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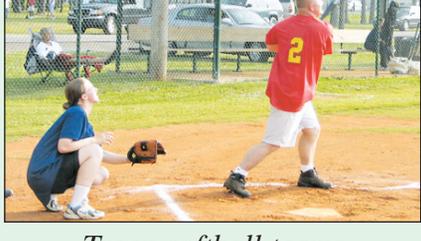
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# Rewarding night for Army community

*General Benjamin Griffin praises support for troops*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Huntsville saluted Redstone, and the Army returned the tribute.

"Salute 2005," the annual Armed Forces Celebration Week dinner July 19 at the Von

Braun Center North Hall, confirmed what AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin already knew. The Army and the Tennessee Valley have a mutually beneficial relationship.

"It's great to be here with you again," said Griffin, keynote speaker for the event. "I always thoroughly enjoy coming to Huntsville."

Of course Griffin and his 1,200-member headquarters Army Materiel Command could be moving to Redstone from Fort

Belvoir, Va., if the base realignment and closure recommendations are approved. That won't be known until the BRAC Commission decides in September.

"We're waiting for the final decision," he told reporters before the event. "Once that decision is made we're ready to move out based on what that decision is."

Griffin made his third visit to Huntsville since assuming command last November. In his previous visit Jan. 7, he promoted Bill Phillips from colonel to brigadier general. Phillips is deputy program executive officer for aviation.

"The support the Huntsville community provides to our troops — the support you provide — is unrivaled," Griffin said.

Griffin and Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, recently visited the troops in Iraq. "We both saw the Huntsville-Redstone team make a tremendous difference to our troops no matter where we went," Griffin said.

Spc. Michael Acquaviva of 279th Signal Battalion, Alabama National Guard, and fellow guardsman Sgt. John Hatton of 115th Signal Battalion were individually recognized during the event for their role in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Acquaviva received the Bronze Star with valor device for his actions April 4, 2004. He battled a militia attacking his base camp and exposed himself to enemy fire to rescue a wounded comrade, Capt. Matthew Eddy of Fort Hood, Texas. Eddy joined him onstage for the award presentation and they shared an emotional hug in their first reunion since that firefight in Iraq.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BANNER EVENT**— From left are Sandra Steele-Wilson and retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, masters of ceremony for Salute 2005; Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin and AUSA chapter president Emily Vandiver.

# Patton Road reserved for Army concert tour

*Provost Marshal Office to change traffic flow during Aug. 12 event*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Army concert tour arrives this year on a Friday rather than Saturday which means an impact on weekday traffic.

"The Army concert to be held on Aug. 12 this year is going to require some deviation from the normal traffic flow on the Arsenal for that particular day," Lt. Kenny Renew, supervisory police officer for the Provost Marshal Office, said.

At 5 p.m. Aug. 12, Patton Road at Aerobee Road will be closed. Patton Road at Hercules Road, up by Gate 10, will close at the same time. As a result, Patton Road traffic after 5 p.m. will be concert traffic only. Concert-goers entering Gate 10 will be required to show a driver's license and proof of insurance. And all other passengers age 16 or older must show a picture ID.

To accommodate on-post residents or other decal vehicles, Gate 8 will be open until the completion of the concert. No passes will be written at Gate 8, located at Goss Road from Drake Avenue. Gate 10 will be restricted to

concert traffic only, and Gate 8 will be open to decal vehicles only, from 5 p.m. until the concert ends by 11:30.

"The idea behind it is to allow concert traffic into the Arsenal and yet secure the Arsenal at the same time," Renew said. "It's to allow concert-goers to have a good time and yet maintain our security posture on the Arsenal."

People leaving the Arsenal after 5 p.m. will have to use another gate besides Gate 10.

Redstone Arsenal Morale Welfare & Recreation and Army Entertainment have joined to return the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour to the Redstone Activity Field off Patton

Road. The Aug. 12 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.

"They've already sold over 2,000 tickets," Renew said July 19. "Based on pre-ticket sales, it could go over 5,000 people."

The annual concert is normally on a Saturday night but moved to Friday this year.

"That's just simply because it fit with the Montgomery Gentry tour schedule," MWR marketing director Adrian Baker said. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 8

# An open lane random survey

*Should firework sales to the public be banned?*

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**Lekisha Johnson**  
military spouse

**"I definitely think people should be able to buy fireworks. It should be open to the public and not just open to people in the county."**

**Florence Meeks**  
retiree spouse

**"I think they should be banned. I think they're dangerous. I would rather they were just done in public displays."**



**Mattie Tilley**  
post visitor

**"I think that firework sales should not be banned. It's a time to spend with your family. It's so much fun and they're pretty for the kids."**

**Pfc Joe Ellis**

**"I don't think they should be banned if it ranges from sparklers all the way up to the big fireworks. If they're going to ban any of them, it should be the big ones that can really cause damage. Kids have fun with the smaller ones."**



# Soldier's funeral in small town

*Editor's note: Vicki Pierce wrote the following about attending the funeral for her nephew James, who died while serving in Iraq.*

I'm back, it was certainly a quick trip, but I have to also say it was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. There is a lot to be said for growing up in a small town in Texas.

The service itself was impressive with wonderful flowers and sprays, a portrait of James, his uniform and boots, his awards and ribbons. There was lots of military brass and an eloquent (though inappropriately long-winded) Baptist preacher. There were easily 1,000 people at the service, filling the church sanctuary as well as the fellowship hall and spilling out into the parking lot.

However, the most incredible thing was what happened following the service on the way to the cemetery. We went to our cars and drove to the cemetery escorted by at least 10 police cars with lights flashing and some other emergency vehicles, with Texas Rangers handling traffic.

Everyone on the road who was not in the procession, pulled over, got out of their cars, and stood silently and respectfully, some put their hands over their hearts, some had small flags. Shop keepers came outside with their customers and did the same thing. Construction workers stopped their work, got off their equipment and put their hands over their hearts, too. There was no

noise whatsoever except a few birds and the quiet hum of cars going slowly up the road.

When we turned off the highway, suddenly there were teenage boys along both sides of the street about every 20 feet or so, all holding large American flags on long flag poles, and again with their hands on their hearts. We thought at first it was the Boy Scouts or 4H club or something, but it continued for two and a half miles. Hundreds of young people, standing silently on the side of the road with flags. At one point we passed an elementary school, and all the children were outside, shoulder to shoulder holding flags ... kindergartners, handicapped, teachers, staff, everyone. Some held signs of love and support. Then came teenage girls and younger boys, all holding flags. Then adults. Then families. All standing silently on the side of the road. No one spoke, not even the very young children. The last few turns found people crowded together holding flags or with their hands on their hearts. Some were on horseback.

The military presence — at least two generals, a fist full of colonels, and representatives from every branch of the service, plus the color guard which attended James, and some who served with him — was very impressive and respectful, but the love and pride from this community who had lost one of their own was the most amazing thing I've ever been privileged to witness.

**Vicki Pierce**

# Quote of the week

**'A** hero is anyone who truly attempts to make the world a better place.'

— **Jim MacLaren**  
Disabled former athlete and recipient of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award during the 2005 ESPY Awards

# Main pharmacy gets boost

I just read your interesting article about Fox Army Health Center Pharmacy in the July 20 issue of the Redstone Rocket. We really appreciate the makeover since we use it frequently.

My question is: What happened to the plan to open a Pharmacy Pickup Point in the PX Mall next to the Commissary? The remodeling seems to be finished, but the facility never opened. It would have been a very convenient pickup stop for many pharmacy users.

**Bill Brumm**

*Editor's note: Fox Army Health Center provided the following response. "Fox Army Health Center received permission for the Main Pharmacy renovation at building 4100 after the conception of the satellite pharmacy at the PX. As we looked at the best possible practice to service our beneficiaries and maximize the efficiency and utilization of staff, Fox Army Health Center decided to invest in the positive outcomes of the new main pharmacy renovation. We continually look forward to serving all our active duty, their families, retirees and beneficiaries."*

# Getting to know you

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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**Name:** Sgt. Michael Gola

**Job:** Driver to the AMCOM commanding general

**Where do you call home?**  
Philadelphia, Pa.

**What do you like about your job?**

Getting to work with a general officer. It's not every day you get to work with a general officer.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Playing sports and watching sports.

**What are your goals?**

To excel in the military. To achieve the highest possible rank I can.



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# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**July 14:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued two violation notices and released.

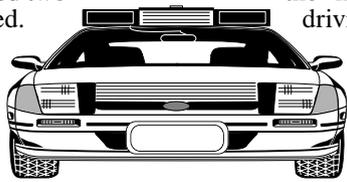
**July 14:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued two violation notices and released.

**July 16:** An individual failed to obey order or regulation when she left her children in a vehicle unattended. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 18:** An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items, concealing them and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 18:** An individual was observed in the Post Exchange fondling another. The subjects were processed and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 18:** An individual was observed traveling through Gate 10 without stopping. The spike shredders were deployed.



He was stopped by police patrols and issued a DD Form 1805 for criminal trespassing and released.

**July 19:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and driving with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued two violation notices and detained in the detention cell.

