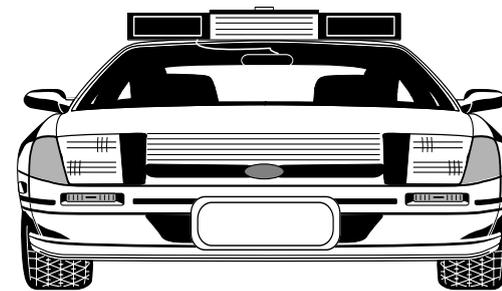
April 29: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 29: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 30: Two individuals became involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical and were apprehended for simple assault. Further investigation revealed that one of the individuals had an unregistered handgun. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 3: An individual reported that someone removed his diabetic test kit from his work cubicle. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 3: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and with an open container during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. Further investigation revealed



that he was operating a vehicle with a revoked driver's license. He was issued three violation notices and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

May 4: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released.

May 4: An individual was found to be in possession of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 8. He was issued a violation notice, processed and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 4: An individual was found to be disorderly during a volleyball game. The subject was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

Violation notices issued: 20 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 4 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 disorderly conduct, 2 following too close, 1 no driver's license in possession, 1 reckless driving, 1 shoplifting, 1 improper backing.

THAAD weapon system in loop for flight test

Battle management station delivered to White Sands

The Terminal High Altitude Area Defense project continues on the path to the system's first integrated flight test later this year with the delivery of the first Command and Control, Battle Management and Communications Tactical Station Group to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., where it was successfully integrated with the THAAD radar.

TSG's Tactical Operations Station and Launch Control Station arrived at White Sands in March after completing acceptance testing and were subsequently configured for system test operations. The C2BMC TSG and THAAD radar were successfully interfaced in April and have completed preliminary communications testing in support of first flight.

The C2BMC TSG is the THAAD system fire control component and integrates the radar and launchers to create a THAAD weapon system. In this role, the TSG equips Soldiers to complete all planning, control, coordination and communications necessary to accomplish the THAAD mission. With these capabilities, the C2BMC crew then conducts all mission activities related with planning the missile defense battle and executing missile defense engagements.

Roving Sands participant

THAAD was the only MDA missile defense program in this year's multi-national Joint Red Flag/Roving Sands exercise. It was modeled utilizing the Extended Air Defense Simulation, a technically accurate representation of the complete THAAD system certified for war game support by the THAAD Project Office and the prime contractor for THAAD, Lockheed Martin. Soldiers fighting the THAAD system using this simulation do so with dual interactive Soldier-in-the-Loop operator consoles a near perfect replica of the tactical C2BMC engagement operations screens lending an enhanced feeling of realism and providing an excellent training opportunity for the THAAD flight test Soldiers. The effort was supported by the project office and the Training and Doctrine Command System Manager – Upper Tier in cooperation with the Missile Defense Agency. Lt. Col. Lawrence Yap, MDA liaison to JFCOM, sponsored the effort to bring THAAD to the exercise. The THAAD representation in EADSIM, battle tested in numerous exercises, was the primary event player. MDA also sponsored the participation of the THAAD Interoperability Support Vehicle, which ran an early release of tactical software in a "receive only" configuration in an effort to reduce risk when the tactical software is used in war game exercises.

Employee spotlight

Anthony Cooper, a senior systems engineer in the THAAD Project Office, has been chosen to co-chair an experimentation development for U.S. systems in the Joint Project Optic Windmill IX exercise along with international participants from Holland, Germany, Greece and Spain. This exercise is sponsored by the Royal Netherlands Air Force in cooperation with the European Command and the Missile Defense Agency, as well as the German and Greek armed forces.

The exercise will include Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, Airborne Laser, Patriot PAC-2 and PAC-3, and the Missile Defense Space Warning Tool. Others may include Ground Based Midcourse Defense and Kinetic Energy Interceptor.

Experiment data will be collected from these U.S. systems and discussions will take place regarding logistics and support planning to the systems, interoperability and global treats. The exercise is scheduled to begin in March 2006 in Crete, Greece.

Lt. Cmdr. Kurt Merklung of MDA's Force Structure Integration and Deployment Directorate recommended that Cooper have a role as a U.S. contingent in this development exercise. Cooper, a graduate of the University of Alabama-Huntsville, has worked on the THAAD program since 1998. (THAAD release)

High impact test facility moves to Marshall center

Army sees potential for aviation systems

A cooperative effort between NASA and the Army has resulted in the arrival of ground equipment to test aviation systems in adverse weather conditions.

The Hydrometeoroid Impact Facility can simulate single and multiple particle impacts from rain and sand. It has two hypervelocity guns, an exploding wire gun, and a Cambridge water-jet.

AT&T Government Solutions previously owned and operated the facility in Santa Barbara, Calif. But in 2004, the company decided to end this test and evaluation capability. Through negotiations with the Army, Navy and NASA, the company agreed to donate the gun hardware to Marshall Space Flight Center's Environmental Effects Branch.

"With the addition of the HIF test capability to the cur-

rent NASA MSFC hypervelocity impact test facilities, a significant opportunity exists for DoD to conduct collaborative working relationships with NASA in support of missile and aviation system design and qualification," Gerald Russell of Research Development and Engineering Center said in a prepared release.

Organizations involved in this collaborative effort include the Research Development and Engineering Center, the Space and Missile Defense Command, the Naval Surface Warfare Center, the Naval Air Warfare Center and Marshall Space Flight Center.

The Defense Department is involved in test and evaluation of missile and aviation components to verify and validate system performance in adverse environmental conditions. This includes maintaining the capability to operate in rain, sand, sleet, snow and dust.

Business honor goes to Boeing

Boeing has received the 2005 Alabama Manufacturer of the Year Award.

The award, announced in March during a formal ceremony in Montgomery, Ala., was presented again at a ceremony this morning to acknowledge local employee contributions to winning this outstanding honor.

The award, presented by the Alabama Technology Network and the Business Council of Alabama, recognizes state manufacturing enterprises that exhibit excellence in leadership, performance, profitability and work force relations. Pre-

sented in three size categories, Boeing won in the large manufacturer category.

"We are very excited and honored to receive this award," said Geoff Schuler, Boeing Huntsville interim site executive and missile defense systems director of operations. "Boeing has a long heritage of producing quality products for some of the most important space and defense initiatives for our nation and we take that very seriously. This award is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Huntsville team." (Boeing release)

Aviation directorate applies awards to five

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Five employees of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Fort Eustis, have earned the Director's Award for their outstanding contributions during fiscal 2004.

Five award categories have been established by AATD. Each honoree received a Department of the Army Citation, an engraved plaque, and a cash award of \$1,500. Col. William Gavora, AATD commander, presented the awards.

The honorees include:

- Tim Condon, aerospace engineer assigned to the System Integration Division, earned the Director's Award for General Excellence in Engineering and Science and/or Program Management.
- Joyce Bunch, secretary assigned to the Platform Technology Division, received the Director's Award for General Excellence in General and/or Administrative.
- George Barber III, electri-



Courtesy photo

Teledyne manager

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. has announced that Jerry Hamilton has been named program manager of its Unmanned Aerial Systems division. Most recently Hamilton served as program manager for Omnibus 2000 programs in support of the Aviation and Missile Command.



Courtesy photo

Chapter honoree

The National Defense Industrial Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter presented Stephen Kuffner, president of Teledyne Solutions Inc., with its Defense Management Award during an awards ceremony at the Huntsville Marriott. The award is presented each year to a senior manager of a company who has made a significant contribution to the defense efforts of the United States for at least 15 years.

cal engineer in Tapid Prototyping Division, received the Director's Award for Technological Achievement.

• Sandra Schuck, a senior contract specialist, received the Director's Award for General Excellence in Business and/or Professional Administrative.

• Gary Webb, electronics technician in the Instrumentation Branch, Rapid Prototyping, received the Director's Award for General Excellence in Technical Support. (AATD release)

Base realignment commissioners hear from DoD

Defense outlines strategy concerns

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Base realignment and closure commissioners heard about the strategic underpinnings of the Defense Department's approach during May 4 testimony.

Ryan Henry, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for policy, spoke to the panel about the National Defense Strategy, the upcoming Quadrennial Defense Review and the Global Defense Posture.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is using these strategies as the basis for closing and realigning defense installations. He must present his recommendations to the commissioners not later than May 16.

Henry told the commission — chaired by former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi — that the most current DoD strategy contains the lessons learned from the global war on terrorism. The BRAC process requires that military value will be the most important criterion in closing or realigning bases. Henry said he hoped his testimony would help the commissioners understand “the way that we understand what best military value is, the way we want to use military activities and

the way we want to employ the force to be able to provide for national security.”

