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Doing all you can for war effort?

AMCOM commanding general asks workers to look within

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The commanding general makes it clear he wants the Soldier served every day of the week – not just Monday through Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, said during the town hall meeting June 21 he is concerned about the level of support on Fridays. Many workers have that day off every other week under alternative work schedules.

He plans to travel July 2-14 to Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq and talk to Soldiers fighting the war on terrorism.

"I guarantee you one of the things they're going to tell me is that AMCOM's doing a great job Monday through Thursday and they don't bother calling us on Friday because we don't answer the phone or we don't answer e-mail," he said. "I'm going to ask the staff to see what we can do to improve on support to



Photo by Skip Vaughn

COMMAND FORUM— Attendees listen to AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury during the town hall meeting June 21.

the field on Friday."

Pillsbury covered a variety of subjects during the afternoon meeting which drew an estimated 450 people to Bob Jones Auditorium. On base realignment and closure recommendations, he repeated his assurances that accommodations will be made for workers who do not want to leave with their jobs.

The Defense Department submitted its recommendations May 13 to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

"Employees who do not want to move we will help you stay here and rework the job skills that you might have," he said.

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Team effort yields record result



Community recognized for supporting AER

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Members of the Redstone community were thanked Thursday for their role in the record-setting annual AER campaign.

Army Emergency Relief raised \$142,479 this year, exceeding the \$85,000 goal.

"I just came from the desert and I saw AER in play at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said during the campaign recognition ceremony at Heiser Hall. "Why give to AER? Because it goes to Soldiers, that's what it's all about."

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented certificates to people who helped raise money during the

Photo by Skip Vaughn

THANKS FOR CARING— Soldiers and civilians gather around the \$142,479 AER campaign check after Thursday's award ceremony.

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Letters to the Editor

An open lane random survey

What do you think of the Army's system for recognizing individuals?

By **KELLEY LANE**
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Warrant Officer Joseph Peoples
"I think the current system has a lot of basis in rank and how well you articulate yourself on paper instead of performance."

Sgt. Anthony Pounds

"With the system they have now there are a lot of Soldiers who do good things and don't get rewarded for it. There are Soldiers who do their jobs on a normal basis, leave their units and get great awards for it. If there was a different system people could get the awards that they need instead of just the ones platoon sergeants put them in for."



Sgt. 1st Class Dynetha Childs
"There are a lot of people who need to be rewarded by promoting them. But then if people need to be disciplined, take it away from them. Some get the rank, but if they mess it up you have to discipline as well."

Staff Sgt. Robert Reynolds

"There are too many Soldiers who do great things that go unrecognized."



Full honors deserved for sacrifice

I just wanted to comment on the small write-up you have in the June 15 *Rocket* on Lance Cpl. Jonathan L. Smith (no relation), 22, of Eva, who died in Fallujah, Iraq.

I think they should have all the honor and praise they can get.

I thank the Lord for all they have done and what they are doing for the United States, and for me.

My brother J.W. Christian received the Purple Heart and lots of medals. A large number of my family is former military people and I'm proud of all of them.

I pray that this war will soon end and all can come home.

Ruth C. Smith
civilian retiree

Summer hiring statistics sought

I have a question for the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center regarding summer student hires. Can CPAC tell the military Redstone community the percentage of students that are military dependents that actually got hired for the student summer program at Redstone? We would like the answer to be posted on the *Redstone Rocket*.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "About 150 appropriated summer jobs and about 23 non-appropriated fund summer jobs were filled this summer at Redstone Arsenal. Some of these jobs were filled with returning summer hires from prior years, and some were new hires. The Redstone CPAC recommended at least one-third of the new appropriated summer hires be from competitive lists and at least one-third needy and

disadvantaged youth. We increased the number of needy and disadvantaged youth hired through the North Alabama Skills Center this year to about 14. Nearly all of the remaining new appropriated fund summer hire selections were made from the about 2,000 applications that were submitted under the three competitive announcements that were issued this summer. NAF received nearly 200 applications under its announcement for their 23 summer hire positions.

"Of the total 173 summer hires, there were at least 12 (7 percent) military family members and 83 (48 percent) civilian family members. By comparison there are about 1,300 permanent party military members, 10,000 Army civilians, and about 2,700 NASA government employees at Redstone Arsenal. There were also about 45 students placed through a Science and Engineering Apprentice Program, and several of these students were also military family members."

Cut out profane language from barbers

I would like to raise a concern that my wife brought to my attention. She had taken my two young sons to get haircuts at the Post Exchange barber shop June 22 when the barbers were overheard using profane language continuously. I feel that the Exchange area is a family area and this kind of language should not be tolerated by anyone especially small children let alone my wife. We use the Exchange barber shop because of the bargain prices but we may have to look for other barbers if this continues.

Ron Beaumont
retired chief warrant officer

Editor's note: The Post Exchange pro-

vided the following response. "The AAFES services manager would like to thank you for the opportunity to address this concern. AAFES patrons should not be subjected to this type of language while patronizing the AAFES barber shop. Under no circumstances should a valued AAFES customer be shown anything other than the utmost respect. The barber shop contracting official has notified both the barber shop manager as well as the barbers that this type of language is not acceptable in the workplace, nor will it be tolerated. Please accept our apology in this matter. We appreciate your business and will continue to improve our level of service at the AAFES barber shop."

Another day in Baghdad

This day began like any other day here near Baghdad, Iraq. It was a pleasant clear morning, and the sun was already gracefully appearing in the east. I started the day off with a phone call around 7 a.m. to check on my parents and to let them know I was OK. Breakfast was nothing unusual, but little did I know that this day would be the last for one of the Soldiers who ate in the chow hall.

The tracked vehicles are always parked outside of the chow hall during chow time, and they actually look kind of cool. As I got to the hospital, the morning meeting went well and I started doing the work of the day. Moments later, I heard someone deliver a message over the radio. There was panic in their voice, and the message went something like this: "We have U.S. Soldiers coming in to the hospital. They were hit by the enemy and are hurt pretty bad. I think one or two of them are dead. I think they were hit by an Improvised Explosive Device. Someone said one of their vehicles flipped over. They should be here in 10 or 15 minutes."

I immediately left my office and headed to the emergency room to prepare for the injured Soldiers. Everyone was in motion getting things set up. Doctors, nurses, technicians, admin, MPs and others were gathering IVs, stretchers and a host of other supplies in anticipation for the arrival of the injured.

"Get the OR staff," "make sure we have blood," "call the surgeons," "how far out are they," "get the litters ready," "calm down," "get the CT scan ready." The chatter was constant

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Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Name: Sgt. 1st Class Al Johnson

Job: Logistics NCO, Logistics Support Activity

Where do you call home?
Clewiston, Fla.

What do you like about your job?

One of the biggest things is we've got a direct impact on the Soldiers who are out fighting worldwide, whether it be Afghanistan, Iraq or Kuwait.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like going to the movies. I enjoy traveling when I get a chance to. And I love exercising when I get a chance to. Going to the movies, traveling and exercising.



What are your goals?

To get a master's degree in logistics management. And to retire from the Army and become a civil service employee.

Quote of the week

‘No matter how calmly you try to referee, parenting will eventually produce bizarre behavior, and I’m not talking about the kids. Their behavior is always normal.’

— Bill Cosby

SAMD supervisor cited for support of Guard, Reserve

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Many of the servicemembers fighting the war on terrorism represent the National Guard and Reserve. They leave their homes and civilian jobs to serve this country.

They need to know their jobs will be waiting for them when they return. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense recognizes employers whose support is important to retaining highly skilled and qualified members of the Guard and Reserve.

Jan Robinson, chief of the repair and return branch in the tactical missiles systems division of Security Assistance Management Directorate, has joined the ranks of these award-winning employers. She received a Patriotic Employer award from the office of the assistant secretary of defense and the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

“We’d just like to say thank you for your support,” Col. Pete Fast, leader for the Reserve team at the Defense Contract Management Agency-Huntsville,

said. He joined Col. Gary Bliss, commander of DCMA-Huntsville, in presenting the award June 22 to Robinson at the Security Assistance Management Directorate.

“You may be civilians out there but you’re part of this fight,” Bliss told the SAMD workers at the award ceremony. “Thank you very much.”

Robinson received a certificate and the DCMA commander’s coin. “I’m just very flattered,” she said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RECOGNITION— From left are Col. Pete Fast, leader of the Reserve team at Defense Contract Management Agency-Huntsville; honoree Jan Robinson of Security Assistance Management Directorate; and Col. Gary Bliss, commander of DCMA-Huntsville.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

June 16: An individual was stopped for speeding and became disorderly. He was issued two violation notices and released.

June 16: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 17: An individual reported that someone damaged his vehicle while attempting to enter it. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 17: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver’s license when it was reported that he had failed to register his vehicle. He also had no proof of insurance. He was issued three violation notices and released to a licensed driver.

June 17: An individual reported that someone removed his vehicle tag while it was parked in the Morale Welfare and Recreation resale lot. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 17: Another individual reported that someone removed his vehicle tag while it was parked in the MWR resale lot. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 17: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver’s license during an inspection at Gate 9. He also had an outstanding arrest warrant from Clay County Sheriff’s Department. He was issued a violation notice and released to Clay County Sheriff’s Department.

June 17: An individual reported that someone damaged his horse trailer while it was parked at the stable area. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 18: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver’s license during an inspection at Gate 10. He also had no proof of insurance. He was issued two violation notices and released to a licensed driver.

June 18: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver’s license during an inspection at Gate 8. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

June 21: An individual was found to be disorderly in the housing area when police were called to their residence for a disturbance. She was also charged with assault and harassing communication. Investiga-

tion continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 21: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 21: An individual was found to be disorderly in the Youth Center when police were called to the area for a disturbance. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 22: An individual reported that he found two boat gas containers at the Hudson recreation area. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 22: 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 to a licensed driver.

June 22: 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 to a licensed driver.

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

Violation notices issued: 14 speeding, 1 disorderly conduct, 2 failure to yield right of way, 2 expired tags, 6 driving with a suspended/revoked license, 1 no proof of insurance.

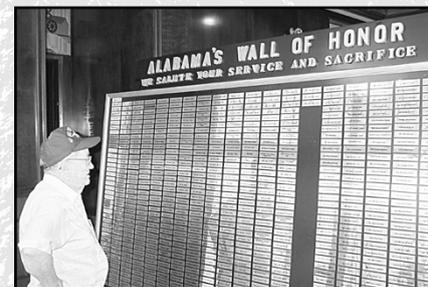
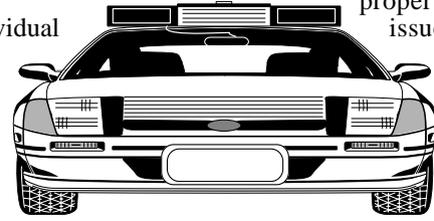


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Wall of honor

Dewey Cowart of Tuscumbia, a Navy veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, looks at a veterans’ wall of honor on display at the Officers and Civilians Club. The wall lists about 800 names of Alabamians who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Force protection staffers work behind scenes

Installation operations center links security resources

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

Run silent, run deep. Although the term brings images of Navy submarine warfare, it also describes the silent warriors of the Garrison's Installation Operations Center, who help protect Team Redstone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The Garrison IOC brings all the Team Redstone emergency operations centers together," the Garrison's Alvin Odoms said. "The Garrison IOC serves as the interlink for all the installation's ops centers, funneling and collecting guidance and information in a cooperative effort to focus on achieving our mutual and collective goal of protecting Redstone Arsenal."