**July 19:** An individual reported that persons unknown harassed him by telephone. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 19:** An individual reported that persons unknown deposited a large quantity of mail in an on-post dumpster. Investigation continues by CID.

**Traffic accidents reported:** six without injuries, one with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 14 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 3 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 expired tags, 1 following too closely, 2 improper display of license plate, 2 parked in a handicapped space, 1 failure to judge distance.

## Gen. William C. Westmoreland remembered

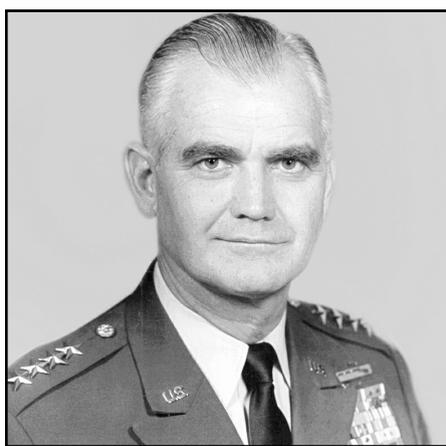
*Vietnam commanding general dies at 91 in South Carolina*

WASHINGTON — Retired Gen. William Childs Westmoreland, former Army chief of staff and commanding general of U.S. forces in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, died July 18 at a nursing home in Charleston, S.C. He was 91.

Westmoreland, a 1936 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., served as a commissioned officer in the Army for 36 years before his retirement as Army chief of staff in 1972.

He commanded U.S. military operations in Vietnam from 1964-68 as head of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Under his command, American troop strength in Vietnam increased from about 20,000 in 1964 to 500,000 in 1968, when

Gen. Creighton W. Abrams took command of MACV. (Army News Service)



Arnews photo

Gen. William C. Westmoreland

# Army Community Service ready for next 40 years

*Agency thanked for support role*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The name says a lot about this organization's role for the past four decades.

"Army Community Service — three words that mean so much to (wife) Becky and me," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said during the ACS open house July 18.

He joined Becky and ACS director Sue Paddock in cutting the organization's 40th birthday cake.

"I appreciate everything that you do every day in every way," Pillsbury told the ACS staff in building 3338.

The staffers conducted tours of the facility and described various services provided to Soldiers and families. Redstone Federal Credit Union sponsored the open house.

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY—** Post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury joins his wife, Becky, left, and ACS director Sue Paddock in cutting the cake during the agency's 40th anniversary celebration.

## Salute dinner cites guardsmen for actions in Iraq

### Support

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"I'm honored and it's overwhelming to see Capt. Eddy," Acquaviva, a Joppa resident, said later. "Because the last time I saw Capt. Eddy he was lying down with a bullet in his body in a pool of blood. This was a really special night to get rewarded for just doing a job."

Hatton was wounded in his left leg Sept. 9, 2004 when the truck he was driving was hit by a remotely-detonated

explosive in Iraq. Despite his injury, he drove the vehicle to safety and rendered first aid to a wounded comrade. He received the Purple Heart.

"It's a great honor," Hatton, a Muscle Shoals resident, said. "Today we met with a bunch of other Purple Heart recipients from the Korean War and the Vietnam War. It's really an honor to even be associated with those people."

Some 735 people attended the salute dinner sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter.

# NCO, Soldier of Year honorees pass 'intense' test



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**WINNING PAIR**— Sgt. 1st Class Roger Craig and Pfc. Jarkayzio Frank are the NCO and Soldier of the Year, respectively.

## Formal board appearance part of annual competition

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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The Redstone Arsenal NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year both agree on the most difficult part of the awards competition.

It's not the physical training test. It's not the land navigation, nor the written examination, nor the common task testing.

NCO winner Sgt. 1st Class Roger Craig and Soldier winner Pfc. Jarkayzio Frank said the hardest part is the formal board appearance before command sergeants major. The panelists ask Soldier knowledge questions – certain things non-commissioned officers should know and certain things Soldiers should know.

"You don't want to mess up, you don't want to get tongue tied," Frank said.

"The formal board is the most intense part," Craig said.

They were announced as this year's winners during the NCO and Soldier of the Year luncheon July 18 at the Officers

and Civilians Club. They received gifts from various sponsoring businesses and organizations in the community during the event with 390 attendees.

"It felt good to know the community supports you," Craig, 38, from Bagdad, Fla., east of Pensacola Bay, said.

"To me it's a great way to start my career in the Army and it feels good," Frank, 20, from Lafayette, La., said. The finance specialist, who would like to go to Airborne school during his career, has been in the Army a year. He belongs to HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade and is single.

Craig, a senior small group leader for the advanced NCO course at the NCO Academy, has been in the Army 16 years. The electronics maintenance chief arrived at Redstone in August 2004. He and his wife, Alice, have three daughters: Jasmine, 17, Ashleigh, 12, and Jesi, 3. His long-range goal is to become Sergeant Major of the Army.

The other candidates included Sgt. Erica McMillan of MEDDAC, Sgt. Julie Kendrick of Charlie Company, Staff Sgt. Bernard Gaines of NCO Academy, Sgt. Andres Munera of MEDDAC and Spc. Raymond Diaz of 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE).

## Quarterly award winners named at health center

By **Master Sgt. JAMES FAURIE**  
Senior medical NCO

Fox Army Health Center held its NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Board during the week of July 14. Candidates competed in several events to include an Army Physical Fitness Test, a written examination on basic military subjects and an oral board in the Class A uniform.

Here are the third quarter winners:

- NCO of the Quarter – Sgt. Tina Paton, Department of Clinical Ser-

vices, Optometry Section

- Soldier of the Quarter – Spc. Patricia Fails, Department of Clinical Services, Primary Care Clinic 2

Candidates included personnel from the Department of Clinical Services and the Department of Nursing. All candidates were well prepared and represented their departments professionally.

Winners will receive recognition at Fox Army Health Center's monthly awards ceremony Friday at 2 p.m. in the Skylight Conference Room.

# Former janitor sits on other side of desk these days

Engineer career fulfills dream

By KELLEY LANE  
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The saying goes that you can't go home again. However, many have found out that it doesn't apply to Redstone. Many come back, years later, to the post where they began their careers. Not many can make the same sort of claim that Cleathas Smith can. He started out empty-

## Student from Botswana finds hosts gracious

He's a military student far from his native country. His American sponsors have made him feel welcome.

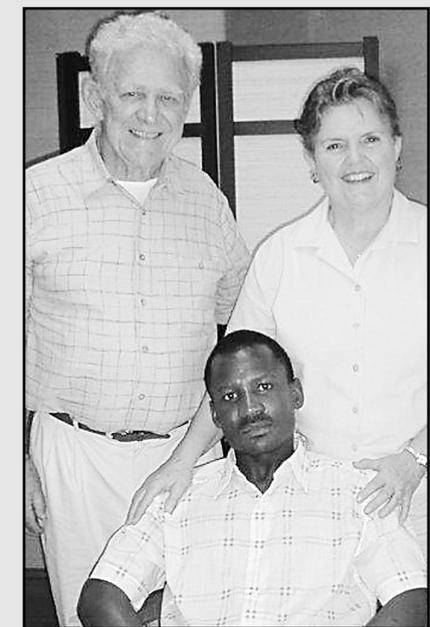
"I had a great time," Sgt. Mothibedi Mokaba from Botswana said. He's taking the Ammunition Specialist Course and Ammo Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course from March 21 until Aug. 26.

His sponsors are Stan and Pat Johns from Huntsville.

"This country deserves to be called a superpower," said Mokaba, 37, who is married and has a daughter. "Technology is very high."

The International Military Student Office, assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company, provides activities for military students here for training.

"The guys are great," Mokaba said. "Provided me assistance in every situation."



Courtesy photo

**SPONSORS**— Stan and Pat Johns from Huntsville spend time with Sgt. Mothibedi Mokaba from Botswana.

ing the trash in the office where he now works as an engineer.

Smith came to Redstone in 1991 as a contractor working for Cardinal Support, a janitorial firm. Specifically, he was on garbage duty for several buildings.

"I worked in buildings 4500, 5681 and 5400," he said. "My main job was just to pull the trash. I pulled trash in this very office. I pulled trash in this whole building."

Smith grew up in Huntsville. As a struggling college student, he was attending the University of Alabama-Huntsville. He was working his way through the engineering program. He had always wanted to be an engineer. Meanwhile he had to be content to work hard on his studies. He was also happy to do his job at Redstone, even if it wasn't exactly what most people dream of, Smith said. He received a meritorious service award for a job well done while he was here.

Financial concerns forced the young man to drop out of college for a while. He simply couldn't afford to go, even though his grades were good. Smith was disheartened and it seemed like he was never going to get to where he thought he was headed. He left Redstone after three years to take a more profitable job in real estate.

"I couldn't afford to keep paying for my tuition," Smith said. "I basically ran out of money after the first two years of school."

After two years in real estate, Smith had enough money to return to school and finish his degree at the urging of his employer. He finally graduated in 1997. Although he still does real estate ventures for himself, he is now an engineer. At times he wasn't sure it would actually happen.

"You think sometimes that you're not going to make it even when you've already come so far. It's hard when you know you have the ability if you only had the money," he said. "Then you think that you could've done a lot better if you had the support. I didn't make straight A's but I thought that I could if I didn't have to work and had more time to devote to my classes."

