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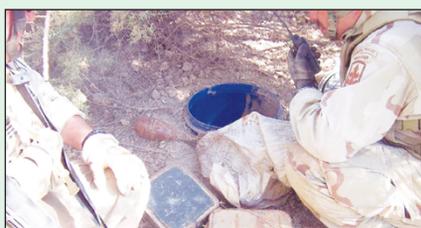
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Sergeant first class saves Army money

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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You want to learn about the Vince Lombardi lessons of work ethic and perseverance? Just try selling cold sodas to pro football fans in freezing weather.

That's what Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Lade did as a teenager in Green Bay, Wis., in the 1970s as a vendor in the stands at Lambeau Field. The hard lessons stayed with him.

Lade is the Army's military suggester of the year for 2004. He received the award May 9 at

the Pentagon during the Presidential Rank and Secretary of the Army Awards Ceremony. Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey and vice chief of staff Gen. Richard Cody presented the plaque.

"I think the whole Lombardi influence is hard to escape if you lived in Green Bay," said Lade, who received \$8,200 for his money-saving suggestion. "Just a hard work ethic and that you'll get rewarded for working hard and sticking to it helped me out."

Lade, a member of Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, serves as NCO-in-charge for the

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

BRIGHT IDEA— Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Lade of the Missile Systems Training Department is the Army's military suggester of the year.

Pharmacy undergoes cosmetic surgery

Facility has first renovation since its 1978 opening

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Fox Army Health Center has gotten an extreme makeover – in the pharmacy, that is. Patrons had a chance to view the pharmacy's facelift Thursday at an open house ceremony.

Work began in March and was completed July 5. This comes almost 27 years to the date that the pharmacy moved to its current location and opened officially under the then-Fox Army Hospital on July 6, 1978.

"There were safety issues and a need for space so the staff could work more efficiently," Col. Bonnie Pearson, deputy commander for nursing, said. "It was long overdue, 27 years is a long time."

Some of the more noticeable features of the renovated pharmacy are the increase in windows and a larger waiting area for patrons.

"We had an overflow in our waiting area, many people had no place to sit so they stood in the hallways," Ronald Cope, pharmacy services chief, said. "Now they have a place to sit."

The new waiting area can seat up to 60 patients and will have two televisions to make the wait more comfortable.

Other additions to the pharmacy include



Photo by Kim Henry

TAKE AS DIRECTED— Joe Wright, pharmacist, and Diana Walker, pharmacy technician, assist Billy Baird with his prescription. Baird, former chief of pharmacy, worked at the pharmacy in 1978 when it moved to its current location.

an information desk, a concierge area and a consultation room. The information desk moved from another part of the building to give patrons more access to general information about the health center.

The concierge area is an addition to provide better customer service. "One of the windows is designated as a concierge area to attend to beneficiaries," Pearson said. "They give out numbers there and have a person to answer their questions like which drugs we carry and which ones we don't."

Another addition is the consultation room, which gives customers more privacy. "You can tell when a patient has questions about the prescription," Pearson said. "The

pharmacist can keep the work flow going and at the same time take the beneficiary into this room to go over it with them and see if they have any problems."

Cope said the pharmacy also has access to interpreters for German, Spanish and Vietnamese patrons.

Pearson and Cope agree their employees will feel the largest impact from the pharmacy renovations. "The ambience is more conducive and the work flow is more efficient for the staff," Pearson said. "People feel better when they work in a less cluttered, well lighted area."

The pharmacy has 19 Soldiers and civilians; six are pharmacists. There are also 22 Red Cross volunteers.

There are three full-time pharmacy windows. A fourth one serves as a window and concierge area, a fifth window serves for refill pickup and a sixth window is used specifically for the weekend clinic. Cope said all six windows could be used if necessary. "When you service over 150,000 customers you don't know who's going to show up until you open the door."

Besides the active duty military and their families, the pharmacy also serves retirees and their families in areas north of Birmingham, north Mississippi, south and east Tennessee and northwest Georgia. Pearson said many people drive from miles away and plan a day of shopping at the local malls, commissary and the Post Exchange around their pharmacy visit. Unlike commercial pharmacies, Fox can fill up to three months prescription for maintenance medicine, those taken daily.

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An open lane random survey

What is your ideal summer vacation?

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Sgt. 1st Class Don Patrick



"I'd go on a cruise to Alaska."

Veronica Colon
military dependent

"I would go to Paris, the city of love. I'd visit the Eiffel tower and just see the city."



Staff Sgt. Jorge Camara-Falu



"I'd like to go to Spain to see the bullfights and have fun. It's my dream."

Senior Master Sgt. Stephen McDaniel

"An Alaskan cruise would be it. We just want to go on a cruise and we know people who have been on the Alaskan cruise before and they say it is beautiful."



Quote of the week

'Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.'

— Thomas Jefferson

Letter to the Editor

Recreation patron wants answers

I have heard from two sources that many of us who use Redstone Arsenal for recreation may lose that privilege. We present no security threat and we spend money there which benefits the military through MWR and AAFES. If this is true, what is the reason for it? Who will be affected, and when will this happen?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your inquiry con-

cerning patronage of Redstone Arsenal Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities. Unfortunately we are not able to provide you an answer to your question due to a lack of details in your letter. We want to assist you and request that you phone the MWR Membership Office at 830-9175 or 313-3203, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Staff at the membership office will be able to answer your question or direct you to those who can. Thank you for your patronage of Redstone Arsenal MWR activities."

Parents invited to meet their child's principal

Annual gathering slated July 26

BY PAM BERRY
School liaison officer

Summer is winding down and the first day of school is only a few weeks away. The first student day for Huntsville City Schools is Aug. 8 and for the newly built Columbia High School. Columbia is the school that our high school students are zoned for. If you have not registered, call 876-7801.

Before school starts, parents and students are invited to meet the Huntsville principals at the Child and Youth Services 16 annual Parent-Principal Night on Tuesday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 on Aerobee Road.

Principals from Academy for Academics and Arts, Academy for Science and Foreign Language, Columbia High, New Century Technology High, Westlawn Middle, Williams Elementary and Williams Technology Middle will

be on hand to meet you and answer any questions about the upcoming school year. If you would like more information about a particular school, visit the Huntsville City Schools web site at www.hsv.k12.al.us, then click on "Our Schools."

Representatives from Huntsville City Schools, Child and Youth Services, and other community programs will be there as well. If you have not registered for bus transportation, representatives will be hand to register children and youth.

In the past years, Child and Youth Services has provided parents with some great educational materials and will again this year. Child and Youth Services will also have available to those high school parents and students a scholarship and financial aid resource CD with more than 100 web sites listed. Door prizes will be given out. For more information, call Pam Berry, the school liaison Officer, at 876-7801, Central Enrollment Registration at 876-3704, or visit the web site www.redstonemwr.com.

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home? Guntersville

What do you like about your job?

Meeting different people, and the general hours.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Go to ballgames, just do sporting type activities. I watch TV, play around with the computer.

What are your goals?

Possibly in the future try to get a permanent job out here. Get a college education. Just to have a basically happy life.



Photo by Erika Readus

Heroic tradition

If you know of Team Redstone employees, military and civilian, or their family members who since 9/11 have served or are serving this country in hostile areas of the world, please submit their name, Team Redstone organization or unit and where they are serving, along with a photograph (5-by-7 preferred) to the Public Affairs Office, AMSAM-PA, Attn: Erika Readus, building 5300, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898. Provide your contact information with your submission including a return address if you would like to have your photograph returned. Photographs can also be e-mailed to erika.readus@redstone.army.mil. For more information, call 876-5302.

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Facility welcomes workers during Hurricane Dennis

Defense Information System Agency provides haven for Pensacola team

By JOHN YOUNGS
For the Rocket

The Defense Information System Agency Processing Element Huntsville provided support for the Defense Finance & Accounting Service Technical Services Office Pensacola's 13-member Continuity of Operations Team while Hurricane Dennis traveled through Florida and Alabama.

LaNorris Jones, DFAS TSO-PE, director of Project & Technical Support Division and COOP team leader, brought his team from Pensacola's Saufley Field to avoid the oncoming category 4 hurricane.

"Our operations closed down at 3 p.m. Friday, and the team traveled overnight to Huntsville area motels, arriving in the early morning hours Saturday," Jones said. "The traffic was very heavy, making it an eight and a half hour drive."

John Youngs, chief of DISA PE Huntsville, welcomed the team to the DISA facility July 9 at 4 p.m. Within a half hour, all communications and systems accesses for the DFAS COOP team were completed and fully operational, for the two 12-hour DFAS shifts.