He said the old days of knowing the enemy were over. He told the commissioners there is a limit to intelligence.

‘How we realign overseas will affect how we are based back home.’

— Ryan Henry
deputy undersecretary

“We cannot tell what the future will bring,” Henry said. “In the next decade, we will need to use our forces somewhere, but we cannot say with any certainty where, when or how they might be needed.”

Developing capabilities, therefore, is more important than numbers of troops, tanks, ships or planes, he said.

Henry said the U.S. military must be able to move more quickly and operate with greater flexibility when it arrives in a region. He also said that a basis to the new strategy is the United States realizes it must do these operations in partnership with other nations. A big part of the effort, then, is to build the capacity and capabilities of others.

He said the National Defense Strategy remains to secure the U.S. from direct attack. He also said that it includes gaining strategic access to key areas and to have freedom of action within those areas.

Portions of the old strategy — last published in 2001 — are unchanged. This includes assuring friends the United States is a credible ally; dissuading those who harbor ambitions to confront the United States; and deterring potential adversaries.

Finally, if needed, the United States must be ready to “defeat any adversary at a time, place and manner of our choosing,” Henry noted.

He said the challenge of the Quadrennial Defense Review — which will be published in February 2006 — is to balance between the new capabilities the U.S. military would like to have against the old capabilities that America would like to maintain.

He told the BRAC commissioners that their work will allow the U.S. to set its military house in order. Their mission will allow the military to better use American taxpayers' money and let the military serve in a more joint environment, he said.

The Global Posture Review also plays a role in the commission's processes. The U.S. military will bring back two divisions from Europe and most of a division from South Korea. All told, this means 70,000 Soldiers and more than 100,000 family members and contractors will be returning to the United States. Where these personnel will go depends in large part on the commissioners' decisions, Henry said. “How we realign overseas will affect how we are based back home,” he explained.

Deployed surveillance equipment receives lift

Aerostat

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enhancing communication to achieve better battlefield situational awareness for command and control.” Vander Schaaf said.

Successful completion of these tests will allow the JLENS RAID Product Office to field these upgraded capabilities to the systems currently in Iraq and

Afghanistan and will allow the users to have additional features: RAID and AFATDS communication capability, the map overlay capability on the RAID aerostats and the inertial reference unit capability to adjust inertial drift of aerostats in motion over time. Currently there are two aerostats and eight towers in Iraq and 10 towers in Afghanistan. The product office plans to field two more aerostats in Iraq with the new capabilities by the end of May.

Garrison commander cites strength in diversity

Ceremony

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a loss for words,” Devlin said. “And I appreciate this but I appreciate the relationship we have even more.

“We spend a lot of time talking about diversity and why diversity is still our strength,” he said. “We thank you for reminding us that our diversity is still strong. And it's that diversity that makes us great.”

Federation board member Dr. Richard Brooks, the event chairman, said he drew optimism from the participation of the Lee High School creative writing students.

“I'm optimistic the world is better today than it was 60 years ago,” he said.

The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims — 6 million were murdered; gypsies, the handicapped and Polish were also targeted for destruction for racial, ethnic or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered oppression and death under Nazi tyranny.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, May 5, marked the events of 60 years ago.

“The first 30 or 40 years after the event people were so stunned about the reality it was impossible to talk about it,” Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon of Temple B'nai Sholom said.

AER fund-raisers set through May

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.

- Online auction, through May 15, at www.aer-redstone.com. Call Maj. Kirk McCauley 313-4260.

- Ice cream social, today 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.

- 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.

- AER shirt sale, through Friday. Denim shirts both long and short sleeve, polo shirts and T-shirts. Call Cheryl Garrison 876-1034 or Marie-Helene Worthington

876-2396.

- Barbecue, Thursday 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.

- Cheesecake sale, May 16 at 8 a.m. in the building 5308 lobby. Cost is \$1.50. Call Johnnie Whitson 876-3126.

- AER golf tournament, four-person scramble, May 20 at Redstone Golf Course. Cost \$28 for members, \$40 non-members. Register by Friday (rain date May 27). Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714 or Jim Dabbs 842-0170.

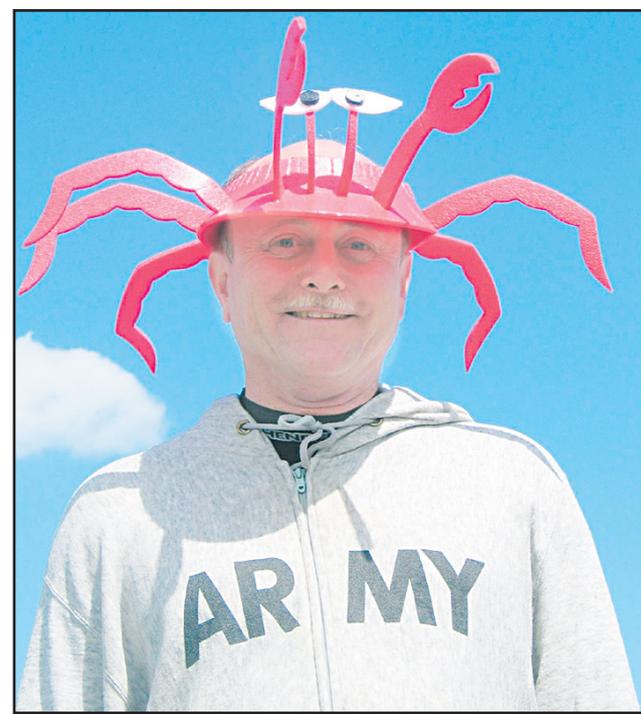


Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON TOP— Jack Padley of Directorate of Information Management gets into the spirit of AER FunDay.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WALK THIS WAY— Kim Wright of Resource Management directs the cake walk during the AER FunDay, May 3 at Garrison building 4488.



Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

TIN MAN— Ricky Prince of Directorate of Information Management delivers a pie to the head of co-worker Jack Padley as part of the fund-raising activities.



Courtesy photo

Military spouse day

Sharing cake Friday for Military Spouse Appreciation Day are, from left, Post Exchange customer and retired Col. Thomas Barkley, PX administrative assistant Liz Brumm and sales and merchandise manager Kim Sumpter.

Photo by Cindy Shelton

Banner day

Redstone-Huntsville chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers sponsored a team in the MS Walk on April 9 at the campus of the University of Alabama-Huntsville. The team raised \$500 in donations to help fight multiple sclerosis; and the chapter contributed another \$100. The ASMC volunteers who donated their time during this walk include from left Brenda Willis (with mascot Chad), team captain Jan Smith, Rhonda Johnson and JJ Johnson.



Former sergeant first class puts security first



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AWARD WINNER— Security specialist C. Lamar Sterns is the first Employee of the Quarter in the G-2 (Intelligence and Security).

C. Lamar Sterns named Employee of Quarter

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Receiving an award is an honor, but being the first ever recipient is even better.

C. Lamar Sterns, a team leader and security specialist, is the first Employee of the Quarter recognized by G-2 (Intelligence and Security). Appropriately, he is the winner for the first quarter of 2005.

The G-2 has established the employee of the quarter program to enable its workers to compete for formal recognition of outstanding achievement contributing significantly to the directorate's overall mission.

"I was really honored, being this is the first one," Sterns said. "And it's a reflection of the organization itself that they

would recognize individuals to start a program like this."

The Sylacauga native joined the Intelligence and Security organization in July 2003. He spent 20 years and six months in the Army, retiring as a sergeant first class.

"I feel it's a viable asset to the AMCOM command that we make sure that we are protecting the classified information of the United States which in turn, if compromised, could cause the loss of life on the battlefield for our servicemembers," he said.

Sterns, 47, received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Alabama A&M University in 1981. He received a master's of science in management, with concentration in con-

tract acquisition, from Florida Tech in 2002.

He and his wife, Sybil, have a son, Crayton II, 14, and a daughter, Maia, 8.

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— C. Lamar Sterns

"The community should always take security serious," Sterns said.

Staff ride caps command's mentoring experience

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For the Rocket

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury approved the launch of the AMCOM People Empowering People Mentoring Program Pilot in June 2004. Mentoring is an opportunity for the command to leverage its diverse strengths and professional development through mentoring relationships.

The pilot program kicked off with 12 mentoring relationships which represented a cross-section of AMCOM organizations. The mentoring relationships ranged from GS-9 (mentees) to SES level (mentors), to include the deputy to the commanding general.