Smith took his degree into the private sector, working for DRS Technologies for seven years. Seven months ago he returned to Redstone as a contractor once again. He can currently be found on the third floor of the Research Development and Engineering Center, part of his former route as a janitor, as a senior engineer. He laughingly said that he often sees people in the hall who recognize his face, but many aren't sure exactly how they know him.

"I see a lot of people that I used to pull their trash. Some know me and are happy that I made it," he said. "Some look at me and they know that they know me from somewhere but they just can't place me."

As a senior engineer in the configuration management division, Smith spends his days overseeing technical projects. He said that it does feel a little strange being on the other side of the desk now. However, he is proud of how he got where he is. It is a feeling he tries to pass on to those who are where he was.

"I try to talk to the trash guys who come through here. One was telling me how he wants to be an engineer, too, in

this field and come work at a place like this," Smith said. "I told him he could do it. I did."

Smith is enjoying the fruits of his labor. He spends his time away from work with his wife of six years, Yadilett, and his two children, Catherin and Cedric. He said they do a lot of fishing, one of his favorite pastimes. He also spends a lot of

time working in his real estate interests. He owns nine rental properties; and his goal is to expand that to 20. He hopes his accomplishments can inspire others to pursue their dreams.

"Goals are made to be reached. Don't sell yourself short," Smith said. "If you reach for the stars but fall short to the clouds, you still made it that far."

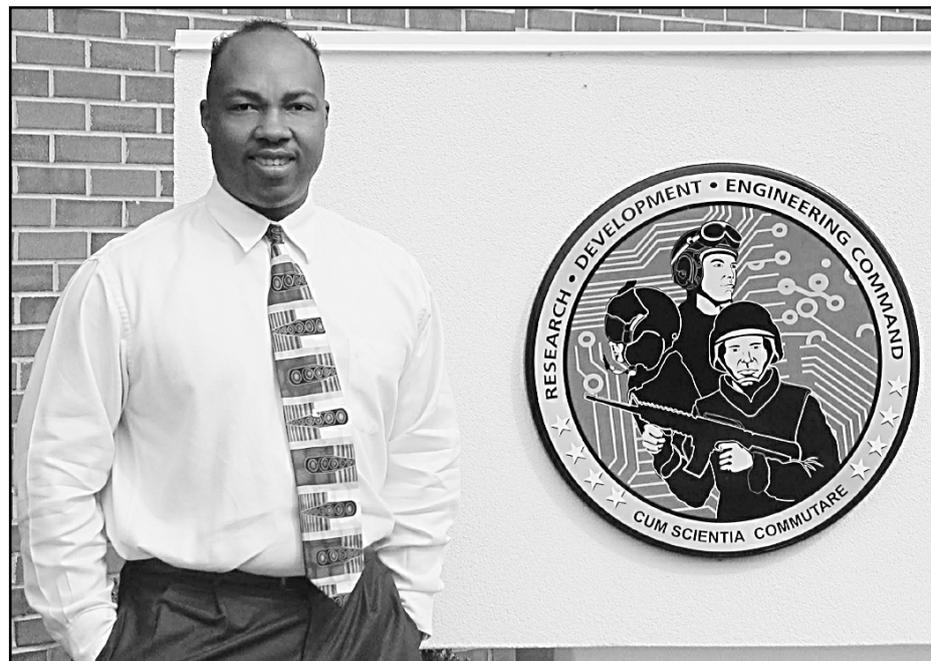


Photo by Kelley Lane

**ENGINEER IN RESIDENCE**— Cleathas Smith is back in building 5400, though not quite in the same capacity that he was before.

# Project manager on scene for non-line of sight system



*Colonel Dever arrives from Washington, D.C.*

By **DAN O'BOYLE**  
*For the Rocket*

The Non-Line of Sight Launch System became a project office Thursday during an activation and charter ceremony conducted by Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, program executive officer for missiles and space.

The NLOS LS provides unmatched lethality and "leap ahead" missile capability for U.S. forces. The system consists of precision guided missiles loaded onto a highly deployable, platform-independent Command Launch Unit with self-contained technical fire control, electronics and software to enable remote and unmanned fire support operations.

Col. Douglas Dever has assumed leadership of the Non-Line of Sight-Launch System Project Office, following Rod Summers, who had been the NLOS LS task force director.

Dever comes to Redstone following a tour of duty as the Acquisition Corps branch chief at the Human Resources Command in Washington, D.C.

Photo by Dan O'Boyle

**TAKING CHARGE—** Col. Douglas Dever, NLOS Launch System project manager, speaks during the activation and charter ceremony.

The Illinois native was commissioned in 1984 following graduation from Illinois State. In 1994 he earned a master's in material acquisition management from Florida Institute of Technology, and in 1996 a master's in business administration from Central Michigan. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, Executive Program Management Course, and the Air War College.

His career includes service as battery commander, 4th Battalion 27th Field Artillery (MLRS) in U.S. Army Europe and Southwest Asia during Desert Storm. Following Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to his first Acquisition Program, Crusader, where he

was a system engineer and executive officer from June 1996 to June 1999. He next served as the executive officer of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology from May 1999 to July 2000. He also served in the Tennessee Valley as the product manager for the international Medium Extended Air Defense System from August 2000 to July 2003.

Dever has received the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster) and Army Staff Badge.

He and his wife, the former Christine Marie Heaton of Bradford, Ill., have four children: Cheryl, 22, Brett, 20, Sarah and Melissa, 13.

## Kilgore ready to relax and travel into retirement

*Acquisition support director appreciates her mentors*

By **DAVID McBRIDE**  
*For the Rocket*

Maxine Maples Kilgore is bidding farewell to the government after nearly four decades of service.

Her retirement ceremony arrives Aug. 4 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Kilgore, director of Army Acquisition Support Center, credits her success and longevity to great mentors and a zeal for her job.

"For one, I love my job," she said. "There were so many different challenges for me to tackle and so many wonderful people to work with."

She developed the first Regional Rational Development Assignment for civilians, which promotes career development and diverse career opportunities. The one-year program allows GS-12s and GS-13s exposure to other careers inside the government.

"Huntsville-Redstone has been so supportive of this office," she said. "You can't succeed without other people."

Kilgore began her service as a 16-year-old NASA intern. Supportive supervisors fueled her drive for excellence. Honors she has received in 39 years of service include the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, Meritorious Civilian Service

Award, Exceptional Performance Awards, Outstanding Woman of the Year for Federal Women's Program, Outstanding Young Women of America, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

"I feel privileged and blessed," she said. "I am so appreciative of the great mentors that I had over the years."

Her retirement plans include a trip to the Dominican Republic with her husband.

"First I will take a couple of months off to relax," she said. "Afterward I will be keeping my eyes open for new opportunities, traveling with my husband and spending time with my wonderful mother."



Photo by David McBride

**SHORT TIMER—** Maxine Maples Kilgore serves as director of Army Acquisition Support Center until she retires Aug. 4.

# Task force set to support war fighters

*Eighty-member organization develops aviation strategies*

By AL SCHWARTZ  
For the Rocket

Comprised primarily of Life Cycle Management Command personnel and led jointly by Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips and Gary Nenninger, a task force established last January is focused on preparing current aviation forces for future worldwide missions.

Phillips is also the deputy program executive officer for aviation. Nenninger is the AMCOM G-3.

Called "Setting the Aviation Force" or SAF Task Force, this group is developing strategies to provide the required aircraft in the required configurations at the appropriate readiness levels. There are about 80 members on the Task Force team.

"We have three main priorities," Phillips said. "First, to support unit commanders who are deployed and those getting ready to deploy; second, to return to full readiness the aircraft systems returning from theater so they are ready for their next contingency; and finally, to support the Army's aviation modernization plan by reallocating and resetting aircraft for multifunctional aviation brigades."

The aviation multifunctional brigades are a new structure and part of the Army's Modular Strategy and posturing for the Future Combat Systems.



Photo by Al Schwartz

**GETTING UPDATE—** Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, in foreground, and members of the "Setting the Aviation Force" Task Force receive updates and resolve issues.

"The 101st Airborne Division and 4th Infantry Division are already converting to the new structures," Phillips said. "We are focused now on the 25th Infantry Division. Our goal is to have the aircraft ready within a six-month period so that unit can evolve into a multifunctional aviation brigade configuration."

Viewed as an enabler, the SAF Task Force works within the Aviation and Missile Command LCMC as well as with major Army commands, Department of Army headquarters organizations, combatant commanders, the Defense Logistics

Agency and industry partners.

"We have done tremendous work to date," Phillips said. "Our challenge is to be innovative, to look beyond the normal day-to-day actions and determine how we can better support commanders, units and Soldiers."

Nenninger agrees. "Trying to balance the workload between Reset and Preset with limited capacity and work force is a challenge and an additional priority," he said.

A weekly status review of all aircraft being Reset (returning from theater) and

Preset (going into theater) is briefed to Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, AMCOM commander. "We brief a tail number to tail number lay down every week," Phillips said. "It's to a level of detail that is beyond the norm. And it makes us focus on what we are doing and who we are doing it for."