The DFAS Technical Support Office-Pensacola provides technical support for the Defense Civilian Payroll System, which processes pay for approximately 750,000 civilian employees.

"We were very pleased with the exceptional support provided by DISA Huntsville personnel," Michael Monsour, production support manager for DCPS, said. "Within one half hour, we were operational and setting up production cycle schedules. Production kicked off at 4 a.m. Sunday morning, just like we were at home station."

"This was my first time to our backup COOP site at DISA Huntsville. I was impressed by the tight security at the gate, and amazed by the sheer size of the Arsenal. We were greeted at the front door of the DISA facility, issued



Photo by John Youngs

CONNECTED— Don Naphy, communications manager for DISA Huntsville, helps Teresa Pugh of DFAS TSO Pensacola in setting up her laptop connectivity as the DFAS Customer Contact Center in contingency operations at the DISA Huntsville Facility during Hurricane Dennis.

ready prepared building security badges, and escorted to the DFAS-TSO-PE COOP work area. We were very pleased with the PC and laptop work area arrangement, LAN/communications connectivity as well as telephones and fax machine. Mr. Don Naphy, DISA Huntsville communications manager, did a superb job of processing us into the DISA facility, setting up our laptops and fine tuning configurations. Mr. Youngs provided individual Huntsville welcome packets from the Huntsville Tourist Office for each team member, including maps, dining guide, attractions, etc. along with the latest Redstone Rocket newspaper and Huntsville Times GO Weekly Guide. These were a great help and stress reducer."

Teresa Pugh, of DFAS TSO-PE customer contact center, said "The 24 X 7 Customer Contact Center was

immediately operational at 4 p.m. Saturday, supporting Civilian Pay and Accounting Services (Department of Defense) worldwide customer base. The CCC acts as a liaison and referral support office for all callers for DFAS services. DISA Huntsville has done an outstanding job enabling us to immediately support our customers. I really appreciated the opening of the main DISA conference room, 24 X 7, which provided us a means to track Hurricane Dennis and keep current on the status of the Pensacola area with the CNN/Fox/Weather Stations using the large TV projection screen. This helped us relieve our concern for our families."

"We really felt welcomed by the DISA folks and their professional support, which took a lot of the stress off us," Harold Griffin, release manager for DCPS Applications, said. "This was my first COOP to Huntsville and I enjoyed reading the Redstone Rocket and The Huntsville Times weekly GO Section. I had not been back to Huntsville since I graduated from Alabama A&M University in 1980, with a bachelor of science degree in computer science technology, so I am very familiar with this great city of Huntsville. I brought my wife and three sons with me; however I am currently concerned with the status of our home in Pensacola. I really appreciate all that has been done to support us and our customers - we really felt welcome here."

"Wow, pretty incredible how prepared this DISA organization was to support us," Beth Richmond, DCPS data base administrator, said. "They greeted us at the front door, had our names/IDs entered into their building security system, PC loaded and ready to log on. They made us feel like we were not imposing on them and this helped reduce the stress of Hurricane Dennis on our situation. Hospitality was wonderful."

Jones said, "I had heard the support DISA Huntsville provided for eight days for our COOP team, led by Mr. Richard White last fall for Hurricane Ivan was outstanding. Now I have experienced it. The support that DISA Huntsville provided was in every way outstanding. Even enjoyed an outstanding meal at the Sparkman Cafeteria. Mr. Don Naphy's technical support even allowed us to have access to our DFAS e-mail accounts. Great job, DISA Huntsville."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

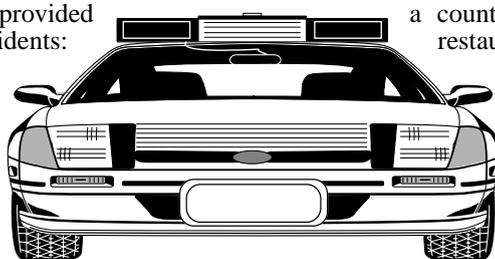
The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

July 7: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 8: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 10: An individual was found to be in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued two violation notices and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 11: An individual reported that someone passed



a counterfeit 20 dollar bill at the post restaurant. Investigation continues by the U.S. Secret Service and CID.

July 12: An individual reported that someone scratched his vehicle while parked at the Fire House Pub. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 13: An individual reported that she was being harassed at her work phone number. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 13: An individual reported that someone passed a counterfeit 20 dollar bill at Church's Chicken. Investigation continues by the U.S. Secret Service and CID.

Traffic accidents reported: two without injuries, one with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 3 speeding, 1 possession of a controlled substance, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 larceny.

Personnel system launches in 2006

WASHINGTON - The first phase of the National Security Personnel System, the new human resources system for the Department of Defense, is scheduled for implementation in early fiscal year 2006.

Spiral One of the NSPS will include about 277,000 general-schedule employees of all military services and some DoD agencies, and will be rolled out over a 12-month period.

During Spiral 1.1, more than 21,500 Army employees will convert to NSPS, according to the Army Civilian Human Resources Agency NSPS training web site. This total includes approximately 2,400 human resources professionals, 2,000 civilian managers and supervisors and over 17,000 employees.

Spiral 1.2 is slated for implementation approximately six months after Spiral 1.1. However, no Army organizations will be included in this phase.

Spiral 1.3 deploys six to nine months following Spiral 1.2 and includes training for over 57,000 employees, including 600 human resources professionals and over 5,600 managers and supervisors. (*Army News Service*)

Vandiver leads chapter for association of Army

*Huntsville native
accepts challenge*

By DAVID MCBRIDE
For the Rocket

Emily Vandiver has worked at Redstone for 30 years, but 2005 is different from any other.

This year she became the first woman president of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of Association of the U.S. Army.

As its 44th president she says she is excited to utilize the talents, enthusiasm and energy of the chapter, officers and board members.

The mother of two adult children, Melissa and David, she is originally from Huntsville. She began her career pursuits at University of Alabama-Huntsville where she graduated magna cum laude earning her bachelor's in elec-



Photo by David McBride

BUSY SCHEDULE— Emily Vandiver, of the Research Development and Engineering Center, is president of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

trical and computer engineering. She is now the president of the UAH Alumni Association.

Vandiver also is a graduate of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce Leader-

ship Program and director of the Huntsville Rotary Club.

She has worked three decades at the Research Development and Engineering Center where she serves as the director of applied technology initiatives.

"No Soldiers for deployment or return will go unrecognized for their notable service to our country," Vandiver said.

AUSA invited 300 Soldiers to the Tennessee Valley Raptors indoor football game July 16 at the Von Braun Center Arena. The local chapter and the Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the Armed Forces Salute Dinner on July 19. The chapter also served as host for the Soldier's Breakfast this morning at the Von Braun Center North Hall.

"My focus is to create a successful year and I look forward to the challenge," Vandiver said of her plans as president. She believes that an increase in indi-

vidual and cooperate membership will aid the chapter.

She has appointed positions for specific areas such as the vice president for Army recruitment to focus on Redstone active troops. Vandiver has also implemented a vice president for Army family programs who will deal specifically with the activities of the Army family members.

The chapter sponsors an annual Operation Christmas bear event where it gives a dinner to the family members during Christmas and stuffed bears to the children with the message "mom or dad is my hero."

"Being AUSA president is an honor and a privilege, but a challenge because of the many awards we've won before," Vandiver said. "But I'm excited to work with a great new and dedicated board to face the challenges."

Worker surprised at large annual recognition

*Small business specialist
wins Armywide honor*

By STEPHANIE MOORE
For the Rocket

The Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization office has someone to brag about.

Mary Birdsong, small business specialist, was nominated by her management for the AMC's Small Busi-

ness Specialist of the Year award. Birdsong's journey didn't end there. Her name was then passed on to the Armywide award. Birdsong received the Small Business Specialist of the Year award from the Army in June.

"I was pleasantly surprised and excited," she said.

Among other duties, Birdsong's job allows her to work with various small businesses. She gives information about what the Aviation and Missile Command does, and how the business can become more involved at AMCOM and throughout the Army.

Birdsong also works with various offices and organizations on post to help them succeed and keep them aware of small businesses. Occasionally, Birdsong has to travel to get training for her job. She also travels to small business conferences.

"I enjoy working with people who are knowledgeable about their subject," she said. "It is exciting to work with people who are dedicated and willing to learn from others. Seeing these people and being able to work with them is a pleasure within itself."

Birdsong has been a member of the SADBUs office for five years. Before coming to SADBUs she worked as a contract specialist/contracting officer in the Acquisition Center for 15 years.

"I enjoy my job," she said. "There is plenty of variety at my job, and the types of questions are active and challenging."

