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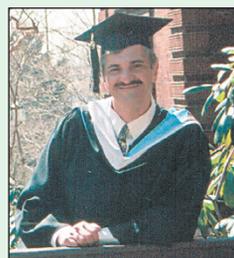
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# Bowling center right down alley

Redstone Lanes opens Thursday

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Local bowlers have waited a long time for this week.

The new bowling center, Redstone Lanes, will open Thursday at 4 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This facility offers 32 lanes, a sports lounge, arcade, three meeting rooms and a Strike Zone Restaurant.

"I think it's fantastic," Redstone Lanes recreation assistant Kathy Southern said. "It's much (more) modern than we had before. It's state-of-the-art. I mean we've got every new bowling style you can imagine. And going from a 16-lane house to a 32-lane house, we'll be

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ROOM TO SPARE**— Army retiree Coleman Lloyd of Madison bowls at the new Redstone Lanes.

# Engineer continues battle of his life

Lou Gehrig's disease strikes unexpectedly

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Darin Kruse is still fighting his battle. He has trouble talking now. He's in a wheelchair, but he hasn't given up the fight.

Kruse, an engineer in the Advanced Systems Directorate at the Research Development and Engineering Center, is battling Lou Gehrig's disease. He went to Washington, D.C., May 9-11 for ALS Advocacy Day.

Also called Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, this is a fatal neuromuscular disease characterized by progressive muscle weakness resulting in paralysis.

Kruse accompanied fellow ALS patient Eric Obermann of Huntsville who testified for 30 minutes before the Senate subcommittee in charge of the National Institutes of Health's budget. Obermann was one of seven people asked to testify — which also included former pro baseball pitchers Tommy John and David Cone and soap-opera star Kate Linder — who pleaded for more ALS research money.

"We're hoping that they'll give us sup-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ON THE JOB**— Darin Kruse, an engineer in the Advanced Systems Directorate, is trying to maintain his work schedule at the Research Development and Engineering Center.

port in three areas," Kruse said. "One was funding for VA research on ALS. Military veterans are more likely to contract ALS, than the rest of the population, regardless of when they served in uniform, according to a new report released by the ALS Association. Another (area) is to set up a national registry for ALS patients, to set up a data

base so they can find a common trend. And the other one (is to fund) respite care for ALS patients and their families, that gives relief for caregivers."

Kruse didn't personally testify because of time limitations. "I wish I did," he said.

He continues to put in 40 hours a week at his job in building 5400. He was diagnosed with ALS in April 2004.

Fifty percent of ALS patients die within 18 months of diagnosis, according to a web site about the disease. Only 20 percent of patients survive five years. Only 10 percent live longer than 10 years. Ten percent of cases are hereditary, which is not the case with Kruse.

The ALSA North Alabama Friends Group is holding a "Walk to D'Feet ALS" at 9 a.m. Saturday at Joe Davis Stadium.

Kruse, 40, and his wife, Rachel, an engineer in the Joint Common Missile Project Office, reside in southeast Huntsville with their two daughters, Monica, 14, and Michelle, 12.

The Pemberville, Ohio, native received a bachelor's in electrical engineering from the University of Toledo in 1988. He added a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama-Huntsville in 1997. After graduating from Toledo, his first job was working at Honda in Marysville, Ohio. His government career began at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., in 1989-90 before he arrived at the Research Development and Engineering Center in 1991.

"I want to go as long as I can," he said.

*Letters to the Editor*

# An open lane random survey

*What do you do to stay fit and healthy?*

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**Hiren Patel**  
contractor  
"I work out after work."

**Charles Etheridge**  
retiree

"My wife and I do a lot of walking. We try to eat right."



**Chief Warrant Officer Ralph Long**  
345th MI Battalion



"I run, do sit ups and push ups. I'm a reservist."

**Sgt. Jim Raines**  
345th MI Battalion

"I run and lift weights."



## Quote of the week

‘N ever doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.’

— *Margaret Mead (1901-1978), American anthropologist*

# Hawaiian festival has worthy cause

**M**ayor Loretta Spencer and oncologist Dr. John Waples welcomed the community to the fifth annual "A Taste of Hawaiian Festival" held May 14 and May 21 at Big Spring International Park, waterfall area.

Because of rain, we did the event twice this year. It is held in the waterfall area because this resembles the scenery of Hawaii. Our festival is a community event that raises money for a worthy cause and promotes cultural awareness in Huntsville. Proceeds this year will be donated to the Huntsville Hospital-Liz Hurley Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

My goal for next year is to continue to donate to the breast cancer foundation and to set up a program/scholarship that will help breast cancer patients and their families. I want to be able to make a difference. Our festival is small but growing; and we hope to get sponsors to help fund our cause.

It is devastating to see a family struggle when a spouse or single person who has breast cancer loses their job or can't work because of this deadly disease.

The Hawaiian Festival is a way of bringing the entire family together for a \$5 donation for adults while kids are admitted free.

The kids really enjoyed themselves; and it was fun for the entire family.

Activities included Hawaiian music, entertainment, Hawaiian best dress, fashion show, hula hoop contest, refreshments and fruits. Prizes were given away. This year we added India dancing and Caribbean dancing.

Chelesa Felder of Huntsville Girls and Boys Club sang the national anthem May 14. Ramey Pavelick and Narissa Santos, both of Hawaiian Fun Polynesian Dance Troupe, performed

their native dance. Neema Performing Arts provided Caribbean dance; and Nitya Strikeshen did India dance.

On May 21, the Hawaiian Fun Polynesian Dance Troupe performed India dancing and Hawaiian dancing. The crowd enjoyed the hula hoop and the limbo. Jarold Lee of WRSA-FM Lite 96.9 served as master of ceremonies. Redstone engineer Signey Hernandez was disc jockey for the event.

Special thanks to the University of Alabama-Huntsville international cultural organization which donated food and time to our festival.

Recognition also goes to Parisian of Madison Square Mall, Parisian of Parkway Place, Lite 96.9, Tameron Harvell of Huntsville Hospital, Southern Adventures, Lejeune Style, McRae's Department Store, Tropical Café Smoothies, RV Performance, local television channels 19 and 31, and the community.

I hope to continue this fund-raising event annually, and in doing so, to honor our loved ones.

We are looking for sponsors for next year. For the past four years, I have organized this festival by myself. For more information about our event, please call 881-9830.

**Rosie Douglas**  
festival organizer and  
Redstone worker



Courtesy photo

**NEXT UP— Young performers await their turn at the Taste of Hawaiian Festival.**

# Fight continues for America's veterans

**M**emorial Day is a time to remember and honor all of the veterans of this great nation of ours, the United States of America. In particular, we must always remember the veterans who given the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, for our beliefs in our system of democracy "That All Men Are Created Equal." Greater love hath no man than to give his life for his country.

We take the freedom we enjoy all too lightly. Most citizens simply take for granted the freedoms we have come to enjoy in the United States. Too many citizens say that freedom is not my job, let someone else fight for my freedom. Even most of the local clergy have forgotten that it is the veteran who has given us the freedom of religion. I know who paid the price for the freedom I and my family enjoy. Who paid the price for the freedom you enjoy?

For veterans to compete with the special interest groups, they need to join a veterans organization of their choice. This is the only way veterans can have an input to their elected officials. This is the only way we veterans can be organized and be heard in Washington, D.C. Veterans and military retirees, you cannot just sit around and let someone else do the job for you when it comes to veteran and retiree benefits. And do not forget to get out and vote. If you do not vote, you do not have a gripe.

The true greatness of a country is measured on how well the government lives up to the promises made to its military. The United States has not been good at living up to the promises it has made to the military forces. All too frequently veterans and military retirees are treated according to what I call the "Dog Theory"; you have crime in the neighborhood you buy a big bad dog, crime goes away, you shoot the dog. You have a crisis somewhere in the world you can call up the American military, when the crisis is over send the troops home; we will call you, do not call us and if you are having any medical problems, it is all in your head.

You read of case after case of where the veterans must take the United States government to court to receive the benefits and medical care they were promised for their service to their country. Frequently it may

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# Getting to know you

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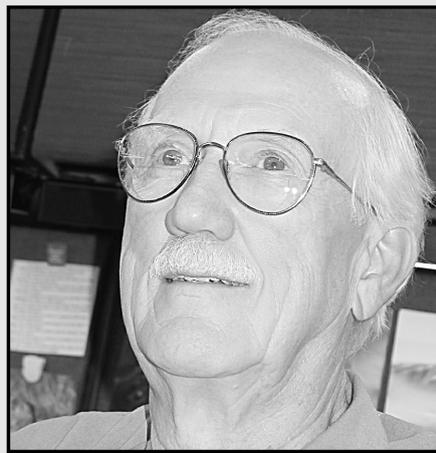
**Name:** Chuck Kittleson

**Job:** Computer assistant, Sustainment Team, Corporate Information Center, AMCOM

**Where do you call home?**  
Toney, Ala.

**What do you like about your job?**  
I like interacting with people. Solving problems.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Work in my garden. Work on my cars. I've got two of them that I maintain; I do most of my own mechanical work.