One key goal of the Task Force is to reduce the time it takes to Reset aircraft by 20 percent for each airframe. The Task Force is on track to meet that goal by the end of the year, according to Col Ray Woolery who runs Reset for AMCOM LCMC. The number of core Reset sites is being reduced to five and Lean Six Sigma strategies are being employed at the sites to enhance efficiency. The five core sites are Forts Stewart, Bragg, Campbell, Hood and Lewis.

As aircraft are returned to pre-hostility readiness levels, Phillips said enhancements are also being made. "We're installing common missile warning systems, engine inlet filters, Blue Force Tracking, and in some cases Air Warrior components while we are 'Pre-setting' aircraft," he said.

One additional benefit of Reset is possible changes to maintenance support for the aircraft. "We are finding conditions such as corrosion and structural damage not found during normal maintenance operations," Nenninger said. "We're learning lessons and applying them while aircraft are being Reset."

"One of the problems the Task Force has focused on is the non-availability of some critical parts," Phillips said. "We have spent a considerable amount of time and energy reducing the number of 'red' items, those spare parts that will not get well, or will be in short supply, for at least 12 months."

The Task Force met with and visited Defense Logistics Agency personnel and then established a 'War Room' to focus on 'red' items for every aircraft and determine how to alleviate shortages, according to Lt. Col. Phil Deaton who facilitates activities in the War Room. Members of the Task Force War Room are drawn primarily from Acquisition Center, Integrated Materiel Management Center, Research Development and Engineering Center, and Reset and Project Manager personnel. "By focusing our efforts and working with our industry partners, we have been able to reduce by about half the number of 'red' aviation parts," Deaton said. Today, less than 100 parts are still categorized as 'red.'

"My approach is pretty simple," Phillips said. "We must focus on getting capability into the hands of our Soldiers. We continually challenge the Task Force to not let the bureaucracy limit in any way what we can achieve together."

"If we need to get something done quickly outside routine procedures, I believe we need to try to do that to get the mission done."

## Presentations share Comanche helicopter technology

*Monthly sessions begin in August*

The Program Executive Office for Aviation in cooperation with the University of Alabama-Huntsville Division of Continuing Education and Center for Rotorcraft Engineering will present a technology transfer program for Comanche technology.

This program will include a series of 12 presentations focusing on priority topics and lessons learned from the RAH-66 Comanche helicopter program. Paul Bogosian, PEO, Aviation, shares the purpose of this project:

"We want to take every opportunity to share this technology and these processes with other government and industry partners," aviation program executive officer Paul Bogosian said. "Establishing a means of securing the intellectual transfer of Comanche technology is paramount in retaining and putting to practical application the products of our significant efforts and investment."

Beginning in August, the Comanche Technology Transfer Program will hold presentations on the second Tuesday of each month, from 1-4 p.m., with each month featuring a different special topic. Experts from the Comanche program are leading the monthly sessions.

To ensure that a widespread audience has the opportunity to make maximum use of the available intellectual, component and system knowledge, all 12 presentations are free to DoD personnel, contractors and students with an interest in rotorcraft technology.

The first presentation, scheduled Aug. 9, covers "Practical Applications of System Engineering for an Advanced Rotorcraft," and will be held on the UAH campus in Administrative Science Building room 114. Bill Harper and Mike Richey will present the program. Harper is the former Comanche helicopter director of engineering and manufacturing for the Boeing Sikorsky Joint Program Office. He is the author of 12 publications on Rotorcraft Signature Reduction and Helicopter Survivability and Vulnera-

bility and Susceptibility. His background includes experience with the Anti-Tank Projects Branch, Material Test Division, and Army Missile Test and Evaluation Directorate.

Richey served as chief of the Systems Engineering Division of the Comanche Project Office as well as chief of the Mission Equipment Branch. Prior to civil service, he was an active duty Army officer and aviator and continued to serve in the Army reserve, commanding several aviation units including a UH-60 Black Hawk battalion during the first Persian Gulf War.

The RAH-66 Comanche helicopter was envisioned to become the Army's leading carrier of advanced technology. At the cancellation of the program in February 2004, the Comanche contained numerous state-of-the-art communication, navigation, sensor and survivability features. Although the RAH-66 itself was not flown in service, the investments made into the program

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# Panel adds bases for closure, realignment consideration

*Commission's decision due by September*

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WASHINGTON — The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission voted to add several military installations to a list for closure consideration during July 19 hearings at the Dirksen Senate Building here.

The previous day, senior Defense Department officials provided testimony before the commission regarding the merits of keeping open various military organizations.

At the start of the July 19 hearing, BRAC Commission chairman Anthony Principi noted his commission might tab more installations for consideration for closure or realignment. However, “we are not here today to produce a final list of closures and realignments,” Principi said, noting the commission wouldn’t submit a complete list of bases affected by this round of BRAC until late August.

Bases the BRAC commission added during the July 19 hearing to the list for consideration to close or realign include:

- Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine
- Navy Broadway Complex, San Diego
- Naval Master Jet Base, Naval Air Station Oceana, Va.
- Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
- Galena Airport Forward Operating Location, Alaska
- Defense Finance and Accounting Service facilities located at Buckley Annex, Colo.; Columbus, Ohio; and Indianapolis
- Naval Postgraduate School and Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.
- Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- Bureau of Navy Medicine, Potomac Annex, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Medical Command, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.
- Tricare Management Activity, Office of the Surgeons General Military Departments, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, all in Virginia.

During the hearing, the commission also voted not to place several installations on the list for possible closure or realignment. For example, commission members voted to exclude the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, the Naval Shipyard in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Moody Air Force Base, Ga., from consideration for closure or realignment under the 2005 BRAC Act.

All bases identified for possible realignment or closure will be reviewed before a final commission vote on all BRAC-identified installations is taken in late August.

On May 13, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld submitted his BRAC recommendations that 33 military installations be closed and 29 realigned out of a total of 318 bases. The additional bases identified by the commission for consideration for closure or realignment, Principi noted, will be added to the secretary’s list.

The BRAC commission’s additions weren’t made to second-guess Rumsfeld’s picks, Principi emphasized, but instead demonstrate the commission’s efforts to take a broader view of what other bases may be closed or realigned.

“Our deliberations today may add more bases for further consideration — and consideration only — not because we have determined that we need to realign or close more bases than the secretary of defense has recommended, but because we want to make sure the best possible closure or realignment choices are made consistent with the criteria established in law,” Principi said.

On April 1, President Bush appointed the independent BRAC Commission. The commission is obligated to “consider all options” for base closures or realignments, Principi said at the July 19 hearing.

Under the 2005 BRAC Act the principle criteria for keeping bases open, or closing or realigning them, is military value.

The nine-member BRAC commission panel is obligated to send its recommendations to the president by Sept. 8.

The president has until Sept. 23 to accept all recommendations or reject all of them. Congress will have 45 days to accept the president’s recommendations or reject them whole. The Defense Department will be obligated to act on all congressionally approved recommendations.

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resulted in substantial gains in knowledge and technology applicable in other future defense programs.

“Comanche technology remains relevant to meeting today’s combat mission requirements,” Bogosian said. “We have identified several technologies that we are pursuing for aviation systems, such as integrated communication capability, improved night vision sensor systems, fly-by-wire, and low observable materials, as well as many of the processes developed

to support the Comanche program, especially relating to software development and systems integration. Additional focus areas such as weight reduction, systems engineering and risk assessment are applicable to most systems being developed today. Many of these technologies and processes will be applied to newly fielded platforms to provide greater capability while minimizing nonrecurring investment and development cycle time.”

Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. Registration and full information on presentations is available by visiting [www.coned.uah.edu/ctt.cfm](http://www.coned.uah.edu/ctt.cfm) or calling 824-6940. (UAH release)

# Warrant officers association presents scholarship award

Huntsville High grad  
to attend Alabama

By **JOHNIE KEETER**  
Retired chief warrant officer

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to local student Meghan McPheeters at its monthly meeting July 13.

This year's scholarship was named in memory of Christa Marianne Walters, wife of retired Chief Warrant Officer Johnnie Walters. She was a dedicated warrant officer spouse who was very active in the chapter and its many events until she died in November 2004.

This year's scholarship included a special bonus. In honor of his wife, Johnnie Walters added an additional \$500 making the total award \$1,500. Retired Chief Warrant Officer Johnnie Keeter, chapter secretary, presented the scholarship to McPheeters.

McPheeters, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Scott and Sherri McPheeters of Hampton Cove, is a graduate of Huntsville High who will attend the University of Alabama this fall majoring in



Photo by Ed Cunningham

**COLLEGE BOUND—** Meghan McPheeters receives a scholarship from Redstone chapter secretary Johnnie Keeter of the Warrant Officers Association.

chemical engineering.

The chapter started its scholarship program in 2004 pledging to make it an annu-

al event. The chapter uses charity and fund-raising events as an opportunity for its members to come together. The mem-

bers donate their time either by volunteering for projects such as Habitat for Humanity or by raising funds for the scholarship fund and other community events. Last year the chapter donated more than 2,000 volunteer hours to various projects in the Tennessee Valley.