They may be silent and unseen, but their results aren't.

"Most Team Redstone Soldiers, family members and workers will never see the folks who are devoted to protecting them while they're on post," Odoms said. "But the training, the preparation, the procedures and the policies that the IOC staff works on a daily basis benefit all the installation's customers."



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

PLANNING EXERCISE— The Garrison's Tim Jones, left, and Alvin Odoms review the planning scenario for an upcoming Installation Operations Center training exercise.

Not only does the IOC work on force protection, it also prepares for the possibility of reconstructing installation assets following an actual emergency.

"God forbid – and we pray – that nothing happens to disrupt one of the Arsenal's missions, but we need to be ready to help with reconstitution so that the war fighters depending on us are not left without the support that they need," Odoms said. "Toward that end, we cannot give enough credit to the help that we get from

the AMRDEC's Warfighter Protection Lab and the community assets, resources and emergency response personnel in the Tennessee Valley who would come to our aid, if needed."

The IOC holds regular meetings with Team Redstone and community emergency action officers.

"We have trained more than 300 EAOs from both the Arsenal and the surrounding communities," Odoms said. "And I cannot say enough good things about Tim Jones, who has immeasurably aided us in standing up our IOC. Tim comes to the Garrison direct from active-duty service as an operator who has faced the Global War on Terrorism threat firsthand.

"Plus, the tremendous amount of assets that we have here, with the unlimited electronic and software support from the WPL, and the use of unmanned ground vehicles and unmanned aerial vehicles has given us a tremendous advantage that quite frankly no other installation in the Army has. The resources, the facilities, the training, the exercises all come together to make us the model for other installations to follow."

That role modeling has not gone unnoticed.

"The Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Joint Staff Integrated Vulnera-

bility Assessment last fall concluded that Redstone Arsenal's anti-terrorism and force protection efforts and initiatives are unmatched," Odoms said. "I think what really makes us good is the fact that we do all these exercises – weather, chemical, nuclear, terrorism – and then we conduct thorough after-action reviews that pinpoint exactly what we need to do to improve."

Additionally, working with the community has proven to be both mutually beneficial and cost advantageous.

"Oftentimes community emergency managers offer valuable input and take advantage of our tests and exercises to evaluate their procedures and equipment," Odoms said. "As an example, WPL/UAH recently joined with us in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and environmental – CBRNE exercise, using their Bassett Hound UAV to provide leaders in the IOC with real-time images and data from the scene of the exercise threat. The use of this UAV protected our emergency first responders from going into harm's way. It also demonstrated the unique willingness and true spirit of cooperation that exemplifies the fact Arsenal leaders and community leaders all realize that we are in the protection and recovery business together."

Sparkman Center construction project phases in

By STEPHANIE MOORE
For the Rocket

Phase 2 of the force protection project at the Sparkman Center is scheduled to begin this week. Buildings 5308 and 5309 should be completed by the end of fall.

The contractor has 195 calendar days to complete this phase which will be constructed similar to Phase 1. Phase 2 will be done in two parts. Part one should be complete by the end of fall; and part two may be put off until spring 2006 for better weather.

During construction Phase 2 will take away some of

the parking.

"We will do everything possible to avoid inconveniences," Lee Riddle, project manager in the construction branch at Directorate of Public Works, said. "But with any construction, there will be some problems."

Phase 2 will cost approximately \$480,250. Force protection is required under the Unified Facilities Criteria. All changes result from requirements based on force protection initiatives under the Defense Department minimum antiterrorism standards for buildings. The purpose is to provide further protection against terrorism.

Along with extra safety, Phase 2 will provide better handicap facilities and open up more parking.

Phase 2 as a whole will affect buildings 5308, 5309 and 5302. Part one will start southeast of 5308 and run counter-clockwise to the northeast corner of 5309. Part two will affect the area around the north end of the cafeteria to 5302.

After construction is complete Ed Cronin, building manager at the Sparkman Center, said that most of the barriers around the Sparkman Center should come down.

The end result of this project will be similar to the outside of 5300. Phase 2 will be complete with a protective hydraulic gate immediately east of 5308. This gate will provide parking for handicap people and management.

"I would like to ask that everyone be as patient as possible and know that the end result will make the workplace safer," Riddle said.

The completion of Phase 2 will end major work for force protection for now.

Radar reaches milestone

Sentinel Radar serial number 175 was accepted May 31 at the Raytheon facility in Forest, Miss.

This completed the latest production contract (FRP 6) for Sentinel. The development and production of Sentinel radars has been ongoing for more than 10 years. Production unit number 1 was accepted in June 1996.

The Sentinel program is part of the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project.



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Contracting pros of year

The Maintenance and Special Projects Support Long Term Contracting Team won Contract Professional of the Quarter (for the first quarter of fiscal 2004) and Year Awards for executing a bridge contract in less than seven days after requirement was identified in support of the Kiowa Warrior mast mounted sight and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The contract has a potential maximum value of \$514 million over the next five years. From left are Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center; Demetrice Watson, contract specialist; Tammy Bingham, contract specialist; Deloris Brownlow, contract specialist; Carol Hardage, contracting officer and Trent Steadman, contract specialist (intern).



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Quarterly winners

The Apache Sensors Contracting Team won the second quarter Contract Professional of the Quarter Award for negotiating and awarding the Apache Program Office's first international cooperative development contract with the United Kingdom. The firm-fixed contract totaling \$15.9 million provides enhanced user module programming capability for the Apache helicopter. From left are Stephen Bradford, contracting officer; Mitchell Shelton, contract specialist and Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center.

■ Support to war fighters takes center stage at town hall

Questions

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He expects that job opportunities at Redstone will increase.

Redstone stands to gain about 1,650 jobs under the recommendations but some positions, particularly military, are proposed to leave for other installations. The BRAC Commission will review and possibly change some defense recommendations; and the commission presents its recommendations to the president in early September.

"The support to the Soldier is what we're all about," Pillsbury said, turning to the ongoing war efforts.

"We're at war. What are you doing and are you doing all that you can?" he said. "I ask you to ask that question to yourself."

After answering questions from the audience, Pillsbury concluded by praising the work force for making the Life Cycle Management Command concept work and for supporting the Soldier.

"I could not be happier nor could I be more proud of each and everyone here at Redstone as you go forward to support our Soldier on this global war on terrorism," he said.

Among those filing out of the auditorium was Henry Smith, a computer specialist in AMCOM's Corporate Information Center. He said he found the general's message positive.

"I thought it was all the things we have to do," Smith said. "I wonder why under AWS (alternative work schedule) certain people are not being served."

"He's truly a Soldier. We're looking out for the Soldier, that's what we do."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

POSING QUESTION— Tom Fischer of Business Management Directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center, writes his question on a card before the town hall meeting.

■ Army Emergency Relief helps military families

Campaign

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campaign held from March 1 through May 15. He also expressed his appreciation to those who didn't receive an award but contributed. AER provides grants and

no-interest loans to active duty and retired military and their family members, widows and widowers of retirees.

Redstone assisted 355 individuals and families by providing more than \$249,690 in 2004.

"I can't tell you how excited I am to be a part of an organization that sets a goal of \$85,000 to give to Soldiers and raises

\$142,000," Pillsbury said. He added that Redstone is 95 percent civilians so much of the credit goes to civilians and volunteers.

"And I can't tell you how proud I am to be a part of you all," Pillsbury said.

The 2005 campaign team included chairman Maj. Dave Bailey; co-chairman Staff Sgt. Amanda Calderon, now stationed overseas; and AER officer Kristi Foster of Army Community Service.

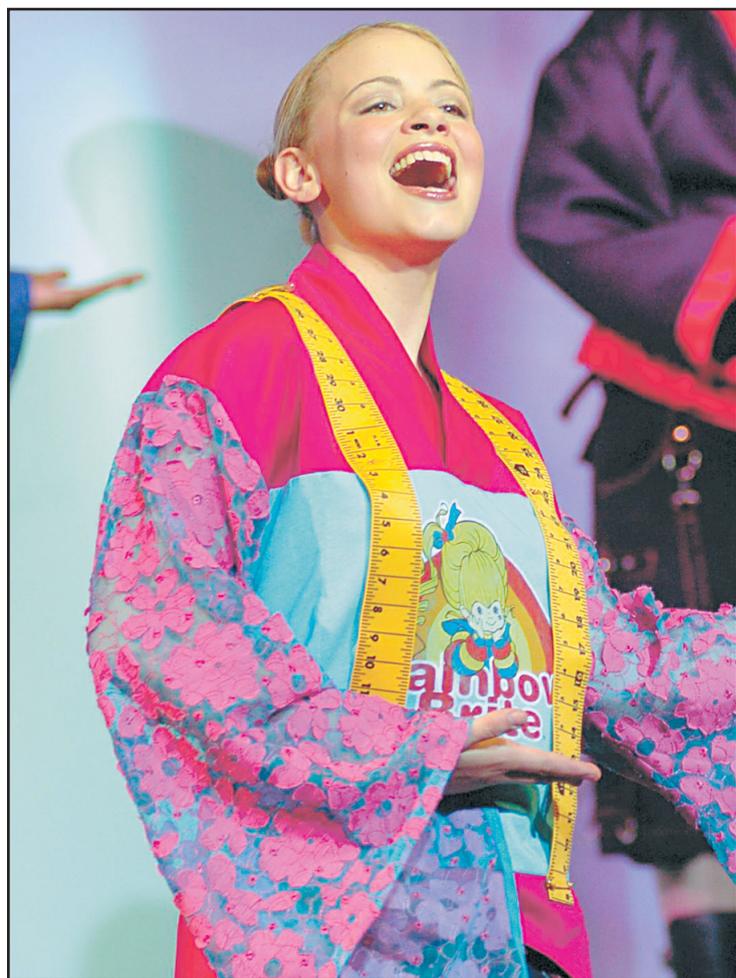
The \$142,479 represented the most ever for Redstone's campaign. Last year's drive raised \$117,670 through Soldiers' allotments and fund-raising events to exceed a \$70,000 goal.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GREAT JOB— AER campaign chairman Maj. Dave Bailey and AER officer Kristi Foster applaud award recipients during the ceremony.

Weeklong celebration to support military



Courtesy photo

SINGING SOLDIER— The U.S. Army Soldier Show is set to have three performances at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.

Local community has annual tribute

By **SHAREE MILLER**
For the Rocket

It is that time of year again, time for the Redstone and Madison-Huntsville community to come together to pay tribute to servicemembers. It's time for Armed Forces Celebration Week.