The southern Illinois native moved to Huntsville in 1997 when Army aviation workers arrived from St. Louis. She said she enjoys Huntsville's scenery and mild seasons.

She and her husband, Ric, have two sons, Jon and Derek. Birdsong said she is very involved with her children's activities.

She likes to read, listen to music and play softball. And she would like to visit Europe for the first time.

Birdsong said she has been fortunate to meet people with various backgrounds throughout different projects. She credits management for enabling her to work on so many projects.

Letter carrier wins award from Columbia College

Columbia College-Redstone has awarded a \$500 scholarship to Billy Gravitt of Decatur in honor of the late Col. Frank S. Westling. Westling was a former dean of the college's Extended Studies Division, which serves adult learners and military personnel nationwide.

Gravitt is a senior business administration major and letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He has served as team leader for the annual food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The scholarship was awarded to one student at most of Columbia College's 30 nationwide campuses. To qualify for the Westling scholarship, applicants had to do the following: complete a scholarship application, pursue degree completion with Columbia College, have a minimum Columbia gpa of 3.0, have a residency of at least 15 hours with Columbia; have a history of leadership and service to the community, school or country; and write a 400-500 word essay on their achievements and career goals.

"Columbia College is proud to offer this scholarship to students at our extended campuses," Mike Rander-son, Columbia College vice president for adult higher education, said. "Frank Westling was instrumental in establishing the extended studies division to serve working adults and military personnel, and he would be pleased to know the scholarship is helping fulfill the educational goals of students around the country."

Before joining the college, Westling served in the Army for 31 years and retired as a colonel. He was a highly decorated infantry Soldier and was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and Silver Star.

The Westling scholarship, a nonrenewable scholarship, will be awarded to a new student each year.

Columbia College was founded in Missouri in 1851. Today, the college serves 20,000 students at its Day Campus, Evening Campus, Graduate Program, 30 nationwide campuses and Online Campus. (Columbia College release)



Photo by Stephanie Moore

BEST ON JOB— Mary Birdsong works in the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization office.

Cruise missile systems legacy remembered

Project office's celebration cites three decades of work

By ERIKA READUS
For the Rocket

"Simply the best" was the theme July 13 at Bob Jones Auditorium when the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office recognized its employees and weapon systems achievements over the past three decades.

Project manager Col. Richard De Fatta called this "an incredible legacy in individual and collective achievement."

On hand for the CMDS history celebration were most of the past project managers, deputies and product managers.

Retired Col. Vincent De Fatta served as project manager years before his son. He described the legacy of the Stinger missile system and how "the project office worked as a satellite to place two De Fattas years apart as project managers."

Former deputy project manager Bill Harris said "the duty of the deputy is to keep the continuity in the program as the

PMs change." He added "the deputy has to be the eyes, ears and legs of the PM."

The program honored the employees that contributed to the success of the weapon systems as well as those who put the history together.

"The history research came about through tasking the Acquisition Career Education Students or ACE students assigned to then SHORAD project office, now known as the CMDS project office," said Dorren Vera, intern, program analyst at CMDS project office. "We were tasked with researching the history from the Red-eye to the present, and it was a lot of work. I learned that the success of a program comes through a big group effort between government and the contractors."

All of the interns and team members who worked on the history and celebration program received coins from project manager De Fatta during the ceremony, while the guests were presented with CD copies of the history book. The actual book was presented to the command History Office.

"Remember the legacy," the project manager said.

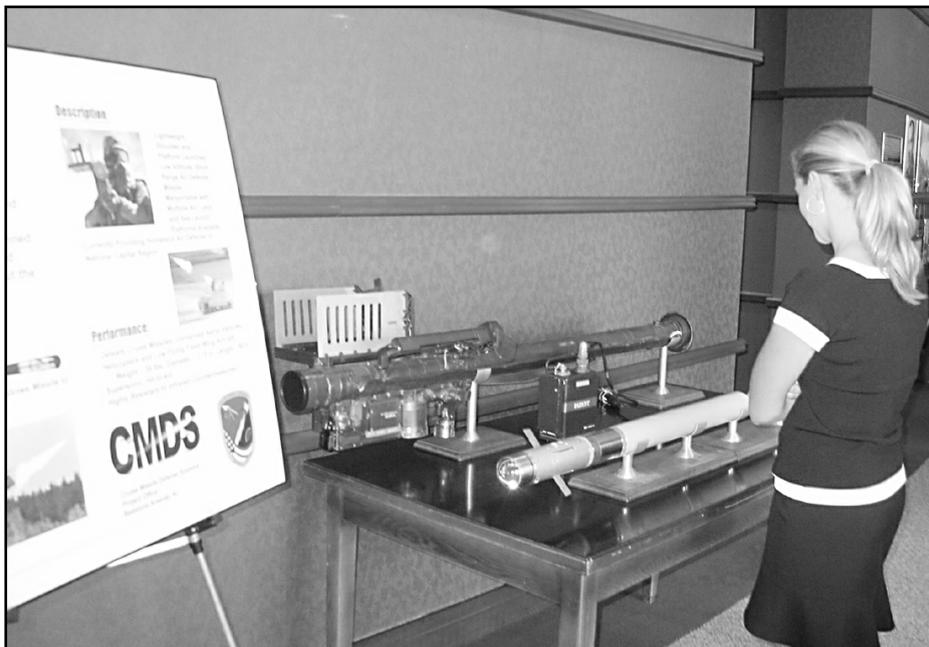


Photo by Erika Readus

LOOKING BACK— Kerri Waters, CMDS graphics specialist, views the Stinger display during the history celebration.

■ Facelift for Pharmacy comes 27 years after opening

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"Any beneficiary can get their prescription here," Pearson said. "It is not just local individuals, many drop by on their way through the state."

"We anticipate the volume to increase over the next few years," Cope said. "They (retirees) can't all live in Florida."

The pharmacy is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., except on Thursdays when it closes at 1:30 p.m. Refills should be ordered ahead of time and can be done by phone (842-7337 or 1-800-223-9531), mail (Fox Army Health Center; Pharmacy SVC; Redstone Arsenal, AL 35809) or online (www.redstone.amedd.army.mil). Cope suggests patrons check online or on the phone to see if the pharmacy carries their drug.

New direction for unmanned aerial vehicles



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHARTERED— Col. Don Hazelwood accepts the charter as project manager for unmanned aerial vehicle systems from Paul Bogosian, the program executive officer for aviation.

Colonel Hazelwood returns to program executive office

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Thursday was like homecoming for Col. Don Hazelwood and his wife, Jean.

He returned to the Program Executive Office for Aviation as the project manager for unmanned aerial vehicle systems in a change of charter ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. Hazelwood last worked for the PEO in 1993-95.

"It's wonderful to have Don back in the community," Paul Bogosian, the program executive officer for aviation, said.

Hazelwood, 48, served as executive officer 1993-94 and as assistant product manager for global positioning system in 1995.

His last assignment was director of site activation worldwide for the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program

Office here.

He succeeded Col. John Burke, who served as UAVS project manager since 2002. Burke leaves for Washington, D.C., to become director of unmanned systems integration for the Army G3 at the Pentagon.

"It's been a tremendous achievement that John and his organization have accomplished in this short three years," Bogosian said. Unmanned aerial vehicles have flown more than 50,000 combat hours in Iraq and Afghanistan in the past three years.

A Warren, Mich., native, Hazelwood was commissioned in the Field Artillery Branch in 1982 following graduation from Michigan State University. He was named product manager of the year in 2002. The Hazelwoods have a daughter, Valerie, a freshman at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and a son, Alexander, a sophomore in high school.

"I'd like to arm UAVs," Hazelwood said of his goals as project manager. "I would like to focus on joint interoperability, commonality and standardization."

 A recruitment poster for AMCOM (Aviation & Missile Command). The poster features a collage of images including a soldier, a helicopter, and a building. Text on the poster includes:

- AMCOM** A LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT COMMAND
- Re-enlist* (written in yellow cursive)
- STAY on a winning team.**
- WHO?** (written in yellow)
- "SEE YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR TODAY"**
- 256.842.0870 DSN 788.0870
- US. ARMY AVIATION & MISSILE COMMAND**
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Billy Ray serves up home cooking

Grill has recipe for smiles to go

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In the South, people are picky about their food. They want it like grandma used to make it and they want it served with the house wine of the region, ice-cold sweet tea. But when you only have a few minutes on your lunch break, where can you strike such culinary gold? For those in the know, the answer is simple. You go see Billy Ray.

