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Young students benefit from military

Three scholarships awarded through commissary program

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Rebecca Buchanan of Cullman only missed two days of classes at college after being seriously injured in a car wreck. Her mother, Tina, believes her military family lifestyle had something to do with that.

"She's very dedicated and motivated and committed and has a lot of her dad's qualities," Tina said.

Rebecca Buchanan, Jarrod Bundrum and Nestor Santos are Redstone Commissary's recipients of the annual Scholarships for Military Children, a program initiated by the Defense Commissary Agency. Each received a \$1,500 scholarship at a ceremony June 27 at the Challenger Community Center.

Rebecca, 19, the daughter of Tina and retired Air Force Master Sgt. Dale Buchanan, will be a junior this fall majoring in public relations at the University of Alabama. She suffered 13 broken bones



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CAKE CUTTING— From left are Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski, scholarship recipient Jarrod Bundrum and Tina Buchanan, mother of scholarship recipient Rebecca Buchanan. The third scholarship recipient, not pictured, is Nestor Santos.

when a small pickup truck driven by her boyfriend crashed in Bridgeport on Dec. 27 when the pair was en route to a religious retreat in Chattanooga.

She was hospitalized overnight and returned to class Jan. 10, after missing two

days of school. Her right shoulder was broken in four places; she had nine broken bones to her left hand and wrist; her nose and right cheekbone were broken, the nerve under her right eye was severed and she received eight stitches in her right eyelid. But she didn't want to miss school – even with her right arm in a sling and her left arm in a cast.

"She learned a lot of that as part of her military life," Tina Buchanan said. "I'm sure it was a struggle. But we made sure she could take care of herself before she could go (back to school). She was able to take care of herself."

Rebecca, who has a 4.0 grade point average, was unable to attend the scholarship ceremony because of work commitments – she's working three jobs. A 2003 graduate of Fairview High, she received a scholarship in the same program as a freshman at Alabama.

"She's doing really well," said Tina Buchanan, who accepted the award on her daughter's behalf.

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Keeping the troops fed and happy

Army dining facility marks anniversary

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There's more to the Army dining facility than just a one-year-old building.

Sure, the facility which opened in June 2004 is twice as large as its predecessor. And it's more modern, of course. But that doesn't explain the recognition it won in previous years in the annual Philip A. Connelly awards for excellence in Army food service. And it doesn't consider the team effort which moved the entire Thanksgiving 2003 feast from the old facility to the Sparkman Center because of a power outage that very morning.

So, the 68-member contractor staff has a lot to do with it, too.

"In our business of providing services for the installation – transportation, ammunition, the whole gamut – you're subject to get a complaint," Garrison logistics director Don Olsen said. "But in the dining facility, at least from my level, I've yet to



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WELCOME— Dennis Hardin is assistant manager of the Army dining facility at the corner of Ajax and Aerobee roads.

receive a complaint. The Soldiers that I've talked to, they're happy with what they've got."

The \$7.2 million facility, operated by K&K Food Service, can serve 373 people at one seating. It averages from

400-500 during the breakfast hours and lunch time, and about 350 for dinner. The utilization goal is 65 percent of capacity – or 245 of the 373

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Hours	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday-Holiday
Breakfast	0530 to 0800	0730 to 1000	0800 to 1000
Lunch	1130 to 1330	1130 to 1330	1130 to 1330
Dinner	1630 to 1830	1530 to 1730	1530 to 1730

EVERYONE MUST SHOW I D

Photo by Skip Vaughn

SERVING TIMES— Annual highlights include organization day for the 59th Ordnance Brigade, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Army birthday.

Letters to the Editor

An open lane random survey

What does the American flag mean to you?

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"You can sum it all up in one statement: Freedom isn't free. Men and women have died for this country and will continue to do so."

Kathryn Ogletree retiree spouse

"It means the land of the free and the home of the brave."



Bea Reagon military retiree
"It means a lot of people have died trying to preserve that flag and all that it stands for."

B.J. Haygood military spouse

"It means patriotism, loyalty and us being united together as one country."



Quote of the week

'Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.'
— *George Washington*

Best wishes from full-time 'Grammy'

Have you seen the TV show "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"? Well, I'm retiring (several years earlier than I had originally planned) to make a pilot program for "Lifestyles of the Destitute and Decrepit." Actually, I just want to enjoy my new grandson, Paul Anthony, while I'm still somewhat mobile/coherent and he's still mostly un-mobile/un-coherent. Plus, I love spending time with my granddaughter, Arianna, who's at a very delightful age (4) right now. When we dress up as ballerinas or princesses, she believes we really are, and she professes to think that I color the prettiest pictures in the whole world.

As I leave, please allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude to previous and present Integrated Materiel Management Center supervisors for the guidance, interest and help they've given me over the past 20 years. I'm very grateful for everything — the expressions of thanks, the exceptional performance ratings, the promotions and other awards. They believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself. Thanks to my fellow workers for their many acts of kindness over the years. I especially appreciate the folks (some now retired) who supported my family with their uplifting calls, cards,

prayers and resources in 1988 when my son was in a coma for 21 days, then in rehab for weeks. We still have every precious note and card they sent and will never forget them.

An extra-special acknowledgement goes to my co-worker, Linda Magnusson, who has tolerated my occupying the cubicle next to her without open rebellion for 11 years. She performed my job (with no complaints) for weeks at a time when I was off due to illness, surgery or taking care of my elderly parents. She's also "been there" for me on a personal level whenever I needed her. Thank you, Linda; you're one in a million. Even though this isn't "goodbye," I'm going to miss seeing you on a daily basis, friend.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the good people at Security Assistance Management Directorate who helped make my last job the best one of my career, not to mention the most interesting and unusual. But now, after years of begging you to send taskers to both Linda and me, my new instructions are, "Don't send Kay anything; send Linda everything."

Kay Hawkins
previously IMMC FMS coordinator,
presently "Grammy"

Choice words teach lesson

I read with interest the letter to the editor from retired Chief Warrant Officer Ron Beaumont in the *Redstone Rocket* June 29 titled "Cut out profane language from barbers."

All I can say is: Amen, brother. I could not agree with you more. I commend the management of AAFES for taking the appropriate action.

There needs to be a cap put on this type of unnecessary language in the workplace. I have worked with many people over the years that have a very distinct vocabulary. In fact it just down right stinks.

There is no call for such language. People who use language of this type need to be embarrassed so bad that they feel completely ashamed of themselves. Yes, I did say ashamed. By their language, perhaps I know what they might

really be about.

I heard a story once about this man who returned from a war. One day this person was sitting around the kitchen table enjoying a good family meal. All of a sudden, he rolled out one of his choice words and things all of sudden got mighty quiet and everyone was focused on him. When he realized what he had said, he was embarrassed so bad that he broke down and cried like a baby. He apologized to the family.

People have come to accept this type of filthy language over the years but that doesn't make it right.

If you as a parent use bad language around your young children, don't be surprised if they end up just like you. What an embarrassment! And it should be.

Name withheld by request

Tale of Redstone fitness trail

It is my understanding that the Fitness Trail which runs from Pagano Gym to the Wellness Center has been open for 10 years. Other users of the trail tell me it extends over toward the NASA area on one end and to the Family Housing area on the other. I have not personally sought to verify those claims, but a fellow runner can tell no lie. My fitness trail adventures run from building 5250 to just past the Arts and Crafts Shop. It is in those approximately two miles that these "trail tales" takes place.

For those who know me, I am an avid runner. Some would even say it's an obsession. I run almost every day. I run when I am on travel, even if it means looping around the hotel parking lot 20 times. It is during my run that I think about things and resolve issues related to life, to work and to develop ideas. Carved over the entrance to the central post office building in New York City is the motto "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat of day keeps me from running, however the gloom of night is another thing. Trust me I tried running on the trail in the dark; even with a flashlight it is hard to see where you are going.

I have been running on the Redstone Arsenal Fitness Trail almost from the beginning. I have run into and run with those who lead to those who work the deeds. I have seen the rare white tailed deer and wild turkeys to the more common and abundant rabbits and squirrels and even a few skunks and snakes. And I cannot forget about the cows in the pastures that surround the trail.

I run by myself most of the time. When not thinking about life or work, I sometimes think about ways to keep safe as I run. I run through my mind "what if" drills. What if someone jumps out of that van, what would I do? What if someone jumps from behind that bush, what would I do? What if I come across a four legged or two legged varmint, what would I do? What if ... what if?

I like to view myself as a regular on the trail. Many times I am out there by

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Munfordville, Ky.

What do you like about your job?

As a reservist (with the 2145th Garrison Support Unit in Nashville), I'm a citizen Soldier. And I'm proud to be able to serve on a temporary tour of active duty while our country's at war.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Coach my three children (two boys ages 13 and 9 and a girl 6) in their athletic teams. My family and I work on our family farm (in Munfordville just south of Fort Knox).



What are your goals?