"We couldn't be more proud of our scholarship program," retired Chief Warrant Officer Richard Storie, chapter president, said. "We wanted to judge the students solely on the merits of their submitted packets, not on who their dad or mom might be."

Nineteen student submission packets were received. The packets were all reviewed by one group to ensure the applicants qualified for the scholarship. The students' packets were then 'sanitized' by the next committee, removing all references to gender, race, last names, parent's rank, ability to pay back, etc., and the packets labeled A, B, C, etc. The submissions were then judged by members of the selection committee and scored independently. Finally, the scores were tallied by a final committee and the best student submissions selected.

More information on the chapter as well as the rules for next year's scholarship submissions can be found at [www.redstonewarrants.com](http://www.redstonewarrants.com).

## Recruiting focus of chief of staff's meeting in Seattle

Schoomaker addresses access issue  
for military recruiters at high school

By Lt. Col. **MICHAEL NEGARD**  
Army News Service

SEATTLE, Wash. – Less than two months after a Seattle high school was in the national spotlight for its attempt to bar military recruiters from the school, Army chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker met with about 70 community officials in Seattle.

In May, Garfield High School's Parent-Teacher-Student Association voted for a resolution to bar recruiting on the high school campus. When recruiters returned to the school, they were met by protests from parents.

The July 1 event at Seattle Seahawk's Quest Field, sponsored by the Army's Seattle Recruiting Battalion, was aimed at exposing congressional staff members, law enforcement officers, retired military, business managers and academic administrators to some of the issues facing the Army.

But with the Army having just met its June active-duty and Army Reserve recruiting goals for the first time in four months, the discussion quickly turned to recruiting, re-enlistment, and the future of the all-volunteer force.

"We really challenged ourselves to grow the Army and we placed the bar very high," said Schoomaker, referring to last year's increased end-strength authorization of 512,400, up 30,000 from the previous year. "It's the additional 30,000 Soldiers that's challenging us."

In responding to a Seattle television reporter's question about how he viewed attempts by groups to ban military recruiters from high schools, Schoomaker responded it was intrusive and unfortunate.

"It's their right to act that way," Schoomaker said. "I trust people will make the best decision if they are provided the options. I think that providing a person the opportunity to at least see what the options are so they can make their choices is important.

"What we're finding out through surveys and other means is that this generation wants to serve," he said. "And when they do we find this is an extraordinary generation of young people with tremendous talents who are

serving with a great deal of honor and effectiveness. Overwhelmingly, these young people are serving with a great deal of honor and pride and to a great effect. We have a great armed force and one that reflects America's values."

The resolution currently posted on Garfield High School's web site states the PTSA's concerns are to protect young students from the life-and-death decision that military service presents. Members of the PTSA object to the current war in Iraq, and fear that recruiters may not present a realistic picture of military life. They also disagree with policies that they feel discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The resolution states, however, that each Garfield student should be made aware of – and be assisted in accessing — appropriate and affordable career opportunities and educational programs, including those about the military.

The No Child Left Behind Act, signed into law by President Bush in 2002, requires local educational agencies receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to give military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as they provide to postsecondary institutions or to prospective employers.

The educational agencies are also generally required to provide students' names, addresses, and telephone listings to military recruiters, when requested. However, parents of students may "opt out," or object to the information being released to recruiters without their prior written consent.

While the active-component and Army Reserve met and surpassed their recruiting goals of 5,650 and 3,610 respectively for the quarter, active-duty recruiting remains approximately 7,800 short of its year-end mission while the Army Reserve is 2,300 below its annual goal.

"I think we are hearing a drumbeat of the Army not making its goal. I think it's important to know we set the bar high and the fact that we just came out of a period this spring that has been historically low," Schoomaker said. "I think the glass is more than half full on this but everyone wants to talk about the 16 percent that we are still reaching for. We're still optimistic we are going to do it



Photo by Lt. Col. Michael Negard

**SPREADING WORD—** Army chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker talks to Seattle community leaders about recruiting.

but it's going to continue to be a challenge."

But recruiting is only half of the end-strength equation, Schoomaker said. Re-enlistment remains well above the goal with Soldiers re-upping at significantly high rates across the Army.

At the end of June, active-component re-enlistment was at 105 percent of its year to date goal and more than 112 percent in the National Guard and Reserve.

"Those who have been deployed are the ones who we are retaining at the highest rate," the Army chief of staff said. "So given the opportunity to serve, people are finding out how important it is to be part of something that's bigger than them and how rewarding it is to serve and to be surrounded by others like them who they can trust and who have the same values and pride."

*Editor's note: Lt. Col. Michael Negard serves as the public affairs and media adviser to Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army chief of staff.*

# America Supports You group eases burden for families

By RUDI WILLIAMS  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — A group based here at Walter Reed Army Medical Center has stepped forward to help families of wounded servicemembers with expenses to stay in the area while their loved ones recover in this high-cost area.

Out of concern for the overwhelming number of family

members of war-wounded servicemembers showing up at the hospital's doorstep needing financial assistance, the Walter Reed command asked the Walter Reed Society to help.

"So on March 19, 2004, we created the Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom Family Support Fund," said retired Army Sgt. Maj. Daniel J. Bullis, the society's vice president for patient relations and committee

member of the support fund. "Since then, we've gotten a tremendous amount of support from corporations and individuals across the country wanting to donate to that fund."

Bullis credits Pennsylvania Rep. John P. Murtha and General Dynamics Corp. with getting the fund rolling with a \$100,000 donation. He noted that the fund helps families of patients from all services. Those needing assis-

tance are referred to the society by the Walter Reed Medical Family Assistance Center.

"Since this is such a high-cost area (Washington metropolitan

area), we help families with living expenses, keeping up with bills back home, child care, just a host of financial needs they have," Bullis said.

## Nerve agents interdicted in 'bioscavenger' program

By KAREN FLEMING-MICHAEL  
*Army News Service*

FORT DETRICK, Md. — Plasma, goats and plants may one day hold the key to protecting warfighters and the public from nerve agents.

Boosting the amounts of an enzyme called butyrylcholinesterase, normally present in small quantities in blood plasma as detoxifiers, can interdict nerve agents when they enter the bloodstream so the nerve agents can't reach their targets.

Knowing this, researchers for 20 years have been finding ways of producing large amounts of the enzyme they call a "bioscavenger."

"The bioscavenger is being tested against all known nerve agents," said Col. Michelle Ross, deputy commander of the Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense in Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

"The objective is to develop a pretreatment that is broad spectrum and will work against all known nerve agents," she said.

Aberdeen researchers, working jointly with the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, Md., have come up with three versions of the bioscavenger. The most mature version may transition for funding under Project BioShield, the president's 2003 initiative that encourages companies to develop bioterrorism countermeasures.



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### *Manager launch*

Lt. Col. Steven Cummings is named Terminal High Altitude Area Defense launcher product manager during a ceremony at the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office. He replaces Lt. Col. Mark Arn, who departed for senior service training. From left are Col. Charles Driessnack, THAAD project manager; Col. John Vaughn, Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense project manager; Arn and Cummings.

# Casualty assistance never dies

*Trio of assigned officers recall their experiences*

By **KIM HENRY**

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When a loved one dies, there can be a whirlwind of emotions. Family and friends gather together, but after the funeral they start to draw away. That can be especially hard — the point when loss actually sinks in.

For beneficiaries of military, there is always support in a casualty assistance officer. A CAO is a servicemember assigned to help the family with everything from the funeral arrangements to the paperwork. But more than that, he or she cares and will be there in a family's time of need.

"Ofentimes it can be an emotionally charged duty dealing with survivors or family beneficiaries. It is a time of high emotions," Maj. Mike Tice, CAO, said. "It is a significant service that we provide to the families of military and veterans."

Whether it is a veteran who has died of natural causes, an active duty servicemember killed in the line of duty or a Soldier whose remains were found 30 years later, a CAO will assist the beneficiaries.

"There is a slogan that the Army takes care of its own," Jean Manley, casualty clerk, said. "From this standpoint, they really do."

## Notification difficult

The process begins when a CAO is notified that a military member or veteran has passed away. Manley, the backbone of the casualty assistance branch, briefs the CAO on the case and gives him a checklist of things to accomplish with the family. Usually the CAO is of equivalent or higher rank than the deceased.

"In this case I was on the duty roster and was selected to be a CAO for this family because (the deceased) was a retired major," Tice, assistant product manager for Sea Based X-Band Radar, said. "The casualty assistance office gives you an intro brief to prepare you for the requirements at hand for the specific case. They tell you specifically certain areas to



Photo by Kim Henry

**NEVER FORGET—** Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Blanchard holds his father's flag close. Blanchard was able to use his personal experience in his roles as a casualty assistance officer.

concentrate on for that case whether it is survivor benefits or funeral arrangements. Those are outlined to you before you make initial contact with the family. Once you do that then you apply the checklist."

Just as no two snowflakes are alike, no two CAO cases are the same. Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Blanchard, an instructor/writer for the Warrant Officer Training Division, recently served as a CAO for a Soldier whose remains were found after he had been missing in action in the Vietnam War.

"I knew what casualty assistance was because my mother had gotten a casualty assistance officer when my dad died so I knew what the program was about," Blanchard said. "I knew what we did, I just didn't have any of the details."