The six-month mentoring cycle consisted of a variety of educational and guided learning experiences to include mentor/mentee training, lunch and learns, independent mentoring sessions, and a culminating capstone experience — a staff ride to Warner Robins Air Force Base, Ga., March 2-3. Staff rides have a specific focus such as leadership,

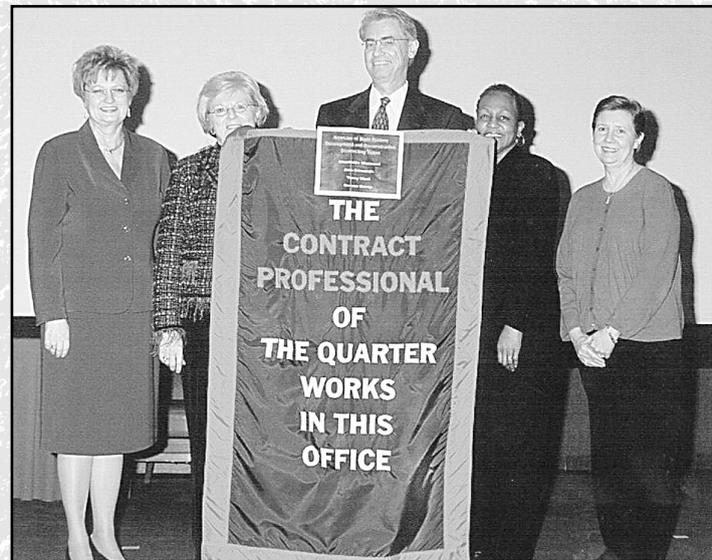
continuous improvement, or application of a specific technology. The staff ride planning and execution was a joint effort involving the Command Group, Office of Continuous Improvement, the AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources), and the AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management).

The Warner Robins trip focused on the implementation of LEAN principles in a manufacturing and administrative setting as well as the role leadership plays in implementing and supporting LEAN. The blended audience of mentors, mentees, interns and senior leaders toured the F-15 Production Line and backshops including the Avionics and Instruments Division, the Wing Shop, and Machine Shop to learn how others have handled challenges and gather key learning points that they can in turn apply back on the job. Additionally, while on the trip, participants were afforded the opportunity to talk and ask questions of AMCOM key leaders during a panel discussion and question and answer period. The Office of Continuous Improvement also

conducted training on Lean Six Sigma and provided the group with insight on things to look for on the shop floor that are consistent with lean practices.

Participants' feedback indicated the PEP mentoring prototype benefited the mentors and mentees in a variety of ways — from learning problem solving skills, exposure to the "big" picture, and professional development. Dr. Richard Amos, the deputy to the commander, approved the launch of the formal program in March. The mentoring cycle will begin in the May time frame with an updated look — training and lunch and learn formats will reflect requested improvements from prototype participants. Each mentoring cycle will continue to end with a capstone staff ride.

What happens in a mentoring relationship can have a profound and lasting impact. The process of creating effective learning relationships through mentoring challenges participants to think about what they might become. Be a part of shaping AMCOM's future — sign up as a mentor or



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Contracting team

The Non-Line of Sight System Development contracting team has received the Contract Professional of the Quarter Award at the Acquisition Center for its efforts in awarding a contract for the system development and demonstration of NLOS launch system. From left are Acquisition Center executive director Marlene Cruze, contracting officer Charlotte Hudson and contract specialists Terry Neal, Ann Edwards and Donna Camp.

mentee during the application acceptance period. Call Cheryl Wise, mentoring program manager, AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) at 876-6062 for more information or visit the G-1 (HR)

web site at https://ams8.redstone.army.mil:4443/hrd/hrddbba.hrd_home.

Editor's note: Cheryl Wise is mentoring program manager. Nancy Hodges is trainer.

Federal judge lauds role of legal system participants



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HOLDING COURT— U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson addresses the Federal Bar Association, North Alabama Chapter.

Jurors, litigants and lawyers cited for accomplishments

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Judges historically get too much credit for legal accomplishments.

That was part of the message by U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson, of the middle district of Alabama, during the Law Day luncheon Friday sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, North Alabama Chapter. He addressed about 120 people at the event in the Huntsville Marriott.

“All too often when we talk about the legal system, especially when we talk about its successes, primarily we talk about its judges,” Thompson said.

He said credit should also go to jurors, litigants and lawyers. He cited minority lawyers of the past

who helped bring about social change.

“We should also pay homage to those lawyers who except for their bravery, the rest of us could not be standing here today,” he said.

Thompson, a Tuskegee native born in 1947, has served on the federal bench since 1980. In 2002, he decided the Ten Commandment case, involving the chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, which was the subject of national media attention.

He recalled a humorous conversation with a youngster. “Are you a real judge?” the child asked. “Yes, I am,” he replied. “Are you sure? When’s your show on TV?”

Brian Toland, a contracts attorney in the AMCOM Legal Office, serves as president of the North Alabama Chapter which has 55 members. Maj. Cheryl Boone, deputy staff judge advocate, was chairman of the Law Day program.

Goldilocks found innocent in trial by young peers

Redstone Arsenal legal team conducts mock proceedings

By SHAREE MILLER
For the Rocket

Ever wonder what would happen if Goldilocks had her day in court?

The Office of the Judge Advocate held a mock trial Friday with the fifth-grade class at Morris Elementary School in observance of this year’s Law Day theme, “The American Jury: We the People in Action.”

The trial was the United States vs. Goldilocks. Baby Bear was actually the person seeking judgment against Goldilocks for the crimes he felt she had committed against him and his family. During the trial the prosecution tried to show that Goldilocks broke into the three bears’ house, stole the porridge, broke the chair and slept in the bed without permission. Baby Bear sought an apology from Goldilocks and wanted her to pay to repair the broken chair.

The defense argued that Goldilocks only went into the three bears’ home because the Big Bad Wolf was after her. In her testimony, Goldilocks testified that she was picking berries for breakfast when she saw the wolf.

Afraid for her safety, she ran into the three bears’ house locking herself inside. Since she had not eaten breakfast, Goldilocks said she decided to eat some of the porridge. Once she had



Photo by Sharee Miller

BEARING UP— Trial counsel 1st Lt. James Sword questions “Baby Bear” 1st Lt. Daniel Papajcik during the mock trial for Law Day.

eaten Baby Bear’s porridge, she became very tired and decided to find somewhere to rest. She sat in the chairs until finding the most comfortable one. As she was just about to doze off, the chair collapsed. Still sleepy, she went upstairs to the bedrooms to lie down.

Goldilocks went on to say that she never intended to break the chair; she didn’t know it would not support her. Everything that she had done that day

was because she was afraid of being eaten by the Big Bad Wolf.

After hearing all the facts of the case, the majority of the fifth-grade jurors felt that Goldilocks was acting out of fear and not malice and found her innocent.

This year’s Law Day campaign is geared toward showing young Americans the importance in the judicial system. Capt. Michael Fecteau, the judge

and moderator of the trial, spoke to the class about their responsibilities as Americans.

“One of the most important rights we have in this country is the right to a fair trial before a group of peers,” he said. “This is an opportunity to educate young Americans in law and legal processes and help them understand the jury system, and appreciate their role in making it effective.”

The rest of the cast members were 1st Lt. James Sword, trial counsel; Sgt. Wyketa Watkins, defense counsel; Sgt. Samantha Harder, Goldilocks (accused); and 1st Lt. Daniel Papajcik, Baby Bear (victim).

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate also offered several local high schools the opportunity to participate in and learn about the jury process through the “We the Jury” project sponsored by the American Bar Association /Young Lawyers Division. “We the Jury” is a classroom program that incorporates a curriculum guide and a video of a mock civil and criminal trial.

Designed to be interactive and informative, “We the Jury” is designed to teach students about the creation and evolution of the jury system throughout history and how the right to trial by jury came to be guaranteed to all American citizens by the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This will help develop an understanding of their role as citizens in the judicial system and an appreciation for their civic duty as jurors.

Staff judge advocate begins new policies

Things have changed at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

To better serve eligible legal assistance clients, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has implemented two new policies:

- Home and Hospital Bound Legal Services — Legal assistance attorneys and staff will travel to the homes and hospitals of clients physically incapable of traveling to the OSJA and provide wills, medical directives and powers of attorney. Legal services will only be provided to clients that are mentally competent.

- Online Appointment Scheduling — Clients may schedule appointments via e-mail, in addition to, by phone or in person. To receive this service, clients agree to accept the first available appointment. The Legal Assistance Office is unable to provide clients with multiple appointment choices. Clients must simply state appointment for i.e. family support, consumer complaint, will, etc. Neither legal advice nor counsel will be provided using this service.