During the absence of the deputy staff judge advocate Maj. (Cheryl) Boone (who is attending Command and General Staff College through Sept. 23), basically my goal is just to make sure the office runs just as smoothly while she's gone as when she was here. And she can return proud of how the entire staff served in her absence. In my civilian life I'm a county prosecutor (in Hart County, Ky.), my goal is to zealously prosecute criminal offenses.

School bus signup just around corner

All military personnel living on Redstone Arsenal who desire bus transportation to the five core schools for school year 2005-06 must register each child for transportation. Registration is July 11-15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Extended registration will be held at the Parent/Principal Night, July 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711.

Redstone will provide bus transportation to the following core schools: Williams Elementary (grades K-5), Williams Middle (grades 6-8), Westlawn Middle (grades 6-8), Butler High, New Century Technology, and Columbia High (grades 9-12).

The city of Huntsville has agreed to provide bus transportation for students residing on Redstone Arsenal to special needs (handicapped) and magnet schools in the city. No transportation will be provided students residing on Redstone who

attend private schools.

Registration for city of Huntsville bus transportation to the magnet schools and special needs schools will be conducted at the aforementioned location, dates and times.

To qualify for school bus transportation, each registrant living on post must show proof of active duty status. Defense Department personnel living off post will show proof of active duty status or a Redstone Arsenal employee identification badge, and enrollment in the School Age Service Program. Registration should be completed during this scheduled period to allow sufficient time to develop routes and establish bus stops.

For more information call Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations for Northrop Grumman, at 876-3938 or Ray Boles, Transportation Division, Directorate of Logistics, Garrison, at 876-3119. (*Garrison release*)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

June 23: An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant during a check of a boat that was docked at Hudson recreation area. He was released to Blountsville Police Department.

June 23: An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant during an inspection at Gate 10. He was released to Huntsville Police Department.

June 24: 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 25: An individual was found to be in possession of marijuana during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation

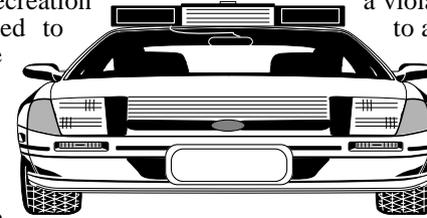
continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 27: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

June 28: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and driving with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued two violation notices and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

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

Violation notices issued: 16 speeding, 1 defective equipment, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 3 driving with a suspended/revoked license, 1 failure to judge proper distance.



■ Runner recalls seeing man praying on trail

Trail

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myself and at other times I see at least 10 others. Most of the lone days are when it rains and the busy days are those weather perfect days of spring and fall. Those I do see on rainy days, it's like we know who the dedicated ones are.

It's been several years now, but one of my "what ifs" for the Fitness Trail was almost tested. I was coming up on a fellow runner who appeared to have "fallen." My first thought was: Is this the time to act on one of my what ifs? As I got closer I noticed the man was kneeling. When I asked if he was all right he said 'yes, I was just praying.' As I proceeded on my run, my thoughts turned to wow what a wonderful thing to do — to be in the middle of this beautiful place praying and not be worried if someone else sees you. I have seen this man several more times and have learned his name and more about his family and life. In fact we have since interfaced with each other due

to our jobs. Such a small world.

In another instance, I encountered a situation to which I never envisioned as a "what if" possibility. It started out as any relatively cloudy day with the potential of rain, but with less than a mile to go the Madison County Tornado Warning sirens went off. I am thinking what on earth do I do now? The skies did not look all that threatening from my position but I did pick up the pace and headed back to the car with a very watchful eye on the sky and the feet ready to duck me into a ditch. I enjoy running in the rain but that day was a real eye-opening experience and the development of a new "what if."

And yes, this story was developed as I traveled the Redstone Arsenal Fitness Trail.

Jean A. Grotophorst
systems engineer

Editor's note: Other readers are invited to share their experiences on the 10th year of the fitness trail.

Human resources agency has ingredients to serve

Civilian personnel management evolves to corporate structure

By AL SCHWARTZ
For the Rocket

Take the regional Civilian Personnel Operations Centers, the dozens of Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers and add the Civilian Personnel Operations Management Agency. Stir lightly and add the overseas Civilian Personnel Operations Centers. Blend well and allow the mixture to evolve.

The result: one Army Civilian Human Resources Agency.

Activated in October 2003, the Civilian Human Resources Agency falls under the Army's G-1 structure, formerly the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. It's part of the Army's initiative to mold personnel functions into a corporate structure.

"The agency manages all aspects of the operating level human resources life-cycle for civilian employees," said Dave Brooks, South Central Region director. The South Central Region is headquartered at Redstone Arsenal.

"CHRA, as the Civilian Human Resources Agency is called, is headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.," Brooks said. It's comprised of eight regions, five in the U.S., three overseas. "The local region includes my office, the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center and 19 Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers located in six states." The South Central Region has 475 employees.

The CPOC is the backroom operation, the organization that processes the personnel actions. Managers and employees normally have only limited contact with the CPOC community. On the other hand, the CPAC is the liaison or organization that managers routinely deal with, Brooks said.

'I tell my staff that when they are handling an action, whether it is to recruit a new employee, reward excellence or discipline an underperformer, they are touching someone's life. And they must handle the action with the same compassion and consideration they would like to be treated with if the action was for them.'

— Dave Brooks
South Central Region director

The South Central Region is one of the largest servicing more than 41,000 government civilian employees, and, according to recent reports, one of the most active.

"In the past 12 months, we have processed more than 155,000 personnel actions," Brooks said. "And that includes almost 13,000 recruitment actions."

Other personnel actions range from within-grade increases and awards to performance appraisals and disciplinary actions. Additionally, the region's Civilian Personnel Operations Center maintains more than 41,000 official personnel files.

Brooks said the objectives of creating CHRA were to reduce the number of layers and review and to create more agile and responsive staffs.

"Our goal is to provide expert advice and process personnel actions quickly and accurately," he said. "When one considers the volume of personnel actions, 155,112 in the past 12 months, one can understand the impact of even a one percent error rate."

Brooks said a team of specialists works hard to reduce or eliminate problems. The team focuses first on those actions that could result in employee pay problems.

The National Security Personnel System that will soon be implemented is expected to change how personnelists do their business. There will be less pure classification work in the future since one job description may be all that is required for each pay-band in each occupational series. "We may reduce from over 100,000 job descriptions to only 2,500," Brooks said. "And if movement within

pay-bands is non-competitive, there may be fewer personnel actions required for the CPOC to process.

"CPACs, however, may have a greater workload," he continued. "The new system is based on 'pay for performance.' CPAC employees will sit with managers and work closely with pay pool managers to make sure the process is transparent to employees."

The new system will have one annual rating period for all covered employees, rather than appraisals at various times throughout the year.

"BRAC (base realignment and closure) will also have a significant impact on the local CPOC," Brooks said. Some of the recommendations affecting the South Central region include closing Forts McPherson, Gillem and Monroe and consolidating some Installation Management Agency regions. "If approved, those BRAC actions will add a significant short-term workload to the CPOCs."

Brooks said supporting managers and commanders and taking care of employees is the ultimate mission of his organization.

"I tell my staff that when they are handling an action, whether it is to recruit a new employee, reward excellence or discipline an underperformer, they are touching someone's life. And they must handle the action with the same compassion and consideration they would like to be treated with if the action was for them," he said. "Each employee in the region is valuable to the Army because their efforts allow the Army to carry out its worldwide missions."

Supervisors invited to employee relations course

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center delivered the first of several two-day Management and Employee Relations course aimed specifically for civilian and military supervisors.

This interactive course provides a better understanding of the key provisions of the law governing federal labor-management relations; to include leave, employee/management rights and responsibilities, formal and investigative meetings, and changes in working conditions; be able to recognize, differentiate and respond to conduct and performance problems; and have an understanding of how to deal effectively with problem employees.

Many participants said the course increased their knowledge and improved their ability to prevent and

solve employee issues.

The next class is Sept. 13-14 in Sparkman Center building 5309, third floor, EMS Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The target audience is supervisors of at least three appropriated fund employees and not team leaders. Priority will be given to supervisors with more than one year experience and supervisors with less than one year of supervisory experience will be scheduled for attendance at a later date.

The course will provide reference materials and workshop exercises to the participants about performing their human resource management duties in management employee and labor relations. To register call Syleria Jarmon 313-1587 or e-mail syleria.jarmon@us.army.mil.



Photo by Bill Richardson

Chapter officers

Officers for the American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, include from left assistant treasurer George Cash, treasurer Arnatta Poole, recording secretary Cheryl Richmond, corresponding secretary Freida Waits, third vice president Becky Lake, second vice president Bob Nichols, first vice president Bill Matthews and president Christina Ridgeway. Lisha Adams, principal assistant, AMCOM G-3 (Plans and Operations), installs the new officers for 2005-06 during the June 9 meeting.

Corpus Christi puts Lean principles on engine line

Depot work strategy
cuts production time

By AL SCHWARTZ
For the Rocket

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Managers at Corpus Christi Army Depot are using one of industry's best management practices to reduce by more than half the amount of time it takes to recapitalize the Black Hawk and Apache helicopter T-700 engines.

