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Direct cargo flights deliver parts from Corpus Christi

Story and Photos by AL SCHWARTZ
For the Rocket

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — "AMCOM Express is working, and it is working well," said Maj. Dave Edson, Corpus Christi Army Depot's Logistics Modernization Program manager.

AMCOM Express, the dedicated C-17 flown from Corpus Christi to Balad, Iraq has shipped more than 272,000 pounds of critical, high-priority items and has returned to Corpus Christi with more than 208,000 pounds of battle-damaged aircraft and material since its first flight last October.

"Receiving units love it because they get parts quickly," Edson said. "And all of us at Corpus Christi, no matter what organization we work for, love it because we have a direct impact on supporting our troops."

The plane normally carries 17 or 18 pallets of cargo. Most pallets are built at, and all are loaded at, the Defense Logistics Agency's Corpus Christi Defense Distribution Depot. A

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FILL 'ER UP— Crew members of 6th Airlift Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base and employees of Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi load a pallet of helicopter blades on an AMCOM Express flight.

SKY KING— AMCOM Express, a C-17, stands ready to be loaded.

ALL ABOARD— A truck brings pallets of high priority helicopter parts to be loaded on an AMCOM Express flight.

An open lane random survey

How do you protect against identity theft?

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Cheryl Hovanes
retiree dependent

"We shred all personal information. We also do a credit check to make sure nothing comes up on our credit reports at least every three months."

Staff Sgt. Marlon Slade
NCO Academy

"When I get mail I scratch out names and things or rip it up before I throw it away. I don't leave my ID card lying around or in my car."

Justin Sweitzer
contractor

"Watch for people with camera phones. They can take pictures of your credit cards and ID. Then you'll be sorry."

Spc. Jacob Gillihan

"I shred receipts and I don't give out information to people who shouldn't have it. You have to be careful what you do on the Internet, too. If you give out the wrong kind of information someone could steal your identity."

Quote of the week

'Go pick me out a winner, Bobby.'

— *Baseball star Roy Hobbs to the bat boy in the 1984 movie The Natural*

Letters to the Editor

Bugged by insect sighting

On July 5 upon entering the Sparkman Cafeteria, my friend and I were deciding what we wanted for lunch. As we passed the Salad Bar, a roach was climbing on the wall. I showed it to my friend behind me and we both went to the cashier and told her what was on the wall. She replied she couldn't do anything about it. We both proceeded to the other side of the cafeteria and told the other cashier there and she replied that she was not the exterminator and there was nothing we could do either.

Someone needs to let the workers there know that all we were trying to do was let someone know there is, not was, a problem. Seems like when you report something, nobody cares. This tells us to go elsewhere for breakfast and lunch. I do not have a problem going somewhere else if bugs are going to be crawling around. Seriously, it was disgusting and for the cashiers to say there is nothing we can do, I wonder what the ratings would be if the Health Department were to come in.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response.

"Thank you for taking the time to report the sighting of an insect on July 5. We normally have pest control on Fridays and in fact had pest control Thursday, June 30. Since we were closed on Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4, this provided an excellent opportunity to spray for insects.

"Two problems with pest control that all food service establishments have in common are: (1) pest control chemicals are sometimes washed away due to the daily washing of floors; (2) immediately after pest control applications a sighting of insects is common due to dying insects being more visible. This may help to explain why you saw the insect on July 5 and may be more prone to see them after the weekends.

"Let me assure you that your concerns are most important to us. I have discussed this incident with both cashiers involved. Each understands that they did not respond appropriately to our concerns. With continued customer service training, we will be able to improve our customer service skills to convey our belief that service to our customers is actually the only product we provide. Again thank you for helping us to improve our service with your input."

On run at Service Station

I would like to address a problem with service at the Post Service Station. Every time I stop for fuel, there is only one attendant on duty and they must run between two registers. This creates very long lines, both at the pumps and pay window. Why can't the Exchange Service put an attendant back outside at the pumps as before? That was the way Exchange Service designed it. Thanks in advance for attention.

Earl Hildebran Jr.

Editor's note: Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter provided the following response. "Thank you for writing to alert us to the problems you've had at the One Stop Shoppette.

"I apologize for the occasions you encountered long lines at the gasoline pay window. We try to schedule an adequate number of cashier-checkers to minimize customer waiting time, and our cashier-checkers are to call for assistance when lines form. Eileen Berth, store manager, will continually review her scheduling and closely monitor this area to hopefully eliminate these problems. Please have Eileen or one of the managers paged the next time you find more than four customers waiting in line (one being checked out and three waiting). They will take corrective action immediately.

The kiosks at the gas pumps do not have the equipment installed that would allow us to put an associate at this location.

"I appreciate your alerting me to this problem area. We work hard to keep our exchange operating efficiently, but it looks like we'll have to work harder. We value having you as a customer and depend on your continued support."

Construction project will close Gate 3

Beginning July 18, Gate 3 at Redstone Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic in order to facilitate the construction of a new Gate 3 guard building.

All Gate 3 vehicle traffic will be rerouted to Gate 2 at Buxton Road (Green Cove Road off post) and will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday to accommodate both inbound and outbound traffic.

Due to the restrictive travel lanes at Gate 2, access will be limited to only those personnel with recognized identification and decaled vehicles. All visitor traffic — without recognized ID and decal — is directed to enter the installation at any of the other open gates to include 1, 7, 9 or 10. *(Garrison release)*

Individual role vital to ensuring security

The Directorate of Emergency Services would like to take this opportunity to re-address a security issue that affects all who live and work on Redstone Arsenal. Terrorists prey on complacency.

Complacency is exactly what you get when security personnel on security access control points are not able to thoroughly check personnel, validating identification, entering the installation. The directorate asks that all help eliminate a possible vulnerability by ensuring that you are prepared for entry onto the installation by having the required identification ready in hand (out of the wallet, pocket book, plastic badge holder, etc.) so that the ACP security personnel physically inspect identification to validate authenticity and expedite entry onto Redstone.

Just a reminder: When you leave the installation, whether it is for lunch, end of the work day, on weekends, etc., ensure that all personnel remove installation identification from your person and secure it. *(Garrison release)*

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Getting to know you

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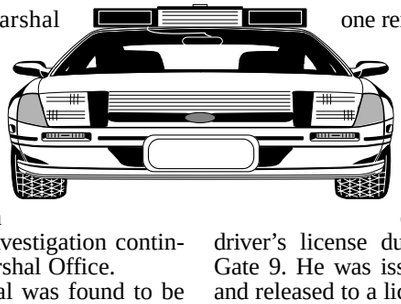
Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?
The people. I work with some really wonderful people.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to work in the yard and read. And of course watch Lifetime Movie Network.

What are your goals?
My biggest goal is to eventually, hopefully, retire. Just retire. That's what I'm pretty much looking forward to. I'm too old for much of anything else, because I've been here forever it seems like (19 years this September).

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences



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

July 1: An individual was found to be disorderly at the Shoppette. She was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 5: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

July 6: An individual reported that someone removed a motorized cart from the PX area. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 6: 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.

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

Violation notices issued: 1 speeding, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 expired tag, 2 driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Calibration visit

Col. John Myers, left, the chief of staff for Program Executive Office Combat Support/Combat Service Support in Warren, Mich., tours a new diagnostic maintenance software program during his visit July 6-7. With him are Lt. Col. Dwayne Morton, project manager for Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, and contractor Carey Roberts of SAIC.

Get moving with new weight loss program

MWR sponsoring fitness promotion

Time again to lose weight before the swimsuit season ends.

"Movin' and Losin'" is the latest weight-loss program sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation. The eight-week exercise and weight loss team competition begins Aug. 1.

Offices and groups of military and civilian workers can compete against other teams to see who can lose the most weight. This contest is limited to 20 five-member teams. To enter a team, call assistant sports and fitness director Phylissa Shannon at 313-1202.

Registration deadline is July 22.

"Lighten Up, Tighten Up," an eight-week program which ended March 29, drew 25 teams with 138 participants who lost 762 pounds for an average of 5.5 pounds per person.

"Not everybody lost (weight), but a lot of people did," Shannon said. "This has been one of the most successful programs I have ever done."

Photo by Skip Vaughn

FUN IN SUN— Finishing a one-mile walk March 29 are, from left, Connie Smith, Susie Adams and Kellie O'Brien, all of the Fit Five team; and Connie Hannaford. The Fit Five finished fifth of 25 teams in the eight-week weight loss and exercise program called "Lighten Up, Tighten Up."

School bus signup arrives on post

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 continues through Friday 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)*

Industry invited to learn command's requirements

Annual planning briefing provides long-range goals

By TOMMY HARRIS
For the Rocket

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 will conduct an unclassified Advance Planning Briefing for Industry from July 19-20 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

AMCOM will use this opportunity to promote the Army's unequivocal preference for early, open and meaningful dialogue with industry on a fair and equitable basis, to foster a mutual understanding of future contract requirements and solicit industry feedback during the acquisition planning cycle.

The briefing 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. It is designed to provide current, factual and definitive information to further the mutually profitable exchange of information with industry, research and educational organizations.