The theme for Armed Forces Week, July 18-24, is "America Supports You – Our Military Men and Women." Many of the events are open to the public.

Together with Redstone, the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will have a proclamation signing to kick off the week. It is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. July 18 at Redstone Lanes – Bowling and Fun Center. Immediately following the signing, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new bowling center. Those with access to Redstone are welcome to attend.

Redstone Arsenal's NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon will also be held July 18 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event honors Redstone's outstanding NCO and Soldier. Tickets are \$10 and can be pur-

chased by calling Sgt. 1st Class Monique Nixon at 876-8648.

Army Community Service will hold an open house July 18 at building 3338. ACS's open house also serves as a birthday celebration for its 40th year of service to the military. The open house starts at 1:30 p.m., immediately following the NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon, and lasts until 4.

The 249th Army Band of the West Virginia National Guard will headline the Concert in the Park series, sponsored by the city of Huntsville and the Art Council, on July 18 at Huntsville's Big Spring Park. The local band Buckler, which plays "acoustic pop rock," will kick off the night at 6:30 p.m. and the 249th will begin around 7:45. The concert concludes with a fireworks display at approximately 9.

In addition to the concert in the park, military hardware such as helicopters, aircraft and weapon systems, will be displayed on Williams Street by the Big Spring Park as part of the Armed Forces Week and concert activities. The Concert in the Park and hardware displays are open to the public; and people are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is set to have three performances at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Performances are July 19 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and July 20 at 7 p.m. Tickets are required and will be distributed July 6-8 to military members (retired, active and reserve) at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. All remaining tickets will be distributed to the public beginning July 9 at the recreation center as well as the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

The Armed Forces Salute Dinner, sponsored by the Association of the United States Army and the Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled July 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. There will be a general reception starting at 5:30 in the East/West Hall with military exhibits and displays. The scheduled speaker is Francis Harvey, secretary of the Army. Individual tickets for the luncheon are \$125. For more information, call Linda Crutcher 722-4260 or Keith Clevenger 722-4696 or register online at http://www.huntsvillealabama.com/chamber/pics/salute_dinner.pdf.

AUSA will host a Soldier's Breakfast on July 20 at 6:30 a.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Guest speaker will be Gen. Hal Moore.

To wrap up the week, AUSA will hold the Armed Forces Week golf tournament at Redstone Golf Course on July 21. The tournament is a four-person scramble open to the public. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. Cost is \$45 for military and DoD civilians and \$85 for others. The price includes entry fee, green fees, cart, food and drink. There is a limit of 192 players in the tournament. For more information, call Mike Kelley 542-5100 or e-mail michael_kelley@raytheon.com.

Additional activities are also planned. The Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is July 19-20 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

A number of area museums and attractions will honor military personnel by offering free or reduced admission during Armed Forces Celebration Week, according to the Chamber of Commerce:

- Raptors indoor football game — July 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Arena on AUSA-sponsored military night.

- Huntsville/Madison County Botanical Garden — Free admission with military ID from July 16-24.

- Early Works museum — "Works" package for a reduced charge of \$6 on July 16 for active duty personnel and their families.

- Huntsville Museum of Art — Free admission July 18-23 for active military ID card holders.

- U.S. Space and Rocket Center — From July 18-24 military ID card holders active or retired and their immediate family members will receive \$4 off the general admission price. No other discounts will apply.

- Burritt on the Mountain — Free admission for military ID card holders July 18-22.

- Huntsville Stars baseball — Half-price tickets for the military ID card holders July 17 at 2:30 p.m.

- Sci-Quest — Half-price admission for military ID card holders July 18-22.

For more information about Armed Forces Celebration Week, log on to the Team Redstone or AMCOM web site for a calendar of events with links to registration forms. You can also call the Chamber of Commerce 535-2000, or the Public Affairs Office 842-0558.



Courtesy photo

BAND PLAYS ON— The 249th Army Band of the West Virginia National Guard will headline the Concert in the Park series, sponsored by the city of Huntsville and the Art Council, on July 18 at Huntsville's Big Spring Park.

Two men craft violins at arts center

Age-old woodworking challenge draws research materials engineers

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The first place Ahmet Yilmaz visited after completing his initial day as a materials engineer for AMRDEC two months ago was the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center.

"I met Jim here as soon as I arrived in the department," he said, gesturing toward friend and fellow materials engineer Jim Metzger, sitting beside him in the craft center's wood shop. "He introduced me to the shop. I met a lot of friendly people here and I found something to do."

Both men work for the environmental corrosion group at Research Development and Engineering Center and share an interest in woodworking. Soon they agreed to begin their most challenging project to date: building violins.

"We have plenty of tools and people are so helpful. If they do not have a tool we need, they're bringing their own from home," Yilmaz said. "We are proving anyone, even with basic skills, can attempt a challenging project like this here."

Metzger first invited him to the shop to show him some wooden boxes he had made. Some of his boxes are on display in a case in the front of the craft center.

"They're some boxes I made from various scrap wood," Metzger said. "One of the things Chris Lang, the newest instructor here, was telling me about were some inlays. I figured I could do it."

Lang explained that he had worked at Colonial Williamsburg and learned some antique methods of woodworking that included the inlays.

"Chris, Mark Wolfson (the center's assistant manager), Roy Bruton, Siefert Shultz, they've all made their contributions to our project," Metzger said. "Those people, just working with us, even bringing their own tools to try — not that we don't have enough tools here, but sometimes we have to make our own tools too and we're getting help with them on this."

He said he has been working with wood his whole life because both his father and his grandfather enjoyed it. He never made anything too elaborate, but he said the people at the craft center being able to help encouraged him to attempt more chal-

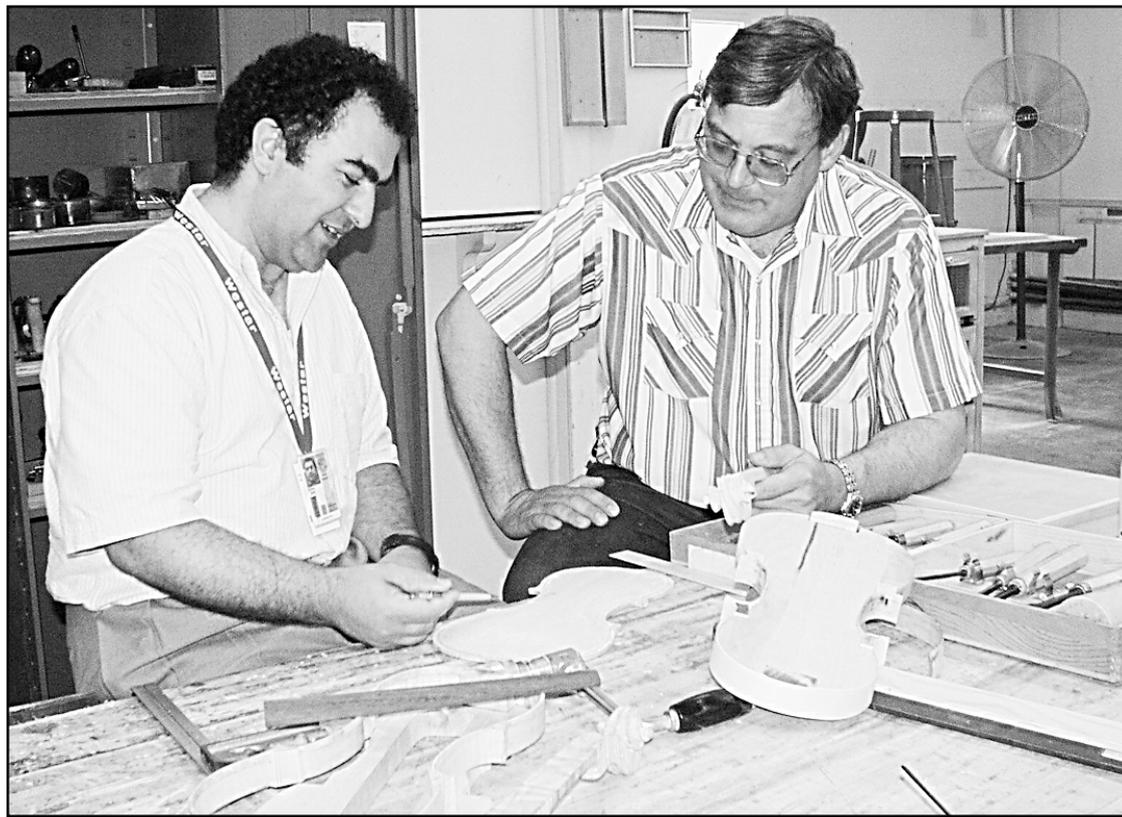


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JOINT EFFORT— Ahmet Yilmaz, left, and Jim Metzger, materials engineers for the RDEC environmental corrosion group, discuss how to build a violin at the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center.

lenging projects.

"The help you get here, you are not afraid to take on something that would be almost impossible without it. We are literally inventing our process here, creating our own tools as we're doing it," he said, pointing at the partially built violin spread out on the table in front of him. "You really have to learn the wood, which way the grains going because it's hard to carve if you don't. Ahmet, you've been pretty much my mentor and teacher and I'm getting an appreciation for woodworking and history."

Yilmaz explained that building a violin is "a little bit" challenging because it involves many things: knowledge of woodworking, acoustics — because most of the time things are not measurable, you have to "have a good ear," physics — because you have to know how it works, the plates in the violin have to be tuned and they have to give a good sound to it, and design — because it has to be attractive as well as functional.

"What's impressed me about Ahmet's skill is that he has quite an eye, he knows that you need to tune this nodal point in the right spot and that involves mathematics as well as a love of music. He's also an accomplished musician," Metzger said.

"I've played (the violin)," Yilmaz said. "You know, if you love music, you have to build an instrument. This is going to be my fifth violin and I have learned

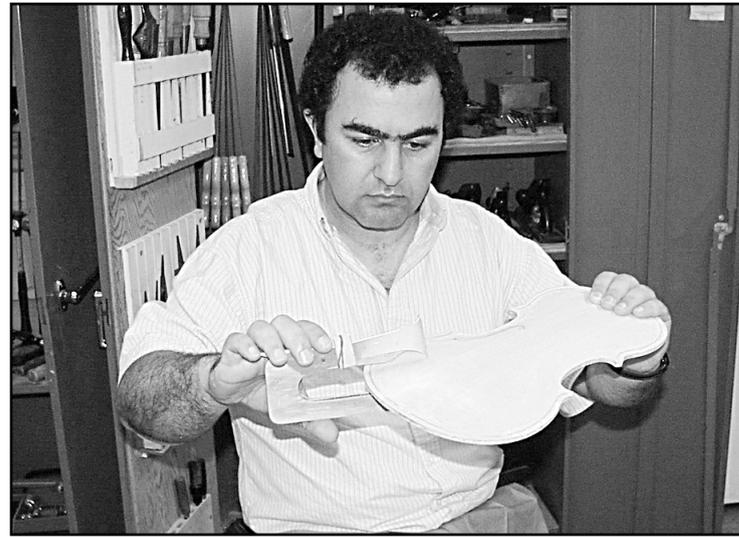


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PAINSTAKING WORK— Ahmet Yilmaz uses his handmade caliper to gauge the thickness of the front plate of the violin he started building at the arts and crafts center.

a lot with each."