Billy Ray Matthews operates the snack bar in NASA's International Space Station, building 4663 on the corner of Martin Road and Dodd Road. He's been there about five years after spend-



Photo by Kelley Lane
EATING IN— Troy Fuqua, left, is among the customers who make the trek to Billy Ray Matthews' grill almost every day.

ing several years with other operators in similar ventures on post.

"I worked with Charlie's Grill in building 4200 for 10 years before deciding to try this on my own," he said. "But before I worked at Charlie's, I worked with Mr. Robert Kelly, another blind vendor."

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Food court ready to serve everyone

PX restaurants open to all

By **STEPHANIE MOORE**
For the Rocket

Looking for somewhere on post to eat? Well, there's plenty to choose from — just from the Post Exchange alone.

The PX has a food court with five different restaurants: a Cinnabon, a Baskin Robbins, a Robin Hood, an Anthony's Pizza, and a Church's Chicken.

These eateries are open seven days a week and their times vary anywhere from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the exception of the Cinnabon. It's open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the week to better serve the employees at Redstone Arsenal.

For people in a rush, Church's Chicken has a drive through. It is also open until 8 p.m.

"Anyone can dine at AAFES facilities," PX manager Carl Carpenter said. The exchange facilities include the food court, the nearby Burger King, and the American Eatery in building 4488.



Photo by Stephanie Moore
AWAITING TURN— This is a typical lunchtime scene in the Post Exchange food court.

Anyone who works, resides or is visiting on the Arsenal can eat at the food court. You do not have to be military or even a government employee. As long as you can get on post, you are welcome at the restaurants.

The food court has not had any major renovations in the last few years but Desiree Deweever, manager of the food court, said it has made some changes to better serve the customers.

"We have changed some of the hours lately," Deweever

said. Anthony's Pizza used to be the last place to close, but now Church's Chicken is. Also, every place is open on Sunday.

Deweever said the food court sales have improved since the change in hours.

The food court serves about 600 people daily. The busiest hours are from about 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The food court does plan to do some renovation in the future. Plans are in order for a few new places and locations.

"We have lots of things planned," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said he plans to build a new Burger King to replace the old one. The Burger King could possibly be accompanied by an eatery already in the food court. If that works out, the food court will get something new also.

The PX manager also said he has asked for a site near Martin Road and Burose Road to build a new facility with a couple of places to eat in there.

In years past, the food court eateries have been chosen by customer input through a survey.

Shed excess pounds through 8-week 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 Friday.

“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.”

Suspect drugs removed from Exchange shelves

DALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will remove products containing the solid form of pseudoephedrine from all store shelves effective July 31. These items include Advil Flu & Sinus, Aleve Cold & Sinus, Claritin D and Tylenol Allergy Sinus.

The affected items will be replaced with products containing phenylephrine, an acceptable substitute for pseudoephedrine, as a relief for sinus congestion.

Tim Calkins, AAFES buyer for cold and cough products, said AAFES has already identified the replacement prod-

ucts, and will start shipping them to AAFES stores in July before the start of the cold and cough season.

To date, 16 states have passed legislation restricting the availability of cough and cold medicines containing the drug pseudoephedrine in solid form. AAFES has decided that removal of these products from all of its stores is in the best interest of all military communities.

AAFES is committed to maintaining safe communities by supporting all local, state and national initiatives to combat the manufacture of illicit drugs. (*Army & Air Force Exchange Service release*)

■ Southern fried meals hot off grill at snack bar

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Matthews learned to cook as a young man in the family kitchen in the Madison area.

“People would tell me I better get in the kitchen and learn how to cook,” he said. “They said I might not get married or my wife might not know how to cook.”

The background in home cooking is evidenced in his menu, which includes homemade biscuits and fried potatoes for breakfast. Lunch specials also include chicken and dumplings and barbecue. Lunch specials change daily but the grill menu, which touts such items as Philly cheese steak and chicken wings, is always available.

“We have salads and things for those on diets. We do grilled chicken every day. We try to please everyone, but I’m a country boy,” Matthews said. “We also do fried pork chops, collard greens, and red beans and rice.”

There are always baked goods such as muffins and mouth-watering teacakes ready for dessert or an afternoon snack. Keeping his business stocked with made from scratch goodies makes for early mornings.

“I come in every morning at 3:30 to roll out homemade biscuits, dough and all that good stuff,” he said.

Even with such a tantalizing menu, the food is not the only attraction for cus-

tomers. Matthews’ service with a smile is a big part of what draws people in and keeps them coming back. He is on a first name basis with his repeat customers and even remembers what they like. If you’re a first timer, he has a smile and a welcome for you. The atmosphere is one of family and Matthews himself says he has never met a stranger.

“Billy Ray is a good, honest man and always provides excellent service and value,” Troy Fuqua, a contractor for ERC and regular customer at the snack bar, said. “He and his staff are all about treating their customers right and getting them served quickly. I work in 4500, the next building over, and walk over almost every day for lunch.”

Even though it is a NASA building, Fuqua said there are plenty of Army people making the trip over for a taste of Matthews’ wares on a daily basis.

“We try to give people good food and we’re likable people,” Matthews said. “I try to treat people the way I want to be treated. I think that’s what keeps them coming back.”

The goodies coming out of the kitchen are too good to be contained in such a small corner of Redstone. In addition to the snack bar, Matthews also runs a snack bar at Huntsville’s Joe Davis Stadium during sporting and special events. He also does catering. No matter what you get or where you get it, you can bet it will be served with a smile, a joke or a story.

Pulitzer-winning writer does old-fashioned research

Birmingham native visits history office

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

"The thing you don't understand is the artist's terrific affinity for the difficult, the thing he cannot do." — Shelby Foote, the late historian/author

Foote's three-volume Civil War history took 20 years to complete, and began, of course, with extensive research.

When it comes to exemplifying the proverbial 'tip of the iceberg,' in research terms, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Diane McWhorter recently found the 'tip' when she began research in the AMCOM History Office archives.

"I have been working since Christmas on a three-year Houghton-Mifflin contract to produce a Cold War, space and arms-race book focusing on Huntsville," she said.

The Birmingham native won the General Non-Fiction Pulitzer in 2002 for "Carry Me Home," described in a review as being "an epic look at the history of the civil rights movement, and a



Photo by G.M. Andrews/Mobile Register
COURTSIDE—Alabama author Diane McWhorter visits the jury box of the Monroeville courthouse, the setting of To Kill a Mockingbird and the hometown of author Harper Lee.

reminder of how it shaped many who are old enough to remember the horrifying images of dog attacks and fire hoses." The final 600 pages of "Carry Me Home" was a work in progress for 19 years.

"I write narrative histories with really strong characters," McWhorter said. "The spine of the book I'm working on is going

to be the German rocket team. The historical background chapters will focus on the '40s and '50s, with Sputnik to the moon landing being a central focus, as well as the Pershing, Jupiter and Redstone contributions by the Arsenal. When people ask me what this book is going to be about, I have a simple, true reply: rocket science."

The longtime contributor to *The New York Times* has written articles on race, politics and culture for *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Nation*, *People*, *Slate*, *The American Scholar*, *Newsday*, *My Generation*, and *Boston Magazine*, where she was managing editor.

Not surprisingly, McWhorter's book will be a social, cultural and political history featuring Sen. John Sparkman and Rep. Bob Jones.

McWhorter resides in New York City and takes advantages of the summer time when her daughters Lucy, 16, and Isabel, 13, are away at camp.

Her young-adult history of the civil rights movement, *A Dream of Freedom*, was published by Scholastic in fall 2004. It was one of *The New York Times's* nine "Notable Children's Books of

2004" and *USA Today's* "Best Children's History" of 2004.

"My book will cover not only space but also missile systems," McWhorter said. "I would welcome the opportunity to talk to anybody who has a story to tell me."

"I got the idea for the book because a friend of mine had been married to the daughter of a German mathematician on von Braun's team. I thought that the whole idea sounded fascinating: how these big scientists got plunked down here in north Alabama.

"I spoke to the Huntsville Rotary Club a couple summers ago, and sort of half jokingly referred to an anecdote from a writer friend who said that in 'Carry Me Home,' I did a pretty good job of making Birmingham seem to be the center of the universe. But now, I realize that Huntsville is the center of the universe."

McWhorter said staying motivated is a necessity.

"You have to pump yourself up to tackle these topics," she said. "This project is huge. Initially I thought that I was going to do the space shuttle Challenger. Then I finally came to my senses, deciding to make Chal-

lenger the epilogue. Building the Saturn V rocket will be the major narrative, with all this other stuff hanging off of that."

Although she left Birmingham at 17, McWhorter is still fond of 'The Heart of Dixie.'