The conference will cover a complete spectrum of long-range Army aviation and missile technology efforts and requirements three to five years prior to solicitation, as well as near-term efforts and requirements. Information will be provided on potential contract opportunities including major end items, secondary items (components/spares), automation, maintenance (overhaul/repairs), and other service requirements, as well as scientific and technological advances required to meet future Army needs. This forum will assist team members in the private sector in planning and preparing for those requirements.

Courtesy photo

UPDATE MEETING— Sharing a status report on the Advance Planning Briefing for Industry are, from left, APBI program manager Tommy Harris, command chief of staff Col. Bob English and Col. Tom Economy, deputy director of Research Development and Engineering Center.

APBI 2005 will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 19-20 at Bob Jones Auditorium. There will a reception at the Huntsville Museum of Art in downtown Huntsville July 18 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Personnel interested in attending this conference may register online at http://apbi.redstone.army.mil.

The scope of the briefing includes the threat and the complete spectrum of long-range requirements for space, aviation and missile technology programs and demonstrations and the transition of these programs from research and development to production and other Army required services. These briefings provide information ranging from a broad overview of long-term efforts to a more focused description of near-term efforts and requirements.

The Army depends on the industrial sector, including both large and small businesses, for most research and development services and nearly all materiel acquisition. Consequently, it is advantageous to the Army to provide information that will help businesses maintain awareness of the prospective Army procurements and develop competitive postures in anticipation of those procurements.

By providing information to industry on Army needs, the Army gains access to existing and emerging technologies and benefits from increased competition during development and acquisition. It is incumbent on the Army to make available the latest advanced planning and requirements information so that industry can effectively apply its resources in developing the materiel and weapons necessary to support the national defense effort.

Army contributes to Space Shuttle launch

Engineers participate in test with NASA

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

"Ice concerns could delay Shuttle flight."

The Huntsville Times headline said it all.

Responding to those concerns, the Army's Redstone Technical Test Center recently completed a team testing effort with Marshall Space Flight Center and Lockheed Martin Space Systems to conduct a series of Ice Liberation Tests in support of the Space Shuttle Return-to-Flight effort.

Testing was conducted at RTTC's Vibro-Acoustic Test Facility located at the Arsenal's Test Area 2.

"This unique facility uses a combination of high-level acoustics coupled with three degree-of-freedom vibration to replicate the dynamics of missile and aircraft flight," Bill Barber, RTTC test engineer, said. "The team of government and contractor engineers and technicians has been working vigorously for the past six months to evaluate the potential for ice debris generated from the bellows and support bracket assemblies on the liquid oxygen line during the pre-flight, liftoff and boost phases of the launch."

Any ice debris created during launch conditions has the potential for creating damage to the Shuttle.

"We are able to create varying temperature and humidity levels in the acoustic chamber at Test Area 2, that replicate July day and night conditions at the Cape," Barber said. "This replication is vitally important because the temperature and humidity conditions determine the type of ice that is formed on joints and exposed metal surfaces. Once the shuttle engines start, the vibration and acoustic levels actually cause that ice to fall off, and NASA needs to be able to characterize the type of ice that falls off and what times the ice falls off during liftoff and ascent."

In addition to controlling temperature and humidity within the chamber, RTTC has also been able to replicate the 5.7 to 11.5 mph ocean breezes at the Cape.

"Working with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, we have used measured data from previous flights to achieve environmental conditions that have an extremely high correlation to an actual launch," RTTC's Dr. Mike Hale said. "It's interesting to note given the challenging control issues associated with the environmental and dynamic events that the actual end product of our testing has been high-speed digital video. That video monitors ice debris associated with each of the two bellows designs and the forward bracket. The digital video is forwarded to MSFC for detailed analysis at the completion of each simulated launch event."

"High speed video documentation of the ice liberation as a function of the ascent exposure was collected during testing," Walter Ruh, RTTC dynamic test branch chief, said. "From this video data, the ice liberation is characterized in terms of debris size, mass and liberation time. The results of these tests identify the potential ice liberation hazards in the early stages of the Shuttle launch and ascent.

Photo by Dan O'Boyle

MAKING SURE— Dr. Mike Hale, RTTC senior researcher, checks the setup before a recent Army-NASA test run in support of the planned Space Shuttle launch.

"This test effort has been a unique opportunity for the Army and NASA to leverage existing test infrastructure and the unique test capabilities located on Redstone Arsenal to successfully accomplish a truly complex test."

University students experience career advantage

Research projects fill summer break

By DEBORAH BENNICK
UAH release

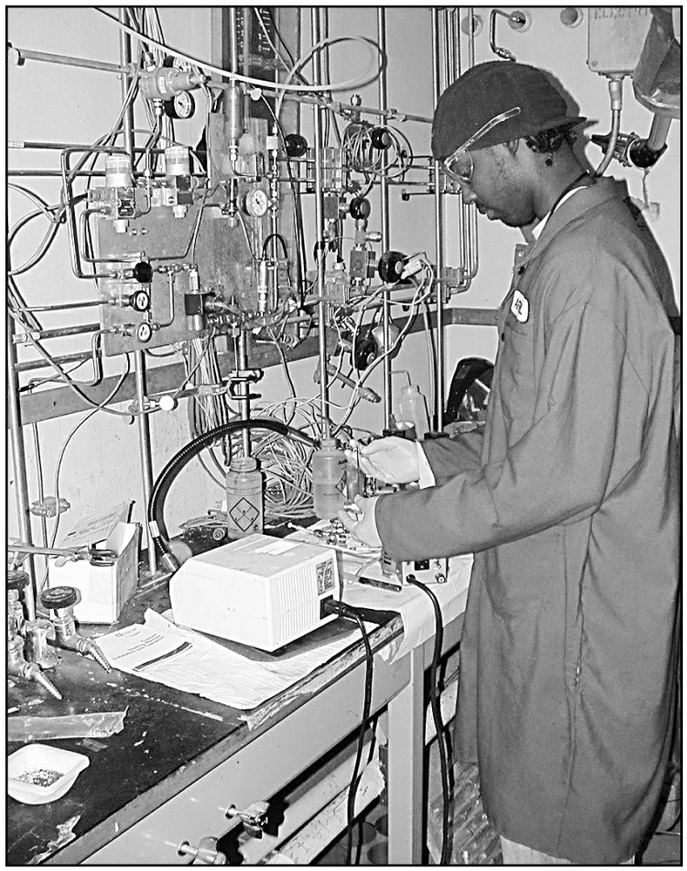
David Jackson used to disassemble fireworks to make his own fuel for rockets he set off in his back yard. This summer, he is working to improve missile propellant at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Geri Gaeta used to shadow her dad and handle his tools as he fixed things around the house. Last summer she helped build a miniature Mars satellite at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Ankit Shah's father introduced him to stock trading and investing when he was just 15 and by 17 he was handling the family's finances. Last spring he helped manage a portfolio worth a half-million dollars for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

While undergraduates at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, Jackson, Gaeta and Shah got involved in research projects that gave them a taste of the future, put them alongside experts in their fields and gave them the self-confidence that comes from making a mark on the "real world."

At UAH, research is not reserved for graduate and doctoral students. Undergraduates in engineering, business, nursing and all the other colleges can tackle projects that will provide experience for life in their chosen careers.



Courtesy photo

REAL WORLD— UAH senior David Jackson is working this summer at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

"When they graduate, this experience gives them an advantage – whether they take a job or go on to graduate school," said Dr. Lewis Radonovich, provost and vice president of academic affairs at UAH. "It gives them a much better understanding … of how to take what they've learned and work on a problem as a team."

Indeed, being involved in a research project gives students insight to many facets, Radonovich explained. They see how the concepts they learn in various classes come together; they learn how to communicate and work together; they learn how to present their findings; and they learn how to approach a real problem with no answer yet, unlike problems they tackle in class where the professor or the textbook already has the answer.

Students also learn "that research may not have come out the way you expect," but you may learn something else, said Radonovich, who is a chemist.

Many universities do not offer opportunities for undergraduates to do research, Radonovich said. But 7,000-student UAH has $50 million worth of research projects, an amount more typical of universities three times its size, he said.

The assignments and funding come from a variety of sources, including NASA, the Alabama Space Grant Consortium, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Redstone Arsenal, Marshall Space Flight Center and the National Science Foundation.

Satellites, the international space station and rural health care all have benefited from undergraduate students' work. Some of the research projects are supervised by professors who have ties with the source of funding. Others are ideas generated by students who have an interest in a particular subject.

The projects commonly lead to summer jobs, which may in turn lead to full-time jobs.

Jackson was drawn to UAH with the promise of a job at the Propulsion Research Center. The 22-year-old senior is pursuing a mechanical engineering degree with a concentration in aerospace, not surprising since he spent his childhood launching rockets with his dad and younger sister in the corn and soybean fields outside of Edwardsburg, Mich.

In the summer of 2003 he worked at the PRC to improve a propellant that could be used in missiles and solid rocket boosters, like those used on the space shuttle. His background led him to an internship this summer at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Edwards Air Force Base, where he is studying another type of propellant.

"Allowing me to do the research allows me to see why the classes are important – how (the information) is used in real-life applications," Jackson said. At Edwards, he is working alongside an experienced propellant chemist.

University research augments America's armed forces

UAH involved in both processes, products

By RAY GARNER
University of Alabama-Huntsville

Men and machines will always likely play a role in armed conflict, but increasingly technology is changing how those conflicts will be carried out. The impact that scientific advances are having on how wars are conducted is rapidly improving America's ability to defend itself and helping save American lives abroad.