He said it was a matter of time before he realized how significant his case was. "My case had a lot of detail, but some cases can be very cut and dry, open-close cases," Blanchard, who has 16 years in the military, said. "I quickly became

honored to be the CAO on this case."

In the case of an active duty instructor's death, Staff Sgt. Pedro Delgado-Alicea was called in immediately because he is bilingual. Delgado-Alicea said the instructor got very sick and the doctors knew he wouldn't make it so they asked for a CAO who could translate information into Spanish for the instructor's wife.

"Not everyone can be a CAO. It takes a grown mature person to do that because it is a lot of work," Delgado-Alicea, an instructor/writer for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, said. "I went to the hospital when they notified me and met his wife. I actually knew the family, I had met them a year before at Christmas at a mutual friend's apartment. It was pretty hard. I saw him. Within 24 hours he died."

## Last rites

Tice said his case was unique in that the sole survivor of the veteran contacted

the casualty assistance branch for help. As soon as he was notified, Tice contacted the family. The funeral arrangements had already been set up so he assisted in ensuring the military honors detail was scheduled.

"In this capacity as a CAO it is a matter of advising and being a liaison with the family during their time of need," he said. "At the funeral I made sure the flag was presented and the honors were rendered correctly."

For Delgado-Alicea's case, funeral arrangements were more extensive. He assisted with two funeral services in Huntsville and then the shipment of the body to Puerto Rico for a funeral and burial service there.

"I worked to provide funeral detail at the Bicentennial Chapel and also at Hispanic Church of God in Huntsville," he said. "The next day I made all the arrangements to transport the body to San Juan, Puerto Rico." Delgado-Alicea, with Manley's help, arranged for a Soldier who was already traveling to Puerto Rico to accompany the body. Once in Puerto Rico, Delgado-Alicea arranged for a CAO at Fort Buchanan to take care of the services and burial.

"He was buried in his uniform with all his awards," Delgado-Alicea, a Puerto Rico native, said. "According to his wife, he was very proud of his uniform. So she buried him in it." Before the burial, he had to make sure everything was put on right, including the Meritorious Service Medal received posthumously.

"As my first time, it was a very hard, painful experience to go through because you really are taking care of his body and at the same time you are taking care of his wife and his children," Delgado-Alicea, 43, said. "What happened with my case was because she wasn't bilingual it was pretty hard for her so I really had to do everything."

Since October 2004, the Redstone funeral honors detail has performed more than 300 funerals. "The feedback that I get is that they are doing a superb job," Manley said. "They are a dedicated bunch

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# Troop softball teams swing into playoffs



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TWO UP**— Rob Smith bats for the Marines in a 17-5 win over Charlie and catcher Sarah McGee on June 27 at Linton Field.

## Headquarters & Alpha-2 completes perfect season

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All for one and one for all could be the motto for Headquarters & Alpha-2, the team formerly known as Delta.

The defending champion Dragons finished the softball season a perfect 10-0 and seeded No. 1 entering the double-elimination postseason tournament scheduled to start July 25.

“I have a very positive outlook (entering the tournament) but I won’t make any prediction – taboo,” Michael Shambaugh, coach and left-center, said.

“This is a unique team. We don’t really have a whole bunch of people playing as individuals. Everybody is playing such a team level. Honestly it’s a team effort for us. It’s probably the best team

of people I’ve played with,” he said. “I think last year’s team had more talent but this is actually a better team. It makes it a lot more fun that way.”

A key player he mentioned is the versatile Rob Coppage, who began the season at first base and moved to pitcher to fill a hole.

The final regular season standings included: **Eastern Conference** — Headquarters & Alpha-2 (10-0), NCO Academy (5-5), MEDDAC (4-6) and Charlie (0-10). **Western Conference** — Bravo (8-2), Marines (6-4), Headquarters & Alpha-1 (5-5) and 326th (2-8).

Results from last week included:

• **July 18** – Marines won by forfeit over Bravo, MEDDAC won by forfeit over Charlie and Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. Headquarters & Alpha-1 17-7.

• **July 19** – Headquarters & Alpha-1 def. 326th 20-11, MEDDAC def. NCO Academy 18-3 and Headquarters & Alpha-2 won by forfeit over Charlie.

## Ladies golf group members compete

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association held its Member Member Tournament on July 20.

Sandy Parks and Linda Leonard won the overall team low gross title. Tammy Weaver had lowest putts.

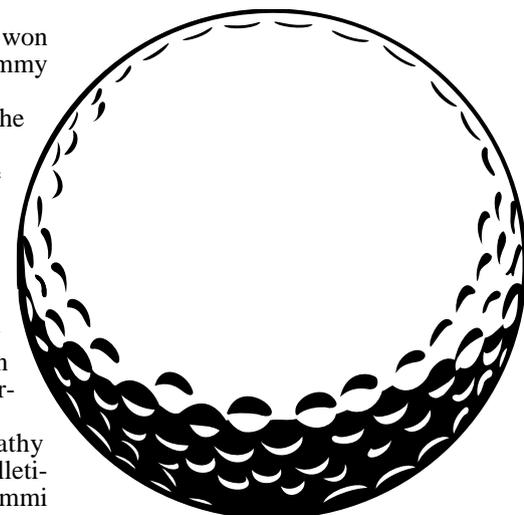
Here are the lot net winners of the three flights:

• **First flight** — 1. Dee Thonus/Peggy Stanley 61, 2. Beverly Van Oostrum/Cindy Griffin 63, 3. Mary Aagesen/Pam Bucey 64. Cindy Griffin, closest to the pin.

• **Second flight** — 1. Debra Fulmore/Hilda Davis 59, 2. Joy McGuire/Jackie Lane 61, 3. Joan Arnold/June Young 63. Kathleen Stirling, closest to the pin.

• **Third flight** — 1. Kathy Newton/Linda Jones 62, 2. Karen Pelletier/Judy Finch 62, 3. Kay Colgan/Tammi

Minninger 63. Kay Colgan, closest to the pin.



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of young men. I have confidence in the funeral team that they'll be there and do a super job."

For Blanchard, simply notifying the family of the details surrounding the death of their son, a warrant officer, was hard. He escorted a Department of Army casualty officer representative to provide the official notification to the family. Blanchard said the notification consisted of a 300-page book, which showed the evidence that the remains were this family's son.

"(The representative) actually came down and read the whole story, 'here is what happened in 1971 on this date, this is what we did in 1972, this is what we did in 1974, and this is why we couldn't go back in '75.' He explained it all the way up until they found the remains and also showed pictures," Blanchard said. "The reason he came down was because the family was supposed to sign the book saying yes we accept this as being our son. And once they did that then the rest of the process could begin."

Of all the evidence shown to the family, Blanchard said it was a knife that brought life to the story. The Army had found the warrant officer's dog tags, pieces of a camera and a pocket knife near his remains. "When he mentioned the knife you could see the brother perk up a little bit. After the story was over he said, 'well you've got pictures, right? I want to

see a picture of the knife.' So he flipped it over to the picture of the knife and it was almost like he went into tears right there because he knew that it was his brother's knife," Blanchard said.

When the brothers were younger, their father had given them both a Swiss Army knife. Now grown, the brother still had his knife. "You could show him all the teeth and the dental records that show it matches up, but once he saw that the knife he had in his pocket matched the knife that they found in Vietnam he knew that was his brother. That was the thing that said that was it, that was his closure for him, that was his brother."

The remains were shipped to Hawaii, where a uniform with all of the warrant officer's insignia and medals were placed over the remains in a casket. The personal belongings found were shipped to Blanchard. An officer escorted the remains from Hawaii to Huntsville where Blanchard took over. After a police escort through Redstone to the Albertville funeral home, the Soldier was finally laid to rest.

"In this particular case, I was basically the liaison between the family — getting everything approved or some stuff disapproved — on what we wanted to do," he said. "I talked to them probably two or three times a week. Just telling them what we're doing, where the body was, what the procedures were, and addressing any concerns that they had." Besides a procession through Redstone, Blanchard arranged for an OH-58 Kiowa to fly by during the funeral. It was the same type

helicopter that the deceased flew.

Blanchard said the event was poignant for him because his father served in Vietnam and because of his lifelong association with the military. "It was a very emotional event for me because you see this family has been waiting to get closure on a death in their family for 34 years and I got to be a part of that." Blanchard said it was also amazing to hear about all the work that the Army is doing to find the remains of Soldiers from previous wars to help families gain closure.

"(The mother) was very appreciative of how the Army treated her. I think she was more amazed, as I was, at what they had been doing over these 34 years. Because they don't call them and say hey we're getting ready to go back over to Vietnam. And to hear the story it was like a movie. It was written out so that there is not a shadow of a doubt; if someone 100 years from now wanted to tell his story they could tell his story."

## After the condolences

After 17 years in the military, Tice has assisted in military honors at several other funerals. He said a CAO has to use tact and understanding with the family during the process. "I find more often than not the CAO will go far out of their way to ensure the family is taken care of and in a lot of cases they'll do a lot of the legwork and paperwork as a service," Tice said. "You have to keep in mind: how would you want your family treated if they were to experience that same situation?"