**What are your goals?**  
Probably at this stage in life, just to work a few more years and then retire. I guess my ultimate goal is eternal life.

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

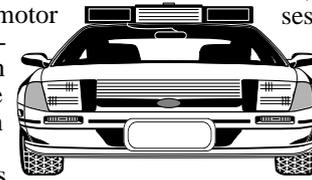
The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

**May 20:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**May 21:** Two individuals were detained at the Provost Marshal Office after it was reported that they had assaulted another person at building 3412. Both individuals were processed and released to their unit.

**May 21:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and detained at the Provost Marshal Office until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

**May 21:** Two individuals were detained when they approached Gate 9 lost, and were found to be in possession of controlled substances and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. They were processed, issued violation notices and released.



**May 22:** It was reported that someone painted graffiti on a concrete pad adjacent to the Parade Field on Constitution Drive.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 2 possession of controlled substances, 1 driving under the influence, 13 speeding, 2 no proof of insurance, 4 no driver's license, 1 inattentive driving, 3 failure to use seatbelts, 3 failure to obey a traffic control device, 1 driving with a revoked driver's license.

# Legal office claims top Army award

*Judge Advocate General cites strides in service*

Members of the Claims Office have every right to claim they're the best at what they do.

The evidence arrived May 20 in the form of the 2004 Judge Advocate General's Excellence in Claims Award. The Aviation and Missile Command's Office of Staff Judge Advocate Claims Office last won this award in 1996.

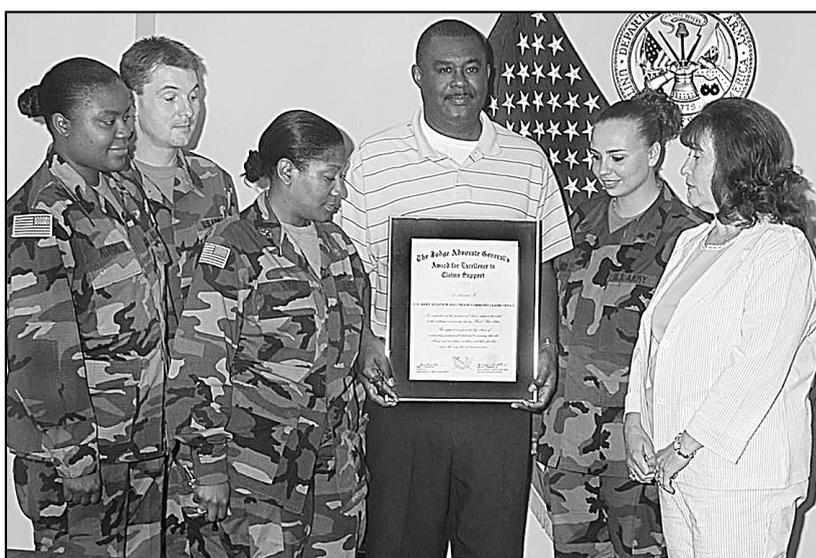
"The quality of all applications was excellent and competition was very tough," the Judge Advocate General said in the award notification.

OSJA Claims Office made strides

over the past year to serve the Redstone community. The median processing time for Federal Tort Claims Act claims improved from 53 days in fiscal 2003 to just 19 days in '04.

More than \$100,000 was recovered on affirmative claims relating to medical treatment. The money recovered from affirmative claims is distributed to Tricare and the military medical facility that provided treatment. More than \$60,000 was recovered from household good carriers for damage to servicemembers' property.

"The claims team continues to work diligently to build upon its accomplishments and streamline its procedures," Maj. Cheryl Boone, deputy staff judge advocate, said.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

**ANNUAL HONOR—** Looking at the 2004 Judge Advocate General's Excellence in Claims Award are, from left, Spc. Tasheka Ruggs, 1st Lt. Jim Sword, Maj. Cheryl Boone, James Friday, Sgt. Samantha Harder and Suzanne Sammons.

## ■ Veterans deserve honor, dignity and thanks

### Veterans

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take years for our government to fess up to things our military is exposed to ...

At a time when Veterans Administration health budget should be increasing in real dollars, it is decreasing due to rising cost of medical care. The VA health care budget was increased by 3.5 percent from FY 2005, but an increase of 10 to 14 percent is needed just to keep up with current services. Let your elected officials know this is just not acceptable.

Citizens take note; Rome did not collapse over a period of a few years, but over a period of time as the Roman citizens became soft. At the peak of Rome's glory, the military man was honored and revered by his countrymen. As the glory of being a military man declined, so did the Roman Empire and the rest is history. Is this the path we in the United States are headed down?

If it is the goal of the citizens of this country to have our military as an all-volunteer force, then we must be prepared to pay for an all-volunteer military. We must once again make the military an honorable profession. Too few of our citizens have a direct investment in the freedom of our beloved country.

You can condemn our country for all of its faults, for the way the politicians sell out our system of democracy to the special interest groups that line the pockets of our elected officials. I call it "Democracy for Sale to the Highest Bidder." If we are so bad, why are people of the world lined up at our doors waiting to get in? I have found no other country on this earth that I would rather be a citizen of, despite all of our faults.

We are still the greatest nation in the history of mankind. If we wish this to continue to be the greatest nation on the earth, we must stand behind our military and say they deserve the best. It is a small price to pay for the freedoms we enjoy and take for granted.

Enjoy your freedom, thank a veteran. Let us give a special thank you to all the latest veterans of the wars on terrorism in the Mid-

dle East and the other places around the world where we have our military on duty protecting the freedoms we have in America. Let us welcome our troops home, giving them the honor and dignity they deserve. And let your elected officials know that the citizens of this great country will not tolerate the poor treatment of veterans which has been the history of our government.

We must remember "Without veterans there would be no United States of America"; we could still be British citizens, or we could be paying homage to the Nazi swastikas, the Flag of the Rising Sun or the hammer and sickle. The price of freedom is paid for in blood and guts. War has no glory and is a bloody business. There are no real winners in war; one side just does not lose as bad as the other side. And here in America veterans seem to be on the losing side and short end of the stick.

In closing, I do wish individuals who have never served in the military would stop telling active duty, reservists, veterans and retirees just what benefits they enjoy. All too frequently they do not know what they are talking about. When an individual is on active duty defending the Constitution of the United States, he is not protected under the Constitution, but falls under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. Also, while on active duty the military member does not have the right to speak out against the government or the officers appointed over him/her, in particular the president of the United States, who is the commander in chief of the military forces. All veterans (anyone who has served in the military and was discharged under honorable conditions) are eligible for Veterans Administration health care, but are not covered by Tricare (formerly Champus). Retirees (anyone who has served in the military 20 or more countable years and was honorably discharged and is eligible to draw retirement pay) qualify for VA health care and Tricare.

**Gene Aittala**  
retired Navy,  
Hartselle

# Civilian personnel worker picks his time to retire



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

**THIS CLOSE TO LEAVING—** Civilian personnel worker Walter Pickett and his supervisor, Jackie Bennett, enjoy a laugh during his retirement reception.

## Labor relations advice often sought, respected

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

Walter Pickett ended a combined 57-year federal career last week — 32 years as a civilian and 25 years military service.

The retiring civilian personnel worker was honored by family, friends and co-workers, including supervisor, Jackie Bennett.

Over the years, Pickett has marked a career in labor and human relations that

has distinguished him as a sought-after expert in his field.

"He has worked aggressively to establish and maintain professional, amicable working relationships between management, workers and the unions," Don Dixon, chief of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said.

"Walter has consistently provided expert labor relations counsel, advice and assistance to Team Redstone's leaders by resolving labor issues and circumventing Federal Labor Relations Authority violations. His advice has been often sought and highly respected. He has been an inspiration to many others."

## Logistics representative recognized by battalion

An AMCOM logistics assistance representative has joined the Army Field Support Battalion in Qatar.

Melvin Allerman, from Fort Bliss, Texas, arrived there in March to provide Patriot missile support. A team from contractor Raytheon is assigned to Qatar for maintaining Patriot items; and the Aviation and Missile Command provides a logistics assistance representative on a rotational basis to help oversee the contract.

Allerman serves as both the contracting officer's representative and primary interface with the battalion and Raytheon.

"Since his arrival in March, Melvin has greatly assisted our unit," Lt. Col. Jon Buonerba said in an article published in the May issue of Desert Mesh newsletter in Qatar, "in sustaining complex and sophisticated missile related equipment

such as radars, launchers, engagement control system, communications relay group, antenna mast group and the information coordination control van.

"Melvin has consistently provided the battalion with essential technical expertise and logistics assistance in the form of training, equipment repairs and supply management of repair parts. It is in the arena of class IX items that Melvin provides his greatest contribution. He has been extremely successful in working with item managers to expedite critically needed repair parts that has proven the value of his service on a daily basis. Through his dedication to excellence and untiring efforts to achieve success, we have been able to sustain a high operational readiness rate for the entire Patriot fleet."