Quite a large number of those advances are taking place on university campuses across the country, including the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Research being conducted at UAH is providing leading edge developments for the Army in products that are microscopic in size to items as large as helicopters. But the university's contributions don't end with hardware. Developments are taking place in processes as well as products to make American armed forces more effective.

Improvements in high-performance computing, modeling and simulation, software engineering and artificial intelligence, and nanotechnology are among emerging research areas for UAH, as well as devising state-of-the-art programs in rotorcraft and systems engineering, logistics, supply chain management and lean manufacturing.

"The Department of Defense is placing great emphasis on using technological advances to bring efficiency and more effectiveness to the nation's armed forces," said Dr. Ron Greenwood, vice president for research. "Research being conducted at UAH is helping the Army meet those national priorities. The tremendous skills and talent that our university brings to this environment allows us to make significant improvements in how America's armed forces operate domestically and around the world."

Information technology

UAH is creating a new laboratory to assist the Army in determining what types of computer architectures will provide the best configuration when a network of sensors are used in various situations, whether it is a battlefield scenario or homeland security.

Sara Graves, director of UAH's Information Technology and Systems Center, said the challenge that exists for the Defense Department is how to solve complex problems with the best use of computational resources. The university's Laboratory for High-Performance Computational Systems will take a close look at this issue, according to Graves.

"Certain applications lend themselves to certain types of computer architectural configurations," she said. "One question is whether an application can be run more effectively on a cluster architecture, and what types of file handling capabilities are best for that same application."

The UAH laboratory will also look at the analysis of data from a sensor network, she said. The number of sensors in a network might vary from10 to 10,000, but the ability to understand the data is of paramount importance for several defense needs. "These sensors are transmitting data 24/7, and we need to be able to process that information quickly," she said. "Again, the question is what is the best computational infrastructure to process and interpret that data."

The university is also conducting research for the sensors themselves. UAH scientists and engineers are creating extremely small devices used inside these sensors that can detect chemical or biological agents in the event of an attack, whether it is abroad or at home.

Small world after all

Greg Nordin, director of UAH's Nano and Micro Devices Laboratory, and chemistry professor Michael George are constructing very small cantilevers to serve as a central sensing device. These microcantilevers are extremely small, but are relatively large in the nanotechnology environment. Each cantilever is approximately 100 microns long (about the width of a human hair) and about 30 microns wide.

Nordin and George said these devices are used to measure molecular interactions. "Each of these microcantilevers have a material that is sensitive to various chemicals," Nordin said. "If even a very small amount of a chemical agent is evident, then it chemically binds itself to the cantilever, causes a stress differential and the cantilever bends as a result."

That bend is as small as 10 nanometers, a very small movement but one that can be detected by a light beam that reflects off of the altered device. When a certain number of these cantilevers have light deflected from their surface, a warning signal is then generated and transmitted by some type of communication device.

George and Nordin are seeking ways to retain the photonic ability to monitor a deflection as small as 10 nanometers and provide a "read out" mechanism. They have finished the design for this mechanism and the microcantilever design.

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Force protection briefings in order for overseas travel

All military and DoD civilians are required to receive annual antiterrorism awareness training, according to Army regulations.

Personnel traveling outside the United States, its territories and possessions (to include leave, pass or temporary duty) are to receive an AOR update within two months of travel and an annual antiterrorism awareness training within 12 months of travel.

All military and Defense Department civilian family members, on official government orders, are to receive mandatory antiterrorism awareness training within 12 months of travel outside the United States, its territories, and possessions and permanent change of station outside continental U.S. travel.

All DoD-employed contractors will be offered, under terms and conditions specified in the contract, annual antiterrorism awareness training and an AOR update prior to traveling outside the United States, its territories and possessions (to include temporary duty).

If you will be traveling outside the U.S., you should contact your respective Force Protection office to schedule a time for your briefing. Travel briefings are good for 60 days and must be completed before your travel orders will be processed. To avoid last minute scheduling conflicts, schedule your briefing as soon as you are aware of your travel plans. If you have any questions concerning overseas travel, contact your Force Protection office. *(AMCOM Antiterrorism/Force Protection Office release)*

Express

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few pallets arrive from the Red River Defense Distribution Depot within a week of the scheduled flight.

Bob Rosarius, the Corpus Christi Defense Distribution Depot deputy commander, said the objective is to fill requisitions of large, heavy cargo such as transmissions, engines and blades.

"Rather than flowing through normal distribution channels, we are able to control and expedite the loading, delivery and unloading of these critical parts," he said.

The Defense Distribution Depot makes "pure" pallets as much as possible so when the material is unloaded in-country the entire pallet goes to the unit. "We have really improved our method to load pallets," Rosarius said. The number of days from the time a Material Release Order is "dropped" until when the material is received by the customer is 19 days. "With AMCOM Express, we have reduced that to an average of 11 days," Rosarius said, "and we were able to do it one time in seven days."

To do that requires a concentrated effort. "What we do with AMCOM Express is very similar to our day-to-day operations," Lt. Col. Sheila J-McClaney, the Defense Distribution Depot's commander, said. "Our mission is to provide distribution support for Corpus Christi Army Depot and load the aircraft." The first six flights have been successful in reducing both the amount of time and cost of transporting the critical parts and retrograde items. "Our analysis shows that we have saved almost $800,000 by using AMCOM Express over normal channel lift distribution," she said.

LONELY FEELING— A crew member of 6th Airlift Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base waits for the first pallets to be loaded on a C-17 transporting AMCOM Express material to Balad, Iraq.

The Defense Distribution Depot is also responsible for retrograde. They unload the material and pull it forward so item managers and depot personnel know it is available.

Rosarius said the team has studied the after action reports for the first flights to determine how to improve their operations; and they are incorporating comments from a recent joint inspection team review.

"The reports we get from Soldiers in the field are positive," J-McClaney said. "They can see the shortened requisition time and they can count on getting the parts they need as quickly as we can provide them."

That sentiment is echoed by Larry Jobe and Sgt. Maj. Larry Lovell, respectively the Corpus Christi Army Depot chief of staff and sergeant major. Both have accompanied the cargo on several flights.

"The first flight was crucial to establishing our credibility," Jobe said. "Within 24 hours of the cargo getting on the ground, a company of Apache helicopters was made combat ready with the parts we brought. We also returned with battle-damaged aircraft and 10 pallets of cargo. The retrograde helps us keep our lines operating so we can repair and refurbish material and provide it back to the field."

Lovell accompanied the first flight last year. "We took a large load of blades," he said. "When we were met in Balad by the Theater Aviation Single Manager, we were jokingly referred to as Santa Claus showing up with a sled load of spare parts." Lovell said Corpus Christi employees have steadily increased the efficiency of the processes, and are continuing to fine-tune the operation.

When the material arrives in Balad, AMCOM's Theater Aviation Single Manager oversees its distribution to the forward-based units by C-130, Chinook or ground convoys. The flights are scheduled in advance, so the TASM works with units to schedule quick pickup and delivery of the parts and upload of the retrograde items. The AMCOM Express plane sits on the ground in Balad only about four hours before it begins its return flight to Corpus Christi.

The engine, transmission and blade shops are working extended shifts, according to Col. Timothy Sassenrath, the Corpus Christi Army Depot commander. "These are the high priority items that ground the helicopters," he said. "I would like a more steady line of retrograde to repair and return. I need to have assets returned from theater to keep our lines working smoothly so we can continue to support our Soldiers."

When space on the plane allows, employees of Corpus Christi organizations provide unofficial "care" packages for units. "We control the contents and numbers of packages," said Lovell, the sergeant major. "We include toothpaste, toothbrushes, sunscreen and other basic, simple items."

"Our employees are very proud of America's Soldiers and by helping them get parts quickly we know we have a direct impact on their lives," Sassenrath said. "It takes a team to make this program a success, and we have a great team."

The AMCOM Express program is managed for the command by the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

Training to support victims of sexual assault

Soldiers receive instruction to become unit advocates

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No one likes to be forced to do something they don't want to do. This is especially true for victims of sexual assault.

Soldiers at Redstone are gaining a sense of security in a Unit Victim Advocate program. A UVA is an individual in each unit who can offer support to sexual assault victims.

Army Community Service's Heather McCaulley, the victim advocate coordinator/sexual assault response coordinator, taught the first class of eight UVAs on July 6.

"Most of these individuals were chosen to be UVAs because they have a day-to-day job that deals directly with the Soldiers," she said. "They were identified because they are sensitive to the needs of others and would be a good point of contact if trauma happens."

And that is exactly the purpose of a UVA: to provide Soldiers who are victims of sexual assault the support they need. Each UVA is trained to let Soldiers know their options in the case of sexual assault and refer them to services such as counseling, legal or ACS.