Clients sharing the e-mail account with others should be advised that those having access may be aware of the requested legal assistance appointment. If privacy is a concern, clients are advised not to use this service.

For more information, call 876-9005 or visit building 111. (*Office of Staff Judge Advocate release*)

PX displays support for troops

During the Month of the Military Child in April, Post Exchange customers and employees had the opportunity to write messages of good will for servicemembers, contractors and AAFES employees located in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Titled "We All Have a Hand in Securing Our Freedom" the banner

will be displayed until May 14. That is when the banner will travel downrange to be displayed at one OIF/OEF Army and Air Force Exchange Service location.

"It is Redstone's opportunity to send a positive message to all who are serving," Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter said.

Many messages included scrip-

ture passages, prayers and notes of support for the troops written in red, white and blue.

"What a wonderful opportunity to show how much we care and miss those who aren't at home with us," Kim Sumpter, sales and merchandise manager, said. The banner will be located at the front of the store until it heads overseas May 14. (*Post Exchange release*)

Arrivals

Twenty-nine Soldiers arrive during month

The Garrison provided the following list of Soldiers who arrived to join Redstone units during April:

- 1st Lt. Daniel Papajcik, Aviation and Missile Command; 1st Lt. James Sword, AMCOM; 1st Sgt. Sean Robert Doyle, Charlie Company; Col. Richard Anthony Enderle, AMCOM; Chief Warrant Officer Gregory Allen Riggins, Delta Company; Lt. Col. Gregory Dick Bayuga, AMCOM; Lt. Col. Donald Kyle Carter, AMCOM; Lt. Col. Jeffrey Lynn Sponsler, STRICOM; Lt. Col. Glenn Andrew Williams, Space and Missile Defense Command; Master Sgt. James Edward Faurie, MEDDAC; Sgt. 1st Class Craig Allen Dailey, AMCOM; Sgt. 1st Class Tremayne Rondell Frison, NCO Academy

- Sgt. 1st Class Terresita Maria McGee, Delta Company; Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey George Vanscoy,

AMCOM; Sgt. 1st Class Darren Lee Williams, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. Maj. Calvin Leonard Archie, NCO Academy; Sgt. Jeffrey Doswell Crowder, MEDDAC; Sgt. Wyketa Danyelle Watkins, HHC 59th; Spc. Melissa Lee Caldera, MEDDAC; Spc. Brian Christopher Kathol, MEDDAC; Spc. Freddie Walter McElveen Jr., MEDDAC; Spc. Jenean Savage, HHC 59th; Spc. Michael Vestal, MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Valious Clark, Headquarters & Alpha; Staff Sgt. Daniel Irizarry, Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School; Staff Sgt. Donald Latrell Osborne, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Lashonda Cherie Parker, NCO Academy; Staff Sgt. Wealthy Tawanna Shepherd, Headquarters & Alpha; and Staff Sgt. Amanda Susan Wall, Delta Company.

The few, the proud, the women Marines

Tough, disciplined service proves personally satisfying

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When James Brown sang that it is a man's world, times were different. Recent years have seen women stepping up into what have traditionally been male roles. The Marines have been no different. Being a woman in uniform can be difficult, but the notorious close-knit camaraderie of the Marine Corps has made women feel welcome at Redstone.

Like any other military branch, choosing to join the Marines is a life altering decision. Some join for the career benefits. Some join for the educational opportunities. For Pfc. Jessica Mickey, it was a question of duty and desire to get involved with what is going on in the world today.

"There was a lot of stuff going on with the war," she said. "I was tired of watching it all and not being able to do anything. I felt like I needed to get in there and defend my country."

The Marines are known for being tough. They are known for being the first on the ground when a situation turns ugly. They are known for being highly trained fighting machines. None of these are designed to give parents a warm fuzzy feeling when their little girl says she wants to join. It can be hard news for some to digest.

"My mom kicked me out of the house," Pfc. Clara Allen said. "But my stepmother thought it was something I'd be good at. She has supported me the whole time."

Some parents were afraid of what would await their daughters down the military road.

"My mom was not happy either," Mickey said. "She's afraid I'll go to Iraq and get killed. I tried to tell her that it is a possibility, but you don't join with that fear in mind. You join knowing that you're going to be contributing."

Some have trouble believing it at all, like the parents of Pfc. Tiffany Chin.

"They didn't believe me until the recruiter actually came to pick me up," she said laughing. "They would say 'She's not really going to go. Don't worry about it.'"

Disbelief is something these Marines say they deal with often from those outside the military.

"You tell people you are a Marine and they don't believe it," Chin said. "It's a good feeling though when they don't believe it and then they see. They're like 'Oh yeah. She's a Marine.' It's gratifying to know that you did do something that so many people see as impossible."

Allen also believes female Marines get more of a reaction from people than the men do, even more than women in other branches.

"There are not as many women in

the Marine Corps as there are in the Army," she said. "There are a lot of women in the Army or the Navy. It's more believable to people."

Chin agrees.

"There are people, not even in the Marine Corps, who say that just because you're a girl you can't do this," she said. "They say you can't make it. You prove everyday that you can do it – not just to them but also to yourself. I tell myself everyday that I can do it. I feel good about that."

Part of the appeal of the Marines to female recruits is the sense of equality, especially from their male counterparts.

"Most of the men won't even call you a female. They say you're just another Marine," Mickey said. "There are a few that kind of think women shouldn't be in the Corps, but most don't see the difference between a male Marine and a female one because we basically all do the same things. They have a lot of respect for us." They also cite a lack of special treatment as a strong part of their acceptance from other Marines.

"We are equal. You see sometimes with the other branches of service that women are treated differently than the men. That gives people a reason to think

you don't belong," Chin said. "I'm glad they're not easier on us. I'm glad I'm not a 'female' or a 'girl' here. I'm always called a Marine, no matter what."

The others agreed.

"They don't make any accommodations. They don't make anything easier. Even in boot camp we did the same things. We didn't get pampered," Allen said. "If you're going to make us all Marines, why treat us any different because of gender?"

"People have this notion that the Marine Corps is not the right branch to be in for us," Chin said. "From what I have experienced, it's perfect. You can tell who is a Marine when we walk around. They have their head up. They have this look about them. Not because we're cocky but because they teach us to be proud no matter what we do."

Despite mixed reactions from their families in the beginning, some of that pride has begun to spread. Pvt. Monica Torrez says her father is very approving of her decision.

"My dad is very proud," she said. "My mom was scared. But I'm the oldest and my brothers and sisters are looking up to me."

Chin says even her skeptical parents have come on board. Her dad loves to tell everyone about his daughter, the Marine.

"You stand by your country. You stand by the woman or the man next to you. I grew an inch at boot camp just from standing up straighter and being proud," Chin said.

Regulations regarding appearance are strict in the military, but these Marines say they are easy to live with. While Allen admits that there are some popular styles she would probably wear if she weren't military, it's not worth giving up what she has by being a Marine. She is also very conscious of the fact that she is representing the Marines 24 hours a day, no matter what she is wearing on post or off.

"You have to make small sacrifices if you want something bigger," she said. "I'd rather make a sacrifice of what I'm going to wear and still be able to wear my uniform and have my title as a Marine."

With the possibilities of military careers and families still off in the distance, these women haven't had much time to ponder the future. They know, however, that whatever choices they make will benefit from their experiences in the military.

"You'll just be a mommy Marine," Chin said. "Hopefully your kids will look up to you. They will see that you're proud of what you do everyday. I want to set that type of example for my family."

It is a life that they would encourage in younger women who are considering the Marines.

"Go for it," Mickey said. "You might think it's going to be hard, but it's worth it."



Photo by Kelley Lane

PULL UP— Female Marines say the military has taught them to hold their heads, and the rest of themselves, high. On bars are Pfc. Jessica Mickey, left, and Pfc. Tiffany Chin. Looking on are Pvt. Monica Torrez and Pfc. Clara Allen.

Letterkenny Depot gate dedicated to fallen hero

Ordnance Soldier killed in Iraq

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — “This gate will forever remind us of a great young Soldier who gave her life to keep America safe.”

With those words, Col. William Guinn and Sgt. 1st Class Max Voelz unveiled a plaque honoring Staff Sgt. Kimberly Fahnstock Voelz at Letterkenny Army Depot’s new truck entry gate. They were joined by her parents, Floyd and Carol Fahnstock Jr. Voelz was the first female Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldier killed in Iraq and the first female Soldier from Pennsylvania to lose her life.

Voelz was born in Carlisle on Aug. 27, 1976. She attended Trinity High School in Cumberland County and joined the Army after studying at Wilson College, Chambersburg.