"We're using an improvement strategy

to remove waste from a process and make it flow faster," said Mike Briseno, chief of the Engine Production Directorate's Administrative and Management Office. "We're using 'Lean Six Sigma' to improve quality, reduce variability and more accurately measure our performance."

Lean Six Sigma focuses attention on wasted time and eliminates it quickly to show results as rapidly as possible. Improvements come from making sure work is done right the first time, having tools that are easy to find, changing policies and procedures to eliminate needless

steps, and avoiding bottlenecks by focusing work on one product at a time instead of on batches of products.

Joe Herrera, director of CCAD's Engine Production Directorate, said it took more than 260 days at the end of 2000 to disassemble one T-700 engine and reassemble it with new parts. "In order to improve, we had several hurdles to overcome," he said. "Some involved policies, some involved the physical layout of our operation, and some involved employees. We had to show that change was necessary and that the changes would be beneficial."

"In September 2000 we signed a partnership agreement with General Electric, the engine manufacturer," he continued. "The agreement includes new material, technical and engineering, and production control and planning support."

With the agreement in place, Corpus Christi and GE established an on-site warehouse to maintain the depot's inventory and began learning from each other. "We have been able to learn from GE how to implement Lean Six Sigma and in October 2000, we started to streamline the T-700 engine line by remapping and moving the engine and component work centers," Herrera said. By using Lean Six Sigma principles, his organization re-engineered the engine overhaul process to remove wasteful steps and streamline value-added steps to be more efficient. Since then Corpus Christi has seen a steady decline in the turn-around time to complete work on the engine.

"We have gone from an average of 261 days to an average of only 81 days," Briseno said. "And at the same time we have increased the total annual number of units shipped from 520 to 1,344 over the same period."

"Much of what we did to improve the process was obvious ... once we were able to see it," Herrera said. "For example, we looked really hard at the physical flow of the engines and components through the recap process. We reviewed where the engine entered the room, where it went next, how far it had to travel, how far employees walked to get tools, how many people touched the engine."

"With one component alone, the output shaft, we were able to reduce the distance it had to travel from 1,616 feet to 640 feet," Herrera said. "That is a significant savings in time, resources and effort."

The directorate has been able to improve the quality of the product at the same time it has streamlined the process and increased its output. The engines are



Photo by Al Schwartz

TIGHTEN UP— Bolts are tightened on the cold module of the T-700 aircraft engine.

better and more fuel efficient. Reports show that the shaft horsepower margin has improved by 83 percent and the time the engine remains on the helicopter before it needs repair has increased from 300 to 1,450 hours flying time.

"Our goal is to reduce turn-around time from 81 days to 75 days and increase output from 1,344 units to 1,450 units with no increase in staff," Herrera said. "It's going to be challenging, but we can do it." Two limiting factors may make improvement difficult: getting enough assets from the field to keep the production lines operating smoothly and changing the way engines come into Herrera's directorate from a batch to a continuous flow process. "We're working on both issues," depot deputy commander Pat Oler said. "AMCOM Express (the monthly dedicated C-17 that flies high priority aviation parts from Corpus Christi to Balad, Iraq and returns with retrograde material including engines) helps us get engines back from theater so we can induct them into our recapitalization line."

Oler said officials are also determining how they can use Lean Six Sigma more widely at the depot to operate more smoothly, smarter and more efficiently in all their shops.

"Lean Six Sigma offers the promise of giving us significant cost savings and efficiencies at a time when budgets are tight and we are asked to do more with less," he said.



Photo by Al Schwartz

MECHANICAL WORK— Roy Flores, an aircraft equipment mechanic in Corpus Christi's Engine Production Directorate, uses a torque wrench to tighten bolts on the T-700 engine cold module.

Make commitment to federal ethics standards

Army enforces rules for Soldiers, civilians

WASHINGTON — Every Soldier and Army civilian employee is asked to review the federal ethics standards.

These are outlined in the Federal Oath of Office, the U.S. Army Statutory Requirement of Exemplary Conduct, and the Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees. Individuals should consciously reaffirm their commitment to compliance with these standards and with all provisions of the Joint Ethics Regulation and to avoid even the slightest appearance of ethical compromise in the performance of their official duties.

Oath of office

The Federal Oath of Office is under 5 USCS and 3331, dated 2004. An individual, except the president, elected or appointed to an office of honor or profit in the civil service or uniformed services, shall take the following oath: "I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God." This section does not affect other oaths required by law.

Statutory requirement

U.S. Army Statutory Requirement of Exemplary Conduct is under 10 USGS and 3583, dated 2004. All commanding officers and others in authority in the Army are required: to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, patriotism and subordination; to be vigilant in inspecting the conduct of all persons who are placed under their command; to guard against and suppress all dissolute and immoral practices, and to correct, according to the laws and regulations of the Army, all persons who are guilty of them; and to take all necessary and proper measures, under the laws, regulations, and customs of the Army, to promote and safeguard the morale, the physical wellbeing, and the general welfare of the officers and enlisted persons under their command or charge.

Principles of conduct

The Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees are described in E.O. 12731 and 55 FR 42547, both dated October 1990. To ensure that every citizen can have complete confidence in the integrity of the federal government, each federal employee

shall respect and adhere to the fundamental principles of ethical service as implemented in regulations promulgated under sections 201 and 301 of this order:

- Public service is a public trust, requiring employees to place loyalty to the Constitution, the laws, and ethical principles above private gain.

- Employees shall not hold financial interests that conflict with the conscientious performance of duty.

- Employees shall not engage in financial transactions using nonpublic government information or allow the improper use of such information to further any private interest.

- An employee shall not, except pursuant to such reasonable exceptions as are provided by regulation, solicit or accept any gift or other item of monetary value from any person or entity seeking official action from, doing business with, or conducting activities regulated by the employee's agency, or whose interests may be substantially affected by the performance or non-performance of the employee's duties.

- Employees shall put forth honest effort in the performance of their duties.

- Employees shall make no unauthorized commitments or promises of any kind purporting to bind the government.

- Employees shall not use public office for private gain.

- Employees shall act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual.

- Employees shall protect and conserve federal property and shall not use it for other than authorized activities.

- Employees shall not engage in outside employment or activities, including seeking or negotiating for employment that conflict with official government duties and responsibilities.

- Employees shall disclose waste, fraud, abuse and corruption to appropriate authorities.

- Employees shall satisfy in good faith their obligations as citizens, including all just financial obligations, especially those — such as federal, state or local taxes — that are imposed by law.

- Employees shall adhere to all laws and regulations that provide equal opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

- Employees shall endeavor to avoid any actions creating the appearance that they are violating the law or the ethical standards promulgated pursuant to this order.

Editor's note: This information was provided by the AMCOM General Law Division which can be reached at 876-8921.

Access procedures change at SMDC building

New hours and procedures began July 1 for the processing of badges for visitors into the Wernher Von Braun Complex, home of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Access control officers are available only from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays to issue visitor badges for access. Changes in the security contract necessitated changes to procedures at the complex off Martin Road.

All government and contractor employees currently not having 24/7 badge in access to the complex will be able to PIN access all doors after 7 a.m. For employees that have been approved for 24/7 access, PIN access to the complex is available only at the main entrance door before 7 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Before 7 a.m. and after 5 p.m., security personnel will not be available to process visitor badges. Arrangements for badging visitors must be made prior to the visit. This includes notifying other SMDC locations and nearby offices of the

change of hours for processing, ensuring proper visit requests have been sent/received and processed at the front desk, and making arrangements for escorts, if necessary. For more information, call the visitor control desk at 955-3622/3623. Send fax to 955-3629.

To obtain 24/7 access to the complex, all SMDC personnel at Arlington, Colorado Springs, U.S. Army Kawajalein Atoll and Fort Greely must complete an SMDC Form 639. Send the signed form to the complex's physical security access control officer, Bobby Brooks, at 955-2520.

Prior arrangements must be made by PC's and office managers to ensure all incoming visitors have completed and faxed a Visit Request form and that it has been processed for badging and an escort has been provided if necessary. All (uncleared) visitors must be escorted at all times in the complex.

The escort officer will be responsible for retrieving the

access control badge from the visitor upon exiting the building. The access control badge will be turned into the front desk access control officer the following duty day.

During non-duty hours any person desiring an MP escort from building 5220 to or through the parking lot should do the following: If in the building and preparing to depart, call the CAS person (955-3625) located on the first floor, room 1024. This individual will call for an MP escort. If outside building 5220, use the outside intercom located by each entry way to contact the CAS operator as aforementioned. Or if desired you may call by cell phone the Redstone military police office at 876-2222. Explain your request for an escort. In an emergency situation, call 911.

Editor's note: Bobby Brooks, physical security access control officer for the Von Braun Complex, provided this information.

Workers urged to shed light on suspicious activity

By GARY WILSON

Garrison force protection officer

Terrorism is a form of political communication that uses violence to send messages.