He also is from a woodworking family. His grandfather and father are both skilled craftsmen who've built furniture, clock towers and have done everything from carving to finishing.

"I'm grateful to them too, just carrying their skills on to me and my physics knowledge," Yilmaz said.

Originally from Turkey, Yilmaz has lived in the United States for 10 years and is a U.S. citizen. He earned both his master's and doctorate from the University of Nevada in Reno and worked on corrosion issues of

nuclear waste packages and repositories for Lawrence-Livermore National Laboratory in California.

He has worked on the Yucca Mountain Project, dealing with environmental disposal of nuclear waste packages coming from commercial military experimental sources. He also has hands-on experience with electro-chemical work for general and localized corrosion of related metals.

Metzger arrived here in September 2004. Originally from Oklahoma, he began his career working for Conoco-Phillips off-

shore or "upstream." He did corrosion petroleum chemistry work for several years then transferred to a research and development center in Ponca City.

"Ponca is famous for being the place where they filmed the movie Twister. I was an environmental engineer for the R&D facility there," he said. "You know the Feons they have in the cars today? We developed them for DuPont. That was one of the projects I worked with."

He was transferred within Ponca City through downsizing to the refinery, serving as an environmental analyst for the company. He ended up with 22 years in the oil business before coming to work at Redstone.

"Ahmet is really a traditionalist. We've put a lot of ourselves into (this project). Our knowledge of materials comes into it and his knowledge of physics is just phenomenal," he said. "He is a terrific teacher, it's just obvious that he loves to teach and he puts up with my jokes too."

"Jim's a great person," Yilmaz said. "He helped me in many ways to start this project here."

So what has Metzger learned so far about building a violin?

"It's kind of like eating an elephant," he said. "It's all pretty straightforward but it really takes patience — that's the most important skill you have to have with this. You have to take your time, don't rush it, do it in the right sequence and it comes together."

The arts and crafts center, at the corner of Vincent and Gray roads, is open to anyone with a badge to get on the Arsenal; this includes government contractors, active duty and retired military and their family members, and all Department of Defense and NASA employees. The center not only offers woodworking opportunities, but also includes such things as basket weaving, stained glass and more. Course offerings can be found on the Internet at www.redstonemwr.com or call 876-7951 and request direct e-mail of monthly class offerings and upcoming events. The center also provides a custom matting and framing service with competitive prices.

Wolfson said experts in each arts and crafts area are available whenever the center is open. The center's hours are 1:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

"Whether you have a beginning skill level or are more advanced, you can get help," Wolfson said. "Our motto is, 'You can do it.'"

Corps of Engineers workers recognized for service

The Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville recognized employees for their service during the Engineer Day celebration June 17. The annual event commemorates the birthday of the Army Corps of Engineers which turned 230 years old June 16.

Melodie Schroder was selected as Administrative Support Employee of the Year for her work over the past year as the Engineering Division secretary.

Michael Stahl was awarded the Commander's Leadership Award for his superior leadership as the senior program manager for the Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program in Iraq.

Frances Steel was named the Contracting Professional of the Year for her work with the Military Munitions Response Program.

Andrew Schwartz accepted the Employee of the Year Award. Schwartz is a geophysicist working in the Geotechnical Branch of the Civil-Structures Division in the Engineering Directorate and specializes in the use of electromagnetic equipment to locate dangerous buried unexploded ordnance. He led a team of geophysicists and students last year in a study concerning the quality of geophysical data collection. The study has been used to develop guidelines for quality control measures in data collection for the entire industry.

Virginia Mitchell was named the Innovator of the Year for her innovative approach toward the award of a contract for the construction of missile facilities at Fort Greely, Alaska.

David Jacobs garnered the Engineer of the Year Award for his expertise and leadership as the technical manager of an interdisciplinary team responsible for the

design of the Pueblo Chemical Agent Pilot Plant for the destruction of the Chemical Weapon Stockpile at Pueblo Chemical Depot.

David Ghoja was named Volunteer of the Year for his work on the 2005 Engineer Week program.

The Coalition Munitions Clearance Product Delivery Team was awarded the Teamwork Award for its efforts in securing and destroying the captured enemy ammunition that has been found during military operations in Iraq.

The team consists of:

- Ordnance and Explosive Directorate employees Glenn Earhart, Stahl, Roland Belew, Wayne Shaw, Keith Angles, John Coakley, Bob Weis, Doyalle Stidham, Jimmy Walker, Mike Smith, Douglas Rhodes, Tom Knapp, Betty Harrison, Stan Caruthers, Sandy Rudolph, Greg Parsons, Ben Otey, Darlene Stapler, Dennis Lacy, Roger Patterson

- Contracting Directorate employees Steve Hamilton, Cheryl Jones, Lisle Lennon, Rebecca Vaughan, Richard Mullady

- Information Management Directorate employees Pam Draper, Phillip Mann, Gregg DeMott

- Resource Management Directorate employee Georganne Ramsey

- Contractors Dennis Hardiman of Spectra Tech, USA Environmental, Zapata Engineering, Parsons Tetra Tech FWI, ECC, International Operations Center-EOTI

- Engineering Directorate employees Tommy Hunt, Harshad Patel, Charles Pregeant

- Public Affairs Office employee Betsy Weiner

- Office of Counsel employees Emily Baine, Margaret Simmons. (*Engineering and Support Center release*)

Rotorcraft students on schedule to graduate

A rotorcraft class at University of Alabama-Huntsville has really taken off.

The first rotorcraft systems engineering program offered by UAH began last summer; and the students are on schedule to graduate in August with a master's degree in engineering with a concentration in rotorcraft systems engineering.

A new session will begin in the fall semester. In addition to rotorcraft systems engineering, the university will offer a master's in engineering with a concentration in missile systems engineering. This new program is being supported by the Space and Missile Defense Command and the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

Research Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Technical Test Center and PEO Aviation are continuing their

support for the rotorcraft program.

These organizations seek qualified applicants for both programs. Redstone students interested may call Dr. Jim Snider, UAH Rotorcraft Center director, at 824-6066.

Participants include Dr. Jorge Aunon, dean of engineering; Jo Ann Jones, UAH Cooperative Education; and students Blake Anderson, Brian Murphey, William Cooper, Kevin Pulliam, Eric Woods, Eric Martin, Laura Ayers, Michael Howerton, Phillip Dussault, Mark Parsons, Jerry Hatch, Josh Elmore, William McDonald, Michael McClure, Angela Ewing, Eric Shull, David Anconetani and Douglas Miller. The students are employees of the Research Development and Engineering Center, PEO Aviation and Redstone Technical Test Center.

■ 'Taking care of injured Soldiers a rewarding experience'

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as we prepared to do our best to receive our fallen comrades. Maybe two dead? Man, I hope they are wrong. Maybe they are exaggerating. Maybe it's really not that bad. Suddenly we heard: "They are one minute out so everybody get ready."

I went to the front of the hospital and heard the noise of a tracked vehicle approaching on the dirt road leading to the hospital. I could feel my anxiety rise as the vehicle entered into view. It was moving really fast and as the driver approached us, he spun the vehicle around to have the opening facing us. Dirt and rocks flew up into the air as the tracked vehicle maneuvered in a spinning motion. The hatch opened, and several Soldiers inside came out with one of their injured. He didn't look that bad, I said to myself, and it only appeared as if he had minor injuries. This was just wishful thinking on my part, because until we were able to get him inside and make a proper assessment there was no way to tell the extent of his injuries.

The driver told us several other vehicles were on the way, and should be here within a few minutes. We took the Soldier into the trauma room and began treating him. A doctor was attending to him along with a host of others. I went back outside to wait for the other vehicle with a sense of optimism. Maybe they all will only have minor injuries. The next vehicle approached in the same fashion as the first; spinning, dirt flying, and we all wondered what we would see when the hatch opened. "Oh my God," I said to myself when I saw the injured Soldier being carried by his buddies. "Where are his legs? Where is his pelvis? There's blood everywhere. I know he's not alive. Let's get him inside."

We took him inside and there were no signs of life. There was no way anyone could have survived an injury like that ... He was moved to an area where we keep the fatally injured, and we continued on with the other injured Soldiers who had just arrived. They also arrived with all the noise, spinning and rock throwing.

Once all were in the trauma room, one of the uninjured members of the team said: "That's all of them, Sir. The rest of us are OK." The doctors and nurses were busy trying to save the lives of the four injured Soldiers. The doctors and a bunch of other medical personnel were in rare form ... Everybody performed remarkably. It all just seemed to click. Each team seemed to work well to stabilize the Soldiers. Now two of them are in surgery and the others were stable and didn't require surgery. They were still in the trauma room receiving additional care when I decided to go attend to the deceased Soldier. He was on a stretcher in an area of the hospital all by himself. Blood was dripping on the floor as I approached, and I knew he needed to be treated with the utmost respect. I went to get some help and saw the sergeant major in the hall.

"Hey sergeant major, give me a hand preparing this Soldier." "Sure, Sir." The sergeant major suggested we prepare him so he could be viewed by his comrades. The sergeant major and I removed the sheet covering the Soldier, and began to prepare him for viewing. He had a few small lacerations on his face, but other than that his upper body was intact. A few other Soldiers saw us and came to help out. We cleaned him up the best we could, and removed all the bloody clothing, sheets and drapes. We put him on clean sheets, and transferred his body to a clean stretcher. We put him into a body bag and moved him into a room where his unit would be able to pay their last respects.

There was a feeling of pride caring for this Soldier who had made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Even though he was dead, we treated him like a VIP. We all felt a sense of honor preparing his body ...

I was approached by one of my NCOs who informed me that their general was coming to the hospital. I informed my commander and we went to greet the general at the hospital entrance. He entered the hospital with his staff, and we updated them on the situation. We took them around the hospital to see their Soldiers. We started in the trauma room, where the Soldiers with minor injuries were recovering, moved to the operating room, and then to the room where the deceased Soldier was positioned. The general and his staff entered the room, and my sergeant major opened the body bag down to the Soldier's chest.

The General and his staff were extremely touched when they saw the Soldier lying there. He had a chaplain colonel with him, and the chaplain said a prayer for the Soldier and his family. "Lord bless this young Soldier, and bless his family back home who have not even been notified of their loss."

The entire staff had tears in their eyes. I began to think of the pain and hurt his family was going to feel when they were notified of his death, and thought about how my family would be affected if it were me. Tears began to fall from my face as I pondered how my wife, children, parents, siblings, family and friends would react if something happened to me.

After the chaplain's prayer, the general pinned a Purple Heart on the Soldier's chest, and they left the room to address his buddies waiting in the conference room. They visited for a while and then left the hospital. Later that day, we received three additional casualties from a different incident. Fortunately, their injuries were minor and none of them died.