## Pakistani officer takes good memories home

This is graduation day for Capt. Zaheer Babar of Pakistan.

He has completed the Ammunition Specialist Course and will return to his native country where he plans to disseminate the training to his fellow officers.

"I think my time was very good at Redstone Arsenal and I will definitely cherish good memories once I go back," Babar, 27, said. The greatest memory is "the way I was received and treated here in USA."

The International Military Student Office provides educational trips to area attractions for military students from other countries during their stay at Redstone.

"Most of the time was spent acquiring military training being imparted to

me and the rest of the time was utilized in exploring the beautiful places during the trips and doing shopping," Babar said. "America is a country of

free people who are very hospitable to the overseas people and live their lives in a joyable manner. It is a country which has a lot of potential to prosper in all aspects of life."

He praised the International Military Student Office.

"The International Military Student Office did a commendable job, irre-

spective of the nature of the problem, personal or official," he said. "Every problem was being looked after and they ensured the best possible solution was provided to us. Their assistance had a definite positive impact on our stay."



Courtesy photo

Capt. Zaheer Babar

## BellSouth makes top 25 for military employment

BellSouth Corporation is among the "Top 25 Most Military-Friendly Employers," according to G.I. Jobs magazine's latest rankings. The company ranks 19th.

Those companies on the list are being acknowledged for their commitment to the men and women of the armed forces — and to those who have transitioned out.

G.I. Jobs analyzed Fortune 500 firms using web research, telephone inquiries and surveys.

Its ranking methodology covered four key areas with the associated weightings:

- 40 percent — Percentage of total recruiting resources dedicated to hiring transitioning military and veterans. (This measures a company's desire to hire from the military.)

- 5 percent — Company policies on reserve and guard duty

- 20 percent — Percentage of new hires over the past year who were military veterans. (This measures a company's success in hiring from the military.)

- 15 percent — Internal military and veteran recruiting/training/promotional programs, plus community involvement.

Common attributes of companies on the list are a commitment to recruit, hire and promote veterans; generous compensation and benefits policies for reservists and Guard members assigned to hot spots; and programs aimed at easing veterans' transition to the commercial world or supporting military causes in the community. (BellSouth release)

# Vietnam native overcomes distance, barriers

Garrison intern arrived in America in 1992

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Xuan Truong is a long way from where she started. The 23-year-old South Vietnamese native came to America as a below average student with little knowledge of the English language and is now a Vanderbilt University graduate and local engineer. The story of her journey to America began long before she was born.

Xuan's father, Loc, was a high ranking officer in the South Vietnamese Armed Forces. After the fall of Saigon, the communist of North Vietnam took over and made religious leaders, intellectuals, and officers like Loc, among others, report to re-education camps. Xuan says her father spent six years in the concentration camp. "The higher rank you are the longer you stayed in," she said. Xuan's mother, Diem, who was a teacher, was left taking care

of her two sons and parents after Loc left. Xuan says her father worked long hours at the camp. "He worked from sunrise to sunset, 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.," she said. "For breakfast he would have rice and salt, no lunch and dinner same thing: rice and salt. You ate that every day and only got one bowl. Once a year they would give you meat."

At the camp, Loc did manual labor like chopping down trees and cleaning the land that had been ravaged by the Vietnam War. Xuan's mom would visit a couple of times a year to take him money and food. Xuan says her father almost died during and after the war.

"When he fought in the Vietnam War he was wounded two times and almost got killed. When he was in the concentration camp because of the lack of nutrition he almost died," she said.

In 1981 Loc left the camp to rejoin Diem. The two owned several businesses and had four more children including Xuan. In 1989, under the Orderly Departure Program, the United States came to an agreement with Vietnam to give priority consideration for emigration out of the country to those who had spent at least three years in re-education. It took two years to complete the paperwork before the Truongs could move.

Xuan says her family didn't know anyone in America except for her aunt who came to Cookeville, Tenn., in 1975. The Truongs moved to Nashville in 1992 and Xuan started fifth-grade. Xuan says her family was excited to move to the United States. "It was like going to heaven," she said.

When the Truongs moved to Nashville, they shared a two-bedroom apartment with three other family members for a



Photo by Kim Henry

**BLOSSOMING FUTURE— Xuan Truong is an electrical engineer Army intern for the Directorate of Public Works.**

total of 11 people under one roof.

"My dad got a job working for a hospital," Xuan said. "But since he was a businessman he didn't like working as a housekeeper."

He took a job as manager with a mattress factory in Paris, Tenn., but was unable to afford the travel so he had to look for another position. He started a job at Pepsi where he still works. Diem stayed home with the kids until 1998 when she took a job with Thomas Nelson Publisher.

Xuan says she was inspired by her oldest brother, Long, to get a good education. "I didn't know any English and didn't

know anyone – no friends," she said. "I made C's and D's, even an F, too because I didn't know the language." By the time she was in eighth-grade, she realized she was going to have to study to get anywhere.

"My oldest brother at age 18 started ninth-grade all over again and finished high school in three years and went on to college at Tennessee Tech," she said. "So it was kind of like an awakening for me. You know I should try really hard to be somebody and go on to college."

So in eighth-grade Xuan started making A's and B's and she didn't stop there. By the time she was a sophomore, she was first in her class and by graduation in 2000 she was the valedictorian out of 250 students. She chose to attend Vanderbilt on a scholarship to stay close to her parents and pursue degrees in electrical engineering and math. Again, it was her brother Long who inspired her degree choice.

"He was a mechanical engineer and then he got a job," she said. "I thought I would love to go into a medical field, but then when he came home every day he would be dressed so nice. I thought that is what I want to do."

Engineering she did. Xuan started working for the Army Corps of Engineers in Nashville, where her brother worked, in summer 2001 as a co-op student. After graduating in the top 20 percent of her class at Vanderbilt, she started as an Army intern and full-time employee for Nashville COE, working in hydropower. Recently she applied to finish up her internship at Redstone with Directorate of

Public Works.

Xuan's younger siblings have in turn looked to her for encouragement. Her sister, Thy is finishing up a nursing degree, her brother Thu just graduated as valedictorian and has a full scholarship to Vanderbilt, and her youngest sister Trinh is the top of her junior class in high school.

Xuan has several aunts and uncles and one grandmother still living in Vietnam. She says her brother Long returned to Vietnam two years ago and her parents went back last year.

"I am looking forward to going back one day. I just want to go back to help or see how things have changed since I left the country," she said.

Due to constant traveling with the Nashville COE, Xuan decided to start looking for another position. "I wanted to be on my own," she said. "I knew Huntsville is a very educated town with a lot of engineers here. I am very happy here."

She says she is looking forward to starting either business or science classes in the fall at University of Alabama-Huntsville. "I like Huntsville because it is a small city with young people and has lots of opportunity, especially at Redstone, for career advancement," she said.

At Redstone she takes in job orders that have to do with electrical work. She works under her mentor, Rickey Hammond, on larger projects like Gate 9 construction. Xuan says having a mentor has helped her a lot and has showed her how to get the job done right.

When asked if she would have been able to achieve the same success in Vietnam, Xuan says it would have been difficult. "We were rich in Vietnam so we would have been able to go to college but it would have been hard to find a job," she said. "You don't really have any kind of future in Vietnam. If your parents have

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## Contractor meets call for improved artillery rockets

DALLAS – Lockheed Martin has delivered the first 72 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System Unitary rockets to the Army, satisfying a request for an immediate capability as part of an urgent need statement from the Aviation and Missile Command in January 2005.

The GMLRS Unitary rocket will reduce collateral damage by providing enhanced accuracy to ensure delivery of the warhead to the target. Guided MLRS Unitary integrates a 196-pound unitary warhead into the GMLRS rocket, giving battlefield commanders the ability to attack targets up to 70 kilometers away with high precision.

Work on the contract quick-reaction was performed at Lockheed Martin facilities in Dallas, Texas, and Camden, Ark. More than 400 GMLRS Unitary rockets will be delivered as part of the Army's urgent need statement. Deliveries of the

rockets will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

"Lockheed Martin is leaning far forward to bring in theater the technology we need to allow the precision we presently lack," said Col. James Heverin, Training and Doctrine Command system manager for rockets and missiles at Fort Sill, Okla.

"The Army requested that Lockheed Martin accelerate the current Guided Unitary SDD program in January in support of an urgent need statement," said Ron Abbott, vice president for tactical missiles at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. "We received the go ahead in January and delivered the first lot in May, which in production terms is outstanding performance. But our GMLRS team's passion for invention literally redesigned the boundaries of what is possible for the benefit of our Soldiers."

Performance of the GMLRS Unitary rockets has been outstanding during the testing phase, performing successfully in 10 different tests over the past 14 months.

GMLRS is an all-weather, precision-guided rocket that provides increased accuracy, thus reducing the number of rockets necessary to defeat current targets by as much as 80 percent. The GMLRS rocket provides increased precision and maneuverability, and can be fired from the MLRS M270A1 and the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launchers.