Messages of protest and changes in attitude leading to violence, as well as the observable preparations for a violent attack, can provide early warnings of a coming attack. Therefore, Team Redstone needs to be alert, observe and report.

Terrorists usually follow a seven-step process for an attack. That cycle is: Select a target; perform surveillance; plan the attack; select final target; deploy to the target area; final surveillance; and attack.

Redstone Arsenal employees can help to protect personnel, information and critical resources by reporting certain activities that could be observed during this cycle. Although a terrorist attack on Redstone is assessed as unlikely, we must remain alert to suspicious activity. Following simple security measures serves as the best deterrent to a terrorist act.

Look for and report any of the following potential indicators to your nearest Military Police/Security Office/Force Protection Office:

- Signs, speeches or conversations that suggest violence toward authority, leaders, ethnic or political groups

- Information that members of local organized groups are quitting or being expelled as not fitting in

- Persons emotionally expressing feelings of being under attack, harassed or targeted by some group or person

- Persons emotionally or repeatedly blaming others for some problem and advocating violence as a solution to the problem

- Multiple off-post thefts of funds, firearms or explosives

- A stranger loitering and suspiciously observing government buildings, people or activities

- A stranger asking unusual, personal or detailed questions regarding Redstone personnel, buildings or activities

- A person taking pictures or making sketches of personnel or a building

- An unusual, oversized or inappropriately parked vehicle (particularly in the vicinity of large numbers of people or special events)

- Abandoned parcel or suitcases

- Suspicious, oversized or unusual mail

Information which should be reported includes the following: Describe name, sex, age, appearance, style and color of clothes of person observed; date, time and location of activity; the type of vehicle, color, distinguishing marks and license plate; the type, color, size and distinguishing marks on package, suitcase or mail; the nature/details of any conversations or messages; and copies of any fliers, pamphlets or messages that can be obtained.

Report suspicious activity to the Military Police Desk at 876-2222 or 911.

Vietnam veteran gets Air Medal

Bill Zensan of Scottsboro has finally received his Air Medal for his military service during the Vietnam War.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, made the presentation June 14 at the Scottsboro Nutrition Center where Zensan is a volunteer.

Zensan served in the Vietnam War from 1960-63 and later joined the Coast Guard. He received the Air Medal for his outstanding service during his time in Vietnam.

"This means a lot to me," he said. "It was a long time coming. It got lost in the shuffle."

Editor's note: This information originally appeared in The Daily Sentinel newspaper in Scottsboro and was reprinted with permission.

Joint common missile flies in first test

ORLANDO, Fla. – Lockheed Martin has successfully performed the first test flight of the Joint Common Missile Controlled Test Vehicle at China Lake, Calif., marking the first time the JCM has flown using a production-like rocket motor.

The flight covered the maximum rotary-wing range of 16 kilometers, and is part of the Phase 1 risk reduction Systems Design and Development contract. The successful test constituted the first phase of testing at the missile level, and verified the new missile's design for airframe performance and aerodynamics, as well as range.

"The successful CTV flight is an important milestone for JCM," Steve Barnoske, joint common missile program director at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, said. "We have previously tested all of the critical subsystems, including numerous rocket motor tests that indicated our design would cover the maximum range. But the real test is when you fly the missile using a rocket motor."

"The reason this is so important is that JCM provides twice the range of the Hellfire and Longbow on the Apache, Cobra and Seahawk helicopters, and three times the range of Maverick on the fixed-wing platform," he added. "That means that even with anticipated growth in the enemy's air-to-ground capabilities, our aviators and pilots will be able to engage them from safer standoff ranges, reducing the risk to aircrews." (Lockheed Martin release)

Veteran Marine colonel dies in Huntsville

Retired Marine Col. Frank Delaney of Huntsville died June 28. He was 76.

"He exemplified the values of loyalty to family, country and God," his obituary stated. "He was father to a bicoastal family, with three children and two grandchildren in California, two children and one grandchild in Alabama, and a child in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Martha, had just celebrated their anniversary the day before his departure.

"A leader of men, Colonel Delaney made a lifelong commitment to keeping freedom free for the family and country he loved. After serving in numerous theaters of combat, he continued his involvement in the defense sector, managing military systems and actively participating in veterans' activities. His faith in God formed the sound foundation for his beliefs and actions.

"Colonel Delaney read extensively and was an elegant orator who enjoyed discussing and debating domestic and international affairs. He traveled around the world several times, but found peace and contentment in the simple pleasures of home and family beyond anything else. His extensive network of friends and family knew him as a man of his word who embodied the balance of a strong leader with a kind heart. Colonel Delaney's indelible footprints now form the path for his children and their children to follow."

Survivors include his wife, Martha Delaney; three sons, Brian Francis Delaney of Irvine, Calif., Terrance Michael Delaney of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and David Womack of Washington, D.C.; three daughters, Holly Snow of Grant, Lisa Kay East of Huntsville and Maureen Elizabeth Delaney of Ontario, Calif.; three grandchildren, Michael Todd Delaney, Meghan Lake and Samantha Singh; and a sister, Mary Gagnon of

Chelmsford, Mass.

The funeral was Friday at Laughlin Service Funeral Home chapel, with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorials may

be made to Hospice Family Care, 3304 Westmill Drive, Huntsville, 35805.

Editor's note: Laughlin Service Funeral Home provided this information.

■ Army dining facility opened a year ago

Dining

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maximum – so the facility's future would be in limbo if the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School moves to Fort Lee, Va., as proposed under the base realignment and closure recommendations. The BRAC process is in its preliminary stages.

"There'll be a lot of these officers and NCOs coming in with these headquarters (under the recommendations) but you don't keep a dining facility open for that. You've got to feed those troops," Olsen said.

The facility staff tries to keep the troops fed and happy through customer feedback. An installation menu board meets quarterly with representatives from the various units. "The menu board is geared around the availability of items the dining facility has for the troops," said Anthony Jones, the Garrison's assistant administrator for the computers used to monitor food. He formerly served as the K&K manager.

At 28,000 square feet the facility offers two dining rooms, a special section for VIPs or events, eight drink machines, two ice cream machines (with two sections apiece), two salad bars, four televisions and modern kitchen equipment.

"Basically everything doubled (from the old facility)," assistant manager Dennis Hardin said. "And since we've been in

the new building, the staffing has increased to serve them better."

The staff works in two shifts: 4:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. They belong to K&K, which started in 1997 and has corporate offices in Huntsville and Hopkinsville, Ky. Besides Hardin, the leaders here include dining facility manager Dan Tyree and assistant manager Wilford Stephen.

In the Connelly awards competition, Redstone won the Southeast Region for large dining facilities in 2003 and was regional runner-up in 2004. This year's regional competition is July 25-26.

The old facility, built in 1956, was demolished. Formerly just west of the current site, "it was a maintenance nightmare," Olsen said. On Thanksgiving morning 2003, an electrical storm blew out a transformer and caused a power outage. The entire meal was moved to the Sparkman Cafeteria.

The dining facility, at the corner of Ajax and Aerobee roads, averages about 30,000 meals a month. In December that falls to about 24,000 when the troops leave for the two-week holiday exodus.

"It's pretty good," Spc. Ned Dixon, of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, said of the facility where he ate while here from June 19-30. "Nothing spectacular. It's got a good selection of food. It's a fair dining facility, average or a little bit better."

Pvt. Matthew Artiles, of Bravo Company, said "It's a good breakfast and good food all-around most of the time."

■ Commissary has three of 500 scholarship winners worldwide

Students

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Bundrum, 18, graduated this year from Alexandria High and will major in secondary education and minor in business at Jacksonville State University. He is the son of Scott and Kathy Bundrum of Jacksonville. His father is a sergeant first class in the National Guard.

"It's money that my parents need to send me to school and help me to further my education so I can help further someone else's education when I become a teacher," he said of the scholarship. He wants to teach high school and coach football and baseball.

Santos, 18, is the son of retired Master Sgt. Nestor and Olga Santos of Harvest. The Sparkman High graduate will attend Vanderbilt this fall and major in bio-medical engineering.

Redstone had three of this year's 500 scholarship recipients at commissaries worldwide. Scholarships for Military Children, funded by vendors and manufacturers who sell groceries in commissaries daily, offers military children the chance to earn a \$1,500 scholarship to a

four-year college or university. The program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, which operates a network of comfort houses located near military medical centers, providing a home-away-from-home for the families of hospital patients in crisis.

The scholarships were open to qualified sons and daughters of military ID card holders to include active duty, retirees, and Guard and Reserve members. Graduating high school seniors and current college students were eligible to apply. Requirements included a 3.0 grade point average, demonstration of community involvement and a short essay on "How has the heightened awareness of terrorism impacted your life?"

"We're really pleased to be a part of our community, especially with the education of our dependents," Commissary manager Sandra Edinger said, "because they're our future."

"It all starts with education," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said.