What a day! Taking care of American Soldiers injured in combat is a rewarding experience. Soldiers lay their lives on the line everyday to defend our great nation, and protect our way of life. Americans have different opinions about exposing our young men and women to the horrors of combat. One thing for sure is that we are all proud to be Americans! God bless you all. I'll be home soon. What a day!

Marshall Smith
Iraq

Redstone community invited to fly friendly skies

*Flying Activity
affordable fun*

By **PATRICIA KLAVER**
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Would you like to be able to rent an airplane for any need any time you need it? Are you thinking of learning how to fly or to improve your skills? You can do both at the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity.

This Morale Welfare and Recreation activity is open to anyone in the Redstone community. The Flying Activity is just west of Rideout Road at building 4828 off Hale Road.

Airplanes are rented by the hour. Prices range from \$60.50 to \$109 per hour, depending on the plane selected. Aircraft rates include fuel provided by the Flying Activity. Reimbursement for your own fuel will be given with a valid receipt. Certified instructor rates are \$22 an hour. The best estimate of the total cost for a private pilot license is approxi-

mately \$3,800.

The Flying Activity boasts 11 two-seat and four-seat planes, available for rent 24 hours a day, seven days per week for your flying recreation. Cessna 152s, Cessna 172s, a Cessna R182, a Piper Warrior and Piper Arrows may be selected for your convenience.

"Use the planes for practice hours, TDY trips, vacations, sightseeing, to pick up relatives, or go out for that \$100 hamburger," Tim Thompson, business manager of the Flying Activity, said.

It's easy to reserve a plane. Just go on the web site at www.redstonemwr.com and click on Airplane Scheduling. The web site has pictures of all the planes and the corresponding rental prices. It also has postings of meetings and articles of interest to all navigators and links to other aviation sites. Copies of necessary paperwork can also be found on the web site. Any of the 340 members of the Flying Activity will be happy to help



Photo by Patricia Klaver

FAMILY FLIGHT— Air travel can be a family outing at the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity.

explain paperwork procedures.

If you are not near a computer or you have any other ques-

tions, call the Flying Activity at 881-3980 or 880-9495. Office hours are Monday through Fri-

day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is closed Sunday.

Arming Soldiers for new artillery system

Ordnance school starts training on HIMARS

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A local classroom has only one student. But the lessons that the student is



Photo by Kim Henry

REDSTONE FIRST— One of the two HIMARS launchers at Redstone has its firing position movements checked during maintenance training.

learning will prove invaluable in the field.

Pfc. Rogelio Arenivar is the first Soldier at Redstone to learn maintenance for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, a variant of the Multiple Launch Rocket System M270 A1 upgrade launcher. Unlike the M270 and M270 A1, which are tracked vehicles, HIMARS is on a truck chassis.

The 3-27th Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Corps, became the first certified HIMARS battalion June 16. In anticipation of replacement needs, the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School's Missile Systems Training Department wanted to ensure that future Soldiers could train on HIMARS. The only place to get the maintenance training on HIMARS is at Redstone.

The class originated when Arenivar, a member of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion training on MLRS, received orders to the 82nd Airborne Corps. "Before his graduation he found out he was going to Fort Bragg (N.C.)," Billy Blount, acting deputy director for Missile Systems Training Department, said. "As soon as we found out his assignment we knew he had to start training on HIMARS."

"A week before I was about to graduate, they pulled me out of M270 A1 training and told me I was taking HIMARS," Arenivar, 20, said. "I was down at first because I couldn't go home, but when I found out it was a new system it gave me the incentive to be the first trained on HIMARS."

Besides Arenivar, there are two civilians and one noncommissioned officer learning HIMARS in order to maintain it at Redstone and at Fort Sill, Okla. Fort Sill trains HIMARS operators. Another noncommissioned officer is in the class to learn how to instruct it in the future. The department anticipates training at least

three more Soldiers like Arenivar before October.

HIMARS helps the Army in meeting its goal of fielding a lighter, more mobile and more flexible weapon system. The HIMARS carries one rocket or missile launch pod, which contains either six MLRS rockets or one Army Tactical Missile System missile.

Having the assets to teach the HIMARS class proved to be a Team Redstone effort. The school relied on the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office. Initially the HIMARS systems

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Photo by Kim Henry

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE— Theodore Wright, HIMARS instructor, stands back as Pfc. Rogelio Arenivar performs maintenance on his own. Staff Sgt. Mark Coleman looks on so he can teach the class in the future.

Admin pros take care of business



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AWARD CEREMONY— From left are scholarship chairman Glenda Davis, award recipients Travis Black and Caritas Gentle and treasurer Robert Archer, also a member of the scholarship committee.

Group presents scholarships during monthly luncheon

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Two students can thank a group of administrative professionals for help with their college expenses.

Caritas Gentle and Travis Black each received a \$1,000 scholarship June 21 from the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

Gentle of Huntsville attends Columbia College where she made the deans list. Black of Blountsville, a Hanceville High graduate, will attend the University of Alabama. Both majoring in business, they received certificates at the chapter's monthly luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The chapter presents two scholarships annually to a high school and college student. Gentle and Black were selected from 21 applicants.

This meeting, which included installation of four of seven new members, marked the end of the year for outgoing president June Pockrus. Jackie Kenner, of the Research Development and Engineering Center, is president for the next year.

"First let me say how much I've enjoyed being your president this year," Pockrus said. "It has been a wonderful year."

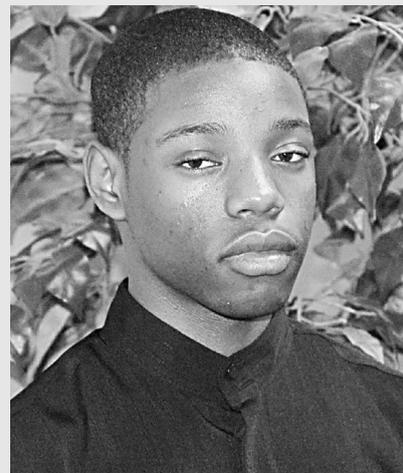


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Straight A student

Quintin Lundy, an honor student and band member at Buckhorn High, maintained a 4.0 average throughout his sophomore 2004-05 year. He is the son of Austin Lundy of Integrated Materiel Management Center and Jasmine Lundy of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems Project Office.



Courtesy photo

Young achiever

Jasika Simone Williams, 9, an honor student at J.E. Williams School, is an award winning volunteer and artist. She represented her school in the Alabama Council for Technology in Education on March 30 at the Von Braun Center. Her artwork was displayed at this year's Panoply arts festival downtown. She attends School Age Services after-school program on post and was chosen Child of the Year 2004. Jasika was among the honorees at this year's Redstone volunteer recognition luncheon. Her mother, Kathy, works in the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center; and her father, Charles, is a retired sergeant first class.

Financial principles empower teens

Class teaches teens to budget, save, invest, plan for future

By LIRA FRYE
For the Rocket

Teens and teen culture seems to be everywhere. Teenage Research Unlimited, a consultancy in Northbrook, Ill., reports the teenage population will reach about 34 million within the next five years, up from about 30 million in 1997 and 33.5 million at present. TRU shows teens spent or influenced spending to the tune of \$175 billion in 2003.

Given the size of the teenage market, and how much teenagers spend, merchants are willing to try just about anything to get their attention.

"Teens have a tremendous amount of buying power," Kathleen Riester, Army Community Service's Personal Financial Readiness program manager, said. "We've learned through research that teens know how to spend, but they don't always understand the virtues and value of saving and investing."



Photo by Lira Frye

LEARNING THE BASICS— Clifton Officer, Kathleen Riester and Courtney Cox discuss the High School Financial Planning Program. The program's goal is to help teens learn how to responsibly and effectively manage their money.

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Army promotes automatic professional development

E-Learning offers worldwide avenue

Working eight hours a day, five days a week would be a luxury for most Army employees. For example, Fort Gordon's Staff Sgt. Jasonica Crawford attests to the long hours worked by Army personnel. "My day starts at 4 a.m., I'm at work by 4:45 a.m. and I don't get off sometimes until 6 p.m.," she said.

The Army work force's workload is demanding, and the Army needs its personnel to demonstrate the dedication shown by Crawford in order to successfully accomplish its mission. Yet dedication alone won't prepare the Army for the future. Training and education play a critical role in arming Army personnel with the professional and personal knowledge to succeed in the wars of today and tomorrow, as well as in their careers and personal life. Until recently, the question that Army commanders and personnel faced was not whether training was important, but rather, "when can we fit it in?"

In order to answer the question, the Army created Army e-Learning, the latest component of the Distributed Learning System. Army e-Learning offers every active duty Soldier, Army reservist, ROTC cadet and Army civilian employee free access to more than 2,000 commercial web-based information technology, business, leadership and personal development courses from anywhere with an Internet connection. The Army wants to invest in continuing its employees' professional development, and by providing online courses, Army personnel can continue their education and training from their current location within their existing schedule.

Crawford lives the Army cliché, "We do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day." She serves as an instructor at the Army's Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Academy in Fort Gordon, Ga. Ironically, while she's responsible for helping extend training to students, her demanding schedule made personal education difficult. Army e-Learning changed that.

Phone books, guides ready for pickup

The Redstone Arsenal Telephone Directories and Installation Guides have arrived and will be available for pickup today and Thursday, as well as July 11-14 and July 18-21 from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

The telephone directories and guides will be distributed from building 5302 (Sparkman Center loading docks). The distribution process will be the same as last year. Each organization must provide necessary manpower and transportation when loading telephone directories and guides for transport. This applies to all organizations located on and off Redstone Arsenal. A recycle bin will be available at the loading dock to dispose of old Redstone telephone directories.

Directorate of Information Management contacts are Geneva Murphy 876-6103, Ronald Hyatt 955-7953 and Tom Weigand 876-9111. Public Affairs contact is Lira Frye 955-9173.

"Army e-Learning is helping me reach my professional and personal goals," she said. "When I have time, I sit down and take a course through Army e-Learning. It's very easy. Some courses are voice synchronous and walk you through the lessons, others you read at your own pace. I've learned a lot from Army e-Learning on topics as diverse as business, information technology, human resources and information assurance."

The Army is actively promoting Army e-Learning for personal and professional use. In fact, just over a year ago, the Army's CIO/G6 sent a directive instructing all Army organizations and major commands to use Army e-Learning to satisfy work force information technology requirements.

"To date, more than 213,000 users have accessed Army e-Learning, and the numbers continue to rise at a rate of 300-500 new users each week," Stan Davis, project officer for Army e-Learning, said. "Army e-Learning provides one stop shopping for IT training using the most up-to-date commercial applications industry has to offer."

For information on how to access Army e-Learning, log onto <http://www.us.army.mil>; My Education; Army e-Learning portal page. You can also access Army e-Learning at <http://usarmy.skillport.com>. You must have an AKO account to access the system. (*Distributed Learning System release*)

Jamaican student makes best of stay

A Jamaican military student was the distinguished graduate June 22 from the Ammunition Specialist Course.