He said that after the funeral he has continued to establish appointments with the beneficiary to ensure the paperwork is completed. "My case was significantly, emotionally charged so I ended up doing a lot of the legwork. The only surviving family member was the daughter so she was pretty upset about it. The majority of your work is doing the legwork and research to ensure that the family members get their benefits. Just one part of that is the rendering of honors at the funeral."

Though he has only been working with the beneficiary for two months, he realizes that they will be in contact in the future. "A lot of these benefits take 60-90 days to even get processed so you can imagine. First you do the paperwork and then there is the processing and then they'll start seeing the entitlements come in the mail and they ask questions so that's what causes it to be lengthy," Tice said. "Of course this is all dependent on how the family wants

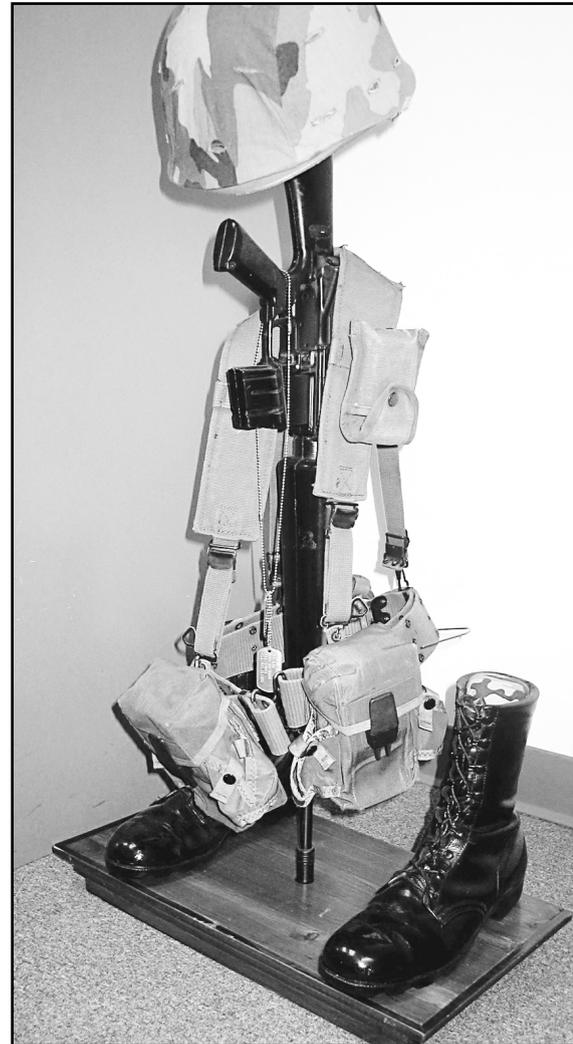


Photo by Kim Henry

**MEMORIAL TRIBUTE— A helmet, M-16, boots, web gear and dog tags symbolize a fallen active duty servicemember.**

you to interact with them. You can continue contact for a long period of time afterward just to make sure they're OK, even up until a year later they may have questions. It doesn't have a formal ending.

"In this case, I don't think the beneficiary knew that they actually had a lot of these benefits and entitlements. Things like Social Security benefits, survivor benefits; in my case he was a civil servant so he had benefits there. They did know to contact casualty assistance which is significant," Tice said. "The CAO has to do a lot of homework and research the benefits available in the case and then pursue those for the individual. Of course with a family member passing the emotions are running and it complicates things so the CAO has got to make sense out of the situation so they can try and help them."

Delgado-Alicea knows all too well how much paperwork there can be. "Once you're done with the funeral arrangements and the remains are buried then you have to go through her life," he said.

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# Behavioral health assessed in Iraq

By JOHN BANUSIEWICZ  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has made significant inroads in improving the behavioral health of Soldiers deployed to Iraq, according to a report.

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Kevin C. Kiley, the Army's surgeon general, established an Operation Iraqi Freedom mental health advisory team in July to assess behavioral health of Soldiers in the Army's second wave of troops deployed to Iraq. A similar team — called MHAT-I for short — studied the Army's first Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment that kicked off in March 2003.

Besides taking "snapshots" of the behavioral health situation, the charter for both teams included recommending improvements, said Col. Virgil J. Patterson, chief of the Soldier and Family Support Branch at the Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Patterson headed both MHATs. The second team also followed up on the first team's report, he said.

"We had made a number of recommendations," he said, "and we went over to see how they'd implemented those recommendations."

MHAT-I found that 72 percent of Soldiers in the initial Iraq deployment reported "low" or "very low" unit morale, while only 54 percent of the Soldiers who replaced them and were studied by MHAT II described their unit's morale that way. Patterson cited a wide range of factors that he believes contributed to the upswing.

"When we were there the first time, they were in transition from being a mobile fighting force ... and were starting to move into what we call 'hard-stand,' or forward operating, bases," he said. "The quality of life improved significantly over that year. Soldiers were getting much better meals and dining facilities, they were in air-conditioned tents, at least, if not air-conditioned buildings, (and) communication with home was much, much better."

## Property leasing program continues in Fallujah

CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS CENTER, FALLUJAH, Iraq — Fallujah residents received approximately \$203,000 in property lease payments during the second round of the Property Leasing Program here in July. Marines and Sailors from 2nd Marine Division, partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, executed 139 leases during a two-day period.

The program, which kicked off in June, was created to compensate local residents whose homes were or are currently occupied by coalition forces. Last month, 94 contracts were completed and \$76,000 in payments were made in three days.

"The impact is twofold," said Maj. Tom Nelson, an economic development officer with 5th Civil Affairs Group. "First, and most importantly, the people of Fallujah see us doing the right thing by paying them for the use of their properties. Secondly, we inject much-needed capital directly into the local economy."

Two specialists from the Contingency Real Estate Support Team, Gulf Region Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, executed the leases on behalf of the United States government.

"We normally execute leases in batches of 20 to 30," said Melissa Head, one of the CREST representatives. "I was impressed that the Marines were able to do the right thing for so many people so efficiently." (Marine Corps release)

■ Officer affected by helping survivors gain closure

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"It is like I am taking care of my wife and my children and going through all the paperwork."

He has had continuous contact with the spouse in the past year. "I didn't feel bad at all because I was doing something for her and for him because I knew him. It's something you have to work out on a daily basis. You spend the first and second weeks with her day and night. Especially when you have to go through all her documents and paperwork because we didn't know what bills he owed."

One of the hardest parts for Delgado-Alicea was trying to figure out all the bills, how they were going to eat, and the family's transportation. On top of that he had to make sure certain paperwork was completed like getting her a new ID card and medical care and also ensuring that all of the children have the documents needed such as passports. His said one of his main goals was trying to help her get the life insurance and Social Security money.

"It's something that once you start, once you are a CAO working with a widow it is something you take pride in to make sure everything's done. You make sure the family's fed, transportation is provided, the kids go to school. There is a lot of stuff," he said. "You do the best you can."

He said Manley was a big help as well as Army Community Service. "ACS was very helpful, the first three months they paid her bills, no questions asked."

Recently the beneficiary moved, but Delgado-Alicea's duties didn't end there. "When she gets down there she is going to call me and give me her phone number and her address because from there I have to go get in touch with the casualty assistance office there. That way they can provide her another CAO." He said a CAO there will have to help her with transportation and receipt of her household goods and vehicle. They would also have to help her file a claim if anything is broken.

"I think it is never done because she's got my phone number. It doesn't bother me for her to contact me," Delgado-Alicea said. "Honestly, when they told me about this I wasn't prepared at all, but they looked to me because I was older and able to communicate with her."

For Blanchard's case, there was not much paperwork involved. "After he had been missing in action they declared him dead so they received the death certificate back then, 30 years ago," he said. "When the remains came over there was not a lot of paperwork that needed to be done because they had already bought the plot, so it was a matter of paying for the funeral."

Since the funeral, Blanchard has kept in touch with some members of the family via e-mail and on Memorial Day he escorted the mother. "The event was through the Warrant Offi-

cers Association, they do it every year at the cemetery. She was an honoree and I got invited to escort her. They gave her a flag with a star on it. I think that meant a lot because she had never received anything like that because her son had been labeled missing in action."

### Parting words

In his experience, Tice said simply showing up in uniform to meet with the family can induce more emotion. "So you just have to talk with them and gain their trust. Comfort them. You can't go in there just acting as if you are going to do business, give them their entitlements and leave. You really have to establish rapport with the family and work through the emotion and that can be really hard."

Though being assigned as CAO can be additional work, Tice said it is a great opportunity and one that most will have to do simply by time in service.

"Although assigned as additional duty to me, I was honored to have the opportunity to do this. Again I would ask myself 'How would I want my family treated in this same situation?'" he said. "It is extremely necessary. I have never been in a situation where they weren't grateful for the military's assistance."

From her more than 20 years experience, Manley believes most CAOs take pride in doing this duty. "All of them feel like it's an important function," she said. "There's a bond most of the time between the person, especially a spouse, and the assistant — a friendship bond that binds."

The duty is also important to families. Manley recalls one time that a CAO sent a birthday card to the spouse he was working with. "That just might have been all she needed to get her spirits up."