Huntsville police chief Rex Reynolds described how college education helped him personally in his career. "I just encourage you to prepare early and prepare often," he said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ROAST READY— Cook-2 Yorel Jenkins prepares pot roast for the Soldiers' week-day lunch.

German restaurant has long and storied history

Soldatenstube continues serving post community

By **PATRICIA KLAVER**
MWR Sales and Marketing

Soldatenstube is “Soldier’s lounge” in German. Unique to and known throughout the Army, this 45-year-old restaurant is located on the Redstone Golf Course.

This piece of Redstone Arsenal history has a long and storied past. And after a brief respite, it is thriving again under newly-returned manager Robert Schumann.

Schumann, a second generation American of German ancestry, started working in the restaurant business waiting tables at the Olive Garden. His personality and work ethic soon helped him progress to management positions. Many people remember him from when the Soldatenstube German Restaurant was located in the trailer in the woods; and after a three-year break, he’s back, ready, willing and able to make people feel at home.

“I’m really glad to be back,” the Huntsville native said.

The aroma of freshly-popped popcorn fills the air as you walk into the 150-seat Soldatenstube. You don’t have to be a

member of the golf course to come in and enjoy the simplified menu of guesthouse cooking.

The restaurant prefers to do a few things exceptionally well. The food is always fresh, never frozen, and always served in large portions. Come in Wednesday or Thursday for a German plate lunch special. It’s \$6.50 including the drink, and you’ll be eating within five minutes of entering. The co-located Snack Bar hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday. German dinner prices are under \$14, and a children’s menu is available. Wednesday night is German Buffet night for \$12.95 per person. MWR cardholders get a 10 percent discount for showing the card for evening dining. Dinner is served until 8:30 p.m. The restaurant closes between 9:30 and 10:p.m.

On a great summer day, come sit on the 100-seat patio. Dine on something grilled right on the patio. Taste one of the imported beers. Paulaner German beer is the featured beer here; and the accompanying scenery can’t be beat.

Are you having a special function? The Soldatenstube can handle it.

“We are always happy to cater to any function,” Schumann said. “Enjoy the private party room or let us come to you. We

are fully equipped and ready to go off-site.”

A recently past Secretary of the Army and a coming West Point reunion both

requested the Soldatenstube for their respective visit and event.

For more information about the Soldatenstube, call 883-8636.



Photo by Patricia Klaver

HE’S BACK— Robert Schumann has returned to manage the Soldatenstube, located at Redstone Golf Course on Goss Road.

Pocket full of thanks for servicemembers

Honor Bag mementos sent to deployed troops

By ERIKA READUS
For the Rocket

A small token carrying a big message. That describes an effort under way in the Redstone community.

Operation Honor Bags began as a single act of tribute toward deployed troops and grew into a campaign of love and hope.

Operation founder Sherry Pezzaniti had a vision.

"When I saw the yellow ribbons on our cars, something made me think," she said. "I believe we want to do more, and we can."

She created a way to put the message of support in the hands of deployed servicemembers and their families. She calls these mementos Honor Bags.

"Honor Bags is an effort to put the message of love, honor and support from the hands of volunteers into the troop's hands," Pezzaniti said. "We are putting our names directly into their hands and pockets as a reminder that they are remembered, and that we care about them."

Pezzaniti figured the effort couldn't be singular, so she has enthusiastically recruited volunteers and sponsors.

"Because I am a critical care nurse at Huntsville Hospital, I took the vision to work and was overwhelmed with support from many of the doctors, nurses and their families," she said.

But it hasn't stopped there.

"Several community businesses support this effort including Polaris Sensors Technology, but we need more," she said.

Honor Bags are denim pocket squares with yellow stitching that have two messages. The first is a USA stamp which lets



Photo by Erika Readus

TRIBUTE— Operation Honor Bags members from left Sherry Pezzaniti, J. Larry Pezzaniti, Randy Crouse and Eileen Kaminsky pass Honor Bags to Soldiers to thank them for their service.

the Soldier know that this effort is 100 percent American; and the other is a stamp that says "The people of the USA Support and Honor You." Also attached is a ribbon with the name of the volunteer who made the bag and the sponsor who provides the money that makes it possible to create and send the message of support.

"Each honor bag also has a serial number to identify how many have been made," Pezzaniti said. "The serial number is important because one of the main goals of the effort is to put one in the hands of every servicemember."

Every feature of the Honor Bag is significant, especially the special tagged message printed on cotton paper that holds a personal message to the troops. "Dear Soldiers: Our Children, Our Fathers and Mothers, Sisters and Brothers: The Honor Bag is a small thing-so we could get it to you; the meaning is not. They are from our hands and our hearts; so you will know we love and care for you; that we honor you, for your sacrifice.



Photo by Erika Readus

ON DISPLAY— An Honor Bag carries a message of appreciation to deployed servicemembers.

The People, Operation Honor Bags, Inc. USA."

Pezzaniti said "I believe that they will never forget this token of honor and respect along with name of the volunteer and sponsor who created it."

Operation Honor Bags is a local effort being carried out in many homes across the city. "Because the effort is volunteer driven the HUBS, or Honor Bags Under Benevolent Supervision, are put together by a volunteer or group within an organization, taking responsibility for building the kits with supplies, and getting them to people they know, who are willing to make the Honor Bags," Pezzaniti said.

This new operation has a big plan.

"The board of directors is laying the

groundwork to take this to a national level, so that all Americans will have the opportunity to contribute," Pezzaniti said. "We need volunteers for every aspect of our non-profit, but not to advance the board or the name of the organization. We need help so that we can put a tangible reminder from home, that while they are far away, we care about them; that we honor them for their sacrifices and service."

She is working with Chaplain (Capt.) Gabriel Mizerani, the 832nd Ordnance Battalion chaplain, to send the first 1,100 Honor Bags to deployed troops by way of chaplains in hostile areas.

For more information about Honor Bags, call Pezzaniti at 852-0008 or send e-mail to honorbags@mchsi.com.

Music, fireworks launch Armed Forces Celebration

Activities planned from July 18-24

By SHAREE MILLER
For the Rocket

The Concert in the Park series, sponsored by the city of Huntsville and the Arts Council, at Huntsville's Big Spring Park will end the first day of Armed Forces Week with a bang.

The free concert featuring the 249th Army Band of the West Virginia National Guard begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. The concert is part of Armed Forces Celebration Week, July 18-24. The Monday night concert in the park

has become an annual event.

"The Armed Forces Week Concert in the Park is always one of our largest crowds," Rusty Wilkerson, Concert in the Park coordinator, said. "Anytime we have an Army band we tend to draw a crowd. Especially with what is going on in the world right now, people love to come out and support them."

Again this year the stage will be set up behind the Huntsville Art Museum facing the lagoon. "We have moved the location of the Concert in the Park to accommodate the construction," Wilkerson said. "Everyone seems to enjoy the new location and it offers a larger viewing area."

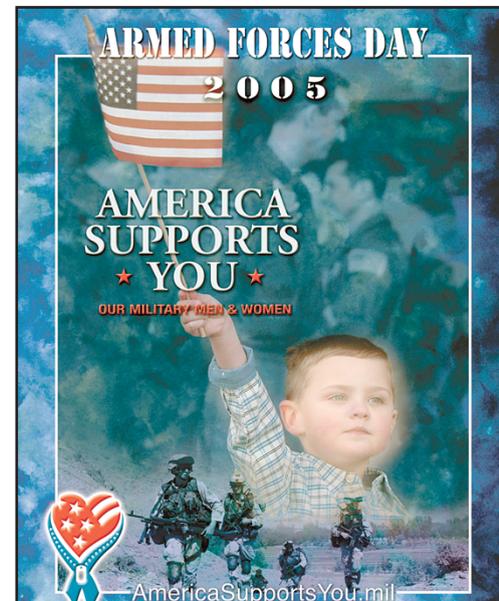
In addition to the concert in the park, military hardware such as helicopters,

aircraft and weapon systems, will be on display. The various aviation and missile systems will line Williams Street by the Big Spring Park for all to see. The local band Buckler will kick off the night at 6:30. The 249th Army Band will begin around 7:45 and the concert will conclude with a fireworks display at approximately 9.

Buckler is described as an "acoustic pop rock" band with original music. It has played a variety of venues including Panoply, Soulstock, The Corner and Vision Land. For more information on the band, visit www.bucklermusic.com.

The 249th Army Band of the West Virginia Army National Guard is the

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Pilots cited for more than 35 years of safe flights

Post commander recognizes trio

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

Three members of Redstone Airfield have attained a lofty level for aviation safety.

Roger Christie, Les Haas and Sam Maki from AMCOM G-3 Flight Operations were honored June 27 by post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury for amassing a total, safe-flying-hour record of 30,381 hours, receiving the CG's star note, Redstone award plaque, and Combat Readiness Center award.

Their Army aviation milestone reflects unblemished active-duty and civilian flights that began more than 35 years ago. They all credit the flight-line maintainers and mechanics that they have served with over the years for permitting them to fly with no Class A, B or C accidents.