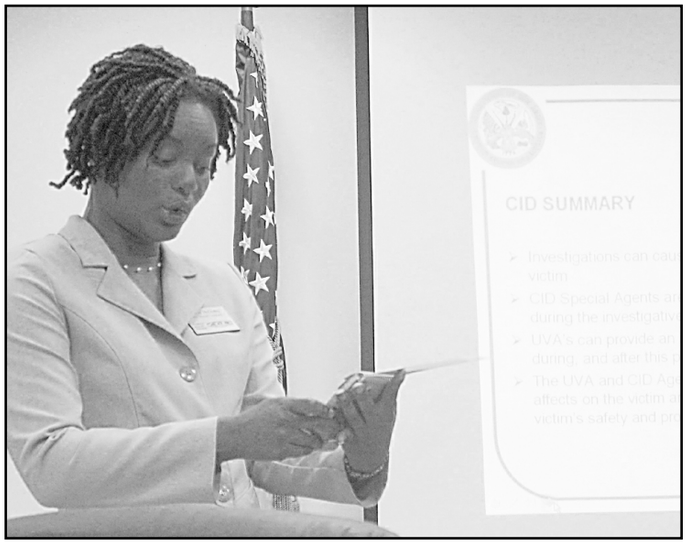

Photo by Kim Henry

INVESTIGATING OPTIONS— Heather McCaulley, ACS victim advocate/sexual assault response coordinator, talks to the Unit Victim Advocate class about the Criminal Investigation Division's role in the process.

"I think this is needed. It is very important to spread knowledge to young Soldiers to let them know where to go and what they can do," Sgt. 1st Class Rochelle Witherspoon, instructor/writer for munitions training department and UVA for Headquarters & Alpha Company, said.

After 13 years in the Army, Witherspoon says she has had friends go through similar issues in which they were afraid and didn't know how to report it. "This is definitely the right step. If they know the options that are out there it makes it a lot easier for them to come to you instead of holding it in."

The first UVA training at Army Community Service lasted eight hours. Each UVA will receive ongoing training for a total of 40 hours. After the initial eight hour class, the attendees are certified to be a UVA. One civilian and seven Soldiers attended representing various units and organizations across Redstone.

Essentially a UVA is a good listener. They are not there to make decisions for victims or tell them what to do or speak on their behalf. They simply provide support to the process.

"It is the first line of defense for victims on post," Staff Sgt. Nikidra Arthur, NCO-in-charge of operations and security for Fox Army Health Center, said. Arthur called the training a great opportunity to learn more about the updated procedures and guidelines to help Soldiers who are victims of sexual assault.

For sexual assault, McCaulley said there is restrictive reporting. This allows a victim to disclose the details of the assault without triggering the investigative process. She or a UVA can assist in coordinating medical treatment or counseling, but the command and law enforcement doesn't have to be involved.

"With sexual assault there can be a lot of shame and embarrassment," she said. McCaulley says victims often don't want to report the incident because they think it will ruin their career or they be treated differently because of the incident.

"It can be the most under-reported violent crime at large in the military," she said. McCaulley encourages victims to report the crime so that she can help them with medical treatment, law enforcement or the command.

McCaulley's role is to supervise each UVA and work their cases as they come to her. The UVA training is also important for Soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I think it is a step in the right direction. Everyone should know more about the process in case they are in the situation," Sgt. 1st Class Henry Herrera, a drill sergeant and UVA for Bravo Company, said.

The biggest challenge for Herrera will be separating his two roles as drill sergeant and UVA. "I'll have to take off one hat and put on another so that I am no longer a drill sergeant who can be intimidating, but someone who is approachable, who can help take care of the situation," he said.

For more information on reporting sexual assault in the Army, visit www.sexualassault.army.mil.

Captain found guilty of negligence, not trainee abuse

By IAN BOUDREAU
Army News Service

FORT KNOX, Ky. – An Army captain accused of dereliction of duty, false swearing and trainee maltreatment was sentenced June 21 to six months confinement by a general court-martial at Fort Knox.

Capt. William Fulton pleaded not guilty to charges of willful dereliction of duty, maltreatment of subordinates and false swearing when the court-martial began June 20, and was found guilty of the lesser charge of negligent dereliction of duty and of false swearing.

Fulton was found not guilty of the maltreatment charges in connection with allegations of abuse of trainees while commanding Company E, 1st Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, a One Station Unit Training company in the 1st Armor Training Brigade.

The court did not dismiss Fulton from the Army, and his sentence is pending approval from the court-martial convening authority, Maj. Gen. Terry Tucker, the Fort Knox commander.

Lt. Col. Richard Anderson was the presiding military judge in the court-martial.

Representing the United States in the case, prosecutors Capt. Steve Berlin and Capt. Joseph Krill alleged that Fulton had personally abused a Company E recruit, supposedly punching a trainee in the stomach while attempting to take away his inhaler during the initial basic training contraband shakedown.

"(Fulton) grabbed my hand and in one motion punched me in the chest," one former trainee testified.

He was also accused of standing by and watching as another Soldier was thrown by the collar of his field jacket through a door on the second floor of the Company E barracks by a company drill sergeant.

The recruits arrived at Company E Feb. 3, and at 5 p.m. on Feb. 4, Fulton signed out of his unit on leave, traveling to Germany. He was called back to Fort Knox early by Lt. Col. Chester Dymek, the 1/81 Armor Battalion commander, to talk with Criminal Investigation Division agents who were investigating the abuse charges.

Dymek said Fulton expressed "disbelief" when he was told about the investigation.

"He did say one thing, that he'd do anything to protect his drill sergeants," Dymek said.

Incident on videotape

One of the most contentious pieces of evidence was a videotape introduced by defense counsel Capt. Paul Streetman, Fulton's Army-appointed attorney.

The video, shot with a handheld personal camera, shows trainees arriving at Company E in a bus and what was referred to in testimony as a "shark attack" by the company's drill sergeants.

In the shaky video, trainees are rushed into formation outside the company barracks as drill sergeants scream at them, sometimes with two or more NCOs only inches from a trainee's face. Witnesses said that the "shark attack" went on for about an hour before the trainees were moved inside the barracks.

Stressful environment

Fulton said the intense atmosphere was part of the program for basic training.

"You create an environment of stress," he said. "It's to develop and build cohesion in the unit. There's actually structure and reasoning to what we do."

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Holley, a senior drill sergeant with Co. E, said that he left the "shark attack" before it was over.

"In my eyes, it was not the way I would have conducted an initial pickup," he said. "The whole nature of the situation wasn't even right. There was too much chaos and no plan ... I didn't want to be a part of it."

Fulton testified that he had not witnessed any instances of abuse during the trainees' Feb. 3 arrival at his company, and denied being involved in any abuse himself.

"It was a pretty standard pickup," he said. "I actually rode in the bus with the (trainees on their way to the company from the Reception Station) and gave them my in-brief – it's a calm before the storm."

The video showed trainees grabbing their Army-issue duffle bags and personal gear in preparation for heading into the barracks for the shakedown.

One recruit testified that Fulton had been holding the door on the second floor

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Center contractor dies in Iraq

A U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employee died in a work-related fatality July 3. The USA Environmental employee, Benjamin Keith Hodges, 52, of Niceville, Fla., suffered fatal injuries while conducting demolition of unwanted ammunition in Iraq.

"Our condolences go out to the family," said Glenn Earhart, chief, International Operations, Ordnance and Explosives Directorate. "Our personnel are highly trained and experienced, but it remains a dangerous mission. We have logged over 3 million man-hours doing ordnance and explosives remediation in Iraq, and this is our first fatality. Worker safety remains our top priority."

A Department of Army investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the accident. Huntsville Center is an Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Ordnance and Explosives. Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. To date, more than 273,000 tons of ammunition has been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq. *(Engineering and Support Center release)*

■ Leading edge resources begin with university research

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Nordin said computer modeling shows the UAH design will work, but more time, and money, is necessary to develop a demonstration model.

Unmanned vehicles

Keeping American Soldiers out of harm's way is an emerging research discipline for the Defense Department. Dr. Jim Snider, a member of the UAH faculty and a retired general, is developing a research and test center for unmanned vehicles.

"UVs are designed to do the dull, dirty and dangerous work for U.S. security operations," he said. "Their use has increased dramatically over the last decade and their use will continue on an unprecedented pace as technological breakthroughs are achieved."

The Army's Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center at Redstone is doing leading edge UV development work and Snider believes the growing need of UVs will outpace the research and testing infrastructure. "The research capabilities of UAH will allow for a more comprehensive and less expensive development of UV technologies and products, not only in support of the Army but for all branches of our armed forces."

Snider also serves as director of the university's Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center. This center provides research and academic support for Redstone's aviation activities. Students entering the 15-month program will earn a master's degree in engineering and will be better prepared to develop new helicopters and unmanned vehicles when they return to their civil service jobs at Redstone Arsenal.

Systems engineering

Similarly, UAH is poised to assist the Army in another critical issues — systems engineering. "The Army has initiated several efforts to improve systems engineering across the Department of Defense, citing poor systems engineering as a cause of several program failures," Snider said. "While few outside of this environment understand the decline of systems engineering in the defense business, it is clearly understood inside this world."

Snider said a recent summit was held to address the issue and the program focused almost entirely on the need to correct systems engineering practices or face escalating costs and failures. UAH has established a partnership with the regional Defense Acquisition University and is continuing to build its existing programs in systems engineering, including the recruitment of an eminent scholar.

But UAH's support of DoD activities move beyond academic support and basic research. It includes refinement of processes as well. For instance, university faculty members are investigating methods of bringing efficiency to the Army's management of logistics and supply chains.