GMLRS is a Future Force system with a modular design intended to incorporate future growth. The system incorporates a GPS-aided inertial guidance package integrated on a product-improved rocket body. Small canards on the guided rocket nose provide basic maneuverability and enhance the accuracy of the system. (Lockheed Martin release)

# Spare time idea pays dividends for Soldiers in field

## Web-based system tracks repair parts

By ERIKA READUS  
For the Rocket

Most weekends people tend to go to gardens, catch some sun or fish, but two IMMC employees used their "leisurely" weekend to create a much-needed system, for the benefit of Soldiers.

Kathleen Drysdale and Judy Rodriguez of Integrated Materiel Management Center heard a call from deployed Soldiers and answered with the TOLLS program.

"The program started as a weekend project," Rodriguez said. "At the beginning of the war, we were inundated with requests for the status of parts from the Soldiers in the field."

"We were providing status through various spreadsheets, to keep track of progress," Drysdale said. "We could not keep up with the volume and we were duplicating effort."

So one weekend Drysdale and Rodriguez sat down and thought of a program to improve the hec-

tic conditions.

"Before everything was done over the phone or by e-mail, as far as checking the status of orders, so we needed something better," Drysdale said. They took their ideas to the IMMC Automation group headed by Bob Mione.

Mione assigned the project to the Web Desk application group. "The programming office, with key programmers John Knight and Jeff Payne, made our idea a reality and added some features we never thought about, like flags that alert us to problems before we even know they exist," Drysdale said.

The result is the TOLLS program, an interactive Transportation tracking system.

"The program allows anyone with web desk access to easily find the up-to-date status of their shipments," Rodriguez said. "But that's not all; the system also serves as a management tool for compiling vital information for command level briefings."

"IMMC has a lot of different functions and programs but this is the only one like it for AMCOM materials," Drysdale



Photo by Erika Readus

**CHECKING IT TWICE—** Members of the TOLLS development team look at charts that are produced with data they collect through the system.

said. "It can be used to track, expedite and see how everything is moving."

The TOLLS application has been accessed on web desk more than 12,000 times since it went into production during March

2004. It is tracking more than 7,500 shipments. It has had nearly 300 users worldwide.

Soldier customers come first. "It's customer driven, and can be accessed anytime," Drysdale said. "It's a proactive system."

The old way waited until the customer called with a problem. The new system can detect when something is taking too long and call a worker's attention to find the problem and alleviate it, a lot of times before the customer even knows there is a problem."

Team Redstone also benefits from TOLLS. "The program is also used to initiate management reports for the commanding general," Rodriguez said. "Also we are teaming (with Logistics Support Activity) to obtain automatic data feeds to alleviate a lot of the manual tracking, allowing time for more management/expediting of the parts movement."

"The charts produced by the program have been briefed to the (Army Materiel Command) leadership and the program has been recommended to other commands," she said.

In logistics, timing is a priority.

"The system reduces requisition wait time, that's how long it takes to get to a Soldier in the field from the time they ordered it," Drysdale said. "The program is not finished. It accommodates future growth. The main goal is to get the part to the Soldier."

# Club's annual merit awards total \$8,000

## Ten receive money to further education

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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This was the culmination of a year of fund-raising for the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

The club presented 10 merit awards Thursday to help further the education of graduating high school seniors and undergraduate college students. The awards ranged from \$500 to \$1,300 and totaled \$8,000.

"It's a one-time grant based on scholastic achievement, citizenship and a desire for further education," Sharon Samuelson, merit awards chairperson, said at the reception in the Challenger Community Center. There were 20 applicants this year, the most ever, and the competition was close.

Each applicant had to submit a 250-word essay, transcript and an outline of his or her extracurricular activities.

Graduating high school senior recipients included Meghan McPheeters \$1,300, Susan Ecklin \$1,100, Ryan Manning, Daniel McFalls and Shannon Donovan, \$550 each. McPheeters also received a \$1,000 scholarship from First Command.

Undergraduate winners included Katherine Breffelh \$1,200, her sister Rebecca Breffelh \$1,050, Kelley McKaig and Kathryn Parr, \$500 each. The OCWC member/spouse recipient was Tery Ecklin \$700, Susan's mother.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HONOREES—** From left are Ryan Manning (in back row), Tery Ecklin, Kelley McKaig, Susan Ecklin, Daniel McFalls, Rebecca Breffelh, Meghan McPheeters and Katherine Breffelh.

"I really appreciate them," McPheeters, daughter of Scott and Sherri McPheeters, said of her merit award and First Command scholarship. The Huntsville High graduate will attend the University of Alabama in the fall, majoring in chemical engineering.

"I'd like to become an orthodontist," she said. "I have a college fund so it'll allow me to save money so I can go to dental school."

Susan Ecklin will attend Vanderbilt. Manning, McFalls and Donovan will attend Auburn. The Breffelh sisters both attend Texas A&M. McKaig goes to the University of Alabama while Parr attends Providence College.

"I would like to congratulate all of you on your many fine achievements," Samuelson said.

# Aviation fleet readiness has high priority

FORT RUCKER — The Fleet Management Initiative began in February 2002 as a joint Army Materiel Command/Training and Doctrine Command project.

It focused on two transformation initiatives: Business Processes and Organization. The concept was to improve the overall condition of the training base fleet at Fort Rucker by forming a more direct link between the installation day-to-day supply and maintenance activities and AMC's national logistics responsibilities and sustaining base responsibilities including its materiel managers, supply managers and the defense industrial (organic and private).

Aviation and Missile Command assumed operational control of the aviation logistics support at Fort Rucker in February 2003. The objective of the Fleet Management Initiative is to improve fleet readiness of the training base fleet by capitalizing on the core competencies of AMC.

After assuming operational control, AMCOM stood up the U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command to oversee the logistics effort on site. Col. Richard Enderle became the first commander of ACLC in August 2004.

Efforts will continue to improve the AMCOM ACLC Fleet Maintenance Initiative at Fort Rucker by increasing aircraft readiness, safety, and reducing operating costs. (Integrated Materiel Management Center release)



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**Col. Richard Enderle**

# Catholic community celebrates First Communion

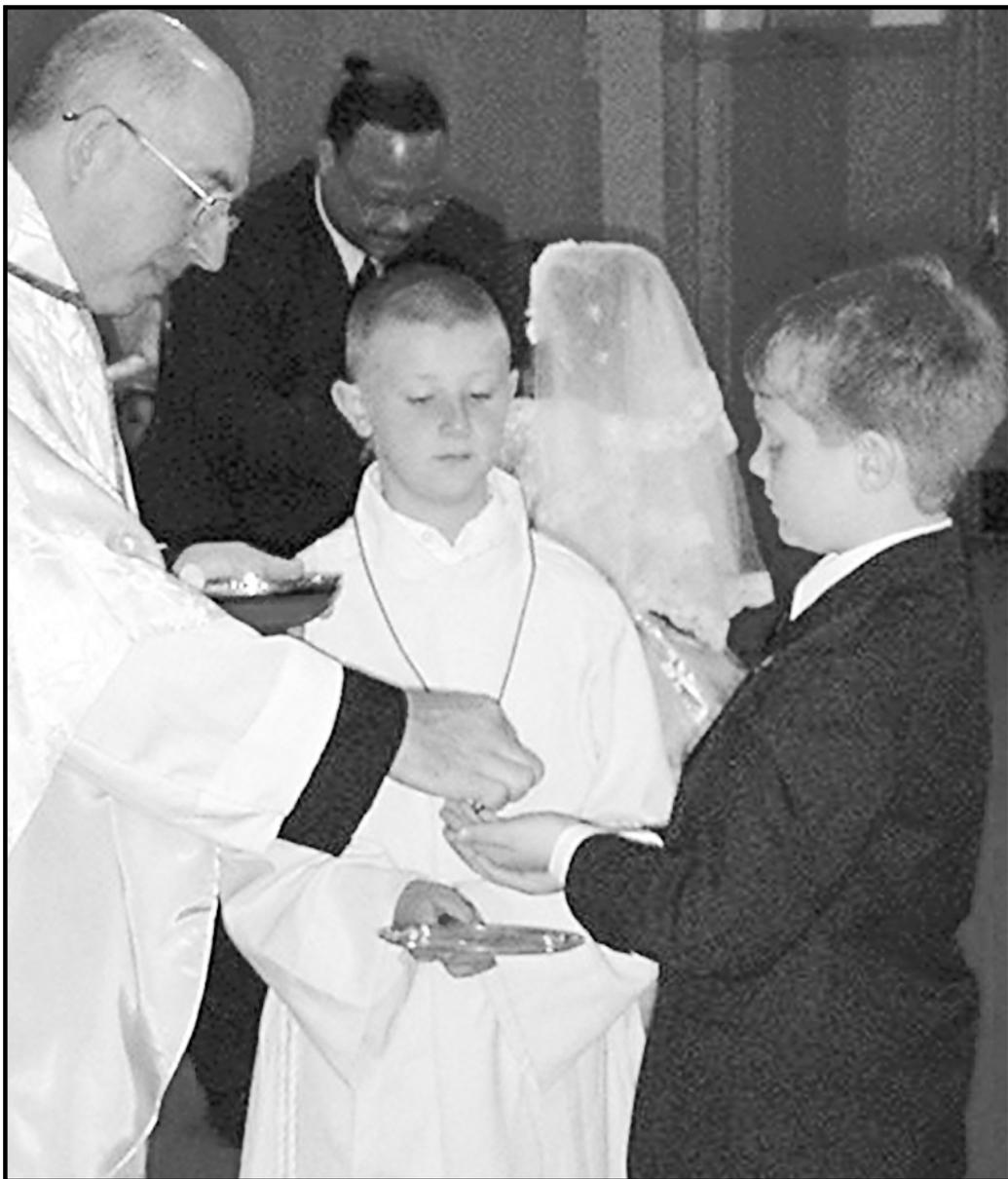


Photo by Dave Macedonia

**BLESSING**— Jake McWhorter, right, receives First Communion from Father George.

By DAVE MACEDONIA  
For the Rocket

Chaplain (Maj.) Jerzy “Father George” Rzasowski offered First Communion to five first communicants May 8 at Bicentennial Chapel.