"North Alabama was always so much more progressive," she said. "So I've always been interested in this whole alien part of Alabama. And all of this is taking place during the hey day of the civil rights movement so that's going to be in the background. As well, George Wallace was governor back then."

In addition to a number of planned future visits to the Tennessee Valley, McWhorter will also travel to Florida, Washington, D.C., Houston and Peenemünde, Germany.

"I never could quite understand how people can use researchers," she said. "I once got a Columbia University graduate student to some fact checking. I've found that I find some of my best stuff when I'm looking for something totally unrelated. And I'm particularly thankful for all the good help that I have received here at the history office."

Book review: '1776' chronicles birth of nation

By LINDA ROEBUCK
For the Rocket

It wasn't a done deal. The American colonies quest for independence is sometimes viewed as an inevitable series of events and battles, smoothly executed, leading to our birth as a sovereign nation.

On the contrary, as David McCullough writes in his latest book, "1776," the fledgling army with few funds, minimal equipment, and little training was totally unprepared to face the acknowledged might of the British army. Told from both the American and British viewpoints, it is a riveting example of how differently things could have turned out.

Through diaries, letters and journals we come to know the character of George Washington — learning from mistakes and blunders; developing other leaders, such as Henry Knox and Nathanael Green; remaining positive in public while privately despairing about the army's shortcomings and steadfastly pursuing the goal of American independence.

McCullough writes so well that even though the outcome is known, "1776" is still full of suspense. As he says, "From the last week of August to the last week of December, the year 1776 had been as dark a time as those devoted to the American cause had ever known — indeed as dark a time as any in the history of the country. And suddenly, miraculously it seemed, that had changed because of a small band of determined men and their leader."

Editor's note: Linda Roebuck is a volunteer reviewer for the Post Library. To request this or any other book, you may call the library at 876-4742 or visit building 3323 on Redeye Road. The library's catalog is online at www.redstonemwr.com. Some similar recently published books at the Post Library include "His Excellency: George Washington" by Joseph J. Ellis, "Great Improvisation: Franklin, France, and the Birth of America" by Stacy Schiff, "Martha Washington: An American Life" by Patricia Brady, "John Jay: Founding Father" by Walter Stahr and "Washington's Crossing" by David Hackett Fischer.

■ Top suggester benefits from Lombardi work ethic

Suggestion

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Apache attack helicopter system repair training division in the Missile Systems Training Department for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. He suggested in 2003 purchasing used digitizers to test and repair parts of the Apache helicopter, saving \$977,000 in the first year.

An electronic equipment test facility serves to test and repair the major electronic and optical systems on the Apache helicopter. Within that facility, a digitizer is used during testing of the target acquisition designation system and pilot night vision sensor. But in 1989 the digitizer stopped being produced by the original manufacturer, Tektronix; and the Army had run out of repair parts for this item. This meant repairing the digitizer became almost impossible.

"So I suggested after researching on the Internet that the items could be purchased used but serviceable to replace diminishing stock in the Army's supply system," Lade said. "The alternative was to write a contract for new equipment at a cost of like \$1.5 million for 20 units with a lead time of two to three years before deliv-

ery. The item is critical for providing support to the Apache helicopter worldwide and it was a reasonable solution to the problem."

The Army agreed and adopted his idea.

Lade and his wife, Virginia, received a trip to Washington, D.C., for the award ceremony. He was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Vincent Boles, commander of the Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

"It's just satisfying to be recognized," Lade, 40, said. "But in my personal opinion there are a lot of people who do things to save the Army money and don't have an opportunity to be recognized. So I take it as recognition of everybody that's done great things for the Army, and I'm just the person that gets to receive that award."

While growing up in Green Bay, he sold school supplies as a teenager. That was in addition to working the stands on football weekends at Lambeau Field. Laughing about his Lambeau experience, he said, "I think it motivated me to try to find something else to do." He joined the Army on the enlisted delayed entry program in December 1986 and began his active service in March 1987. He was first assigned to Redstone in December 1996.

Lade spent a year in Korea

from 2001-02 and got diverted from orders to Fort Bragg, N.C., to return to Redstone. He and his wife have won Yard of the Month 14 times in the past eight years — and he credits her for that. They have two daughters, Maryann Fiorella, 25, and Bobbie Fiorella, 23, both of Huntsville. Besides yard work, his other hobby is fishing.

He plans to retire in a year and a half with 20 years service and stay in Huntsville as a civilian worker. On his suggester of the year award, he expressed his appreciation to Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Littleton, his supervisor and mentor; James Graves, his former civilian boss who is now retired; Lt. Col. Maurice Dawson, director of Missile Systems Training Department; Dwayne Kennedy, administration and operations supervisor for MSTD; and the entire Integrated Family of Test Equipment/Apache Attack Helicopter System Repair Training Division which has 21 military and four civilian members.

"I had originally made the suggestion based on the need we had for a piece of equipment for training that we have here," Lade said. "And the cash award was a nice benefit just for getting the piece of equipment. And the Army award was a total shock and surprise."

And it was definitely a warmer reception than he received from some of those freezing Green Bay Packer fans.

Coalition forces thwart attacks, discover weapons

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Coalition forces captured terrorists and thwarted attacks, discovered a weapons cache and assisted injured worshippers in and around Baghdad July 10.

Task Force Baghdad Soldiers conducted a precision raid against a terrorist safe-house just west of Abu Ghraib. Two out of the 10 house occupants were identified as specifically targeted terrorists and were taken into custody for questioning.

“Today we took two known terrorists off the street and prevented another possible terrorist attack before it could even get off the ground,” said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, a Task Force Baghdad spokesperson.

“Aggressive, offensive operations by Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition forces are taking the fight directly to the insurgents and degrading their capabilities all across Iraq.”

During a routine patrol in the Ameriyah District that same day, Iraqi and Coalition Forces noticed a black BMW parked in the driveway of a house that was typically unoccupied. Soldiers searched the house and found a bag of raw C-4 plastic explosives and four other containers believed to be filled with explosives.

Also hidden in the house were 20 hand grenades, one machine gun, a sniper rifle, an AK-47 assault rifle, a loaded 9 millimeter pistol with a silencer, and 500 to 700 rounds of ammunition. A team of explosives experts safely removed the munitions.

“It was a joint Iraqi and U.S. patrol. The Iraqi Soldiers took the lead,” said Capt. Mike Benoit of 1-69th Infantry. “They were aggressive and used their insight, which led us to the cache.”



Arnews photo

UNDERGROUND— Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Baghdad find a weapons cache on an island along the Tigris River in the Al Rashid district of Baghdad July 1.

An East Baghdad resident alerted Iraqi Soldiers that a terrorist was preparing to fire a rocket at around 8:30 a.m. July 10.

Coalition Soldiers responded immediately and cordoned off the suspected site. After searching the area, the Iraqi Soldiers discovered the rocket ready to be fired from an improvised launcher and safely disarmed the rocket launcher and took it back to their base. The terrorists were not seen or captured.

“The terrorists must have gotten scared

by our presence. If he would have fired the rocket while we were in the area, he would have been captured by us,” said an Iraqi Soldier.

“The capture of the rocket before it was fired probably saved the lives of numerous civilians. The terrorists often miss their intended target causing death and destruction to innocent civilians,” he said.

Iraqi police officers and Task Force Baghdad Soldiers responded to a car bomb attack against a mosque in south Baghdad by securing the area around the shrine and evacuating injured worshippers to a local hospital.

The blast occurred at 10:30 p.m. and injured 15 people including at least one child.

“Iraqi insurgents and foreign fighters have nothing positive to offer Iraq,” said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, a Task Force Baghdad spokesperson. “They deliberately choose to strike civilian targets to maximize the number of dead and wounded. The violence of the insurgents steals from all Iraqis the chance for employment, prosperity and to worship peacefully.”

Editor’s note: Information provided by several Task Force Baghdad news releases compiled by Army News Service correspondent Joanna Hawkins.

Depot workers' son awarded Silver Star

Soldier cited for heroism in action in Afghanistan

By LOIS CONTRERAS
Corpus Christi Army Depot

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A hesitant host-nation army and sustained injuries did not keep a Special Forces Soldier from protecting his wounded comrade during an enemy attack in Afghanistan last year.