The veteran pilots fly missions that support customers installing and testing sensors in various flight and test-range profiles. Most often, a sensor is installed on the side or front of an aircraft, with a rack of electronic gear monitoring mounted in the cabin of the aircraft to monitor the tested equipment.

They fly security missions on

the perimeter of the Arsenal, VIP orientations of the post, training missions for Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, fire bucket missions on the test ranges and cargo missions in fixed wing aircraft to other installations.

Christie earned his FAA Aircraft Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic License from the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in 1966. He holds a bachelor's in aviation maintenance management at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1973.

A 20-year Army veteran, Christie has flown UH-1, AH-1, U-21 and C-23 aircraft.

Also a 20-year Army veteran, Haas has flown TH-55, TH-13, UH-1 and AH-1 aircraft.

Maki, true to form as a 20-year veteran, has flown TH-55, UH-1, AH-1, U21,

VC-6, C7 and C23 aircraft.

"They all come from varied backgrounds, but they all have one thing in common," Pillsbury said. "And that one thing is absolute professionalism. To do anything for 10,000 hours without an accident is marvelous. And to fly these machines: the Huey, which beats the air into submission and the Sherpa, which is slow enough to have bird strikes from the rear, is an inherently dangerous business."

Soldier Show performances promise to lift spirits

Caring for deployed troops represents this year's theme

By SHAREE MILLER
For the Rocket

The schedule of performances for this year's U.S. Army Soldier Show has changed somewhat from the past. This year there will be three performances locally.

There will be two performances July 19 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and one performance July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.

This year's Soldier Show will unveil "Operation America Cares," a 90-minute song and dance production that expresses the importance of giving deployed Soldiers a touch of home.

The 19-Soldier troupe is scheduled for 102 performances across America, Korea and at Camp Zama, Japan ending back at Fort Belvoir, Va., on Nov. 13. Fort Belvoir is the home of the Army Entertainment Division, one of more than 50 programs provided to Soldiers and their families by the Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

"The message of the show is that it doesn't matter how tough we are and it doesn't matter how fit to fight we are, Soldiers are still human and longing for the familiar and America's affection," Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado said.

The cast and crew will attempt to bring his vision to life with musical genres rhythm and blues, new rock, country, gospel, eclectic new wave/new age, patriotic and newly arranged movie themes. Calling the show "our gift to the American Soldier," Hurtado stresses his desire to leave audiences with a sense of newfound knowledge.

"It's not just about singing and dancing; it's about each audience member getting something out of it - being entertained, being moved, being inspired," he said. "We want to give them something to think about until next year - lift their spirits and grow their minds."

The show will focus on how Soldiers deal with the stresses of war and long deployments. In one scene, a crate stuffed with recreation kits arrives from the Army's Morale Welfare and Recreation headquarters.

More than 400 Soldiers submitted applications to perform in the Soldier Show. Twenty-five were invited for live

The commander's two-star note said: "Your career has placed you in situations and environments where the possibility of an aircraft mishap was greatly increased. Your current assignment, testing missile research and development programs places the aircraft in profiles that require superior pilot skills and constant attention to detail. Please accept the admiration and gratitude of Army aviation and all the members of AMCOM."



Mary Petty/Photo Lab

PERFECT HISTORY— From left are award-winning pilots Roger Christie, Les Haas and Sam Maki at Redstone Airfield.



Tim Hips/CFSC Public Affairs

CAR WASH— First Lt. Heather Gross of Fort Campbell, Ky., is front and center as 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show performers sing Christina Aguilera and Missy Elliot's version of "Car Wash" during rehearsals.

auditions, and 16 made the show. Three audio and lighting technicians will accompany them on tour.

Tickets are distributed first to the active duty Soldiers, retirees, and National Guard or Reservist beginning today; and all remaining tickets will be available to the public starting Saturday. Tickets are limited to four per person. Tickets can be picked up at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, on Aerobee Road during normal business hours of Tuesdays through Fridays 1:30-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will also have tickets for distribution at 225 Church St. weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting July 11. Those without a ticket to the show still have a final opportunity: Any unfilled seats will be available for those who choose to come to the Von Braun Center Concert Hall prior to each show and wait.

"Tickets go fast so get them early," Adrian Baker of Morale Welfare and Recreation said. "Even with tickets, seating is not guaranteed. It is advisable to arrive early since any vacant seats will be filled by those waiting on standby 15 minutes prior to the show."

The show is free because of national sponsors and local support. Army National Guard and AT&T are sponsoring this year's show. Locally, the Chamber of Commerce is assisting MWR with the performance venue and other requirements. For more information about the Soldier Show or tickets, call Baker at 955-7399.

VA clinics provide variety of care locally

Two outpatient facilities
serve thousands of vets

By STEPHANIE MOORE

For the Rocket

When veterans return to their communities, Veterans Affairs remains committed to their medical care.

VA clinics offer primary care, mental health, nutrition and optometry; and there are two locally. The clinic in Madison on Highway 20 and the clinic in Huntsville on Governors Drive both have a laboratory. The Madison clinic offers prosthetics.

The Huntsville clinic is 10-years-old while its Madison counterpart has been open three years.

Both are under the Birmingham VA outpatient clinic, directed by Y.C. Parris. The Huntsville clinic sees about 5,000 patients while Madison clinic serves about 3,000.

The Huntsville and Madison facilities are outpatient clinics. Specialty care and surgery is done at the VA Medical Center in Birmingham. Huntsville has about 24 staff members while Madison has about 12.



Photo by Stephanie Moore

HEALTHY READING— Huntsville clinic patient Otha Burger gets his temperature taken by registered nurse Denoris Epps.

"I really enjoy working here," Huntsville clinic manager Rekena Davis said. "Our staff does a great job providing for our Soldiers."

Her clinic is open Monday through Fri-

day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To be considered at the VA clinic a person must be a veteran. First priority is given to servicemembers who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Endurance Freedom and to service connected veterans. Service connected veterans are those who were disabled during military duty.

In Huntsville one doctor will see up to 18-20 patients a day. There are three primary care doctors, a registered nurse, a physician assistant, a nutritionist, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a social worker for mental health and an optometrist.

Most service-connected patients will be seen within 30 days with a 20-minute wait in the waiting area.

There is a waiting list for new non-service connected patients. When service connected patients and Iraqi war patients have been treated, the clinic will call and schedule appointments for other patients. It would take about three to four months to get an appointment in this case.

The Huntsville VA clinic is a part of the Southeast network. Within this network, the clinic was ranked No. 1 by Veterans Affairs for its performance measures or patient related goals.

Overall, throughout the entire network Huntsville's VA clinic was voted No. 2.

"I think our hard work shows," Davis said. "Our clinic strives to do everything we can for the veterans."

The Huntsville clinic provides a shuttle service for those patients who must travel to Birmingham for various reasons. The shuttle will pick the patients up at the clinic on Governors Drive, drive them to Birmingham, and return them to the Huntsville clinic.

"The people here are good," patient Otha Burger said. He complimented the clinic's one-on-one interaction between the nurse and the patient.

"It is great having a clinic available to the community," Davis said. "By having a local clinic, our patients do not have to drive to Birmingham just to see a doctor."

Infected ticks cause deadly disease

Monthly flea, tick treatments
can protect cats from illness

The Veterinary Treatment Facility recently diagnosed two domestic house cats living on post with a disease called Cytauxzoonosis.

The disease, caused by bites from infected ticks, is specific only to domestic house cats, not humans or dogs. The natural host is the North American bobcat, which normally shows no symptoms. Ticks from the infected bobcat attach to house cats and cause the infection. Cytauxzoonosis is almost always fatal.

"I don't want to scare people," Capt. Robert Hawley, chief of veterinary services, said. "I want to educate them."

Hawley said infected cats exhibit an extremely high fever (103 to 107 degrees), lethargy, dehydration and lack of appetite.

"You may also see yellowing of the eyes and mucous membranes," he added.

The disease progresses rapidly. It is diagnosed through clinical signs and a blood sample examination to look for specific changes in blood chemistry and identification of the parasite in cells.

Monthly flea and tick treatments can help protect pets from the disease.

"No matter if you live in the city or in the country, or if your pet is indoors or outdoors you will encounter fleas and ticks," Hawley said. "While no product out there will protect your pet 100 percent, they will, when properly applied, greatly reduce the chances a flea and/or tick will attach and stay on your pet."

Although the two diagnosed cats were primarily house cats, they still managed to be exposed to an infected tick.

"This is Alabama and the flea and tick season seems to be 12 months out of the year many times," Hawley said.

There are many flea and tick products on the market, but Hawley warned pet owners that they are not all created equal. He recommends consulting with the Veterinary Treatment Facility or a civilian veterinarian before starting any medication or spray.

For more information, call the Veterinary Treatment Facility at 876-2441.

Sizzling summer calls for safety measures

When heat is on, take precautions

By KELLEY LANE
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In case you haven't noticed, it's hot outside. As area temperatures continue to be in the 90s, staying safe in the summer heat becomes a more pressing concern. Keeping yourself, your family and even the family pet happy and healthy isn't hard if you use common sense and follow practical guidelines.