The first communicants included Trey Chestnut, Alfred Corvington, Alexandar Libarios, Jake McWhorter and Darby Nash.

Father George and Marlies Sarette spent many hours over the past year preparing the young students for the reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

If one enters the church as an adult, First Communion is usually given on the same day of baptism and confirmation. Both take place, typically but not necessarily, during the Easter vigil.

Holy Communion is the reception of the Blessed Sacrament (the Eucharist) that has been confectioned by a priest during the Holy Mass. If one grows up in the church, first communion is offered at the discretion of one’s priest. It may be given to a lone child after the priest has discerned that the child understands the sacrament and is able to form proper intent, or it may be given to a group of children who’ve been properly prepared together, such as a first-grade class. In either case, the Sacrament of Confession is received first before communion.

A reception was held in the Bicentennial Chapel assembly room immediately following the First Communion mass.

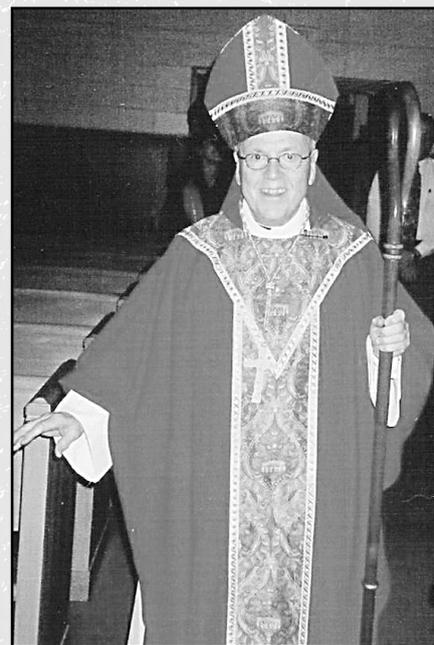


Photo by Nancy Hill

## Confirmation

**Diocese of Birmingham Bishop David Foley confers the sacrament of confirmation to four Redstone youths May 19 at Bicentennial Chapel. The youngsters include Jacob Marck, Kilian McGroary, Marcie Atchley and Joseph Schrenk.**

# Experts agree osteoporosis is bad to the bone

*Exercise, proper nutrition among prevention tips*

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More and more Americans are diagnosed with osteoporosis each year. In fact, by the year 2040 the number of hip fractures, which can result from the disease, is expected to double.

And the U.S. surgeon general says most Americans do not do enough to protect their bones.

“Osteoporosis causes about 1.5 million fractures each year,” the Mayo Clinic said. “About 8 million American women and

around 2 million American men have osteoporosis, and nearly 18 million more Americans may have low bone density.”

Osteoporosis is a progressive disease where the bones of the body “become weak and brittle — so brittle that even mild stresses like bending over, lifting a vacuum cleaner or coughing (could) cause a fracture,” the clinic said.

The cause of osteoporosis has not been identified, but we do know that it happens with the normal aging, and how the bones are normally formed in your body. Your body is constantly breaking down and creating bone tissue, which is called bone remodeling.

“A full cycle of bone remodeling takes about two to three months,” the clinic

said. “When you’re young, your body makes new bone faster than it breaks down old bone, and your bone mass increases. You reach your peak bone mass in your mid-30s. After that, bone remodeling continues, but you lose slightly more than you gain.”

Women have the greatest risk for osteoporosis. It has been found that women taking estrogen has reduced or slowed the processes of osteoporosis. The people at more risk for osteoporosis are the elderly, females, Caucasian or Asian descent, a family history of the disease, people who are exceptionally thin or have small body frames, people who are using corticosteroids such as prednisone or cortisone, people who have a sedentary life

style, people who drink alcohol, people who are depressed, and people who have a low calcium intake.

Prevention of osteoporosis should start as soon as possible. This includes calcium supplements and eating food rich in calcium — such as milk, yogurt, salmon, sardines, strawberries and broccoli, to name a few. In addition a daily dose of sunshine for Vitamin D, weight-bearing exercises for about 30 minutes to one hour, 5-7 times a week, a healthy lifestyle that does not include smoking, caffeine and alcohol consumption, bone density testing, and medications if needed, will help reduce the risk for osteoporosis. Visit <http://www.osteoo.org/> for further reading on osteoporosis.

# For military retiree families, planning can save heartache

## Checklist prescribed for death notification

DENVER — Life can find ways to catch us unprepared. Falling in love, unanticipated fortune or finding the perfect secret fishing hole. Sometimes, it's the pleasant surprises that add the spice to make life interesting and worthwhile.

But it's the surprises that bring the anxious moments and unforeseen heartache, especially to those close to us, that are best avoided.

For some, the idea of death is an unpleasant one best avoided. Unfortunately, death itself cannot be so easily avoided and the failure to plan can cause additional stress for spouses and families when they are least able to cope with it.

"Families can get overwhelmed when tragedy strikes," said Navy Capt. Karl Bernhardt, director of retired and annuitant pay for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. "Many of the retirees we support have wives, husbands and families who are left with unfinished business when the retiree passes away. Unfortunately, many have no idea that action is required to notify DFAS of the death in order to avoid overpayments of retired pay."

### Military retirement fund

In addition to maintaining the pay accounts of active and reserve military members, DFAS administers the Military Retirement Fund and pays approximately 2 million retirees each month.

"We make every effort to strike a balance," Bernhardt said. "On one hand, we need to make sure each retiree is paid the right amount on time. On the other, we have a responsibility to safeguard the fund on behalf of the American taxpayers. When a retiree dies, his or her entitlement to retired pay ends and any payments made after that must be recovered."

DFAS is required to recover all overpayments. In many cases, this means simply transferring funds from the retiree's bank account back to DFAS. However, if the funds have been spent or distributed, debt collection efforts can be initiated to reclaim the money. This can be especially difficult for elderly spouses.

When a military retiree dies, a number of federal, state and local agencies have

procedures for notifying DFAS. These include the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, military service casualty assistance offices, and state and local veteran affairs offices. Overpayments occur when spouses and families fail to contact these agencies, or DFAS itself, and notify them that the deceased was a military retiree.

"It falls to the spouse, children or close friends to take care of many things," Bernhardt said, "including the termination of retired pay. In many cases, the survivors don't know the requirements or procedures. Months later, they are burdened with collection efforts. It's a situation that can be lessened or eliminated with a bit of planning."

### Difficult transition

The casualty assistance offices of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps encourage retirees to develop a checklist for their spouse and families to help them navigate the difficult transition when the retiree dies. Most military base casualty assistance or retired affairs offices can help in completing this list, or lists can be downloaded from the Internet from service and veteran organization web sites.

A few hours spent gathering the information for the list will save months of aggravation and grief later on, according to Bernhardt.

"The checklist can be kept with a retiree's will and other legal documents," he said. "When the time comes and those documents are needed, the checklist is ready to guide the survivors through the legal and governmental processes. I would recommend putting the notification of DFAS near the top of the list."

DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay Services maintains a customer contact center staffed with experts in all aspects of retired pay. The center can be contacted at (800) 321-1080. Callers who select the menu option for death notifications receive a higher priority and are routed to staff members who can assist them in terminating retired pay and initiating the process for survivor's benefits.

A survivor's checklist can help eliminate the unwelcome surprises in life, allowing more time to enjoy the benefits from military retirement. (*Defense Finance and Accounting Service*)

## ■ Move from Vietnam to America offers opportunity

### Intern

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money then you could just use that money, if they don't you could be a farmer or do manual labor." Only 5 percent of the people who go on to college get a job; the other 95 percent have to help their families doing some type of business or farming.

"I do credit my parents for us being this successful. They sacrificed a lot for us," Xuan said. "They don't really spend money on unnecessary stuff. If they get a new car, they give it to us and still drive around the old car. They give us a lot of

love and support." Xuan says traditionally in Vietnamese families the children who are working give the money to the parents until they marry or have kids. "My parents don't. They say you can do whatever you want with it."