As parents Richard and Pat Felix, Corpus Christi Army Depot employees in the Directorate of Engineering Services and Directorate of Resource Management, respectively, looked on, Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Felix, a member of the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), received the Silver Star at a Valor Awards Ceremony held June 23 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

On the afternoon of Sept. 20, 2004, Felix's detachment and a platoon of Afghan National Army soldiers were conducting a reconnaissance patrol through the Mangretay Valley in the Paktika Province, Afghanistan. Felix



Courtesy photo

VALOR AWARD— Richard, left, and Pat Felix, right, stand with their son Sgt. 1st Class Brad Felix after a Valor Awards Ceremony at Fort Bragg. Felix, a member of the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), was awarded the Silver Star for valor displayed during an enemy attack in Afghanistan in September 2004.

was driving the lead vehicle when the patrol was ambushed by 25 Anti-Coalition Militia forces in fortified fighting positions located on terrain which

dominated the valley. After Felix's vehicle was hit and disabled by a rocket-propelled grenade which wounded the entire crew, Felix ignored his

own injuries and struggled to position his vehicle to shield his wounded comrade from further exposure to the intense small arms and RPG fire. Under intense machinegun fire, Felix dismounted the vehicle and fired a Light Anti-tank Weapon into the fortified enemy position, eventually silencing it. He then sprinted from vehicle to vehicle while under intense enemy fire to organize the counterattack.

Inspired by Felix's courageous actions, the ANA soldiers began assaulting the fortified enemy positions causing the enemy to break off their attack. Refusing medical treatment for his own injuries, Felix organized the patrol into a defensive perimeter to allow evacuation of his more seriously wounded comrades.

After refusing to get on the medical evacuation helicopter, Felix, who suffered wounds to the head, neck and face, led the patrol back to the firebase. "The heroic actions taken by Felix, under intense fire and after being seriously wounded were decisive

in the ability of the patrol to gain the tactical advantage and force the enemy to break contact," reads, in part, the recommendation for award.

"It was humbling because I have two buddies not with me anymore, but at the same time I'm honored," Felix said of the awards ceremony. He added that the award keeps the memory of his fallen comrades alive.

Felix's feeling that he did nothing extraordinary or worthy of receiving the third highest medal in the Army is consistent with that of Sgt. 1st Class Roger Watts and Staff Sgt. David Colucci, his two fellow 3rd SFG(A) Soldiers who also received the Silver Star for valor displayed during separate enemy attacks last year.

"It was instinctive. The training kicks in and you do what you need to do," said Felix, who has served three tours of duty in the Global War on Terrorism.

"Brad's commander kept saying that he was so glad that Brad

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Aviation support manager surprised with award

Corpus Christi worker returns from Kuwait

By LOIS CONTRERAS
Corpus Christi Army Depot

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — One of the last tasks performed by Corpus Christi Army Depot regional aviation support manager Rick Hunter before returning home from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait was to attend a daily Battle Update Briefing. During the briefing, Hunter was surprised to receive the Commanders' Award for Civilian Service from Col. Charles Wilson, AMC Army Field Support Brigade-Southwest Asia commander.

Hunter also received a Commanders' Coin and certificate from Col. Donald Takami, commander, 1106th AVCRAD.

"I felt very proud to receive their recognition and to have represented CCAD," Hunter said. "This has been a rewarding experience for me and I have seen a goal that I started over a year ago achieved firsthand by placing CCAD RASMs in theater to support the OIF/OEF mission."

Hunter goes on to comment that he could not have achieved this goal without the support of Col. Jim Budney, past Corpus Christi commander, Col. Tim Sassenrath, present commander, and R. Pat Oler, deputy to the commander. Also instrumental in providing support to see Hunter's plan to fruition were Mark Moe, director of AMCOM/IMMC Maintenance, and Marina O'Kraski, AMCOM/IMMC. Hunter also thanks Lt. Col. Eric Post, AMCOM ARDMRU liaison.

Daniel Montelongo, regional aviation

support manager-Korea, Donald Mendez, Corpus Christi RASM, and Bill Fischer, CCAD RASM at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, were three people who were directly responsible for the success of the program, Hunter said.

"Without those guys, especially Dan (Montelongo), it would have been difficult (for me) to get the ball rolling in theater while performing dual roles. The assignment I had with AMC-AFSB-SWA was a demanding assignment. I had the responsibility of ensuring the troops received their needed equipment and assisted the units with battle damage and battle loss replacements — it was fast-paced and demanding 24/7. My second

role was working with the AVCRAD and TASM to establish CCAD support to aviation readiness in theater," he said.

Hunter went on to say that both the AVCRAD and TASM have commented to him on the professionalism and the extra mile that Corpus Christi personnel display in assisting them with their needs.

I cannot express the gratitude I have received from military, DA civilians, and contractors for the job and support that we (CCAD) have provided them. I will be glad to come home but I also wish I could stay longer because I truly enjoy doing what I do — supporting the men and women of our military in whatever capacity needed," he said.



Courtesy photo

THANKS FOR SUPPORT— Rick Hunter, center, Corpus Christi regional aviation support manager, receives the Commanders' Award for Civilian Service from Col. Charles Wilson, left, AMC Army Field Support Brigade-Southwest Asia commander, and a Commanders' Coin and certificate from Col. Donald Takami, 1106th AVCRAD commander. Hunter was commended for his work at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Good preparation delivers happy household moves

Document valuables before packing up

By Capt. JAMES SWORD
Claims Office

Moving is a fact of life in the Army. Many of you will be PCSing soon. Your Redstone Arsenal Claims Office suggests you do the following to help protect your household goods and to ensure a smooth transition to your new duty station.

Before you even make arrangements for the movers to come, you should take photos of that plasma screen television, the new bedroom set and all the other "big ticket" items. If your camera has a date function, use it. If you still have the receipts, put them with the photos. Carry the photos and receipts with you.

As you unpack, you might notice that items are missing or damaged. At that point, those photos and receipts will become very important. With such documentation, it will be easy to prove the condition your property was in before the move. The claims office won't have to guess about the condition or the purchase price. It will be all there in the photos and receipts. If you do have to file a claim, your new claims office will be happy to see the photos and receipts. The documentation eliminates the guesswork in determining whether or not to pay a claim or how much to pay.

If you have taken the photographs and collected the receipts, the procedure for filing a claim is simple. When your household goods are delivered to your new home, the movers are required to give you a pink form called a DD Form 1840, Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery. The reverse side is called the DD Form 1840R, Notice of Loss or Damage. It is here that you must note all damaged or lost items. Once completed, this form must be submitted to your new claims office within 70 days from the day your belongings were delivered. If you wait until the 71st day then you waive your rights to reimbursement for lost or damaged items.

When you turn in the DD Form 1840R to your new claims office, they will give you a Household Goods Claims Packet. The packet will contain forms and instructions for completing the documents necessary to file your claim. These forms and supporting documents must be turned into the claims office within two years from the date your household goods were delivered. However, it won't take two years to file the claim because you have taken photos and have receipts. The claims office will be happy that you are so organized and thorough. That means that you get paid faster and in an amount reflecting the proper value of your property. That means that you will be happy.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call your Redstone Arsenal Claims Office at 876-9007 or stop by building 111 on Goss Road.

■ Special Forces Soldier cited for valor in Afghanistan

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had made it out of there and was back home. I didn't really understand what he meant until I read the full account of the events. I am so proud of him," said Richard Felix, trying to fight back tears of concern and pride. "He has been assigned as an instructor (at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg) and told me he needs to get back (to the war)."

On June 27, President Bush visited Fort Bragg and Felix found himself seated nearby on the same stage. After the president's speech, Felix had about one and a half minutes with him. Reaching into his wallet, he produced one of his SFG(A) coins and handed it to Bush.

"He said he didn't deserve it. I told him 'Sir, I'm giving this to you from me,'" said Felix who says he supports him 100 percent and agrees with Bush's speech on why it's wrong to set a deadline for Iraq.

"He's lost some hearing as a result of his injuries," Pat Felix said. "I'm glad he's home safe. He is ready to go back, and if he does, we'll support his decision," said the proud, yet concerned mom.

Sgt. 1st Class Felix's wife Toni and daughters Amanda and Amy, and stepson Shane, who is in the Navy, also attended the ceremony. A second stepson, Sean, was unable to attend.

The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

The required gallantry, while of a lesser degree than that required for the Distinguished Service Cross, must nevertheless have been performed with marked distinction.

This was the third near ambush in which Felix has been involved.

Editor's note: Excerpts from "Steadfast SF Soldiers awarded Silver Star" by April Rowden, Paraglide, June 30 issue and "Gettysburg native awarded Silver Star" by Staci L. George, Gettysburg Times, June 30 issue were used for this Corpus Christi release.

Bravo bats finally get going against Marines

Bulldogs edge rivals in extra innings

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Bravo Company's offense was struggling early in a softball showdown against the Marines.

The Bulldogs trailed 4-1 after two innings and 9-8 after six. But they rallied for a 9-all tie in the seventh.