Lance Cpl. Michael Lawrence, 29, a member of the Jamaica Defence Force, was assigned since April 4 with Headquarters & Alpha Company.

"I felt at home," the married father of two said.

The International Military Student Office sponsors activities for trainees from other nations. "They were excellent," Lawrence said.



Courtesy photo

Lance Cpl. Michael Lawrence

■ Class in session for artillery system maintainers

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were supposed to arrive at Redstone in August, but a change in the fielding schedule brought them to the school in April. "(The project manager) played a big role in our ability to do the training," Blount said.

The school has two HIMARS, two sets of test equipment and one set of tools to train students. Three civilian instructors are qualified to teach HIMARS.

"The teaching here is great," Arenivar said. "There is never a boring day. If you come in with an open mind and are willing to learn they'll teach you. They take their job real seriously."

The three instructors received HIMARS training from Lockheed Martin in spring 2004. With their new training and their MLRS teaching experience, they had to put together lesson plans to be implemented that summer.

In July, the three went to Fort Sill to present the course to maintainers to see if they could do maintenance in the field during an operational test. They were successful. "These (instructors) put their lives on hold, they had families and school, but they put that aside to get this training going," Blount said.

"We trained four Soldiers to participate in the evaluation in only six weeks," Theodore Wright, MLRS and HIMARS instructor, said. "The

HIMARS was completely taken apart down to the wheels. They were able to put it back together and then perform a live fire shot of several rockets and missiles. They did very well."

The students at Redstone should succeed, too. Their real test on HIMARS will be when they take the system apart and reassemble it. The true result comes when a simulated rocket/missile test is performed.

"If it doesn't work we'll fix it," Wright, a retired field artillery operator and maintainer, said. "The job is not done until the system is combat ready."

"HIMARS is a complex, expensive weapon system," Blount said. "Soldiers using them in Iraq and Afghanistan aren't capable of fixing it if it breaks. They have to depend on somebody with the tools and the knowledge to fix it."

Unlike personal automobiles that can sit for days in the shop getting repaired, these Soldiers are on-call mechanics who work on-site to get the system ready for battle as soon as possible.

"We want (Arenivar) to walk off the airplane and know how to work and go," Blount said.

Arenivar joined the Army in September 2004. His father is a staff sergeant communication repairer in Germany. "My father is very proud of me, that I'm the first (HIMARS student at Redstone)," he said.

■ Teenagers learn how to budget their money

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Because Riester thought it was important to reach out to teenagers, she started offering a financial planning program targeted to addressing their needs. The High School Financial Planning Program, developed by the National Endowment for Financial Education, consists of six units using real-world scenarios to teach teens how to manage their money. Coursework focuses on goal setting, budgeting and saving, while covering topics such as financial responsibility, earning money, compound interest, credit fundamentals and insurance.

The response has been good.

Fourteen-year-old Clifton Officer participated in the class after a suggestion from his mother. Although he said he liked the class overall, the most useful thing he learned was the envelope system. The system helps teens manage their cash by labeling an envelope for each spending category of the teen's budget. The teen puts a planned amount in each envelope and when they need to spend money, say for food, they take the money out of that envelope. When an envelope is out cash, the teen is done spending for that category.

Officer said he also learned about separating his wants from his needs and to make sure he met his needs first.

"I learned to wait more," he said. "Usually when I get money I want to spend it, but now I'm learning I don't have to have instant gratification."

Another participant, Courtney Cox, 16, agreed. "The envelope system is a good system," she said. "It helps me be organized. When I get babysitting money, it goes into my envelopes, and if it's empty, I don't spend. The class has taught me the benefits of having money in my pocket and not having a hole!"

Riester hopes to schedule one more class during the summer and then schedule more classes depending upon the need.

"There's something about talking about money that does get a teenager's attention," Riester said. "Once teenagers are empowered with the knowledge, they take off and become very motivated to take control of their financial situation."

Each student receives a free book and calculator. This class is open to all youth whose parent(s) are a part of the Redstone community. Call Riester at 876-5397 for more information.

Dragons by any other name are still Dragons

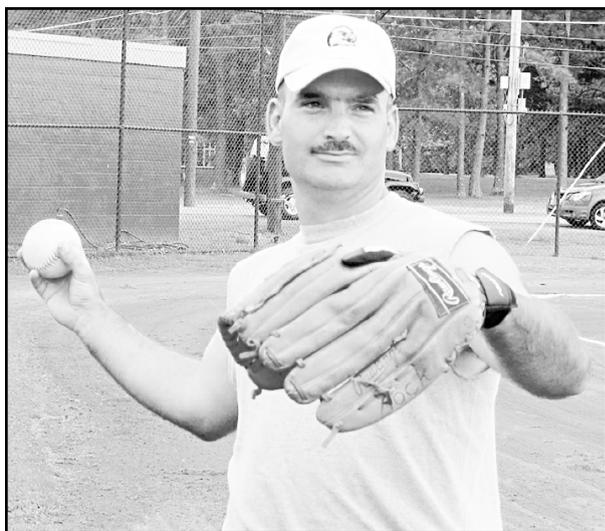


Photo by Skip Vaughn

CATCH THE CHANGE— Delta left fielder Rob White warms up for the preseason tournament opener June 7 at Linton Field. Delta, which has since become Headquarters & Alpha-2, was runner-up to preseason champion Bravo.

Delta Company deactivates, joins Headquarters & Alpha

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The former Delta Company is defending its post softball title as Headquarters & Alpha team 2.

“We’re still going to get to defend as the Dragons,” first baseman-outfielder Robert Coppage said. “We haven’t decided on a new name.”

The unit formerly known as Delta has merged with Headquarters & Alpha. This means there are now two teams playing under the Headquarters & Alpha banner: the Headquarters & Alpha-1 Gators and the Headquarters & Alpha-2 Dragons. An evolution and merge ceremony was held June 22 at Pagano Gym.

“It’s just going to be different,” recreation assistant Mike Potter said.

Delta – make that Headquarters & Alpha-2 – was runner-up to Bravo in the preseason tournament.

In the season opener June 20, MEDDAC beat 326th 12-4 as Joe Cox went 3-for-3 with a homer, double and two runs scored.

The standings after last week were: **Eastern Conference** – Headquarters & Alpha-2 (2-0), MEDDAC (1-2), NCO Academy (1-2) and Charlie (0-2). **Western Conference** – Marines (3-0), Bravo (2-0), 326th (1-2) and Headquarters & Alpha-1 (0-2).

Here are results from the first

week of the regular season:

• **June 20** – MEDDAC def. 326th 12-4.

• **June 21** – Marines def. NCO Academy 11-9, 326th def. Charlie 12-8 and Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha-1 15-14 in eight innings.

• **June 22** – Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. NCO Academy 23-22, Marines def. MEDDAC 20-9 and Bravo def. Charlie 15-3.

• **June 23** – Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. MEDDAC 30-5, NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha-1 20-12 and Marines def. 326th 24-6.

Two Soldiers earn berths in World Wrestling Championships

By TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

AMES, Iowa – Two Soldiers earned berths in the 2005 World Wrestling Championships during the U.S. World Team Trials June 18-19 at Hilton Coliseum.

Reigning national champions Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers

and Sgt. Iris Smith earned spots on the U.S. team scheduled to compete Sept. 24-Oct. 3 in the World Championships at Budapest, Hungary. They are members of the Army World Class Athlete Program stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

Sgt. Tina George, another reigning national champion

WCAP wrestler, received a medical exemption from the World Team Trials because of a partially torn medial collateral ligament in her right knee. She will get an opportunity to make Team USA during the 2005 U.S. Junior National Wrestling Championships in late July at Fargo, N.D.

George will square off against Sunkist Kids’ Marcie Van Dusen for the U.S. women’s 121-pound freestyle spot in the World Championships.

Winners of the World Team Trials challenge tournament June 18 at Iowa State University took on the reigning national champions in their respective divisions June 19 in a best-of-three championship series.

Byers, the 2002 Greco-Roman heavyweight world champion, atoned for a recent loss to New York Athletic Club’s Russ Davie of Colorado Springs by winning the 264.5-pound division two matches to none.

“Byers showed tonight how dominant he is,” Army coach Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis

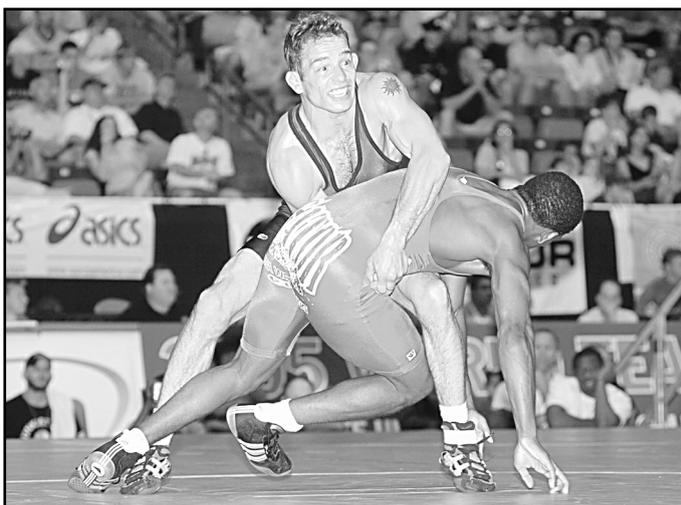


Photo by Tim Hipps

UPLIFTING— Army World Class Athlete Program wrestler Sgt. Glenn Garrison lifts Gator Wrestling Club’s Harry Lester during the 145.5-pound Greco-Roman finals of the 2005 U.S. Wrestling World Team Trials June 19 at Ames, Iowa. Lester won the best-of-three series two matches to one to make his first World Team.

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Garrison golfer drives for his first hole-in-one

Ace made on fifth hole at Colonial course

By KELLEY LANE
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Every athlete dreams of accomplishing perfection. Everyone wants to make the last minute save, score the game winning point or sink that hole-in-one. Edmon Battle Jr. doesn’t have to dream anymore.

He got his first hole-in-one May 27 at Hazel Green’s Colonial Golf Course.

Playing in the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Fraternity tournament, Battle took a swing with his favorite Calloway 3-iron and sent his ball across the 180-yard par 3 and into the cup on the fifth hole.

“It’s very rare for someone to hit a hole-in-one on that hole,” Barry Holt, the course pro, said. Battle, an equipment specialist in the Garrison Equipment Maintenance Section, was overjoyed.

“There were four of us playing. Another man came running up saying that he had seen it,” he said. “I was very excited. I’d never had a hole-in-one. I was so excited my score didn’t even matter. Don’t ask me what it was because I don’t even remember. I think it was in the 80s. But talk about someone being happy!”

When asked how he did it, Battle’s explanation was simple.