Xuan says her parents are different from most stereotypes of Asians. "They are not really strict. Most people think Asian families are very strict and make their kids study all the time and don't let them go out. They let us do whatever we want as long as we are happy," she said. "They say, 'In order to make us happy you need to make good grades,' so we study hard because we love them and we want to make them happy."

# Unit seeks a few good kids for boot camp

*Young Marines ready for summer recruits*

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Parents are always on the lookout for fun and educational activities for their kids. Summer vacation is the perfect opportunity to try something new. Instead of simply letting kids vegetate in front of the television, why not get them involved in a program designed to teach teamwork, discipline and leadership? Why not try the Young Marines?

The Young Marines, founded in 1958 by a Marine Corps detachment in Connecticut, is a national non-profit group designed for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. It is officially endorsed by the Marine Corps, but is not to be considered a recruiting tool. Retirees, reservists and active duty Marines, who volunteer their time to mentor and teach the children in their area, staff each local unit.

Gunnery Sgt. Tim Freeman of Young Marines of North Alabama said the group exists "to promote a healthy and drug free lifestyle by providing positive mentorship from active duty, retired and civilian personnel."

Under the guidance of strong role models, the kids learn the core values of honor, courage and commitment in a safe and fun environment while building self-esteem and character. It can also be a way



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Jose Rodriguez

**INSPIRING DISCIPLINE—** Young Marines recruit Adrian Daniels gets some extra motivation from commanding officer Gunnery Sgt. Tim Freeman during physical training last October.

for military children to feel more connected to the community and their parent's career.

"The Young Marine program is sponsored by the Marine Corps League and the Marine units within our community. We conduct community service in order to teach the kids that it is better to give than to receive," Freeman said. "We teach them to serve their communities as a positive

role model for their peers, and conduct themselves as young adults."

In order to join the program, kids go through a 26-hour orientation program spread out over several meetings, a "boot camp" of their own. During camp, kids learn what the program is all about. Education is mixed equally with fun.

"They will learn marching, camping, hygiene, physical training, military histo-

ry, leadership and community service," Freeman said.

Costs for boot camp are minimal. A one-time fee of \$180 gets them enrolled. Discounts are given for multiple children. Parents can deduct \$25 for each additional child. The next boot camp session is scheduled June 13-18.

Once they have completed boot camp, kids can earn ranks, ribbons and commendations and wear a Young Marines uniform of their own. The program is designed to grow along with the kids.

The program is popular in the Redstone community. There are 42 kids on the rolls and that number is expected to swell once boot camp is concluded. The group boasts more than 10,000 youth members and 3,000 adult volunteers in 46 states and several countries.

The group is also visible in the community, being a crowd favorite at Veterans Day and other local parades. During the summer, kids already in the program have the opportunity to participate in the national Summer Programs of: Adventures, Challenges, Encampments and Schools. SPACES involves training and classes in everything from history to wilderness survival with challenges for older kids.

For more information about the Young Marines national program, visit [www.youngmarines.com](http://www.youngmarines.com). Those interested in boot camp can call Freeman at 876-1749 or e-mail [timothy.freeman4@redstone.army.mil](mailto:timothy.freeman4@redstone.army.mil).

# Army announces new Combat Action Badge

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Friday the design for the Combat Action Badge.

The design was approved by Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army chief of staff.

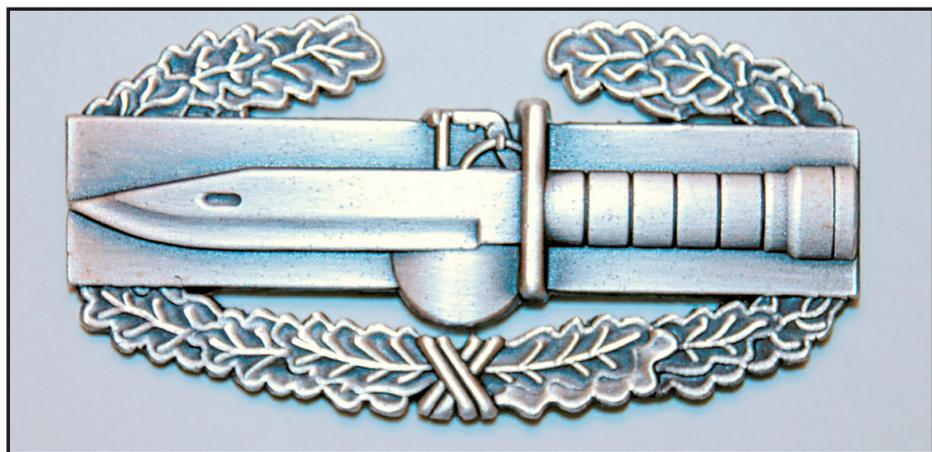
The CAB, featuring both a bayonet and grenade, may be awarded to any Soldier performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized, who is personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement, according to its authorizing language. Award is not limited by one's branch or military occupational specialty.

"Warfare is still a human endeavor," Schoomaker said. "Our intent is to recog-

nize Soldiers who demonstrate and live the Warrior Ethos."

"The Global War on Terrorism and its associated operations will be the first era of conflict considered for this award," said Lt. Col. Bill Johnson, Human Resources Command chief of military awards. "Sept. 18, 2001, is the effective date for the new award. That is when President Bush signed Senate Joint Resolution 23, authorizing the use of military force against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States."

The CAB will go into immediate production and should be available late this summer or early fall through unit supply and military clothing sales stores. (*Army News Service*)



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**IN STORE SOON—** The new Combat Action Badge will be available in clothing sales stores later this summer.



Photo by Stefanie McCrary

## Soggy Aggie

Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, program executive officer for missiles and space and a Texas A&M grad, is all wet during the PEO's Organization Day, which netted \$800 for Army Emergency Relief.



Courtesy photo

## Revolutionary event

A Blue Star Salute to veterans, May 21 at the American Village Park in Montevallo, is co-hosted by the American Legion of Alabama, the American Village, Sons of the American Revolution and some 35 other veteran and civic organizations across Alabama. The Army Technical Test Center, with support from cargo helicopters project manager Col. Tim Crosby, provided a CH-47 Chinook helicopter to transport nine recently returned war veterans to this observance.

## Redstone Lanes rolls toward grand opening

### Bowling

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able to provide bowling for leagues as well as open bowlers at the same time."

"It's definitely the No. 1 center in North Alabama," Redstone Lanes business manager John Howard said, "the most modern bowling facility."

The center offers you, your family members and friends a smoke-free entertainment experience complete with automatic scorers and the newest AMF pinsetters.

The center also features automatic bumpers, Xtreme Bowling, the Strike Zone Restaurant, party rooms, lounge and an arcade room. The Strike Zone Restaurant is an Army theme restaurant that offers a Primo's Pizza shop and a myriad of new menu items in addition to Betty Burger Meals.

"It's something that's been long needed here at Redstone," Army retiree Coleman Lloyd of Madison said while trying out the new lanes. "It's a place for everybody to go to, not just the higher grades. Lower enlisted grades can bring their family here. It's another place people can go and have lunch, too."

"If they can get past that gate, they can come here and bowl," Southern said laughing. "That's the kicker right there."

The center is near the corner of Hercules and Patton roads. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-8 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 842-2695 or visit the Morale Welfare and Recreation web site at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

*Editor's note: Adrian Baker of MWR Sales and Marketing contributed to this report.*

# International program manager goes back to school

*Fulda completes year at Tufts University*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

When it comes to 'tuff' schooling, the Medford, Mass., Tufts University campus is well known for its tough regimen, especially the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

One 'tuff' Tufts scholar who can testify to that 'tuff' campus is SAMD's Ed Fulda, who now holds a Tufts master's in international relations.

"For one whole, solid year, I had no social life," Fulda said. "In terms of international politics, international negotiations, international finance and meeting strategic management objectives, the 28 members of our pioneer Global Master of Arts Program were singularly devoted to graduation."

Although graduation occurred in March, the intervening 365 days taxed Fulda.

"I asked my sons how to re-learn study habits," he said. "In fact, when Chad, Todd and Craig found out what I was about to do, they all thought that I was crazy."

Sponsored by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Fulda's endeavor marked the first time that Tufts' two-year program was condensed to one year.

"We had three terms, with lectures starting at 9 in the morning, followed by readings, assignments, discussion boards and presentations," Fulda said. "The entire curriculum was designed to see how well students performed under pressure. Even before, we arrived on campus in March 2004, we each received two boxes of books, weighing 42 pounds that were required, completed reading. That amounts to 350 to 400 pages per week. Another hefty shipment of books preceded the second and third terms."

Fulda is AH-1 Cobra helicopter international program manager at the Security Assistance Management Directorate.