And they won it in the eighth, thanks to leadoff hitter Wesley Jameson who tripled and scored.

Bravo beat the conference foe Marines 10-9 on July 13 at Linton Field. The Bulldogs improved to 7-0, atop the Western Conference, while the Marines fell to 4-4.

"We didn't hit the ball until the fifth inning," said Lee Diaz, Bravo's All-Army player and coach. The Bulldogs scored one run in the first, five in the fifth, two in the sixth and one apiece in the seventh and eighth.

"We just found a way to get our sticks going. And then in extra innings we got the winning run," Diaz said. "The Marines, we take nothing away from them. They played a good game. They were a tough team to beat."

The Marines scored one run in the first inning, three in the second, two in the fifth and three in the sixth.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIRST DOG— Bravo leadoff hitter Wesley Jameson, batting in the pre-season championship win against the former Delta Company (which subsequently became Headquarters & Alpha-2), gets things started for the Bulldogs.

"We just made some errors," catcher Brice Sligar said. He left the Marine Detachment on Friday night for Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Jameson went 4-for-5 with a triple and four runs scored for the Bulldogs, who won the preseason tournament and are among the favorites for the post title. Weather permitting the postseason tournament is scheduled to start Thursday.

Standings after last week included: **Eastern Conference** — Headquarters & Alpha-2 (8-0), NCO Academy (5-4), MEDDAC (2-6) and

Charlie (0-8). **Western Conference** — Bravo (7-1), Marines (5-4), Headquarters & Alpha-1 (4-4) and 326th (2-6).

Here are results from week four:

- **July 12** — Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. NCO Academy 16-6 and MEDDAC def. Charlie 15-5.

- **July 13** — Bravo def. Marines 10-9 and Headquarters & Alpha-1 won by forfeit over Charlie.

- **July 14** — Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. Bravo 11-0 and Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha-1 18-8.

Redstone youth soccer league ready to roll

By PATRICIA KLAVER
MWR Sales and Marketing

Do you have children between the ages of 5 and 13? Are you looking for something new and exciting for them to do for the next couple of months? Morale Welfare and Recreation's Youth Soccer League is registering and forming teams.

"For \$40 plus an \$18 CYS registration fee, you can join and have some fun playing soccer in a non-competitive atmosphere," Mike Gates, the MWR youth sports and fitness director, said. "This includes your child's uniform. It's a great way to get involved, get away from the house for a while, and just have some fun."

Co-ed youth teams are divided into these age categories: under 6, under 8, under 10, under 12, and under 14. Practice sessions start Aug. 1, and are generally held twice weekly for 90 minutes. The days depend on the volunteer coaches' schedules.

Games start just after Labor Day and run through the end of October. There are usually one to two games weekly; and some games are played against the Huntsville Recreational Services teams.

To sign up, go to Child and Youth Services' Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and current sports physical. The registration deadline is July 29. This is open to all children whose parents work or live on Redstone Arsenal, including contractors. For more information, call Gates at 313-2177. Volunteer coaches are always welcome.



Photo by Jim Fox

GETTING KICKS— Youngsters are invited to register in the MWR Youth Soccer League by July 29.

Army, Navy get top-20 finishes in Chicago

Military-themed entries take places on race track

By Maj. WILLIAM THURMOND
Army News Service

JOLIET, Ill. — In their first head-to-head NEXTEL Cup race, the Army and Navy cars finished the USG Sheetrock 400 nose-to-tail July 10.

Or would that be stem-to-stern?

Joe Nemechek's 01 Army Chevrolet started and finished in the 15th place spot after a long, hot and frustrating afternoon.

Right behind him, David Stremme drove the number 39 Navy Dodge into 16th, a significant improvement over his 31st-place starting position. The race marked his first NEXTEL Cup start.

Of course, all eyes were on fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr. as he steered his number eight Budweiser Chevy into victory lane.

Jr.'s win broke a 19-race winless drought and renewed speculation that his DEI team can still make it into the 10-race Chase for the NEXTEL Cup that will determine the champion. Earnhardt is currently ranked 13th.

The second-place finisher was Matt Kenseth in the USG Sheetrock/DeWalt Ford. Kenseth was by far the man to beat, leading the field on five separate occasions for a total of 176 laps.

Running a close third was popular Hendrick Motor Sports driver and current NEXTEL Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson in the number 48 Lowe's Chevrolet.

Rounding out the field of military-themed entries was

Greg Biffle in the number 16 National Guard Ford. Biffle started the day in sixth position and drove a strong race all afternoon, rarely dropping out of the top five.

Biffle finished in 11th place but retained his spot right behind Johnson in the championship points race.

For the Army's driver, it was another weekend where a strong racecar, driving fast toward the front, ran into other people's trouble.

In Daytona July 2 it was incidental contact with an out-of-control Michael Waltrip that smashed the Army car's sheet metal and doomed it to a disappointing finish on the famed superspeedway.

July 10 it was Carl Edwards' turn. Edwards' single car crash on lap 80 sent a shower of parts onto the racing surface. One of those parts, a brake rotor, found its mark on Nemechek's front end, causing aerodynamic damage that required a long pit stop to repair.

In a flash, Nemechek dropped from eighth to 29th place as he struggled to hold a banged-up racecar on the Chicagoland Speedway's 18 degree turns.

"We started off today's race with a really fast car," Nemechek said. "But the performance quickly went away after we got hit with debris from Edwards' car. The nose was shoved in and that caused the handling to get tight. Because we were at such an aerodynamic disadvantage, we really couldn't get the car to free up."

Despite his obvious and deserved frustration, Nemechek and the rest of the Army team aren't giving up just yet.

"We're doing everything we can to achieve success," Nemechek said. "The performance has been there all year, but we can't shake being in the wrong place at the wrong time."



Cameras In Action

FRONT STRETCH— Joe Nemechek's Army Chevrolet leads David Stremme's Navy Dodge down the Chicagoland Speedway front stretch during the USG Sheetrock 400 on July 10. They finished in the same order, with the Army coming in 15th and the Navy close behind in 16th.

"Though I am disappointed that we aren't delivering the finishes we deserve, I am also very proud of this team for how we have come back with injured equipment the past two weeks to finish a respectable 15th. As long as we continue the fight and remain positive, those results will eventually fall in our favor. We will Soldier on and get the job done."

Army racing's next engagement was the New England 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon.



Sports & Recreation

Female volleyball

Female active duty servicemembers and spouses are invited to sign up for a downtown volleyball league scheduled Aug. 4 through Sept. 22 on Thursday nights from 6-9. For information call Capt. L. Cross 541-7868.

Post swimming passes

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

Boats and campers

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

Youth football

The Monrovia Football League will host the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition sponsored by the Tennessee Titans at 9 a.m. Aug. 6 at the Monrovia Elementary School football field (corner of Jeff Road/Mt. Zion Road). This is open to all youth 8-15 in the Huntsville/Madison/Monrovia and Tennessee Valley area. Registration is free starting at 9 a.m. with the competition beginning at 10. Parent's signature is required to compete. Winners of the competition will travel to Chattanooga to compete with winners from other areas to represent the Titans at the 2005 Super Bowl. This is also the MFL official opening day which will include guest speakers, moon bounce, slide, door prizes, airbrush artist, hamburgers, hot dogs and snow cones. There is a \$2 admission at the gate. For more information, call C. Lamar Sterns 722-8093.

Boating safety class

The Huntsville Power Squadron, a non-profit boating safety organization, will conduct a boating safety class called "Boat Smart" at the Holiday Inn in Gun-

tersville, in Neena's Lakeside Grill, on two consecutive Saturday mornings in August. The dates are Aug. 6 and 13; and class will begin at 9 a.m. and go to 1 p.m. each day. Please plan to attend both days. Instruction is free; optional book is \$20. Refreshments will be provided at no charge to students. Successful completion of this course qualifies you to get the "V" on your driver's license in Alabama. Call Daryl 721-7599 to sign up. Take the course self-study if you can't attend both days.

Soccer camps

The Madison Soccer Club will hold soccer camps July 25-29 and Aug. 1-5 at Palmer Park in Madison. Boys and girls ages 6-17 are invited. Full-day, half-day and mini sessions are available. Registration is available online at www.madisonsc.org. For more information, call Carl Blair 864-7026 (work) or 772-7540 (home).



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).

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.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet Thursday 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.

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/>.