“The way I look at it, it was a perfect swing. I took a practice swing and I said that if I could just be comfortable with how far



Courtesy photo

PICTURE PERFECT— Edmon Battle Jr., left, receives a Sony digital camera for his hole-in-one at Hazel Green’s Colonial Golf Course. Alvin Odoms makes the presentation.

I go back with my swing then I could make this a hole-in-one,” he said. “And oh baby I did it.”

For his ace, he was presented with a Sony digital camera. Battle laughs when he thinks about what he could have won if he had only done it sooner.

“On hole three they were giving away a car for a hole-in-one,” he said. “I missed that rascal.”

If making the shot all golfers dream of wasn’t enough, he almost did it again on the back nine that day.

“I was hot that day. On hole 13 I got the closest to the pin and almost made a hole-in-one on it,” he said. “I won a putter for that.”

Battle, 63, found his passion for golf as a child working as a caddy for Huntsville golf course.

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Mentoring experience deemed successful test

Command presents awards to pilot program participants

By SKIP VAUGHN
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People empowering people. Mentors showing mentees what they do and how they get things done.

That was the focus of the command's mentoring program which debuted last year. The idea is to prepare workers for future leadership positions.

Twelve mentors and 12 mentees received certificates June 20 for their participation in the pilot program from August 2004 through April. Members of AMCOM Human Resources were also recognized for their role in the program development and training.

"Continue to learn from the folks around you. That's what this is all about," Dr. Richard Amos, deputy to the commander of the Aviation and

Missile Command, said.

The "People Empowering People" Mentoring Program is to continue twice a year, in six-month cycles.

"It is a way to build a work force for the future," Tim Grey, the human resources director, said.

The mentors included Amos, Grey, Lisha Adams, Sandra Carter, John Chapman, Marlene Cruze, Col. Bob English, Sherri Howard, Homer Reynolds, Lori Reynolds, Randy Richardson and Kenneth Weihs.

Mentees included Thomas Gilbert, Chani Allen, Sandra Dargin, Dwayne Whetsel, Earnest Hobson, Melissa Jacobs, Cynthia Rice, Jenella Lymon, Brenda Rochelle, Bessie Breedlove, Terry Jones and Patricia Soetekouw.

Program development/training staff included Keeuntae Jackson, Teri Mayo, Raymond Nabors, Megan Smith, Cheryl Wise, Cynthia Achorn, Nancy Hodges, Brenda Knox, Erica McClain and Daniel Shannon.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHARING IDEAS— Talking after the award ceremony are, from left, mentors Homer Reynolds and Kenneth Weihs and mentee Jenella Lymon.

Army wrestlers up and down in U.S. team trials

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said. "He has the total package. He can finesse you; he can beat you up. Right now, he's tracking right along."

Byers said he's been "very hungry" to get back on the World Team since longtime rival and training partner Rulon Gardner retired.

"In order to keep getting our flag raised and our song played, somebody's got to carry it," Byers said.

Smith made her third World Team by

defeating 2004 national champion Ali Bernard of New Ulm, Minn., in the women's 158.5-pound freestyle finals. A four-time national champion who last qualified for the World Championships in 2001 but missed the event to attend Army basic training, Smith defeated Ulm two matches to none.

"This is something I've been doing since I was 15 and I've channeled my life around, so it means a great deal," Smith said.

Two WCAP wrestlers — Staff Sgt. James Johnson and Sgt. Glenn Garrison — won their challenge tournaments but lost in the championship rounds.

Johnson stepped down a weight class and rumbled through Sunkist Kids' Jeremiah Davis, U.S. Olympic Education Center's Kerry Regner and Gator Wrestling Club's Willie Madison in the 132-pound Greco-Roman challenge tournament. He lost two consecutive matches of the championship finals to New York Athletic Club's Joe Warren.

Garrison won the first match of his 145.5-pound Greco-Roman championship series against Gator Wrestling Club's Harry Lester of Akron, Ohio. Garrison injured his right shoulder while losing the second rugged round late in the third period. In the deciding match, Lester prevailed in two periods to make his first World Team.

Top-seeded Staff Sgt. Keith Sieracki lost a controversial match to New York Athletic Club's T.C. Dantzler, a two-time World Team member, in the 163-pound Greco-Roman finals of the challenge tour-

namment. Sieracki rebounded the next day to finish third with a throw-filled, two-period victory over Jake Fisher of Platte City, Mo.

Staff Sgt. Marcel Cooper lost to Garrison in the finals of the challenge tournament and settled for fourth place after losing on criteria to Gator Wrestling Club's Mark Rial in a two-period battle for third.

Staff Sgt. Oscar Wood, a 2004 Olympian, got pinned by New York Athletic Club's Mike Ellsworth in a 145.5-pound Greco-Roman quarterfinal match in the challenge tournament.

Lewis said the Army team's performance was like "a little honey, a little vinegar."

"I'm not satisfied, but by no means am I disappointed," he said. "We had five guys in the finals and came away with two victories. We showed some resilience and we showed that the Army team is still rolling."



Courtesy photo

Memphis trip

The International Military Student Office visited Memphis on June 18-19 with 11 students and three family members. Students were from Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Botswana, Jamaica, Pakistan, Tunisia and Bosnia. From left Maj. Faisal Rafiq of Pakistan, Master Sgt. Pei-Yi Yang of Taiwan and Master Sgt. Mokhles Smairi of Tunisia visit the firefighters memorial wall at the Fire Museum of Memphis.

'Perfect swing' delivers ace on 180-yard par 3

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"They would come get me after school to caddy and chase balls," he said. "I would buy candy with the money they paid me and then give the rest to my mother."

Over the years he translated what he learned on the sidelines into playing. He's not ready for the PGA yet, but he's happy with his game.

"I'm not a 70s shooter. My handicap is a 5 or 6 on nine holes," he said.

Active in First Missionary Baptist Church, Battle felt inspired to found an interdenominational golf league that is now in its fourth year. He saw it as an opportunity for people of faith to come together and share a sport that has been such a big part of his life.

"The Lord gave me the vision to see

that Christians could come together and do this," he said.

He served as president for the North Alabama Interdenominational Golf Association in its initial year before passing the honor off to others in the group. They meet weekly to play nine holes together and enjoy the fellowship. Some members are long-time players like Battle; others are new to the game. Battle gives lessons and tips to the newcomers.

Battle is also a member of the North Alabama Golf Club since its formation more than 20 years ago. Membership has him teeing off throughout the area on a regular basis. Battle thinks playing regularly contributed to his ace. He is also a member of Redstone's golf course.

He doesn't plan to rest on his laurels. He's ready to get back on the links.

"I've really been close on those par 3s. I'm hoping to do it again as soon as possible," Battle said. "I want a car."



Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

Team Redstone will have tryouts for its Army Ten-Miler team 7 a.m. 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.

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.

Drag racing

Huntsville Dragway promoter George Howard and DragRacingOnline.com will present the Rocket City Nationals on July 1-3. The event will include Top Fuel dragsters and Pro Modified cars on the eighth-mile track. A record setting \$101,000 will be paid to the winner of the Top Fuel class. Among those competing in the Top Fuel race will be Tony “The Sarge” Schumacher in the Army-sponsored dragster. Team owner Don Schumacher has joined with George Howard to offer free admission for this event to all active-duty military personnel who show a current ID card. Tickets are \$30 per day at the gate. Two-day (Saturday and Sunday) advance tickets are available for \$55 through DragRacingOnline.com. The track web site is www.huntsvilledragway.com.

Boats and campers

Morale Welfare and Recreation is putting its Outdoor Recreation boats and campers up for auction. To bid for these items, visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Pagano Gym hours

Pagano Gym will be closed July 1-4 for

renovation of the gym floor. Redstone Fitness Center will operate normal hours.

Youth sports camps

CYS SKIESUnlimited still has space in these Summer Sports Camps: Basketball camp — July 18-21, ages 7-14, \$85. Kicks soccer camp — July 11-15, ages 4-18, \$125. Tennis camp — July 18-22, ages 5-15, \$105. Volleyball camp — July 7-9, fourth– eighth graders, \$100. These classes are open the Redstone community only. Any child participating in a summer sports camp must have a valid physical prior to registration. If the child is enrolled in one of the Child and Youth Services Summer Camp programs, transportation will be provided to and from camp. For more information on what each child will need to bring to the camp, call 313-3701.



Conferences & Meetings

Men singers

The Rocket City Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Aldersgate Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 12901 Bailey Cove Road. For more information, call John Gonzalez 842-2992 (work) or 852-2408 (home).

Warrant officers

The Warrant Officer Association, Red-

stone 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/>.

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.

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

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Redstone conduct these unclassified annual briefings. Registration is on a space-acceptable 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 July 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Col. Ray Woolery, project manager for aviation reset, is to speak on the current initiatives in reset. For tickets — \$10 members, \$11 non-members — see your organization representative or call Kim Jean 876-7208 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086. (Note the price increase.)

Butler High parents

All Butler High parents, educators, students and alumni are invited to a PTSA organizational meeting and enrollment for the 2005-06 school year July 9 from 2-5 p.m. at Huntsville Public Library. State training is July 16 in Montgomery. "All who are interested are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to make Butler High School a success," a prepared release said. For more information, call 509-4035.



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 for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

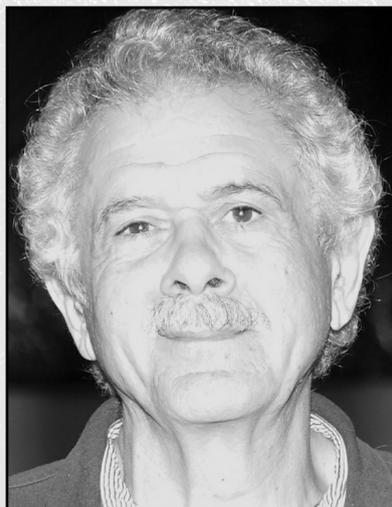
Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to www.gsaauctions.gov, search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 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 appointment. Currently the shop is accepting summer items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. "Bring a friend July 5, 6, 7 or 9 and receive 10 percent off your TSP purchases," a prepared release said. "The Thrift Shop will open Saturday, July 9 from 10-2." Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 881-6992.

Motorcycle safety course

Motorcycle safety training — for experienced riders — is conducted behind the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership building off I-565 and Greenbrier Road, exit 3. The contact is Keith Coates of the



Courtesy photo

Distinguished civilian

Paul LaHoud was named to the Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville's Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees during the center's annual Engineer Day festivities June 17. LaHoud served as the chief of the Civil Structures Division, Directorate of Engineering from 1995 until his retirement in 2002 culminating 28 years of federal service at Huntsville center.

Garrison Safety Office 876-3383 (e-mail keith.coates@redstone.army.mil). Students in this Experienced Rider Course should have ridden for at least a year, and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. Bring your own motorcycle — fully serviceable, good tires, charged battery and topped off with fuel. You can rent a bike at the dealership for \$25. To participate you must have a DOT approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeve shirt or jacket, boots or shoes that cover the ankles, full fingered gloves, and long pants. The course will start promptly at 8 a.m. and should be completed between 5-6 hours. If it rains, rain gear is required. Cost is covered for active duty military and Defense Department civilians. All others pay their own

fee. The instructor is Ralph Harris 341-9424, ext. 424.