"Eight foreign military sales customers

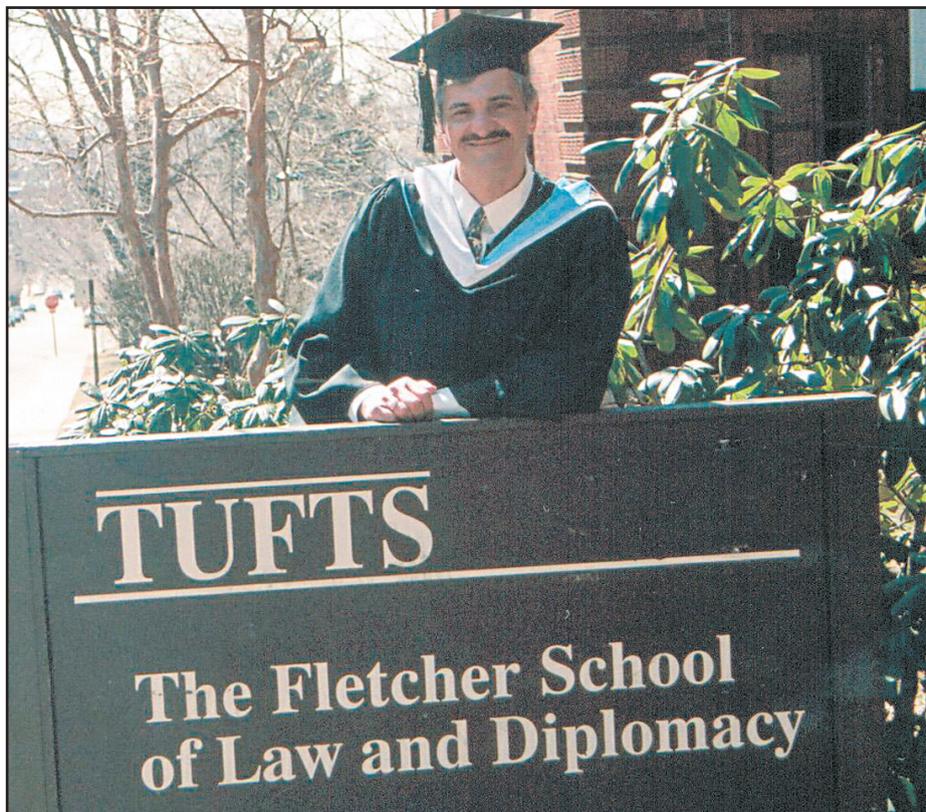


Photo by Elise Fulda

**TUFF HOMBRE— Ed Fulda of Security Assistance Management Directorate has joined an elite group of campus pioneers.**

currently fly Cobras," he said. "Plus, as AMCOM's IPM, I am in charge of managing four countries flying non-standard rotary-wing aircraft. Having earned a bachelor's in anthropology in 1975 at the University of Missouri in Columbia, coupled with extensive travel, I thought that I had a good understanding of international politics and what's going on in the world. But after a year in Tufts, I and my classmates learned a lot."

One of the master's program's professors, who grilled the students incessantly, had previously served with the United Nations, under Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"We had a ton of papers to write," Fulda said. "We did papers and presenta-

tions on everything from analyzing the banking and economic systems of various countries to analyzing current international negotiations to looking at the financing of major international corporations."

Despite three-day 'breaks' between terms, the students, in fact, had no 'real breaks.'

"There was no way that you could let your reading slip," Fulda said. "We may not have had papers to write or discussion boards to prepare for, but we had to get ready for the next term, as well as preparing our theses and defenses.

"I did my thesis on Bahrain, one of the countries, I manage. I focused on how that kingdom is moving toward democracy and what implications that move might

have for Iraq. The Sunni and Shia muslim backgrounds are quite similar. Defending my thesis was tough, but I came out with an A.

"Plus, we had to analyze famous leaders in history such as Winston Churchill, Mikhail Gorbachev, Mao Tse Tung, Queen Elizabeth the First and Napoleon. We were tasked with assessing what was wrong and what was right with their leadership styles."

Fulda's wife, Elise, also a SAMD IPM, became a 'widow' during his year at Tufts.

"There were a couple of times during the year that we were invited to outings, but I told my wife that, 'Sorry, Honey, I've got a bunch of reading,'" he said.

The Fuldas' three sons – Chad, Todd and Greg – much like their parents, are not novices to meeting challenges and reaching goals.

"Chad and Todd are Eagle Scouts," Fulda said. "Chad recently graduated with a bachelor's and is working in telecommunications and network management, while Todd recently was awarded a scholarship and will graduate from Bob Jones (High School), pursuing a history professorship career. Craig is a first-class Scout and will enter Discovery Middle School this fall."

All told, despite the Tufts toughness, Fulda recommends the challenge to others who would seek to follow the pioneering class.

"One of the neat things about this program – the uniqueness of the situation that we were in – produced an intense, unparalleled bonding," he said. "Yes, we may have been self-described guinea pigs, but at the Fletcher School we came together as one.

"For one year, I had no social life, but now I know that I will be able to further enhance the rapport with my foreign military sales customers.

"It's amazing, when you reflect on life. Elise and I met here at the Arsenal in 1978, as interns, getting married in 1980. Yet now, with a grown-up family, we all are still learning and working to add value."

# Sixty-five receive master's from Florida Tech

## *Class of 2005 advised to pursue their dreams*

This wasn't your typical graduating class. Most of the members of this class of 2005 had already been there and done that.

These 65 students were receiving their master's degrees from Florida Institute of Technology in a ceremony May 20 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Program director Dr. William Wall Jr. conferred the degrees.

And education service officer Linda Cameron had some advice they'd do well

to follow for the rest of their careers.

"Have a dream," she said. "Those responsible for great strides of mankind were dreamers. So become a dreamer, make a difference."

The degrees ranged from professional master of business administration to master of science in management. More than 200 people attended the ceremony.

Florida Tech has been preparing students for success on Redstone Arsenal since 1976.

Here are the spring 2005 graduates and their degrees:

## **A to D**

Charles Aaron, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Toney Lynn Adams, MS Acquisition & Contract Management  
Dana Thomas Adams, MS Management  
Lucille B. Albert, MS Management  
Robert Paul Aldridge, PMBA/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Judson Alexander, MS/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Sonya Tibbs Anderson, MS/Management/Information Systems  
James Thomas Anderson, MS Management/Human Resources Management  
Amanda Lynn Baker, MS Management/Information Systems  
Richard B. Baldwin, MS/Computer Information Systems  
James Alfred Bamburg, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
James Fletcher Bannerman, MS Management  
Robert Blake, MS Management/Information Systems  
Heidi Leigh Bobo, MS Management/Information Systems  
Monica Sue Boehme, MS Management/Information Systems  
Christopher Lee Brown, MS Management/Information Systems  
Keith Wayne Bursleson, Master of Public Administration  
Jerry Jonathan Bush, MS Management/Information Systems  
Linda Dawn Bynum, MS Management/Human Resources Management  
Laura Leigh Campbell, PMBA/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Richard Stephen Campbell, MS Management  
Alicia Sheree Carroll, MS Project Management  
Ricardo Cartagena, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Penny J. Cash, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Bernida J. Childs, MS Logistics Management  
Marla Reed Cobbs, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Sylvia Jean Collier, MS Management/Information Systems  
Gilbert A. Congo, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Sandra A. Dargin, MS Logistics Management  
Sheila Diana Davis, MS Logistics Management  
James Patrick Delaney, MS Acquisition & Contract Management  
Hector A. Diaz, MS Management/Information Systems  
Charlie Mae Dickerson, MS Logistics Management  
Andrea Sheri Dixon, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Emily Rebekah Donaldson, MS Management/Human Resources Management

## **E to J**

Jeffrey Goodman Evans, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Rachael Anne Evans, MS Management  
Kimberly McCrary Fabry, MS Management/Information Systems  
Lana Ayers Fischer, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Jonathan C. Florence, PMBA/Information Systems  
Kimberly Floyd, MS Management/Acquisition & Contract Management  
Christopher M. Ford, MS Logistics Management  
William Brit Frank, MS Computer Information Systems  
James E. Franklin, MS Management/Information Systems  
Fred Erwin Frost, MS Management/Logistics Management  
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# Troop softball teams ready for action



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FIELD OF PLAY**— Linton Field, originally dedicated May 17, 1954 in memory of Capt. Paul Melvin Linton who died in Korea on Dec. 14, 1953, was rededicated last year.

## Preseason tournament slated to start June 6

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Ah, spring. When a young Soldier's fancy turns to ... softball.

The unit preseason softball tournament is scheduled to start June 6 at Linton Field, with a rules update at 6 p.m. and the first game at 6:30.

"We're going to win the preseason," Bravo Company coach-shortstop Lee Diaz said. "We won the preseason championship last year."

The Bulldogs went on to finish as post runner-up to Delta Company.

Diaz, an All-Army selection last year, is Bravo's lone returnee. The assistant coach is second baseman Henry Herrera.

"I've got a bunch of new privates that are pretty good ballplayers," Diaz said.

Delta Company will try to defend its post championship this year with a hand-

ful of returnees.