"Increasingly, DoD contractors are becoming more of an assembly operation than manufacturing," said Bill Killingsworth, director of the university's Center for Management and Economic Research. "So, you have a very complex, multi-tiered supply chain."

Killingsworth and Jim Flinn, an executive in residence, are studying those supply chains and finding methods of reducing the delivery time of products and how production rates can be improved. "It is simply a matter of squeezing out the waste of time," Killingsworth said. "Some parts take as long as two years to deliver. We hope to reduce that time dramatically."

Those improvements could mean saving a lot of money when these improvements are applied toward acquisition activities totaling billions of dollars. But, perhaps more importantly, the costly delivery of spare parts could save American lives as well.

Answering a call for Christian ministry

Protestant Women of Chapel president has outreach goal

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New president Erica Hobbs wants to dispel misconceptions about the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Contrary to popular thought, you don't have to be Protestant to belong. Nor to you have to be a military spouse. Nor to you have to attend Bicentennial Chapel.

"It's for all Christian women," said Hobbs, appointed president for the year ending May 2006. "It's a Christian ministry for women."

The goal this year is to reach out to women in the Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville community. Hobbs, who served as PWOC secretary for 2004-05, succeeded Tonie Welch as president of the 50-member group. About 25 regularly attend the Bible studies; and most of the members are military spouses, including active duty and retired.

"As a group we truly look forward to meeting new women, reaching out and helping new women and encouraging them on in their relationship with God," Hobbs said.

Besides serving in PWOC, she is also on the parish council as secretary and ladies ministries leader.

"She's a beautiful person," Patty Wilson, religious education coordinator at Bicentennial Chapel, said.

Hobbs, 42, a native of Radcliff, Ky., arrived at Redstone in June 2004 from Fort Sill, Okla. Her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Harry Hobbs, is proponent chief for the electronic/missile skills taught at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. They have two daughters – Shara Dalton, 23, of Houston, and Shauna, 15 – and a granddaughter, Cree, 2.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

READY TO SERVE— Erica Hobbs is this year's president of the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel is a worldwide organization; and posts throughout the Army have chapters.

"We offer Bible studies, we go to retreats," Hobbs said. "It's Bible studies, retreats, worship and praise. And then we have special speakers that come in every now and then."

The summer session, a Bible video series, is every Thursday in July from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Korean Ladies Bible Study, with teacher Soran Thrasher, meets at the same time at the chapel. A lunchtime Bible study for working women, with teacher Carol Byrd, meets at 11:45 a.m. PWOC's regular session starts Aug. 18 and will be Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

"At first I was pretty nervous (about becoming president)," Hobbs said. "But the Lord has called me and I'm always pleased to do everything that he asks me to do because I know he'll give me whatever I need to carry out his plan."

She wants to provide Christian fellowship Bible studies to encourage attendees "to grow in Christ and to help teach them to be able to reach out themselves to others."

"It's a wonderful Christian outreach to help up-build women, to grow spiritually, to have fellowship and friendships, to create relationships that will last," she said. "And the retreats that we have are very exciting because it brings together the many PWOCs around the world. So even though you move (in the military), PWOC is always there."

The other officers for this year include secretary-treasurer Beth Peterson, vice president for spiritual life Welch, publicity chairmen Judy Haynes and Carol McGlothlin, retreat coordinator and regional president Jennifer Devlin, worship leader Sandra Bruno and teachers Elles Craig and Sharon Olshefski.

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landing as the trainees entered. Fulton said he followed the trainees, entering the second floor hallway only after they had all gone in themselves.

In the video, however, Fulton does not appear at the door.

During the shakedown, Fulton said, a drill sergeant approached him and handed him an inhaler, saying, "Sir, we have a problem."

Medication without an accompanying prescription is considered contraband in basic training.

Fulton said he took the inhaler back to the room of a trainee, and asked the trainee if he had any other contraband.

The trainee produced "four or five" other medications, as well as a pamphlet on "How to spot tuberculosis," Fulton said.

Fulton said he told the drill sergeants to "immediately cease" training the recruit until his medical records could be reviewed.

However, the prosecution also cited the video, saying that it clearly showed abuse of trainees.

Instructor testifies

Krill asked an instructor with the Cadre Training Course, a required six-day class for all 1st ATB training cadre, about what could be considered "appropriate" touching of trainees by instructors.

"Would hitting a trainee in the chest be appropriate physical contact?" the prosecutor asked.

"No, sir," the instructor replied.

According to Training and Doctrine Command Regulation 350-6, drill sergeants are only authorized to touch Soldiers in training to prevent a safety violation, in a medical emergency or to correct a uniform deficiency.

Trainees testified that they were slammed into wall lockers, kicked and struck during the indoor portion of the "shark attack," and that the abuse continued the next day.

"It defies reason to think that on 3 February, Captain Fulton was on the second floor while all this was going on, and just missed it," Krill said during the prosecution's closing arguments.

Under Article 13, Fulton received 45 days credit against his six-month sentence. Streetman will represent him when the court's decision is reviewed by the court-martial convening authority.

Fulton was the fourth member of Company E to be tried in connection with subordinate maltreatment. Staff Sgt. Brian Duncan's court-martial has been rescheduled for Aug. 18.

Family business of missilery survives generations

Walkers continue tradition on post

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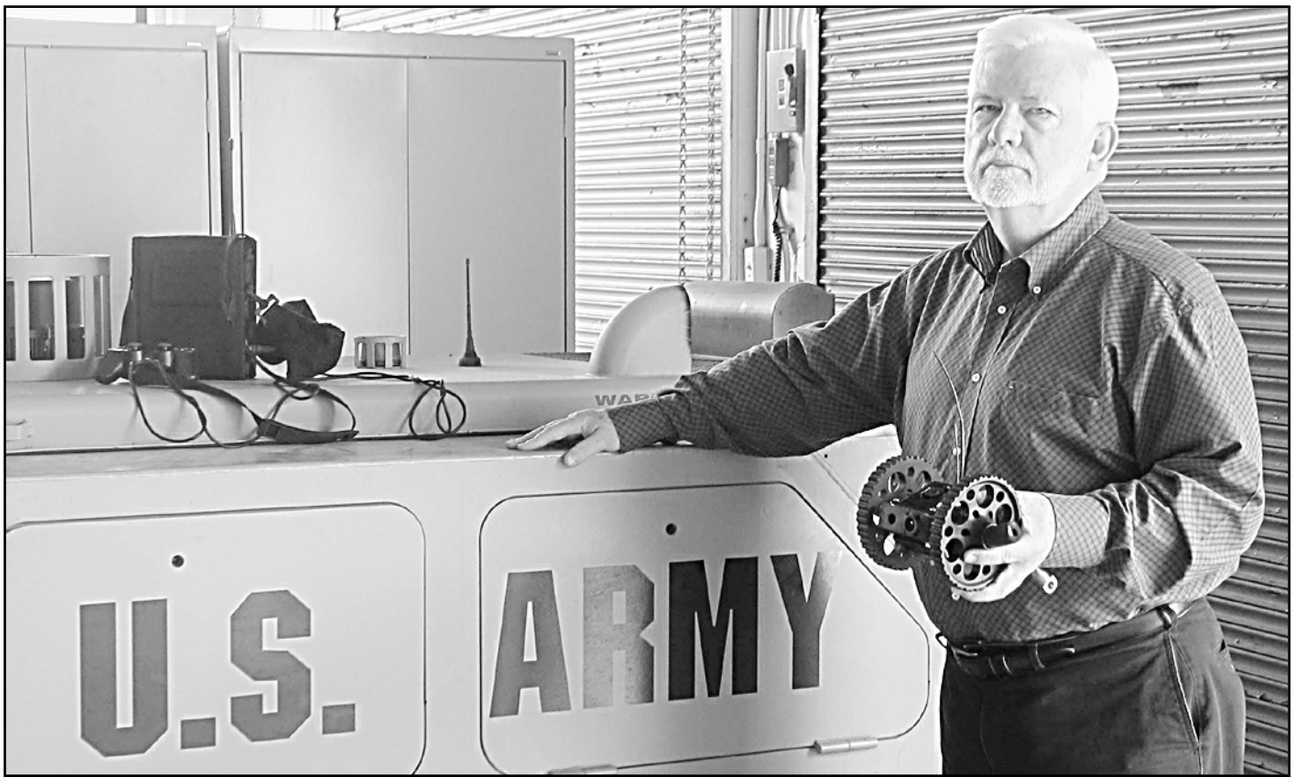


Photo by Kelley Lane

HANDS ON— Phil Walker works in the Robotics project office.

Some things run in the family, such as hair color, freckles, musical talent and missiles. Yes, missiles. The Walker family has had them in the blood for three generations now, beginning with Harve Walker and the Honest John.

Harve Walker got his draft notice in April 1958. He left for basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., to be part of the first unit ever to undergo basic training there. In the civilian world, Walker had been a truck driver, a skill that landed him in the Firing Battery, 1st Missile Battalion, 79th Artillery. It was the Honest John missile program.

"Before I was drafted I had spent some time as a truck driver with Allied Van Lines," Walker said. "Once we finished basic training in Fort Sill, normally you go to a second eight-week training in a specialized part of the service. They kept me with the 3rd Missile Battalion Honest John unit and I started driving a 5-ton Honest John rocket launcher. It was a lot different, a different type of driving. There was a lot more responsibility."