Space and missile scholarships

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will select one graduate student and one undergraduate student to receive a \$2,000 scholarship award. Eligible are ASMDA members; corporate members identified by corporate sponsors; employees of the SMDC, PEO-AMD, JPO-GMD, Targets JPO, THAAD, Army Lower Tier, both military and civilian, and their immediate family members. Applications are due by Friday. Awards will be made in August and presentations made in conjunction with the Army Space and Missile Defense Conference at the Von Braun Center in August. Questions and application materials should be returned to: L3 Communications, SYColeman; ASMDA Scholarship Selection Committee; Attention: Robert C. Pollard Jr.; 654 Discovery Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806.

Health center hours

Fox Army Health Center will be closed on Independence Day, July 4 with the exception of the Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic which will be open July 1, July 2 and July 4 from 8 a.m. to noon for scheduled appointments. All other clinics and the pharmacy will be closed. The health center is closed Sundays. Access to the building may be gained through the temporary Patio entrance on the east side. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments.

Vehicle checkup

Statistics have shown that the average motorist will ignore the vehicle's air conditioning system until the day it really needs to operate properly. On average, this happens on the hottest day of the year. Don't let this happen to you. Let the professionals at the MWR Auto Skills Center perform a checkup of your vehicle's air conditioning system. This service includes refrigerant type verification, diagnostics, leak check, pressure check, removal of air and moisture, filtering old refrigerant, and refilling your vehicle's air conditioning system with refrigerant. Cost is \$35. For more information, call 955-7727.

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PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will have the following holiday hours July 4: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; barber, closed; GNC, closed; mall barber shop, closed; cellular service, closed; all other concessions, closed; furniture store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; service station, closed; Burger King, closed; military clothing, closed; barber shop at building 3479, closed; food court – Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; Church's, closed.

9/11 remembrance

A one-hour 9/11 commemorative tribute will be held 9 a.m. Sept. 7 in Bob Jones Auditorium. The theme for the ceremony is "Americans, United We Stand, A Tribute to the Soldier, Civilian and Contractor Support." This tribute is a way for Team Redstone members to show their support for those who risk their lives fighting the War on Terrorism. For more information call Sam Wright, chairman of the Sept. 11

Committee, at 955-3154 or e-mail september11@redstone.army.mil.

Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course beginning July 11. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov. 5. The course is also open to anyone who simply wishes to broaden their logistics knowledge. Course fee is \$100. Four textbooks are required. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 876-9521.

Patriotic program

"Stars and Stripes Forever," a program of patriotic music and recognition of women and wives of men who have served in the military, will be held July 1 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Decatur Country Club, 2401 Country Club Road. Nancy Stroup of Sterrett, Ala., a teacher whose hobby is scrapbooking, is to speak on "Seeing the Big Picture, Putting the Memories in

Place." Cost is \$13. This event is sponsored by Decatur Christian Women's Club, affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries. For reservations and complimentary nursery, call Sue Johnson 353-5180 or Clarice Kessinger 301-9196.

Children's reading

There's a special book place just for children at the Post Library; and every Wednesday at 10 a.m. interactive stories are read to young children. After story time the children may stay to play in the children's room where Ling Ling the panda sits at their little red table. Children of any age may come – the story time is especially designed for babies on up through kindergarten. The aim is to help children fall in love with books and libraries at a very young age. The library is in building 3323 on Redeye Road. For information call 876-4741.

Soldier stories

War Stories Journal, a new e-publication produced by S. Daniel Smith of Little Rock,

Ark., requests stories from current and former members of the armed forces. The quarterly magazine is to tell history from the first-person viewpoint of those who were there. First person narratives and photos will depict wartime and peacetime activities. Fiction writing will also be showcased, according to the publisher. Smith can be reached at 12201 Mara Lynn Road 7204, Little Rock, AR 72211, phone (501) 217-9004, e-mail sdansmith@gmail.com.

CNN tours

Turner Broadcasting System Inc. is offering ongoing free admission for all active and retired U.S. military personnel who visit the CNN-themed attractions at CNN Center in Atlanta and Manhattan's Time Warner Center.

Car wash

All World War II veterans may receive a free full service car wash June 27-30 at MP Auto Wash, 3030 University Drive. All other military veterans may receive 50 percent off any car wash package.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK05553881D	Supv Safety Engr; Supv Env Engr; Supv Civil Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Architect	29-Jun-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0803, 0819, 0810, 0850, 0830, 0808	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	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			
WTST05659121	Security Specialist	29-Jun-05	I&SD	GG-0080	7	11	34,363 - 44,673	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05589080	Accountant	30-Jun-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0510	5/7/9	11	27,742 - 54,641		X											X			
SCBK05642368	Budget Analyst	30-Jun-05	SMDC	GS-0560	11	11	50,858 - 66,115		X														
SCBK05624602	Lean Carde Facilitator	30-Jun-05	AMCOM CG	GS-0301	13	13	72,486 - 94,229		X														
SCBK05643855	Logistics Management Specialist	30-Jun-05	PEO Aviation	NH-0346	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X										X				
SCBK05614696	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	30-Jun-05	IMMC	NH-0346	4	4	85,656 - 111,355		X														
MD-DHL-05-3700	Clinical Nurse (Family Practice)	1-Jul-05	MEDDAC	GS-0610	10	10	46,001 - 59,806	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05601836	Equipment Specialist	1-Jul-05	TMDE	GS-1670	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X														
SCBK05621900	Program Integrator	1-Jul-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0301	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X										X				
SCBK05090393	Supply Technician	1-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-2005	7	7	34,363 - 44,662		X														
SCBK05656396	Clinical Nurse	5-Jul-05	MEDDAC	GS-0610	10	10	46,289 - 60,181		X										X				
SCBK05489703R	Supply Mgmt Specialist	5-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-2003	11	11	50,858 - 66,115												X				
SCBK05667314	Supv Human Resources Specialist (Class/R&P)	5-Jul-05	CHRA CPOC	GS-0201	13	13	72,486 - 94,229											X	X				
SCBK05589509	Training Policy, Plans, and Programs Manager	5-Jul-05	OMEMS	GS-1701	15	15	100,756-130,988		X	X	X							X	X				
SCBK05589509D	Training Policy, Plans, and Programs Manager	5-Jul-05	OMEMS	GS-1701	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05649973	Budget Analyst	6-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0560	12	12	60,955 - 79,238		X														
SCBK05524609	Human Resources Assistant (Class/OA)	6-Jul-05	CHRA CPOC	GS-0203	5	5	27,742 - 36,069											X	X				
WTST05626098	Supv Intelligence Specialist (Operations)	6-Jul-05	902ND MIG	GG-0132	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05666149	Office Automation Assistant	7-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0326	6	6	30,923 - 40,201	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05659210	Physical Therapy Assistant	7-Jul-05	MEDDAC	GS-0636	5	5	27,742 - 36,069												X				
SCBK05643951	Program Analyst	7-Jul-05	PEO Aviation	NH-0343	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X										X				
SCBK05657624	Secretary (OA)	7-Jul-05	PEO Aviation	NK-0318	3	3	38,056 - 60,181		X										X				
SCBK05669946	Supply Technician	7-Jul-05	OMEMS	GS-2005	5	5	27,742 - 35,144		X	X				X	X			X	X				
SCBK05553716	Computer Engineer	8-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05553716D	Computer Engineer	8-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05553686	Computer Engineer	8-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05553686D	Computer Engineer	8-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05657395	General Supply Specialist	8-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	42,034 - 54,641	X											X				
SCBK055422460	Human Resources Assistant (Class/OA)	8-Jul-05	CHRA CPOC	GS-0203	5/6	7	27,742 - 44,673											X	X				
SCBK05657175	International Program Management Specialist	8-Jul-05	SAMD	GS-0301	12	12	60,955 - 79,238											X	X				
SCBK05642256	Lead Logistics Management Specialist	8-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X															
SCBK05622696	Lead Police Officer	8-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0083	8	8	38,056 - 49,469		X														
SCBK05648279	Lead Police Officer	8-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0083	8	8	38,056 - 49,469		X														
SCBK05587199	Logistics Management Specialist	8-Jul-05	PEO Aviation	NH-0346	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X										X				
SCBK05603773	Attorney Advisor (General)	11-Jul-05	AMCOM LEGAL	NH-0905	3	3	54,221 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05603787	Attorney-Advisor (Claims)	11-Jul-05	AMCOM LEGAL	GS-0905	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05553798	Computer Engineer	13-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05553798D	Computer Engineer	13-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05644147	Human Resources Specialist (Labor Relation)	13-Jul-05	CHRA CPAC	GS-0201	13	13	72,486 - 94,229											X	X				
SCBK05641131	Accounting Officer	15-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0510	14	14	85,656 - 111,355											X	X				
SCBK05594647	Supv General Engineer	15-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK05594647D	Supv General Engineer	15-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05638491	Program Manager	19-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0340	14	14	85,565 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05595499	Attorney Advisor (General)	20-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0905	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05607392	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	21-Jul-05	LOGSA	GS-0346	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X															
SCBK05483761	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft & Electronics)	25-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238											X					
SCBK05580125	Equipment Specialist (General)	25-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238											X					
SCBK05517042	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	25-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238											X					
SCBK05657159	Supv International Program Management Specialist	25-Jul-05	SAMD	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988											X	X				
SCBK05657159D	Supv International Program Management Specialist	25-Jul-05	SAMD	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05625321	Logistics Management Specialist	2-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	64,478 - 94,229																
SCBK05377091OC	Safety and Occ Health Specialist	9-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	50,858 - 66,115		X	X	X							X	X				
SCBK05621863	Aerospace Engineer	16-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X	X	X							X	X				
SCBK05621863D	Aerospace Engineer	16-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

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SCBK05649479D	Administrative Support Assistant (OA)	29-Jun-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0303	7	7	34,363 - 44,662	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05553881D	Supv Safety Engr; Supv Env Engr; Supv Civil Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Architect	29-Jun-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0803, 0819, 0810, 0850, 0830, 0808	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST05659121	Security Specialist	29-Jun-05	I&SD	GG-0080	7	11	34,363 - 44,673	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05589509D	Training Policy, Plans, and Programs Manager	5-Jul-05	OMEMS	GS-1701	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST05626098	Supv Intelligence Specialist (Operations)	6-Jul-05	902ND MIG	GG-0132	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05666149	Office Automation Assistant	7-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0326	6	6	30,923 - 40,201	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05553716D	Computer Engineer	8-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05553686D	Computer Engineer	8-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05603773	Attorney Advisor (General)	11-Jul-05	AMCOM LEGAL	NH-0905	3	3	54,221 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05603787	Attorney-Advisor (Claims)	11-Jul-05	AMCOM LEGAL	GS-0905	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05553798D	Computer Engineer	13-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	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)
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