She served with the 703rd Ordnance Company, Fort Knox, Ky., as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team leader and was married to Sgt. 1st Class Max Voelz for four years. Kimberly began serving in Iraq in September 2003 and died in a Baghdad military hospital with her husband at her side Dec. 14, 2003, a day after she attempted to inspect an improvised explosive device placed on a telephone pole outside Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

This newly-constructed entry plaza was selected because it is the primary truck



Courtesy photo

TRIBUTE— From left are Kimberly’s husband, Sgt. 1st Class Max Voelz, her parents Carol and Floyd Fahnstock Jr., and Letterkenny commander Col. William Guinn.

entry into Letterkenny Munitions Center, the 16,000 acre location of ammunition storage, testing and demilitarization.

“Letterkenny has always been an Ordnance depot and Sergeant Voelz was an Ordnance Soldier,” Guinn said. “It is fitting

that this gate be named for a fallen hero — an ordnance explosives expert — who gave her life protecting other Soldiers. This plaza will also serve as a ‘safe haven’ for truckers hauling ammunition over the road during periods of elevated threat due to ter-

rorism or ammunition haulers just needing a safe overnight pull-off.”

The Commercial Truck Entrance Gate was a fiscal 2003 military construction project costing \$1.55 million. Designed to improve safety for commercial trucks entering the ammunition storage area, the truck plaza also provides secure overnight parking for drivers and increases the efficiency of processing trucks in and out of the ammunition area. The road into the area was widened to two lanes and the project included improvements at the truck inspection facility. These improvements include truck scales, which will prevent overloaded trucks leaving the depot.

During the years this gate project was being developed, it was known as Gate 6-D because it was located between Letterkenny’s old Gate 6 in Culbertson and Gate 7 in Air Hill.

“We at Letterkenny decided that this improved gate project provides increased security at an Ordnance depot so we thought what better way to honor a local fallen hero than to name it after a local Ordnance Soldier who was a hero,” Guinn said.

Congressman Bill Shuster (Pa.) and Congressman Todd Platts (Pa.) witnessed the unveiling along with other local elected officials, including State Rep. Rob Kauffman and Franklin County commissioners G. Warren Elliott, Bob Thomas and Cheryl Plummer. (*Letterkenny release*)

History buff keeps his military ties

Civil War reenactor served on active duty

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From a desert combat uniform in Iraq to a Civil War uniform in Alabama, Sgt. Raymond Bushnell is dedicated to the military, no matter what phase of history.

The 59-year-old Alabama Guardsman and his wife Janice, 59, have actively participated in Civil War reenactments for 10 years.

Raymond, a Cleveland, Ohio native, says he and his wife became interested in Civil War reenacting when they lived in Fremont, Ohio. Fremont was home to Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th U.S. president and an officer in the Union Army. Each year the city puts on the Hayes Civil War Encampment in Hayes' honor. The Bushnells attended, and from there the rest is history.

After the Hayes Encampment, Raymond decided to enlist as a private in artillery for a Civil War reenactment unit.

"Of all phases of Civil War reenactment, artillery is the least expensive," he said. "You don't need a musket, field pack, horse ... pretty much just uniform, belt, sack and canteen."

In his previous active Army service, Raymond says he worked with artillery so that may have been half the attraction as well.

Janice, a Perrysburg, Ohio native, says it wasn't until recently that she got more actively involved with the reenactments.

"Some women come onto the battlefield playing nurses or cook in the mess camps," she said. Janice says she plays a wife.

The Bushnells say individuals interested in reenacting purchase their uniforms and supplies from Sutlers. "In the Civil War period Sutlers were the first unofficial PXs so to speak of the time," Raymond said. "They were not part of the military they just followed troops around and sold them goodies."

Raymond owns both Union and Confederate uniforms and plays either role depending on the amount of soldiers playing each side.

In addition to his time reenacting, Ray-



Photo by Kim Henry
ACTIVE SPOUSES— Janice Bushnell volunteers at ACS answering the phones. Her husband, Raymond, was recently deployed to Iraq with the Alabama National Guard.

mond has 43 years military time including Army active duty, Air National Guard and Army National Guard. He has been through three major conflicts: Vietnam, Desert Storm/Desert Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When the couple moved to Alabama in 2001 Raymond joined the Alabama National Guard as well as the Jeff Davis Artillery Battery (Civil War reenactment unit) out of Selma. "Units were not numbered then, they were named," he said.

The couple, who met 17 years ago at a singles dance, recently experienced time apart as Raymond deployed. "I started putting in for retirement, but thought I have four more good years so I joined the Alabama National Guard and volunteered to deploy to Iraq," he said. As a member of the Alabama National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company 115th Signal Battalion out of Florence, Raymond performed maintenance on Humvees and trucks for nearly a year.

Janice became an active member of the Waiting Spouses group when Raymond deployed; and after meeting Mary Breden, Army Community Service's relocation assistance program manager, she decided to volunteer answering the phone for ACS. Janice says she only attended one reenactment, a skirmish in Decatur,



Courtesy photo
FIRE— Raymond Bushnell, standing to the right of the cannon, holds his hand to his ear as the cannon fires. He says the reenactors use a combination of gun powder and flour to create the smoky effect.

while her husband was deployed. Only two weeks after his return, Raymond and Janice attended a local reenactment.

Over the past 10 years, the Bushnells estimate that they have been to more than 50 reenactments. In an average year, the couple go to anywhere from 10 to 12 reenactments. Some of the larger ones they have participated in were Gettysburg and Antietam.

The reenactments are usually done over a weekend and held close to the date of the actual conflict. A typical reenactment weekend includes setting up camp, doing gun drills, the actual reenactment and a dance. Raymond says they do two actual reenactments over the course of Saturday and Sunday.

When asked about who dies in the reenactment, Raymond says it depends. Sometimes it is based on the battle and other times the commander tells them to die if they run out of ammunition. Janice says that was one of the parts she didn't like to watch. "I had a hard time seeing him laying on the field," she said. "I couldn't handle it."

Raymond has always been interested in

military history and also builds models of historic aircraft. For him, Civil War reenacting is a link to the past. "It gives you an appreciation of what you have now versus what you had then," he said. "Understanding the past helps you to understand the future."

Janice says reenacting for her is more about enjoying time with others who have the same interests and learning about the past. "He's made history very interesting to me," Janice said.

"She wasn't interested in history until she married me," Raymond said.

Now close to military retirement, Raymond says he is not sure if he wants to get out, but knows that he is a long way from retiring from his Civil War unit. "Being a combination of a history and military buff, reenacting is a link to my military heritage," he said.

Raymond and Janice each have sons who are 31, born nine days apart. Janice also has a daughter, 28. Janice continues to volunteer for ACS and Raymond is active in the community with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Teams dig in for postseason tournament



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FOLLOW BOUNCING BALL— The Marines, on right, battle HHC 59th during their win April 25.

Double-elimination event starts tonight at Pagano

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It's playoff time for troop volleyball.

The unit postseason tournament begins tonight at 6 at Pagano Gym. The Marines (9-1) and defending post champion Delta Company (8-2) look like the favorites.

"It's going to be challenging but I think we have a great chance of winning the championship one more time," Delta player-coach Pedro Delgado said.

"We don't really focus on preseason, postseason," Marines player-coach Richard Nyman said. "We just take it one game at a time and try to go out there and enjoy ourselves."

Other top teams entering the postseason include Bravo Company (7-3) and preseason tournament champion NCO

Academy (5-6).

Standings after week three included: Eastern Conference – Bravo (7-3), NCO Academy (5-6), Headquarters & Alpha (4-6) and HHC 59th (0-10). Western Conference – Marines (9-1), Delta (8-2) and Charlie (3-8).

Here are last week's results:

- **May 2** – Marines def. Bravo 19-21, 21-18, 15-12; Charlie def. HHC 59th 21-15, 21-15; and Headquarters & Alpha def. Delta 21-18, 21-15.

- **May 3** – Delta def. HHC 59th 21-12, 19-21, 15-7; Bravo def. Charlie 21-10, 21-10; and Marines def. NCO Academy 21-17, 21-12.

- **May 4** – NCO Academy def. HHC 59th 21-13, 21-10; Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 20-22, 26-24, 15-12; and Charlie def. Delta 21-19, 21-14 (forfeit last game).

- **May 5** – Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie 21-8, 21-11; Marines def. HHC 59th 21-16, 21-14; and Bravo def. NCO Academy 21-9, 21-15.



Photo by Sonya Boyd/PX

Racing giveaway

Shoppette manager Eileen Berth, left, and Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter present two tickets to Donna Farmer for the Aarons 499 held May 1 at Talladega Super Speedway.