He stayed with the Fort Sill program for almost a year, training new recruits in the Honest John. He then was able to extend his enlistment for an additional three months in order to accompany the unit on a rotation to Germany.

"When I found out the unit was rotating to Germany I also found out that I didn't have enough time left in my first tour to go with the unit. I could extend for three months or I would have spent the whole time that I was in the service at Fort Sill," Walker said. "I was single at the time and I wanted to see as much of the world as I could."

The trip, and some staff shortages, would earn him a de facto promotion to sergeant. The unit being short three officers, Walker was instructed to have the appropriate stripes sewn onto his uniform. He would get all the responsibilities of the position and the benefits, except the pay raise, until he could be promoted permanently.

"At the same time I didn't have enough time to go, they also found out there were three NCOs, sergeant E5s and E6s, that couldn't rotate with the unit because they hadn't been back long enough from overseas to do it," Walker said. "So they took three of us private E2s and gave us the temporary rank of sergeant and put us in the positions these sergeants would have been in. We couldn't get the pay until we'd actually had enough time in the rank to be promoted. I was in an E6 position and over a firing section of Honest John."

For six months, the unit took to the field five or six days a week for training, including Honest John firings and attending Atomic Warhead school before heading off to Giessen, Germany.

"We kept up on our training in case something happened in Berlin," he said. "I think that was about the time they erected the wall and were having some unrest in Berlin itself."

They remained in Germany, training with the more compact update of the Honest John launcher, until he left Germany on July 9, 1960 to head home. He was released from service 10 days later.

He went home to work for a corrugated box plant in Fort Smith, Ark. The stay at home was a short one, lasting only 15 months. He was recalled to Fort Polk, La., due to the Cuban Missile Crisis and then assigned to a National Guard Honest John unit from San Angelo, Texas. While at Fort Polk, he had the distinction to fire the first Honest John ever fired there.

"They put me in charge of the atomic warhead unit of our battalion," Walker said.

Harve Walker ended his military career when he was released from service a second time in 1962 and formally discharged in 1964. It had earned him two commendations and a promotion to E6. He returned to his job in Arkansas and remained with the company 41 years before retiring in June 2001. He still lives there with his wife of 43 years, Ruby.

The son, Phil Walker, of Harve Walker's older brother, Buck, was next. Phil Walker first came to Redstone in 1967 in the Army.

"I had a 1A classification," Phil Walker said. "I either picked what I wanted to do or they were going to pick it for me. I had a friend who lived here in Huntsville. I saw Huntsville, Ala. and I came here thinking he was still here. He wasn't."

A knee problem shortened his tour and he spent only 17 months as a Soldier, working as a Hawk internal guidance and launcher repairman. After leaving the service, he settled in and married a local girl. He and his wife, Judy, just celebrated their 37th anniversary.

After working outside the military for years, Phil returned in 1991 to the Acquisition Center, buying spare parts for the Hawk missile system. He spent 13 years there.

"I came back full circle," he said. Phil Walker now calls the Robotics project office home, where he works as an acquisition program specialist in the business management office.

Phil's daughter, Heather Walker, has missiles in her system as well. She works in the THAAD project office. She has spent almost 10 years on the Arsenal, part of which was spent working with the TOW missile. Her father acknowledges how unusual the family connection to missilery is.

"It is kind of odd that my uncle worked on missiles, I worked on the Hawk missile and now my daughter worked on the THAAD missile and the TOW missile," Phil Walker said. "It's something I'm very proud of, more so for my daughter and my uncle since he started it all. They are my heroes."

Time will only tell if future generations carry the missile gene. Either way, Harve Walker is proud of his nephew and his family.

"His dad was my hero," Harve Walker said. "I'm very proud of Phil. Everybody that has been in the service has a pride that they have served their country. Phil has done that, plus he's still working with the servicemembers in the job he does now."

Courtesy photo

HONEST WORK— Harve Walker, right, stands in front of an Honest John launcher in 1958.

Community salutes armed forces with events

Armed Forces Celebration scheduled July 18-24

By SHAREE MILLER
For the Rocket

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

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

Together with Redstone, the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will have a proclamation signing to kick off the week. It is set to begin at 8 a.m. Monday, July 18 at Redstone Lanes – Bowling and Fun Center. Note this is a change to the original time scheduled. Those with access to Redstone are welcome to attend.

Redstone Arsenal's NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon will also be held July 18 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event honors Redstone's outstanding NCO and Soldier. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased by calling Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon at 876-8648.

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

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

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

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is set for three performances at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Performances are July 19 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and July 20 at 7 p.m. For tickets contact the Diane Campbell Recreation Center in building 3711 or the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce. The Army National Guard is the lead sponsor and partner for the Soldier Show and AT&T is the corporate sponsor.

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

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

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

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

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

2005 Armed Forces Week Schedule

Monday, July 18

8:00 am
Proclamation Signing
Redstone Lanes - Bowling and Fun Center

11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Soldier/NCO of the Year Lunch
ROCC

1:00 - 4:00 pm
APBI Late Registration
Bob Jones Auditorium

12:00 - 4:00 pm
Prototype Integration Facility Open House
Building 5405 Fowler Road

1:30 - 4:00 pm
ACS Birthday
ACS Building 3338

6:30 -9:30 pm
Concert in the Park
Opening Band- Buckler
249th Army-WV National Guard
Military Displays and Fireworks
Big Spring Park

Tuesday, July 19

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
APBI Conference
Bob Jones Auditorium

3:00 pm
Soldier Show
VBC Concert Hall

5:00 - 9:30 pm
Armed Forces Salute Dinner
Guest speaker Gen. Benjamin Griffin AMC commander
Von Braun Center

7:00 pm
Soldier Show
VBC Concert Hall

Wednesday, July 20

6:30 - 8:00 am
Soldier's Breakfast
Guest Speaker LTG Russel Honore
Von Braun Center

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
APBI Conference
Bob Jones Auditorium

7:00 pm
Soldier Show
VBC Concert Hall

Thursday, July 21

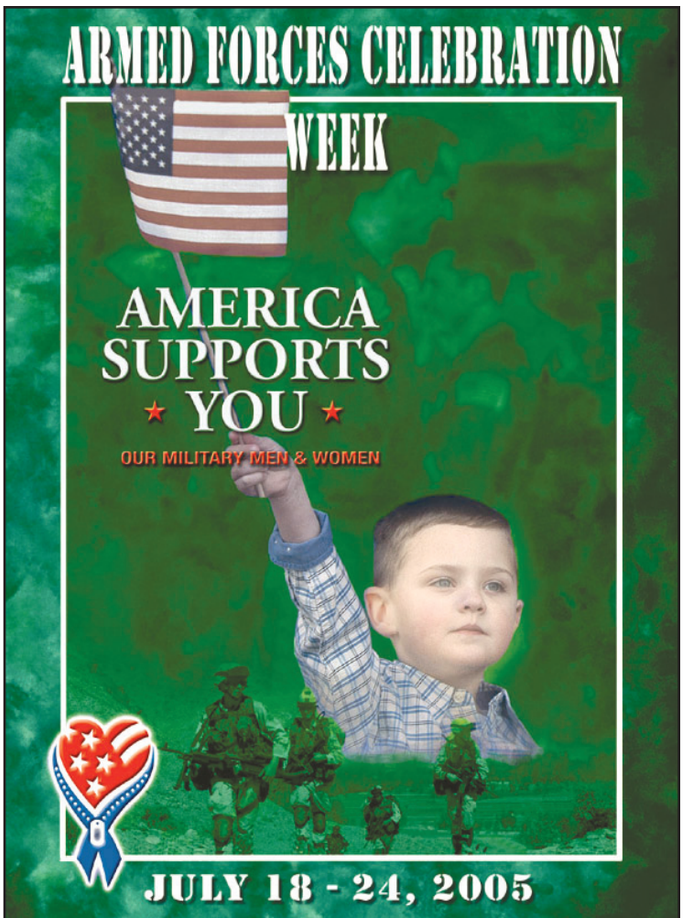
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
AUSA Golf Tournament
RSA Golf Course

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Saturday, July 16, 7:30 pm
Raptors Football Game
Military Night
VBC

Sunday, July 17, 6:05 pm
Huntsville Stars Baseball Game
Military ID cardholders 1/2 off - Box seats $8.00/$7.00 or General Admission $5.00
Joe Davis Stadium

Area Museums Free or Reduced Rates for Military - All Week



Area attractions offer discounts in celebration

The following activities will honor military personnel by offering free or reduced admission during Armed Forces Celebration Week, according to the Chamber of Commerce:

- Raptors indoor football game July 16 at 7:30 p.m., AUSA sponsored military night at the Von Braun Center Arena.
- Huntsville Stars baseball Game July 17 at 6:05 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium – Military ID card holders admitted for half price; box seats $8/$7 or general admission $5.
- Huntsville/Madison County Botanical Garden — Free admission with military ID July 16-24.
- Early Works — "Works" package for a reduced charge of $6 on July 16 for active duty personnel and their families.
- Huntsville Museum of Art — Free admission July 18-23 for active military ID card holders.
- U.S. Space and Rocket Center – During the week July 18-24, military ID card holders active or retired and their immediate family members will be admitted for $4 off the general admission price. No other discounts will apply.
- Burritt on the Mountain — Free admission for military ID cardholders July 18-22. Sci-Quest — Half-price admission for military ID cardholders July 18-22.