"I have a few reservations because we're only bringing back five people from the whole team we had last year," Devasating Dragons coach-player Michael Shambaugh said. "So a lot of new faces, a lot of new talent. So really I'm looking forward to seeing how well we can do this year to try to defend."

Delta's returnees include right center Shambaugh, first baseman Robert Coppage, shortstop Rob White and outfielders Mark Coleman and John Jumper.

The regular season should start in mid-June and conclude by August with a post-season tournament to follow. Like last year, the troop All-Stars will play their NASA counterparts in a postseason game at Linton Field.

Another spring sport, golf, offers the unit scramble Friday with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Delta is defending champion in golf, too.

The individual golf championship, also for active duty military only, is Saturday and Sunday with tee times at 7 a.m.



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## New friends

Master Sgt. Mokhles Smairi of Tunisia meets mascot Homer D. Polecat at the Huntsville Stars baseball game May 21 at Joe Davis Stadium. The International Military Student Office took eight international students and a family member to see the Stars play the Chattanooga Lookouts, but the home team lost 3-0. The students were from Korea, Taiwan, Jamaica, Egypt, Tunisia, Pakistan and Botswana. Free tickets for this event were provided by the Civilian Welfare Fund Council.

## 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.

### Summer sports camps

Child and Youth Services SKIES Unlimited offers many sports summer camps for the Redstone community youth. 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. The Basketball Camp is July 18-21. 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.

### 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](http://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](http://www.rocketcity-itea.org) for more information or call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

### 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](http://www.ayso160.org) or call 539-6852 for registration instructions or more information.

### Soccer camp

AYSO of Huntsville is offering a Summer Player Camp, July 11-15 at the Brahan Springs Recreation Center for players age 4-18. Morning and early evening sessions. Cost is \$73 for 4-5-year-olds (8-10:30 a.m. each day) and \$118 for 6-18-year-olds (8 a.m. to noon or 4-8 p.m.). Cost includes a ball and T-shirt. To register online go to [www.MLScamps.com](http://www.MLScamps.com) or call Loyd 881-6342.

### Post swimming passes

Swimming pool passes are on sale. Passes can be purchased at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 or Outdoor Recreation, building 5132. Family passes are \$60 and individual passes \$45. For E-4 and below, family passes are \$50 and individual passes \$35. Daily swimming passes are \$3. There is a Morale Welfare and Recreation membership discount of \$3 off an individual pass or \$5 off a family pass. For more information on pool passes or swimming lessons, call 876-4868.

### Post golf championship

For active duty military only, the unit scramble is June 3 and post championship June 4-5 at Redstone Golf Course. For



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## Officer of quarter

**Security officer Eze Abuwali, an employee of Alutiiq and Wackenhut Security Services, is recognized as the security officer of the quarter for the second quarter 2005. Abuwali was awarded the Garrison commander's coin and the Directorate of Emergency Services certificate of achievement.**

more information and to sign up, call sports director Gaylene Wilson 842-2574.

### Cheerleaders golf tournament

The Grissom S/W Cheerleaders will host their inaugural golf tournament June 17 at 7:30 a.m. (shotgun start) at the Redstone Golf Course. Fee is \$85 per person (\$70 if RSA golf member). Fees include cart, practice balls, green fees, snack, lunch, two mulligans, a power drive and door prizes. Special drawings will be held for a number of items (not part of the entry fee). For more information, e-mail [registerghs@comcast.net](mailto:registerghs@comcast.net).

### Boating class

A Boaters' Education class titled "America's Boating Course" will be presented by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on June 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3512 South Broad St., Scottsboro. The one-day course will start at 9 a.m. and end late in the afternoon. Each textbook contains an interactive CD that can be used at home after the class. Those who pass the course exam will meet the requirements for the Alabama Vessel Operator permit. Course materials may be purchased for \$15. Lunch may be brought or an order-in service will be provided. Reservations are requested, but not required. Families with more than one member need not purchase duplicate course material, but a \$3 charge for each additional exam will be collected. For information call Lois (256) 582-2545 or Duncan (256) 218-9773.

### Bicycle riders

Road I Course from the League of American Bicyclists is a primer for those 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 bicy-

cle safety check, fixing a flat, interactive discussion, on-bike skills practice and student manual. Bring money to cycle to lunch. Bicycles and helmets are required. This program, recommended for adults and children above 14, is June 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Safety City, 2221 Drake Ave. The \$50 course fee is due at signup. Deadline for registration is June 4. Registration forms can be found at [http://www.bike-league.org/educenter/rd1\\_regist.pdf](http://www.bike-league.org/educenter/rd1_regist.pdf).

### Youth fitness workshop

Child and Youth Services will host a Fitness and Nutrition Workshop for ages 11-18 at 2 p.m. June 10 at the Youth Center, building 3148. This workshop will cover basic nutrition information, including the relationship between foods and exercise. It will also cover basic fitness information, including what makes up a complete exercise program. Healthy snacks will be provided. All children attending must be registered through Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. For more information, call 313-2177 or 876-5911.

### Soccer tryouts

KICKS FC 2005 soccer tryouts, for boys 8-18 and girls 8-19, is June 3-6 at Merrimack Park and City North/City South. For more information, visit [www.kickssoccer.org](http://www.kickssoccer.org).

### Sports conditioning

Youth Sports is conducting Sports Conditioning classes for ages 12-15 from June 6 through Aug. 5 at the Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705. This class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30-2:45 p.m. each week. The registration cost is \$100 per child, plus a central registration fee if not already enrolled at CYS Central Registration. Registration includes transportation from the Youth Center to the fitness center for Summer Camp participants. For more information, call 313-2177.

### Youth basketball

Youth Sports is conducting a 3-on-3 basketball league for ages 11-17 from June 6 through Aug. 1. Games will be held Mondays from 7-9 p.m. at the youth outdoor basketball courts on Goss Road. Teams will be formed by the Youth Sports and Fitness staff. Play will be 3-on-3 half-court tournament style. The registration cost is \$30 plus a central registration fee if not already enrolled at CYS Central Registration. Registration will include a reversible jersey for each player. Volunteer coaches, officials and score/time keepers are also needed. For more information, call 313-2177.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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>.

## Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting June 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Lisha Adams, G-3 principal assistant, will install the ASMC officer for 2005-06. For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members — see your organization representative or call Kim Jean 876-7208 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

## Waiting families

The Waiting Families support program will meet Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in room 199. Becca Wilson, child life specialist, will speak on separation issues for parents and children. A snack supper will be served and separate activities are planned for children. Anyone who has a family member serving away from home in the armed forces is welcome. Call Mollianne 883-3200, ext. 230, to make a reservation.

## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 25B/74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B/74B as well. To schedule an interview, call 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](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov), search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. Military personnel and their families may call the manager for an appointment. The shop is accepting spring and summer items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Volunteers

are needed. "Join us Saturday, June 4 from 10-2, the shop will have a buy-one-get-one-free sale (of equal or less value)," a prepared release said. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Jazz fund-raiser

The Watters Brothers Group, featuring trombonist Harry Watters and trumpeter Ken Watters, will give two concerts at UAH Roberts Recital Hall June 25 at 7:30 p.m. and June 26 at 3 p.m. with proceeds to benefit the Harry H. Watters Memorial Scholarship Fund for Excellence in Jazz. The opening group for the concert will be the Huntsville Jazz Orchestra, directed by Dr. Don Bowyer. For more information, call the University of Alabama-Huntsville department of music 824-6436.



### Gospel concert

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will present an annual "Celebration of Praise," featuring the Delta Choir, Sunday at 5 p.m. at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, 3020 Belafonte Ave. For more information, call Brigitte Fletcher 876-5207.

### 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.

### Military personnel section

The Identification Card Section will be closed June 1-2 to conduct system upgrades and will resume business June 3, according to the Military Personnel Division.

### Job vacancies

The following jobs are available: procure-

ment analyst (instructor) NH-III (GS-12/13) closing date June 3, with vacancy announcement numbers NCAS05589212 and NCAS05589212D. These jobs are posted on the Civilian Personnel Online (CPOL) web site at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil). People selected for these jobs will be assigned to the Army Logistics Management College-Huntsville campus. This is a satellite campus of the Army Logistics Management College, headquartered at Fort Lee, Va.

### Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on June 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338, Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

### Technical management training

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter is offering a CMMI training opportunity as a community service to the local management and technical community June 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. SAIC will host this seminar at 6725 Odyssey Drive in Huntsville. Sandra Cepeda, chief executive officer of CSSA, is to present the seminar. Cost is \$250 for PMI members, \$275 non-members. Register by June 3 at [www.northalabamapmi.org/cmml](http://www.northalabamapmi.org/cmml).

### Young Marines

Young Marines of North Alabama announces new recruit training for ages 8-18. Parent orientation is 6 p.m. June 6 and boot camp June 13-18 at building 3305, second floor. For information call Gunnery Sgt Timothy Freeman 876-1749 (work) or 684-2353 (cell).

### Disabled veterans

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 26 invites prospective members. "Are you eligible? Let us help you get the benefits

See Announcements on page 18