The value of the experience for

Delgado-Alicea was twofold. "It was a good learning experience because as I was going through all of this I was briefing my wife about it, too. All the stuff she needs to go through."

He said his chain of command allowed him the time to help the widow in need. "Because when you spend time with the widow really you can't do your work. So that was the good thing, that when she called and she needed me and I needed to leave, I was able to go there," he said. "You need help from chain of command to get things done, which was provided and I am very satisfied."

Though there can be a lot of time associated with casualty assistance, Blanchard offers advice to those having to serve in this capacity for the future. "Don't think of it as a burden. Think of it as an opportunity to help someone who's served our country. To help a family of someone who's served our country get closure in their hard times. Really you're trying to help someone who's made the ultimate sacrifice."

He said there is no way to ever be ready to serve as a CAO. "How did I prepare myself? I don't think I was prepared because when the time came to help the family, to see the casket and go to the parade I was overwhelmed. I thought to myself they have been waiting for this for over 34 years, that is as old as I am almost. So you really can't prepare yourself for it."

"It's an honor for me to be in the military and it is also an honor for me to be able to serve in this capacity. To help another family get closure," he said. "When I hear Taps and I hear the national anthem it means a lot, it's been a big part of my life. I choke up just thinking about it. I guess the day that it doesn't put a lump in my throat is the day I need to leave the military."



Courtesy photo

## Potter party

Post Exchange staffers don Harry Potter glasses to celebrate the arrival of the new book "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."



### 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](http://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 Guntersville, 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.

### Youth volleyball clinic

Youth Sports is offering a free Volleyball

Clinic for ages 8-18 on Aug. 6 from 12-3 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. No prior registration is needed, just show up on that day to participate. For more information, call 313-2177.

### Golf classic

The U.S. Army Black Aviation Association will hold the George T. Johnson annual Golf Classic on Aug. 18 at Redstone Golf Course. Registration is 7 a.m., with shotgun start at 8. Prizes for first, second and third place teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin drives. Cost is \$75 per player, includes half cart, green fees and lunch. Call Monroe Mitchell 837-4631, J Nance 890-9119 or 759-0639, or Nancy Harkey 990-7098. Mail application to P.O. Box 126, Madison, AL 35758-0126 by Aug. 5.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Men singers

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

### Warrant officers

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

### Air Force association

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association invites all former and any present Air Force members, reservists or ANG to the Firehouse Pub for an informal gathering on the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. "AFA membership is not required to participate and we encourage anyone who has worn the blue suit to stop by and enjoy the camaraderie," a prepared release said. For information call Terry Roop (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m.

### Project management

The North Alabama Chapter of the Project Management Institute and the Defense Acquisition University South Region will hold the third annual Professional Devel-

opment 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@northalabamaapmi.org](mailto:pds@northalabamaapmi.org).

### Radio frequency workshop

Radio Frequency Module Manufacturing Workshop 2005 is Aug. 23-24 in Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, call Gina Meeks of UAH Systems Management and Production Center 876-2628 or visit <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/rfmmw05/>.



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

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

### Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by

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AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

## Surplus sales

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

## Thrift shop

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

## Children's giveaway

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Thrift Shop is giving away school supplies to the children of enlisted

Soldiers on Aug 6 from 10-2 or while supplies last (three items per child and children must be accompanied by a parent with a current military ID card). At 2 p.m. that day, the shop will have a drawing for five new backpacks — need not be present to win, but again these are for the children of enlisted Soldiers. "We at the Redstone Thrift Shop would like to say thank you to this special person who wanted to help the children of the enlisted Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal," a prepared release said.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Latin dance

"Chillin' Summer With Salsa" is Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Senior Center auditorium, 2200 Drake Ave. The free Merengue and Salsa group dance lesson will be given from 8-9. Music will be provided by disc jockey Signey Hernández, former host of "Latin Rhythms" on WJAB 90.9 FM. Admission is \$8 per person in advance and \$10 per person at the door. Advance tickets are available at La Michoacana Grocery Store, 2007 University Drive (phone 532-0266), until Friday. Tickets are also available through members of AHA. For more information on AHA, visit the web site [www.alabamahispanicassociation.org](http://www.alabamahispanicassociation.org) or call president Margaret Rotger (256) 325-8464 or 325-4242.

## Children's donations

Christmas Charities Year Round requests clothing for boys and girls size 6-12 and the following school supplies: No. 2 pencils, liquid soap, paper towels, 3x5 and

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## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

4x6 index cards, washable markers, glue sticks, wide rule notebook paper, scissors, ink pens, protractors, compasses, folders without brads, pencil sharpeners with catchers, and highlighters. For more information, call 837-2373.

### Small business awards

More than 40 contenders will vie for top honors at the 20th annual Small Business of the Year Celebration presented by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and First Commercial Bank. The event, which spotlights area companies/organizations and leaders demonstrating excellence in six categories, is Aug. 23 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. A reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6. Individual seats are \$55 and reserved tables of eight are \$440 through Aug. 15. For more information, call Jenni Jeffers 535-2011.

### College courses

Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension is doing pre-registration through Aug. 10 for the fall. Classes begin Aug. 22. For more information, call 876-7431.

### Charity dinner

The U.S. Army Black Aviation Association will hold a charity dinner Aug. 18 from 7-9 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel Space and Rocket Center. Charles Steel, president of SCLC, is scheduled speaker. Cost is \$25. Call Monroe Mitchell 837-4631, J Nance 890-9119 or 759-0639, or Nancy Harkey 990-7098 for tickets and information.

### Project manager change

The Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office change of charter ceremony and retirement ceremony for Col. Richard De Fatta is Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. All current members of CMDS and friends of De Fatta or incoming project manager Col. Edward Mullin are invited as well as anyone else interested. For more information, e-mail Sandy.Humphreys@msl.army.mil.

### Chapel rally

Rally Day at Bicentennial Chapel is Aug. 7. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m., and lunch (provided free of charge) is noon. Speaker and illusionist David Horsager will entertain at 1. Everyone with post access is invited.

### Patriot anniversary

Lower Tier Project Office will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Patriot missile system Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rustic Lodge area. Food ticket costs \$10 for adults, \$3 for children. Call Gina Silver 955-3027 today to RSVP for food tickets.

### Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation scheduled Aug. 2 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

### Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troops are forming now. "Discover the adventure," a prepared release said. "Take challenging hiking, camping, canoeing, and space exploring trips. Learn archery. Participate in community service, promote patriotism, and make lifelong friendships." Join the fun by calling Lisa Forbus (256) 730-4901.

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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											
SCBK05659210D	Physical Therapy Assistant	29-Jul-05	MEDDAC	GS-0636	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05664028	Security Specialist	29-Jul-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0080	11	11	50,858 - 66,115	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	X						
SCBK05685366	Procurement Analyst	1-Aug-05	ACQ Center	GS-1102	12	12	60,955 - 79,238						X		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						
SCBK05695554	Resource Analyst	2-Aug-05	LOGSA	GS-0301	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																		
SCBK05649323	Secretary (OA)	2-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0318	7	7	34,363 - 44,673	X																		
SCBK05684045	Secretary (OA)	2-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0318	8	8	38,056 - 49,469	X	X																	
SCBK05663586	Secretary (OA)	2-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr	NK-0318	2	2	27,742 - 44,673	X	X							X		X	X	X						
SCBK05594614	Administrative Assistant (OA)	3-Aug-05	AMCOM IRAC	GS-0303	7	7	34,363 - 44,673	X	X																	
SCBK05659963	General Supply Specialist	3-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-2001	9	11	42,034 - 66,115	X	X																	
SCBK05716947	Logistics Management Specialist	3-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																		
SCBK05564404	Logistics Management Specialist	3-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X										X		X						
SCBK05693002	Budget Analyst	4-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0560	7	9	34,363 - 54,641	X	X																	
SCBK05715174	Fire Protection Inspector	4-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0081	8	8	38,056 - 49,469			X				X		X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK050700422	Human Resources Assistant (MIL/OA)	4-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0203	6	7	30,923 - 44,662	X	X																	
SCBK05697926	Logistics Management Specialist	4-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X										X		X						
SCBK05721486	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	4-Aug-05	IMMC	NH-0346	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X																		
SCBK05702927	Contract Specialist	5-Aug-05	SMDC	GS-1102	11	12	50,858 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05702927D	Contract Specialist	5-Aug-05	SMDC	GS-1102	11	12	50,858 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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																		
SCBK05723436	General Engineer	9-Aug-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05723436D	General Engineer	9-Aug-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05707017D	Electrical Engineer	9-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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	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						
SCBK05685360	Lead Contract Specialist	16-Aug-05	ACQ Center	GS-1102	13	13	72,486 - 94,229									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						
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																										
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						
SCBK05659210D	Physical Therapy Assistant	29-Jul-05	MEDDAC	GS-0636	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	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						
SCBK05702927D	Contract Specialist	5-Aug-05	SMDC	GS-1102	11	12	50,858 - 79,238	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						
SCBK05707017D	Electrical Engineer	9-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05723436D	General Engineer	9-Aug-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	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						
<b>WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)</b>																										
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																										
<b>NOTE:</b> If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																										
<b>NOTE:</b> The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be found on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																										
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