The most obvious way to avoid a heat injury is simply to stay inside. This, however, is not always an option. If you must be outside, avoid doing so during the hottest part of the day, cautions Maj. Angelique Likely, chief of preventative medicine at Fox Army Health Center.

"Try to keep your outside activities in the morning or evening and stay out of the heat of midday," she said. "If you have to be outside then make sure you take plenty of water."

Likely also urges people to plan their activities in advance, taking temperatures into account much as one would any other aspect of the weather. She recommends weather sources that include a heat index or "feels like" temperature, particularly in the South where humidity is a major factor. This information is also available from the Redstone weather office at 876-2861. Wear lightweight, light colored clothing that is loose and nonbinding.

Fluid and hydration also play a mas-



Photo by Kelley Lane
HOT DOG— A ride in the car may be fun, but a trip to the store can spell tragedy during summer heat.

sive role in preventing heat injuries. Mike Davis, AMCOM Safety office, recommends forced hydration. Forced hydration is most easily defined as drinking fluids on a set schedule to maintain hydration levels rather than waiting until levels have dropped and trying to replace lost fluid. Davis cautions not to wait on the body to tell you when it needs a drink.

"You want to drink about 12 eight ounce glasses of water a day which is about 3 quarts," Davis said. "When you become thirsty, you've already lost the battle and you are one step closer to being dehydrated."

Likely also suggests that people on a fluid restricted diet or taking diuretic medication should consult their physician on how much and what to drink.

Even for those not on a dietary restriction, what you drink is almost as important as how much you drink. Water and sports drinks are always good choices, but be mindful of sugar and calories much like juices and sweet tea. Beverages containing

caffeine or alcohol may seem to hit the spot, but actually can hinder hydration.

"It's hard in the South where sweet tea is the drink," she said. "But caffeine really defeats the purpose."

Salt and minerals lost through sweating should be replaced as well. This is most easily done through sports drinks and food. While salt tabs enjoyed popularity years ago, Likely urges people to avoid them as a means to replenish the body. Once again she says people with medical or dietary restrictions should consult their doctor about what would be best for them.

Davis tells people to not only watch out for themselves, but keep an eye on the people around them. Many may not realize their own symptoms or susceptibility to heat injury.

"Monitor those at risk. Small children and the elderly are more susceptible," he said. "Those who have had a heat injury in the past are also more likely to have one again."

There are several degrees of heat injury. The two most common categories are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion is the less dangerous of the two. According to the Red Cross, heat exhaustion occurs when heavy sweating causes a loss of fluid in the body, slowing down circulation and sending the body into a type of shock. When sweat does not evaporate properly due to humidity or clothing, the body is not cooled as it should be. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include flushed skin, nausea, headache, dizziness or vomiting.

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Insurance company lends hand with child safety

GEICO contributes car seats to Army Community Service

Infant and toddlers with parents stationed at Redstone Arsenal should be assured of safer automobile travel because of a gift from Government Employees Insurance Company.

"Traffic crashes, not disease, are the leading cause of death among young children," said Richard Kidd, former Sergeant Major of the Army and now the vice president, military department of GEICO.

GEICO donated five infant/toddler car restraint seats to Army Community Service for use in the Lending Closet. Military and retired military may borrow an infant/toddler car seat for a 30-day period at no cost to the servicemember.

Since 1985, GEICO has donated

more than 10,000 infant and toddler car seats for use by military families throughout the Defense Department.

"Our hope is that by providing seats for loaners, we help parents protect their children without busting their budget," Kidd said.

Currently the law in all states and the District of Columbia requires that parents use occupant restraints for their children, usually up to 3 or 4 years old.

"The life saving value of properly positioned and installed child car seat is demonstrated on a daily basis. It is a fact, child car seats reduce injuries and save lives of small children," Kidd said.

Military parents interested in learning more about the infant/toddler car seat loaner program or the Lending Closet may call Army Community Service at 876-5397 or stop by building 3338 on Redeye Road. (ACS release)

Everyone should look out for eye injury hazards

By Spc. JESSICA MARTIN
Preventive medicine specialist

The American Academy of Ophthalmology reports that more than 1 million people suffer from eye injuries each year in the United States. Ninety percent of these injuries could have been prevented if the individual had been wearing appropriate protective eyewear.

People should observe the following precautions:

- **In the house** — When using household chemicals, read instructions and labels carefully, work in a well-ventilated area and point spray nozzles away from yourself. Many chemicals are extremely hazardous and can permanently destroy the surface of your eyes, resulting in blindness.

- **In the workshop** — Think about the work you will be doing and wear protective eyewear to shield your eyes from flying fragments, fumes, dust particles, sparks and splashing chemicals. Many objects can fly into your eyes unexpectedly and cause injury.

- **In the garden** — Put on protective eyewear before you use a lawnmower, power trimmer or edger and check for rocks and stones which can become dangerous projectiles as they are propelled from these machines.

- **In the workplace** — Wear appropriate safety eyewear for your job. Many of the thousands injured each day did not think they needed eye protection or were wearing eyewear inappropriate for the job.

- **Around the car** — Battery acid, sparks and debris from damaged or improperly jump-started auto batteries can severely damage your eyes. Keep protective goggles in the trunk of your car to use for those emergencies and everyday repairs.

Prevention is the first and most important step in protecting your eyes from injuries. Wearing appropriate protective eyewear may save you from a serious eye injury. If you do experience an eye injury, seek medical attention promptly. For more information, visit the American Academy of Ophthalmology at www.aao.org.



Courtesy photo

SECURE GIFT— From left are Dorothy Patrick, GEICO professional sales counselor; Acacia Schevey, daughter of Staff Sgt. Albert Schevey and Penny Schevey; Louis Zarrill, GEICO Direct representative; and Johnny Underwood, manager of military department.

Hammer time for a few good men

Marines roll
to 4-0 start

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In softball the Marines don't exactly speak softly but they do carry a big stick.

That was evident June 27 at Linton Field in their 17-5 win over Charlie Company in five innings. The Marines improved to 4-0 on the season.

"We hit, we swung the sticks," Marines coach-pitcher Rob Smith said.

Leading the way was left fielder Cliff Newsom, who slugged three home runs before leaving the detachment.

"This was his last game," Smith said. "He's going back to his unit. He's in the managers course. He's averaging two of those (homers) a game, so we're gonna miss that."

Marines catcher Brice Sligar had three hits and two runs scored while shortstop Jermaine Spencer added two hits and two runs.

Charlie pitcher Barry Brown took the loss as the Wolfpack fell to 0-3.

"The Marines came out and gave us a good game," Charlie coach-shortstop Ernesto Barreras said. "We played gallantly but came up short. But we'll see them again."

The Marines came up short themselves the following night 23-11 to Headquarters & Alpha-2 for their first loss of the season.

Standings after last week included: **Eastern Conference** — Headquarters & Alpha-2 (5-0), NCO Academy (3-3), MEDDAC (1-5) and Charlie (0-5). **Western Conference** — Bravo (5-0), Marines (4-1), Headquarters & Alpha-1 (2-2) and 326th (1-5).

Here are results from week two:

• **June 27** — Marines def. Charlie 17-5, Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. 326th 23-2 and Bravo def. NCO Academy 19-4.

• **June 28** — Headquarters & Alpha-1 def. MEDDAC 17-6, Headquarters &



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HIT PARADE— Brice Sligar has three hits and two runs scored in the Marines' romp over Charlie.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ANOTHER RUN— Jermaine Spencer scores for the Marines in the third inning in front of Charlie catcher Sarah McGee.

Alpha-2 def. Marines 23-11 and NCO Academy def. Charlie in three innings.

• **June 29** — Headquarters & Alpha-1 def. 326th 15-10, Headquarters & Alpha-

2 def. Charlie 18-4 and Bravo def. MEDDAC 20-11.

• **June 30** — Bravo def. 326th 23-13 and NCO Academy def. MEDDAC 23-17.

All-Army team finishes second in Chess Championships

By TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. — Spc. Mustapha Kahlouch led the All-Army chess team to a second-place finish behind Air Force and earned a spot in the NATO Chess Championships during the 2005 Inter-Service Chess Championships.

Air Force won the team title with 26 _ points, followed by Army (23 _), Navy (22) and the Marine Corps (12).

Military chess aficionados said they cherished camaraderie during the Inter-Service Chess Championships June 5-11 at the Fort Myer Community Center.

"It's a good feeling, especially on the Army side, because we didn't know each other — now we're pretty close," Kahlouch

said.

Navy Personnelman 1st Class Narcisico Victoria won the individual championship in a six-way tiebreaker determined by a computer program that evaluated strength of opponents. Air Force Col. Samuel Echaure of Barksdale Air Force Base, La., finished second, followed by Navy hospital corpsman Froilan Magpantay of Bahrain Dental Clinic; Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Keough of Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Ariz.; Army's Kahlouch of Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Ruben Cedeno Jr. of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

All six are scheduled to represent the U.S. military in the 16th NATO Chess Championships at Kolobrzeg, Poland, Aug. 17-21.