‘Tadpole’ spreads her wings at Aviation Challenge

Association chapter awards summer trip

Kristin Gogal, of Annandale, Va., a self-proclaimed “tomboy with a taste for adventure,” who boasts of having her own copy of the U.S. Army Survival Manual, isn’t having an ordinary summer vacation.

In early June, she learned land and water survival skills, participated in an escape and evasion exercise, and flew an FA-18 Super Hornet in a series of simulated drills and sorties. At age 10, although she’s quick to point out she’s almost 11, Gogal has earned her wings.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America made Gogal’s adventures possible. She won the association’s first Aviation Challenge essay contest, and the grand prize was an all-expenses-paid trip to Aviation Challenge at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Gogal qualified to enter the contest based on her grandfather’s, retired Col. John Penman’s, membership in the Tennessee Valley Chapter of AAAA. Children and grandchildren of chapter members were eligible to compete for the scholarship.

In her essay, Gogal recalled visiting Kitty Hawk during the 2003 Centennial Celebration of Flight. She was later moved to read the biography of Amelia Earhart.

“I was inspired by her (Amelia Earhart’s) determination and self-confidence,” Gogal wrote in her essay. “Now I want to soar above the clouds and see the world.”

Despite her small frame, Gogal quickly became a standout during her week at Aviation Challenge. Her team, the King Cobras, won the program’s prestigious Green Flag award for their achievements and attitude. Gogal caught the eye of her counselors who nominated her for Outstanding Trainee of the Week.

Following her graduation Gogal, call sign “Tadpole,” thanked the AAAA for making the trip possible and was already talking about returning to Aviation Challenge in 2006.

Plans are under way to expand the Tennessee Valley Chapter’s scholarship relationship with Aviation Challenge next year. *(U.S. Space and Rocket Center release)*

U.S. Space and Rocket Center

UP AND AWAY— Kristin Gogal stands in front of an Army AH-1 after her graduation from Aviation Challenge at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Experienced Dragons stay unbeaten

Headquarters & Alpha-2 hammers MEDDAC

By SKIP VAUGHN
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They're still the Dragons. And they're still devastating on softball opponents.

Headquarters & Alpha-2, the team formerly known as Delta, is right where it expects to be this time of year — atop its conference standings. With experienced players, the defending post champion looks poised for another title run.

The Dragons improved to 6-0 on the season by beating MEDDAC 23-4 in four and a half innings on a rainy Thursday night at Linton Field. The Dragons have a comfortable lead in the Eastern Conference.

"Everybody has just come together and hit the ball," coach/left center Michael Shambaugh said. "It's basically people stopped swinging for the fences. And I think this is the team to win the championship right here. Base-hitting and jumping on them early always helps."

Headquarters & Alpha-2 did just that against MEDDAC (1-6). Shambaugh finished with two hits, including a double, and scored two runs.

"It was wet," MEDDAC right fielder Michael Vestal said. "We couldn't hang onto anything."

The Dragons were the preseason tournament runners-up to Bravo. Delta Company merged with Headquarters & Alpha before the season.

Good hitting was the key against MEDDAC, according to shortstop Bryant Burdell. "We're gonna win the post," he predicted.

With a roster of permanent-party Soldiers, mostly instructors, this team has an inherent experience advantage over its student company opponents. These players have been together for a while where the student companies have more turnover.

"It's just time spent playing with the exact same players," center fielder Mark Coleman said. "The student companies have a higher rotation. They don't play together as long as we do."

Standings after last week included: **Eastern Conference —** Headquarters & Alpha-2 (6-0), NCO Academy (5-3), MEDDAC (1-6) and Charlie (0-6). **Western Conference —** Bravo (6-0), Marines (4-3), Headquarters & Alpha-1 (3-3) and 326th (2-6).

Here are results from week three:

- **July 6 –** Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. MEDDAC 23-4, Headquarters & Alpha-1 def. Marines 20-10 and NCO Academy won by forfeit over 326th.
- **July 7 –** Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha-1 17-13, NCO Academy won by forfeit over Charlie and 326th def. Marines 15-13.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

IN SYNC— Headquarters & Alpha-2 coach/left center Michael Shambaugh warms up for a game.

Photo by Becky Lake

Fair sports

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter for the American Society of Military Comptrollers took third place in the booth competition at the chapter fair in the ASMC Professional Development Institute held in Salt Lake City. Members who helped set up the booth include, from left, Debbie O'Neal, John Moore, Sherry Poole, Polly Knox, Lisa White (kneeling), Vonda Burrow, Kim Jean, Lisa Lowry, Michelle Cobb and Teri Johnson.

Army Community Service celebrates 40th anniversary

From grassroots to Internet, agency changes with times

From pioneer days to the Volunteer Army of the 1980s, the concept of humanitarian concern for the welfare of others exists as a foundation of the Army way of life. A volunteer spirit and the tradition of "caring for its own" are its characteristics.

In those early days, Army wives did it all. They operated lending closets, thrift shops and nurseries, raised funds, assisted with emergencies, provided care and comfort to the ill and bereaved; and through a grassroots understanding of the Army community, contributed greatly to its stability. The adverse aspect was that the military Army wives originators moved on or left the service.

Army Community Service was designed to eliminate the adverse aspect and to provide a flexible framework for the operation of a viable system of social services.

In the early 1940s, the Army Emergency Relief program was initiated in New York City, and donations came from the proceeds of Irving Berlin's Broadway hit "This is the Army." As a military officer, Emma M. Baird was assigned to this program as allowance and allotment officer. She saw the need for family services programs, and the ACS organization was established.

Accreditation

From the beginnings thousands of Army wives have enhanced and improved the lives of fellow members of their Army community. From the initiation of the ACS program, and throughout history, the volunteers, primarily Army wives, have ensured the success and the support of ACS programs.

Since those early days, ACS has grown and evolved in responsibility and effectiveness. The publication of Army Regulation 608-1 governs the program and defines the ACS mission requirements. In 2000, the Army rolled up all the regulatory requirements into accreditation standards. The purpose was to have all ACS agencies providing the same level of quality services. The Redstone Arsenal ACS was the first in the Army to undergo this inspection and pass, and in 2003, was the first to pass re-accreditation.

Core programs

The core programs at Redstone include Relocation, Family Advocacy, Exceptional Family Member, Army Emergency Relief, Financial Readiness/ Mobilization and Deployment, Employment Readiness, and the Quality of Life, which includes the Installation Volunteer Army Corps, the Army Family Action Plan and the Army Family Team Building Program. ACS still relies heavily on volunteer support, and has a volunteer honorary adviser and a volunteer program manager. Under the FAP is the victim advocate and Childwise coordinator. A unique program at Redstone is the Total Tots, which supports military families with short-term emergency childcare. This program is funded by community donations.

The ACS programs have evolved through the years to meet the changing needs of military families and to embrace new technology. ACS programs rely strongly on Internet based resources to connect their clients with the best information. For example, the Employment Readiness program's computer lab allows clients to use self-paced Microsoft Office training, access e-mail, conduct job searches and prepare resumes as well as access to fax machines and telephones.

The Relocation Assistance Program's Standard Installation Topic Exchange System provides up-to-date information through a web-based central data file on all military bases.

The Mobilization/Deployment Program uses a web camera so geographically separated families can film a two-minute video that can be sent around the world to their sponsor through Operation Hello Honey.

Human touch

In the midst of all the technology, the human touch cannot be discounted. Customer surveys ranked the Redstone ACS as excellent in providing help and services. The staff receives annual training and certification in their individual programs. To facilitate seamless customer service, program managers cross train with each other so the customer's needs are met in a timely and professional manner.

The 40-year partnership between the military leadership and ACS benefited Soldiers and families through the concept that a focus on family resulted in greater retention and recruitment for the military. Army Family Team Building, an ACS program to teach military spouses about the military lifestyle, appropriately uses the slogan of TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More).

Someone once said, "The only thing constant is change." ACS is constantly changing and adapting its programs to met the military's needs and mission. The staff, building location, and even ACS logo have changed at Redstone Arsenal. But ACS' dedication to helping military to succeed in reaching financial stability, personal improvement and family goals will not change in future years.

ACS' new slogan of "Real Life Solutions for Successful Army Living" will carry the program through the next 40 years and beyond.

The 40th ACS Birthday/Open House will be held July 18 from 1:30-3 p.m. at building 3338 on Redeye Road. Stop by to meet the staff. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 876-5397. *(ACS release)*

NCO/Soldier of Year hopefuls await result

Redstone Arsenal's NCO and Soldier of the Year Luncheon is July 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

This year's theme is "America Supports You — Our Military Men and Women."

The NCO of the Year candidates include Sgt. Erica McMillan of MEDDAC, Staff Sgt. Bernard Gaines of NCO Academy, Sgt. Andres Munera of MEDDAC and Sgt. 1st Class Roger Craig of NCO Academy.

Soldier of the Year candidates include Spc. Raymond Diaz of 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE), Spc. Julie M. Kendrick of Charlie Company and Pvt. Jarkayzio Frank of HHC 59th.