Flying Activity's open house should lift spirits

Entire Redstone community invited to biannual event

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Do you want to learn how to fly? If so, here's the event for you.

The biannual MWR Flying Activity Open House will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and it is open to the entire Redstone community. Admission is absolutely free. That's right; you and your family are invited to this one of a kind event, whether you're on active duty, retired, reservist, DoD civilian, NASA employee, or a Redstone/NASA contractor.

Adults can take a mini-flight lesson for \$35 each and children 12 and under can fly for \$25 each. Go up in one of 10 Morale Welfare and Recreation planes with a certified flight instructor, where you'll have the chance to take the controls and actually fly the plane yourself.

Certified flight instructors will be on hand to answer questions on becoming a pilot, lessons and Federal Aviation Administration testing. Aviation videos and simulators will be ready for your enjoyment; and there will be free food and drinks.



Photo by Andrea Mattox

ALL ABOARD— Tom Van Landingham and kids Josh and Kayla prepare to board a plane at the Flying Activity.

Come out and meet "Mojo" from the 104.3FM WZYP "Mojo in the Morning" Show, as well as Fred Holland from WVNN AM 770. This is a family-friendly event for all ages.

The Flying Activity is located off Rideout Road south after entering

Gate 9. Follow south to Hale Road and turn right, then follow Hale back to the Flying Activity. For more information, call 880-9495. This event is sponsored by Papa John's, Embry Riddle, Cumulus Media, and Buffalo Rock Pepsi.

Clearing air for allergy and asthma sufferers

Health condition can be controlled

By BARBARA ANDERSON
Community health nurse

Asthma is a disease of the lungs which can potentially be fatal. Asthma affects more than 17 million Americans. Over one-third of those with asthma are children. Allergic asthma is the most common form of asthma and usually develops during childhood affecting boys more often than girls. Asthma cannot be cured but it can be controlled.

Allergic asthma can be triggered by inhaling allergens such as animal dander, dust mites, molds and pollens. The result is a complex reaction that causes airway passages in the lungs to become inflamed and swollen and produce mucous. The result is coughing, wheezing, rapid breathing, shortness of breath and a feeling of a tight chest. Triggers such as tobacco smoke, household cleaners, cockroach droppings in house dust, pollens from grass, trees and molds, soaps, perfumes, scents, glue, aerosols, smoke from a wood-burning fireplace, fumes from unvented gas, oil or kerosene stoves can easily trigger an asthma attack.

Other health conditions can trigger asthma such as upper respiratory infections, colds, flu, sinusitis, reflux disease, nasal polyps and even aspirin sensitivity in some people. Some par-

ents of children with asthma say that weather changes or moving from one geographic area to another can trigger their child to have an asthma attack. Exercise induced asthma can occur in minutes after heated activity or sports.

Genetic development

Almost two-thirds of asthma patients have a family member who also has the disease. Asthma is not contagious. You simply inherit a genetic predisposition to develop hypersensitivity or allergies that result in asthma. It is now believed that women who breast feed their babies give them a better chance of not developing allergies. African Americans have more asthma than Caucasian Americans, are more likely to be hospitalized and more likely to die from asthma. Approximately 5,000 people a year die from asthma.

Seeing a physician or an allergy specialist for a clear diagnosis is essential to a wellness plan. This may mean allergy testing. Once there is a diagnosis of asthma, there should be a written asthma action plan. This should be a detailed plan on early recognition of asthma symptoms, taking the proper medication or treatment, and knowing when to get help from a doctor or emergency room.

Prevention plan

The sensible way to prevent an asthma attack is to stay away from known triggers. It is also reasonable for an asthmatic to stay away from

sick people, large crowds during flu season and to do all measures that ensure a healthy lifestyle. Getting a flu shot every year is important. Keeping the home clean and frequent vacuuming using a HEPA filter can minimize pet hair/dander. Keeping the home dust free, especially in the bedrooms is helpful. Avoid tobacco smoke. Getting enough sleep, eating healthy, exercising, frequent hand washing to prevent infection, can boost the immune system and possibly prevent illness. Dehumidifiers and keeping the home clean using anti-mold cleaners is a good thing. Hiring someone to cut the grass and staying away from freshly mowed lawns can help those who have allergy to pollens. Staying indoors when the pollen count is high and keeping windows (including car windows) closed can decrease exposure to pollen.

Educating yourself about asthma, having periodic medical health examinations is essential to protecting lung function. Control of asthma is critical to staying active, participating in sports, sleeping through the night without symptoms and preventing life-threatening asthma attacks. Call Fox Army Health Center, Preventive Medicine Service 955-8888, ext. 1026 for more information. An online resource for information on asthma is Medline Plus or the Centers for Disease Control web site.

Editor's note: May is Allergy and Asthma Awareness Month.



Courtesy photo

Ride on

Post Exchange customer Wardell Pearson receives a 20-inch Sting Ray Chopper Bike from Martha Hall of PX Garden Center as winner of a sweepstakes April 22-28.

Turn-in time for household hazardous waste

Redstone residents are invited to turn in their old hazardous household products Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Self Help Store, building 3500, at the corner of Vincent and Gray roads.

Residents can bring the following materials to turn-in:

- Automotive products — transmission fluid, brake fluid, anti-freeze and car batteries
- Household cleaners — oven cleaners, toilet cleaners, disinfectants, drain cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, floor and furniture polishes, and ammonia or bleach-based products
- Herbicides, pesticides and fungicides — weed killers, liquids, powders, sprays and soaps
- Pesticides and insecticides — rodent poisons, roach and flea powder, and house and garden products
- Household batteries — all types
- Paint and related products — oil- or water-based paints, turpentine and thinners, furniture strippers, paint removers, stains and aerosols
- Miscellaneous — photographic chemicals, solvents and acids

Keep the storm drains clean for those downstream by turning in household hazardous waste on special turn-in days regularly scheduled by the Installation Environmental Office. For more information, call 876-6122. (*Garrison release*)



Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

Team Redstone will have tryouts for its Army Ten-Miler team 7 a.m. June 25 and July 9 on a 10-mile course that begins and ends in the parking lot at Sparkman Fitness Center. The team is to have six military – including active duty, National Guard and Reserves – and four civilian members. The 21st annual race is Oct. 2 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Skip Vaughn 876-1500 or Alexander Steel 876-3867.

Bowling challenge

Want to get back at the Provost Marshal Office? The office issues a bowling challenge to any Redstone team – military, civilian or contractor – as a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief. Five-member teams are preferred but smaller groups are also welcome. “Males, females, mixed – it doesn’t matter. And it’s all for a good cause, AER donations,” organizer Lee Henry said. For more information and to sign up a bowling team, call Henry 876-4285 or Lt. Kenny Renew 876-2222.

Sports ball

The eighth annual Sports Ball, a formal affair, is Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 10 and under, with checks made payable to the Officers and Civilians Club. The New South Coalition is this year’s sponsor. The organizers are parents, Alabama A&M University alumni and others who get together to support local children in furthering their education through scholarships nationwide. “My father, Charles Cooke, a World War II veteran, created the program on behalf of my daughter Marion Jones, a former J.O. Johnson High track student,” said Connie Jones, the event’s co-founder. Anyone interested in sponsoring a student should call Jones 859-4850 or the Officers and Civilians Club 842-0449 or 830-2582.

Senior softball

Slow-pitch senior softball, under auspices of the Huntsville Senior Center and Huntsville Recreational Services, will begin for men over age 55. All games and practices are held at Brahan Spring Field 4. The season starts May 16 with games Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and

7:15. Practices are Saturdays, Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. until season start. If interested call Ray Beverly 859-7419 or Fred Garcia 883-1135.

Summer sports camps

Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited offers many sports summer camps for the Redstone community youth. The Basketball Camp is May 31 to June 3 or July 18-21. The Sunshine Dance Camp is June 6-10 or June 20-24. The Tennis Camp is June 6-10 or July 18-22. Cheerleading Camp is June 13-17 or June 27 to July 1. Volleyball Camp for ninth through 12th-graders is June 16-18. Volleyball Camp for fourth through eighth-graders is July 7-9. Kicks Soccer Camp is June 20-24 or July 11-15. Softball Camp is July 25-28. There will also be a Baseball Summer Camp offered and the dates are to be determined. Any child participating in a summer sport camp must have a valid sports physical completed prior to registration. If your child is attending the CYS Summer Camp Child Care program, transportation will be provided to and from camp. Registration deadline is one week before each camp begins. For more information, call 313-3701.

Tennis clinic

SKIESUnlimited will offer a free Tennis Clinic, Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon at the tennis courts on Goss Road. This clinic is open to Redstone community youth ages 5-18. For more information, call 313-3701.