"When playing chess, there is no communication barrier," said Victoria, who came from U.S. Naval Support Activity in Naples, Italy, to successfully defend his 2004 crown. "Playing chess has its own language."

Keough handed Victoria his only loss in their seventh and final match.

"I probably could have played it safely and played for a draw, but I wanted the Navy team to at least place second or third, so I played for a win," Victoria said. "I should have probably used a more solid setup rather than the more aggressive opening."

Victoria's aggressive opening worked in a fifth-round victory over Army Sgt. Rudy Tia Jr. of Fort Hood, Texas. Tia, a two-time inter-service champion and six-time All-Army champ, finished seventh.

"I'm very happy to see the armed forces supporting (chess) because there are a lot of players out there who love this game," Victoria said. "It's good for camaraderie among other services."

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



Photo by Tim Hipps

NEXT MOVE— Spc. Mustapha Kahlouch of Fort Stewart, Ga., earns a spot on the U.S. military team for the 16th NATO Chess Championships by finishing fifth in the 2005 Inter-Service Chess Championships at Fort Myer, Va.

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only military band serving the state of West Virginia. It serves one weekend per month and performs throughout the region in support of military ceremonies, community programs, parades and state government functions. The 249th has performed in the presence of state governors, congressmen and the president. It has also served the governor as the Inaugural Band, Ceremonial Band and Marching Band.

The band's history dates back to the turn of the century when it consisted of two bands, the 201st Infantry Band in

Morgantown, W.Va., and the 150th Infantry Band in Bluefield, W.Va. Upon release from federal service in World War II, these two bands were consolidated into the current 249th and was stationed in Fairmont, W.Va. In 1995, the 249th returned to Morgantown.

The band has members from throughout the state. They make up a concert band, jazz ensemble and several small ensembles including brass choir, jazz quartet and percussion ensemble. For more information about the Armed Forces Celebration Week Concert in the Park, call the Arts Council at 519-2787, visit the web site at www.artshuntsville.org or call the Public Affairs Office at 842-0558.

■ Heat injuries top seasonal concerns in South

Heat

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Heat stroke is a life threatening injury. When the body's thermostat is overloaded, it can stop functioning altogether causing body temperature to rise uncontrollably. Victims can suffer permanent brain damage or death. Symptoms can include high temperature, hot and dry red skin, loss of consciousness, rapid shallow breathing and a rapid but weak pulse.

Our four-legged friends are not immune to the heat either. While cats are more able to fend for themselves, the family dog is at the mercy of its owners to see after its safety, Staff Sgt. Tanya Boudreaux, NCO-in-charge at the Veterinary Treatment Facility, said. Pet owners of any kind should ensure that their animals have access to fresh water and a cool shady spot to get out of the sun. While longhaired breeds acclimate to the climate they are in, many owners choose to shear them during the summer. This can add to their comfort level and help keep them cool, Boudreaux said. She also asks pet owners not to forget their beloved animals when on outings.

"If you're out working with them or exercising, take along a portable water dish," Boudreaux said. "Save playtime for when the sun goes down."

Symptoms of heat injury in animals are much the same as they are for people. Rapid shallow panting that does not let up with time is a sign of overheating, as is an unsteady or drunken gait. In extreme cases the animal may even pass out.

While the family pet may like to take car trips and go for a ride, no one likes waiting for extended periods in a hot car while the driver runs errand inside a store or office. It can be especially dangerous for pets, which rely on panting to cool their bodies.

"They are panting trying to cool off and they are just breathing in hot air," Boudreaux explained. "If you have to leave them, make it only five minutes. Try to park under a tree or in the shade."

Boudreaux and Likely urge pet owners and parents to use common sense and their own comfort level as a basis for judgment when leaving children or animals in a car for any amount of time.

"If you get in the car and you're rolling

down windows and sweating trying to get the air on then you should realize how hot it is inside that car," Likely said.

If you believe that a heat injury has occurred in you, another person or even your pet then immediate attention is necessary. It is important to get the victim cool without throwing their system into deeper shock. Water should be given immediately in small frequent amounts. Too much fluid too quickly can cause vomiting and dehydrate the victim further. Remove tight or heavy clothing that can block airflow to the body. Notify the family physician of the situation. Tell them what you have done and how the victim is responding. They may have you take additional measures.

In the event of heat stroke, cooling the person to a safe temperature is more important than concerns of shock, Likely said. Ice packs and wet sheets or towels should be applied to the body as quickly as possible or douse them with cool water if possible. Even though rubbing alcohol may give a cooling sensation, it actually closes pores and seals heat inside the body. If you suspect a heat stroke, Likely urges you to call 911 for emergency medical help immediately.

When dealing with pets the procedures for possible heat injury are once again much the same as for people. Water in small frequent amounts and a good spray with the garden hose go a long way. Monitor their condition and call your veterinarian to ensure that you are doing all that you should. Depending on their symptoms and progress, they may have you bring the animal in for additional treatment or observation.

"Take their temperature," Boudreaux said. "A dog's normal temperature is between 101 and 103 degrees. Once it gets to 103 or 104 degrees they are going into a heat injury like cramps or even a heat stroke. You are going to have to monitor them all night. Just like people, their temperature can go back up."

Summer should be a season of fun and safe outdoor activities. With common sense and preventative measures, you can keep the shadow of heat injuries from clouding your sunny days. For more information call Fox Army Health Center at 955-8888, AMCOM Safety Office at 842-8622, Veterinary Treatment Facility at 876-2944 or visit www.redcross.org.



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Happy Fourth

Fourth of July fireworks light up the skyline of the nation's capital a few years ago as viewed from the vicinity of Fort McNair, D.C.



Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

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

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.

Youth sports camps

CYS SKIES Unlimited 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.

Football officials

North Alabama Football Officials Association is recruiting officials for the 2005 season. No experience necessary. For more information, call William Hogue 828-4448.

Sports lounge

The Redstone Lanes Sports Lounge features plasma televisions, a large screen projection television, satellite dish, billiard tables, dart game and more. Stop by July 23 at 8 p.m. to hear live classic rock by the BC Sessions featuring Chris Carter, Vic Carter, Steve Burks, Tina Saddler, Tony Richards and Mike Harper. For more information, call 842-2695.



Conferences & Meetings

Men singers

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

Warrant officers

The Warrant Officer Association, Redstone Arsenal Chapter invites all warrant officers to attend its meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Chapter activities and information can be viewed at <http://www.redstonewarrants.com/>.

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 Redstone conduct these unclassified annual briefings. Registration is on a space-available basis due to the seating constraints. Be sure to register early. The APBI web site is <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers 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 Saturday 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.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet July 21 at 11:15 a.m. in the Regimental Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Dorothy Tiller from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. The buffet line can be used for those eating lunch.

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

Retired federal workers

National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program at 10. Jane McWhorter, a Red Cross first-aid trainer, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will meet July 12 at 5:30 p.m. at 3210 Hi-Lo Circle, Huntsville. Visitors and potential members are welcome. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.



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

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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.gsauctions.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 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 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.

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 (refrigerant extra). For more information, call 955-7727.

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.

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.

ACS open house

Army Community Service staff invites Team Redstone to celebrate 40 years of service to military and their family members. An open house will be held July 18 from 1:30 (after the Soldier and NCO of the Year luncheon) until 3 p.m. with refreshments and displays. ACS is

in building 3338, Redeye Road. For more information, call 876-5397.

Master's in management

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is offering a Master of Science in Management program on Redstone Arsenal. Students applying for admission to the master of science in management may choose from specializations in Management of Integrated Logistics, Aviation/Aerospace Industrial Management, Air Transportation Management, Aviation and Aerospace Security, Aviation Enterprises in a Global Environment, and a General Management Option. Courses will be offered in nine-week terms starting Aug. 8 on post, and are available online as well. For more information visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222, the web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>, or e-mail the center at huntsville.center@erau.edu. Appointments may also be made to receive a free unofficial evaluation of transfer credit/credit for prior military service.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now registering for the fall term, Aug. 8 to Oct. 8. Classes offered include Human Factors in Aviation/Aerospace, Integrated Logistics in Aviation Management, Structure and Applications of Analytical Decision Processes, Aviation/Aerospace System

Analysis and Methods, Aviation Legislation, and Organizational Behavior. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Management fields as well as certificate programs in Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Aviation Safety, and Space Studies. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is Aug. 5. Call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222, the web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville> or e-mail the center at huntsville.center@erau.edu for more information. Appointments may also be made to receive a free unofficial evaluation of transfer credit/credit for prior military service.

Space lecture

HAL5 (National Space Society) presents a free lecture by Dr. Richard B. Hoover of NASA on "Astrobiology of Comets: Life in Outer Space?" at 7 p.m. Thursday at Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow at Shoney's.

Veterinary clinic

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics July 13 from 4-7 p.m. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk-in basis for routine vaccinations.

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