Sergeants major

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

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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is 11 a.m. July 27 at the Officers and Civilians Club with scheduled speaker Dr. Thomas D. Pearson. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Air Force Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

Engineer society

"Marksmanship in the U.S. Army" is the title of the Bill Emerson's book as well as his presentation to the Thursday meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers, Huntsville Post. The luncheon is 11:30 a.m. at Wild Flour Bistro, Jordan Lane at Holmes. For reservations call 895-1300.

Fleet reserve branch

Attention all military retirees (including National Guard retirees) with enlisted sea service time in Coast Guard, Marines and Navy, and all current active duty and

reserve enlisted of those branches: Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at noon, with a board of directors meeting at 11 a.m., at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565 Exit 3. For more information, call Gene Aittala (256) 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Federal bar association

The Federal Bar Association will meet July 28 at the Marriott Hotel, 5 Tranquility Base. Social begins at 11:15 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30. Scheduled speaker is Col. Lee Deneke, chief of staff for DoD Office of Military Commissions and former staff judge advocate for Combined Forces Command, Afghanistan. The cost is \$15. For reservations call Devinti Williams 544-0012 by July 26.

Project management

The North Alabama Chapter of the Project Management Institute and the Defense Acquisition University South Region will hold the third annual Professional Development Symposium on Sept. 15 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. This year's theme is "Achieving Superior Results Through Project Management Excellence." Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities are available. Information can be requested via e-mail from pds@northalabamaipmi.org.



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

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SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B/74B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-5390.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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

and tax slips are available. "Join us Saturday, Aug. 6 for our Summer Blow Out from 10-2," a prepared release said. For more information, call 881-6992.

Motorcycle safety course

Motorcycle safety training – for experienced riders — is conducted behind the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership building off I-565 and Greenbrier Road, exit 3. The contact is Keith Coates of the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383 (e-mail keith.coates@redstone.army.mil). Students in this Experienced Rider Course should have ridden for at least a year, and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. Bring your own motorcycle – fully serviceable, good tires, charged battery and topped off with fuel. You can rent a bike at the dealership for \$25. To participate you must have a DOT approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeve shirt or jacket, boots or shoes that cover the ankles, full fingered gloves, and long pants. The course will start promptly at 8 a.m. and should be completed between 5-6 hours. If it rains, rain gear is required. Cost is covered for active duty and retired 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.

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.

Picnic fund-raiser

Huntsville Area Deaf Awareness Committee will hold a picnic Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Monte Sano Pool (watch for directional signs on Monte Sano Boulevard). Cost is \$7 for ages 13 and up, \$5 for children 6-12, and children 5 and under are admitted free. Proceeds will provide money for activities during Deaf Awareness Month in September. For more information, call Beverly Williamson 517-1553.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for July include: Area 1 – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Bobby Jones, 543-A Willow Circle. Area

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2 – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Russell Kimball, 1019 Buffington Road. Area 3 – Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Harry Hobbs, 5 Wadsworth Drive. Area 4 – Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Mark Coleman, 653 Dyer Circle. Area 4A – Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Michael Milani, 607 Wesson Circle. Area 5 – Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Hakan Sayar, 423 Hughes Drive. Area 6 – Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Nathan Chapman, 400 Hughes Drive. Area 10A – Sgt. 1st. Class and Mrs. Thomas Wilks, 467-B Tripp Drive. Area 10B – Maj. and Mrs. Brian Tachias, 486 Cooke Drive. The troop area winner is Charlie Company, building 3410.

Newcomer's coffee

Officer and Civilian Women's Club Newcomer's Welcome Coffee will be held on Aug. 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Twickenham Room of the Officers and Civilians Club. Anyone new to the area is invited to attend and meet the other members of this organization. OCWC membership is offered to spouses, adult family members and former spouses who hold a valid ID card of active duty officers, retired or deceased officers (including Reserve and National Guard), federal employees grade 9 and above and non-appropriated fund employees of an equivalent grade.

Post Exchange news

Exchange customers are invited to a UPS Open House at 11 a.m. July 25 to learn about the services provided by UPS. Located in the exchange mall, building 3220, next to the Commissary, customers may register for prizes and enjoy coffee and cake. For more information, call 489-5304 or 883-5356.

Army concert tour

Redstone Arsenal MWR and Army Entertainment are once again teaming up to bring the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour to the Redstone Activity Field, Aug. 12. This year the concert features one of country music's hottest acts, Montgomery Gentry, with special guest Miranda Lambert. General admission tickets are \$18 and VIP tickets are \$60. For more information, call 876-4531.

Mentoring workshops

Dr. Richard Amos, the AMCOM deputy to the commanding general, conducted a staff call May 19 to launch the AMCOM Leader Development Life Cycle. This document is intended as a roadmap of opportunities to develop and sustain leadership skills at all levels along the career path. The Mentoring Program is one of the components in the AMCOM Leader Development Life Cycle. The AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) is sponsoring specialized mentor training. This training will provide information on the Mentoring Program, mentor/mentee roles and responsibilities, and tools for effective mentoring to include listening, questioning, feedback and goal-setting strategies. The training is open to all supervisors, team leaders, mentors and those employees interested in becoming mentors. The next mentor training session will be held Aug. 2 in classroom 4347/49, building 5304, third floor. All employees please register in TIP. Mentoring Program Workshop for Supervisors is from 9 to 11 a.m.; and use MPWSPV catalog number. Mentoring Program Workshop for Mentors is from 9 a.m. to noon; and use MPWMTR catalog number. Paired mentors/mentees will meet for specific discussions from 11 a.m. to noon. The paired mentee should also register in TIP and use the MPWMTE catalog number. For more information call Brenda Knox, mentoring program trainer, 876-3613.

Exchange anniversary

Beginning Saturday, the PX will honor the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's 110th anniversary with a variety of sales, promotions and sweepstakes. Prizes during the three-day celebration will range from candy bars to a 2005 Chevy Cobalt.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
SCBK05595499	Attorney Advisor (General)	20-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0905	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
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	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	X			
SCBK05665115	Aviation & Avionics Systems Program Integrator	21-Jul-05	RDECOM	DE-0301	4	4	72,486 - 111,355	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			
SCBK05681087	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															
SCBK05697703	Acquisition Business Specialist	25-Jul-05	RDECOM	DE-0301	3	3	46,289 - 79,238	X	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			
SCBK05666140	Office Automation Assistant	25-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0326	6	6	30,923 - 40,201	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05692597	Program Analyst	25-Jul-05	USAASC	NH-0343	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	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	X			
SCBK05683479	Equipment Specialist (General)	26-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	50,858 - 66,115				X	X						X	X	X			
SCBK05648051	Logistics Management Specialist	26-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X															
SCBK05688498	Project Management Specialist	26-Jul-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X									X		X			
SCBK05659374	Secretary (OA)	26-Jul-05	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0318	7	7	34,363 - 44,673	X															
SCBK05659443	Secretary (OA)	26-Jul-05	USAASC	GS-0318	6	6	30,923 - 40,201	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															
SCBK05661126	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	27-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	60,955 - 79,238							X	X					X			
SCBK050691805	Lead Logistics Management Specialist	27-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X															
SCBK05661108	Logistics Management Specialist	27-Jul-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X										X		X			
SCBK05690334	Administrative Support Assistant (QA)	28-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0303	7	7	34,363 - 44,673	X	X														
SCBK05627809	Office Support Assistant	28-Jul-05	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0303	7	7	34,363 - 44,673							X	X			X	X	X			
SCBK05676268	Secretary (OA)	28-Jul-05	AMCOM G3	GS-0318	8	8	38,056 - 49,469	X															
SCBK05696981	Aerospace Engineer	29-Jul-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05696981D	Aerospace Engineer	29-Jul-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05695609	Configuration Management Officer	29-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-0301	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X							X								
SCBK05603292	Supervisory Contract Specialist	29-Jul-05	SMDC	GS-1102	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	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			
SCBK05696980	General Engineer	2-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05696980D	General Engineer	2-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK05625321	Logistics Management Specialist	2-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	64,478 - 94,229							X						X			
SCBK05663586	Secretary (OA)	2-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NK-0318	2	2	27,742 - 44,673	X	X									X	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	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			
SCBK05672075	Supervisory Equipment Specialist	15-Aug-05	TMDE	NH-1670	4	4	85,656 - 130,988								X			X	X	X			
SCBK05672075D	Supervisory Equipment Specialist	15-Aug-05	TMDE	NH-1670	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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	X			

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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	X
SCBK05657159D	Supv International Program Management Specialist	25-Jul-05	SAMD	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05696981D	Aerospace Engineer	29-Jul-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05696980D	General Engineer	2-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	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	X
SCBK05672075D	Supervisory Equipment Specialist	15-Aug-05	TMDE	NH-1670	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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 documentation 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 documentation 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 documentation 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