Summer bike ride

Summer Evening Bike Ride, sponsored by the Spring Cycling Club, will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 7 in conjunction with Test Week 2005. This event is free. Download an application from the web site www.rocketcity-itea.org or call Sherry Hilley 842-6715 for more information.

Golf tournament

Test Week 2005 Golf Tournament will be held at Cherokee Ridge, June 6 at 11:30 a.m., shotgun scramble. Fee is \$75; and hole sponsorships are available for \$150. View the web site www.rocketcity-itea.org for more information or call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Soccer camps

The Madison Soccer Club will host a free soccer camp May 16, 17 and 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Dublin Park in Madison.

Boys and girls ages 6-17 are invited. The club will also conduct summer soccer camps for ages 6-17, available seven different weeks starting May and going through August. Full-day, half-day and mini sessions are available. More information and registration is available online at www.madisonsc.org.

Bicycle safety course

Road I Course, from the League of American Bicyclists, is a primer for cyclists who wish to gain a full understanding of how to safely operate a bicycle in a variety of situations. The class includes learning how to perform a bicycle safety check, fixing a flat, interactive discussion, on-bike skills practice and student manual. Students will gain confidence knowing that they are riding legally and safely. Crash avoidance techniques and crash types will be discussed. Bring money to cycle to lunch. Bicycles and helmets are required. This program is the only nationally recognized bicycle education program and has been taught for 30 years. The course, recommended for adults and children above 14, is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 21 at Safety City, 2221 Drake Ave. The \$30 course fee is due at signup. Deadline for registration is Saturday. Registration forms can be found at http://www.bike-league.org/educenter/rd1_regist.pdf. For information call David L. Stone 883-5978.

Stars baseball

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a night out with the Huntsville Stars on May 21 at Joe Davis Stadium when the Stars play the Chattanooga Lookouts at 7:05 p.m. To receive free CWFC general admission tickets, contact your organization’s CWFC representative. An online list of each organization’s representative is available on the council’s web site at https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cwfc/01_01. For more information, call Don Clark 722-1035.

Soccer registration

AYSO Region 160 registration for the fall and spring seasons is now open. Boys and girls age 4 through 18 (age on July 31) are eligible to play. Both girls and coed teams are available in all age groups. Practice will begin Aug 8. Practice and most games will be at John Hunt and Merrimack parks in Huntsville. Cost is \$65 per player through June 30 or \$75 starting July 1. Go to www.ayso160.org or call 539-6852 for registration instructions or more information.



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.

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.

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. To reserve a seat for May 17-19, call Tanelia Jackson 842-2718.

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Test week

The Defense Test Resource Management Center will sponsor Test Week 2005, "The Major Range and Test Facility Base: How Should It Transform to Meet the Needs of the Warfighter?" June 6-9 at the Von Braun Center South Hall. Registration fee is \$325 for all attendees. For information call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Battalion reunion

A reunion dinner for all former members of the 3rd Battalion, 71st Air Defense Artillery is Friday at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville Airport Four Points Sheraton. For information call George Osborne 830-4911.

Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants meets May 16 at the UAH Tom Bevell Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 and the program, featuring speaker Tonia Matheny, at 6:30. Cost is \$16.50 members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 full-time undergraduate students. For reservations call 830-0377 by noon Thursday.

Utility helicopter users

The Utility Helicopters Project Management Office will host the Black Hawk International Users' Conference Sept. 27-29 in Dallas. The host hotel will be The Westin Park Central Hotel, Highway 635 and Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75251. Registration will start Sept. 26 from 3-5 p.m. in the Westin Hotel lobby. The objective of this conference is to provide the current status of the Army UH-60 Black Hawk fleet; future planning for UH-60 Black Hawk; available transition programs to upgrade existing users' UH-60/S70 aircraft; and other issues of interest to both current and potential utility helicopter international users. Commercial vendors will be available with displays and information on their companies. Everyone must pre-register to attend the conference. Forms must be submitted by July 18 to the Utility Helicopters Project Management Office, SFAE-AV-UH-B (Donica Richmond or Richard Pryke), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898. For pre-registration forms and more information, call Richmond or Pryke 313-8067 or 876-9019.

Industry briefing

Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is scheduled July 19-20 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The APBI is of primary interest to industrial executives; advance system planners; directors of research, development, engineering and production; and to those concerned with the formulation of corporate, long-range objectives. As part of a continuing effort to keep industry well informed of the Army's long-range development objectives and goals, the Aviation and Missile Command and Team Redstone conduct these unclassified annual briefings. Registration is on a space-available basis due to the seating constraints. Be sure to register early. The APBI web site is <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>.

Federally employed women

North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet May 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Regimental Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Dorothy Tillar from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. The buffet line can be used for those eating

lunch. For more information, call Donna Rigsby 313-3021 or Juanita Sales-Lee 955-4521.

Officers association

Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast May 28 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. All active, retired and former officers and their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Air Force Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.



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 Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-5390.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to 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.

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 appoint-

ment. The shop is accepting spring and summer items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 881-6992.

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.

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>.

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.

Workers' compensation session

The Injury Compensation Office, in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, will conduct a Workers' Compensation information session at request. If your organization wishes to schedule a session at your location choice, call Debra Hammond 842-9038 or Kim Stoufer 876-5294.

Summer camp

Child and Youth Services is conducting summer camp registration through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Youth whose parent/guardian are military, retired military, DoD, Army, Redstone contractor or NASA employees are eligible to participate. Registration cost is \$18 per person or \$40 per family. Required registration items include a current immunization record and the child's Social Security number. For more information, call 876-7801.

PX sales

The Post Exchange will hold a Lighting Bazaar through May 23, and an Oriental Rug Bazaar through May 19.

Scholarship offers

"If you are a high school student or a parent of a high school student, we have a wonderful resource for you; it's a huge

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listing of scholarship and financial aid web sites," says Pam Berry, youth education support services director. "It's not too late to plan for those exciting college years." If you would like these listings, call Berry 876-7801 or e-mail pam.berry@redstone.army.mil.

Flying activity

The Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will have an open house Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Mini flying lessons with a certified flight instructor are \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. There will also be aviation videos, simulators, in addition to free food and drinks. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 880-9495 or 876-0237.

Festival performers

The Big Spring Jam Music Festival is calling on local and regional music acts to apply to perform at this year's event scheduled Sept. 23-25 at Big Spring Park in Huntsville. Submissions will be accepted until Sunday and must include a music sample and biography sheet. Acts that have previously applied or performed are required to resubmit the music sample and bio. The mailing address for the materials is: Lindsey Jennings, c/o DJ Promotions Inc., 2120 Metro Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801.

Military pay update

The Military Pay Office is requesting that all Reserve Component Soldiers called to active duty in support of Contingency Operations schedule an appointment with

the local office to recertify their Basic Allowance for Housing zip code. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Lito Valencia 876-7822. "This matter is of the utmost importance as it may affect the amount of BAH a Soldier receives (in most cases an increase and back pay are due)," a prepared release said. For more information call Sonya Morris, military pay chief, 876-1379.

Aeronautical classes

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now registering for the summer term, May 31 to Aug. 1. Classes offered include Aircraft Maintenance Management; Applications in Crew Resource Management; Macroeconomics; Management of Production and Operations; and Satellite and Spacecraft Systems. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Management fields; as well as certificate programs in Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Aviation Safety, and Space Studies. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is May 27. Call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222; contact the web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>; or e-mail huntsville.center@erau.edu for more information. Appointments may also be made to receive a free unofficial evaluation of transfer credit/credit for prior military service.

Master's degree

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now offering a Master of Science in Management program on Redstone Arsenal. Students applying for admission to the Master of Science in Management may choose from specializations in Management of Integrated Logistics; Aviation/Aerospace Industrial Management; Air Transportation Management; Aviation and Aerospace Security; Aviation Enterprises in a Global Environment; and a General Management Option. Courses will be offered in nine-week terms starting in August, and are available online as well. For more information visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222.

Calhoun summer classes

Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension, announces summer 2005 registration for eight-week sessions beginning May 31. Registration continues through May 25, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Classes are offered at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Courses are open to all area residents. Calhoun, fully accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is a Servicemembers Opportunity College offering a VA approved curriculum. Academic advising is available for active duty members of the military, and special degree programs are offered for qualified servicemembers. Call 876-7431 for more information, or visit Calhoun's web site at www.calhoun.edu and click on Schedule Summer 2005 for course listings. Calhoun is in building 3343 on Little John Drive.