The following individuals competed during the year but were not available for the annual competition: Staff Sgt. Albert Schevey of Headquarters & Alpha Company (won fourth quarter NCO of the Quarter), Sgt. Sharoder Fault of the then-Delta Company and Staff Sgt. Ronald Steele of HHC 59th.

For luncheon tickets ($10) call Sgt. 1st Class Mixon of Garrison 876-8648, Sgt. 1st Class James of OMEMS 842-9771, Staff Sgt. Arthur of OMEMS 876-0890, Sgt. Dunigan of SMDC 955-1149, Sgt. Kemp of 95th TMDE 842-8532, Sgt. McCurrie of 95th TMDE 842-8536 or Sgt. Clark of Fox Army Health Center 876-5773.

Sports & Recreation

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.

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.

ID requirement
Remember to bring identification when going to Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities, including the gyms and fitness centers. This means your Common Access Card, military ID, MWR card or dependent ID card.

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 Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting Thursday 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.)

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.

Sergeants major
The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting July 21 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

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Parents and principals
Parent-Principal Night is July 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. This event is open to Redstone community parents whose children are zoned for schools in the Redstone area. Redstone organizations and other community representatives will be on hand to share information. Bus transportation representatives will also be on hand to register children. For more information, call 876-7801.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings
A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 25B/74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B/74B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-5390.

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

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. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 881-6992.

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

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.

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.

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.

Veterinary clinic
The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct clinics this evening from 4-7. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk-in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia tests and microchip identification will also be available for pets. For more information, call the VTF 876-2441.

Art exhibit
The Huntsville Art League is sponsoring a juried art exhibit titled "Unique Views of Huntsville" July 17-22 at the Huntsville

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Museum of Art in connection with the celebration of the Huntsville Bicentennial. For more information, call the art league 534-3860.

NCO/Soldier of Year event

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Cruise missile project tribute

The Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office is celebrating 30 years of history today at 1 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. A special tribute will be paid to the past project officers of CMDS, SHORAD and Redeye/Stinger project offices. All current and former members are invited to attend as well as anyone else interested. For further information, e-mail Doreen.Vera@msl.army.mil.

Post Exchange news

PX customers can mark their calendars for the newest Harry Potter book, "The Half-Blood Prince." This new book will be available at the Post Exchange on Saturday at 8 a.m. Quantities are limited, so shop early.

Theater play

Theatre Huntsville will present the comedy play "The Foreigner" at 7:30 p.m. July 15-16 and July 21-23, with matinees at 2 p.m. July 17 and 23. For more information, call 536-0807 or visit www.theatrehsv.org.

Pharmacy open house

Fox Army Health Center will host an Open House for the newly renovated and expanded Pharmacy Service from 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday. All Fox patrons and interested persons are invited to attend, enjoy some refreshments and visit with the Fox family.

Loaned executives

The CFC Office is looking for enthusiastic individuals with leadership and organizational abilities to be a part of the 2005 CFC Loaned Executive Program. The Combined Federal Campaign is the federal community's single, comprehensive charity drive designed to help others in their time of need. This year's campaign is Oct. 3 to Nov. 11. "The CFC needs special people to do a special job — bright, energetic people who have the ability to get the job done successfully," a prepared release said. You must be able to attend a one-week LE orientation in August and be able to volunteer up to 20 hours a week during the campaign period. If you are interested in participating in the LE Program or would like more information, call the CFC Office 876-9143.

Community pageant

Miss Starlight USA Pageant, for ages 27 and under, is 10:30 a.m. Aug. 20 at the Bevill Conference Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. For more information, call 658-5553 or visit kennyj50@hotmail.com.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF 8 JUL 05	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY? A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
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SCBK05649317	Civil Engr; Mech Engr; Architect; Chem Engr; Envr Engr; Elec Engr; Landscape Architect	13-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0830, 0808, 0893, 0819, 0850, 0807	12	13	60,955 - 94,229		X										
SCBK05553798	Computer Engineer	13-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK05553798D	Computer Engineer	13-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05681025D	Electronics Engineer	13-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05644147	Human Resources Specialist (Labor Relation)	13-Jul-05	CHRA CPAC	GS-0201	13	13	72,486 - 94,229						X		X			X	
SCBK05666767	Human Resources Assistant (R&P/OA)	13-Jul-05	CHRA CPOC	GS-0203	6	7	30,923 - 44,673						X		X	X		X	
SCBK0565824	Equipment Specialist (General)	14-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-1670	9	9	39,690 - 51,599	X	X						X	X		X	
SCBK05667116	Logistics Management Specialist	14-Jul-05	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238				X				X			X	
SCBK05641131	Accounting Officer	15-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0510	14	14	85,656 - 111,355						X		X			X	
WTST05688606	Intelligence Specialist (I&TS)	15-Jul-05	I&SD	GG-0132	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05667688	Lead Logistics Management Specialist	15-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X											
SCBK05662340	Logistics Management Specialist	15-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK05677225	Logistics Management Specialist	15-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK05594647	Supv General Engineer	15-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK05594647D	Supv General Engineer	15-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05670795	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	15-Jul-05	IMMC	NH-0346	3	3	72,486 - 94,229	X											
SCBK05666695D	Equipment Specialist (Automotive)	18-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-1670	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05666743	Human Resources Specialist (R&P)	18-Jul-05	CHRA CPOC	GS-0201	12	12	60,955 - 79,238					X		X				X	
SCBK05663905	Lead Police Officer	18-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0083	7	7	34,363 - 44,662		X										
SCBK05651839	Police Officer	18-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0083	7	7	34,363 - 44,662		X										
SCBK05692881	Program Support Assistant (OA)	18-Jul-05	RDECOM	DK-0303	2	2	27,742 - 40,201		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK05484460R	Secretary (OA)	18-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0318	6	6	30,923 - 40,201		X										
SCBK05657783	Equipment Specialist (General)	19-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	50,858 - 66,115	X											
SCBK05657779	Logistics Management Specialist	19-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK05657781	Logistics Management Specialist	19-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK05638491	Program Manager	19-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0340	14	14	85,565 - 111,355		X										
SCBK05595499	Attorney Advisor (General)	20-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0905	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05672286	Budget Analyst	20-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0560	7/9	11	34,363 - 66,115	X											
SCBK05692580	General Engineer	20-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK05692580D	General Engineer	20-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05665115	Aviation & Avionics Systems Program Integrator	21-Jul-05	RDECOM	DE-0301	4	4	72,486 - 111,355		X	X			X		X	X		X	
SCBK05649312	Architect, Chem Engr, Civil Engr, Elec Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Architect, Gen Engr	21-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807, 0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229		X										
SCBK05667774	General Supply Specialist	21-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-2001	11	11	50,858 - 66,115	X											
SCBK05672039	Installation Ammunition Program Manager	21-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0301	12	12	60,955 - 79,238		X	X					X	X		X	
SCBK05670737	Logistics Management Specialist	21-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X											
SCBK05659792	Logistics Management Specialist	21-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK05682590	Logistics Management Specialist	21-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238				X				X			X	
SCBK05661087	Maintenance Management Specialist	21-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1601	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK05607392	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	21-Jul-05	LOGSA	GS-0346	14	14	85,656 - 111,355		X										
SCBK05691693	Traffic Manager	21-Jul-05	IMMC	NH-2130	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X										
SCBK05656775	Executive Assistant	22-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0301	9	9	42,034 - 54,641		X						X	X		X	
SCBK05510328	Supv Aircraft Pilot	22-Jul-05	AMCOM G3	NH-2181	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X										
SCBK05558907	Training Services Coordinator	22-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-1101	8	9	34,056 - 54,641	X											
SCBK05483761	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft & Electronics)	25-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238				X							X	
SCBK05580125	Equipment Specialist (General)	25-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238				X							X	
SCBK05517042	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	25-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238				X							X	
SCBK05657159	Supv International Program Management Specialist	25-Jul-05	SAMD	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988						X		X			X	
SCBK05657159D	Supv International Program Management Specialist	25-Jul-05	SAMD	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05651411	Architect, Civil Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Elec Engr, Chem Engr	27-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0810, 0819, 0830, 0850, 0893	13	13	72,486 - 94,229		X										
SCBK05661492	Contract Specialist	1-Aug-05	ACQ Center	GS-1102	12	12	60,955 - 79,238			X			X		X	X		X	
SCBK05685366	Procurement Analyst	1-Aug-05	ACQ Center	GS-1102	12	12	60,955 - 79,238			X			X		X	X		X	
SCBK05625321	Logistics Management Specialist	2-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	64,478 - 94,229				X							X	
SCBK05681311	Mech Engr; Elec Engr; Chem Engr	6-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0830, 0850, 0893	15	15	100,756-130,988						X		X	X		X	
SCBK05681311D	Mech Engr; Elec Engr; Chem Engr	6-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0830, 0850, 0893	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05644765	Accountant (IRE)	8-Aug-05	SMDC	GS-0510	14	14	85,656 - 111,355		X										
SCBK05377091OC	Safety and Occ Health Specialist	9-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	50,858 - 66,115		X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK05621863	Aerospace Engineer	16-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229		X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK05621863D	Aerospace Engineer	16-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																			
SCBK05553798D	Computer Engineer	13-Jul-05	RDECOM	DB-0854	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05681311D	Mech Engr; Elec Engr; Chem Engr	6-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0830, 0850, 0893	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

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

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

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