Multi-cultural day

To celebrate cultural diversity, the Special Emphasis Program Council at Missile and Space Intelligence Center is sponsoring a festive day of events today at the Richard C. Shelby Center, building 4544. This event will highlight a variety of cultures to include Hispanic, Native American European American, African American and Asian Pacific American through food sampling, cultural displays and entertainment. The focus for this year's annual event will include individual programs that emphasize the Asian Pacific American and the African American cultures. The Asian Pacific American event will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature music, Vietnamese and Indian dance, and other culturally inspired entertainment. The

scheduled speaker is Fred Wong, director of DIA Directorate for Human Intelligence, Washington, D.C. The African American event will start at 1 p.m. and will showcase African American culture through various expressions of fine arts including jazz, poetry and dance. The scheduled speaker is Denise Carter, DIA chief of Office of Contracts Management, Washington, D.C. Cultural food sampling will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are invited to attend. For more information, call James Feagan 313-7250.

Resource managers picnic

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual picnic Thursday at 11 a.m. at the NASA Picnic Area. For tickets — \$3 members, \$5 non-members — see your organization representative or call Kim Jean 876-7208 or Lisa Lowry 876-1423.

Free plants

A free plant swap will be held Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at the Farley Community Church parking lot on Bell Road in southeast Huntsville, near Redstone Road. The idea is to "bring a plant, take a plant," a prepared release said. "If you have any perennials that need to be divided, now is the time. Bring your extra plants or plants from your yard that you no longer want and trade them for others. This is a great way for you to try a plant without spending a cent or to clear out a garden that is overgrown."

Household hazards

Redstone residents are invited to turn in their old hazardous household products Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Self Help Store, building 3500, at the corner of Vincent and Gray roads. Keep the storm drains clean for those downstream by turning in household hazardous waste on special turn-in days regularly scheduled by the Installation Environmental Office. For more information, call 876-6122.

Genealogical society

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will have a free program at 7 p.m. May 16 at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Howard Blood will speak on "Find Out About Surnames, Given

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Names, Nicknames and No-Names, Where are My Relatives Hiding?" For information call 883-5650.

Book series discussion

The final gathering to discuss "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" book series by Alexander McCall Smith will be Thursday from 12:30-1 p.m. at the Post Library. This will include the first five books in the series along with the 2005 addition, "In the Company of Cheerful Ladies." Red bush tea, as described in these Botswana based books, will be offered compliments of the library staff. There will be handouts available about the author and his comments on the series. The Post Library is building 3323 on Redeye Road off Vincent Drive. For information call 876-4741.

Alumni scholarship

The North Alabama UMR Alumni Section announces that Jake Roth of Huntsville has been selected as the 2005 recipient of the Alumni Scholarship. This is an annual scholarship awarded by each alumni section used to promote the university in various regions of the country. The North

Alabama section includes Alabama, Mississippi and southern Tennessee. "We would like to take this time to congratulate Mr. Jake Roth on his selection," a prepared release said. "We anticipate that he will be challenged and enlightened by his college experience (at University of Missouri-Rolla)."

PX sweepstakes

Post Exchange customers will have to opportunity to register to win a Pepsi sponsored life-like Yoda display from the new movie "Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith." In conjunction with the movie's May 19 release, Pepsi is running a national promotion centered around Yoda. Pepsi drinkers and Star Wars fans will get the chance to play the instant-win sweepstakes "Call Upon Yoda" by purchasing Pepsi products with Yoda on the packaging.

Identification cards

The Identification Card issuing section of the Military Personnel Division, building 3494, will be closed May 30 (Memorial Day) and June 1-2. The closure June 1-2

is due to the Department of Defense upgrading the computers in the section. During this period, there will be no ID cards issued or DEERS functions available. The section will resume normal operations June 3 at 7:30 a.m.

Resumix training

A Resumix training session is scheduled 10-11:30 a.m. May 26 at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The session is open to the military community. Military spouses and veterans are encouraged to call ACS 876-5397 to reserve a seat. This session will provide information on the federal application process and the Resumix system. It's an opportunity for you to ask questions and have them answered by a subject matter expert from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Astronomical society

Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold "Planet Quest," a planetarium show for children ages 5-11, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Admission is \$2 for children, \$3 for accompanying adults. The 16-inch

telescope will be open after the program if the sky is clear. For more information, call Gena Crook 533-1291.

Health fair

Sports and Fitness is hosting its annual Health Fair today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705. There will be cholesterol screening, bone density screening, blood pressure, and body fat measurements available for all who attend. There will also be vendors to provide information on various health related topics. The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in conjunction with the Health Fair, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call Phylissa Shannon 313-1202.

Retirement seminars

Redstone Village retirement community, 12000 Turnmeyer Drive, announces the following free events: open house for assisted living and skilled nursing, May 15 from 1-4 p.m., call 881-6088; and retirement living options seminars May 17 at 10 a.m. and May 23 at 2 p.m., call 881-6717.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK05536922D	Supv Quality Mgmt Spec.	12-May-05	RDECOM	DE-1910	4	4	72,486 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05564685	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	13-May-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238		X										
SCBK05515164	Secretary (OA)	13-May-05	RDECOM	DK-0318	3	3	34,363 - 49,469						X		X	X			
SCBK05555850	Contract Specialist	16-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-1102	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK05521903	General Engineer	16-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X		X	X			X	X	X	X	
SCBK05521903D	General Engineer	16-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05507696	Supv Competition Analyst	16-May-05	AMCOM CMA	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X							X			X
SCBK05507696D	Supv Competition Analyst	16-May-05	AMCOM CMA	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05517090	Deputy Project/Product Manager	17-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X							X			X
SCBK05517090D	Deputy Project/Product Manager	17-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK055654765	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	17-May-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK05564772	Supv Logistics Mgmt Sp.	17-May-05	IMMC	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735		X										
SCBK05531116	Supv Architect; Supv Civil Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr	17-May-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808; 0810;0830; 0850	14	14	85,656 - 111,355						X		X	X			X
SCBK05543219	General Engineer	18-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229		X		X	X			X	X	X	X	
SCBK05543219D	General Engineer	18-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05526079	Contract Specialist	19-May-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-1102	13	13	72,035 - 93,643		X										
MD-DHL-05-3597	Medical Officer (Psychiatry)	19-May-05	MEDICAL DEPT.	GS-0602	14	14	93,973 - 116,833	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05561624R	Program Support Assistant (OA)	19-May-05	IMMC	GS-0301	7	11	34,363 - 66,115	X											
NEAI05578955	Equipment Specialist (Electronics)	20-May-05	TYAD	GS-1670	7	11	50,858 - 66,115		X	X	X		X		X	X			X
NEAI05578955D	Equipment Specialist (Electronics)	20-May-05	TYAD	GS-1670	7	11	50,858 - 66,115	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05518799	Contract Specialist	23-May-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-1102	12	12	60,955 - 79,238		X				X		X				X
SCBK05513684	Electronics Engineer	23-May-05	RDECOM	DB-0855	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK05513684D	Electronics Engineer	23-May-05	RDECOM	DB-0855	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05559641	Safety Engineer	25-May-05	Safety Office	GS-0803	13	13	72,486 - 94,229			X			X		X	X			X
SCBK05559641D	Safety Engineer	25-May-05	Safety Office	GS-0803	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05559743	Safety Engineer	25-May-05	Safety Office	GS-0803	13	13	72,486 - 94,229			X			X		X	X			X
SCBK05559743D	Safety Engineer	25-May-05	Safety Office	GS-0803	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05569175	Contract Specialist	2-Jun-05	ACQ CTR	GS-1102	11	11	50,858 - 66,115			X			X		X	X			X
SCBK05553761	Computer Engineer	3-Jun-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X	X	X		X		X	X			X
SCBK05553761D	Computer Engineer	3-Jun-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05511963OC	Materials Engineer	29-Jun-05	RDECOM	DB-0806	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X	X	X		X		X	X			X
SCBK05377091OC	Safety and Occ Health Specialist	9-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	50,858 - 66,115		X	X	X		X		X	X			X

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SCBK05507696D	Supv Competition Analyst	16-May-05	AMCOM CMA	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05517090D	Deputy Project/Product Manager	17-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05543219D	General Engineer	18-May-05	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEAI05578955D	Equipment Specialist (Electronics)	20-May-05	TYAD	GS-1670	7	11	50,858 - 66,115	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05559641D	Safety Engineer	25-May-05	Safety Office	GS-0803	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05559743D	Safety Engineer	25-May-05	Safety Office	GS-0803	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05553761D	Computer Engineer	3-Jun-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- A** - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B** - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C** - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D** - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E** - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F** - All Federal Employees
- H** - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I** - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R** - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
- T** - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- V** - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
- U** - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.

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