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# Deployment in store for manager

## Exchange worker returning to Iraq

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Kathie Winters often hears this question these days: Why would a civilian mother of two volunteer for her fourth deployment?

The manager of the Military Clothing Sales Store will leave Aug. 7, the day after her younger daughter Stacie's 20th birthday, for her third tour in the Middle East. She was stationed at Camp Demi in Bosnia from March 1997 through January 1998, had a tour at Shekeza Air Base in Bahrain from March-July 2002 and was in Iraq from July 2003 through February 2004. This marks her fourth time volunteering to serve the troops in harm's way for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

"The main reason is because we're needed over there," Winters said. "And I don't want to sound selfish but I do get a sense of gratification, of satis-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TAKING OFF—** Kathie Winters, manager of the Military Clothing Sales Store at building 3479, has volunteered for her fourth deployment and second tour in Iraq.

faction, in going over there and taking care of those who are taking care of our freedom here."

She is to be in Iraq for six months, through next January. This will be her second Christmas there. Two of her co-workers, shift supervisor Denise

Shoulders and warehouse receiver Wendy Smith, were deployed in Iraq from May to October 2004.

"There's an ongoing request for volunteers through AAFES. And with the heightened terrorist attacks, the bombings going on now, it's getting more diffi-

cult to get folks to volunteer to go over there which is understandable," Winters said.

She knows what to expect this time. On her previous tour to Iraq, she worked seven days a week, 12 hours a day – and that's typical with a deployment. Temperatures would exceed 120 degrees. At least this time there will be running water.

"I have no apprehensions and I don't have any fear," Winters said. "I have concern, but I don't have any fear. In light of the recent occurrences, I'd be crazy not to. Like I told my kids, it's bigger than us."

Winters turns over temporary management of the store to Geraldine Brown. She planned to take this week off before leaving Aug. 7 for Fort Bliss, Texas, where she expects to train with the Soldiers until Aug. 14. She expects to depart Fort Bliss for a week in Kuwait before landing in Iraq about Aug. 21.

"I think she must really want to help out the cause," senior store associate Kathy Davis

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# Afghan army represents success in war on terror

## Reserve colonel describes his tour in Afghanistan

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The Afghanistan national army was a primary focus for the U.S. forces there for about a year and a half.

Now it is among the biggest successes in that rebuilding nation, according to Col. Lee Deneke, chief of staff of the Defense Department's Office of Military Commissions in Washington, D.C. The mobilized reservist is the former staff judge advocate for Combined Forces Command, Afghanistan.

He described the Afghan force as professional, well-trained and respected by its countrymen. When a battalion is assembled, the Afghan army ensures that the various ethnic factions are represented.

"The Afghan army is probably the

greatest success story in the entire war on terror," Deneke, 50, said. He was guest speaker at Thursday's luncheon meeting of the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

The Nashville native, a graduate of Vanderbilt, served in Afghanistan from March through September 2004.

"It's an area in the world that is as close to being uncivilized as any place on Earth," Deneke told the 34 luncheon attendees at the Huntsville Marriott.

But the United States has made a difference with the fall of the Taliban. Among the slides shown during Deneke's presentation was a picture of five young Afghan girls going to school.

"It's really an amazing thing to see," he said.

Turning toward military commissions, his current responsibility, he discussed the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where detainees from the war on terror are held. Military commissions represent an option for trying alleged violations of the law of war.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**LEGAL ACTION—** Col. Lee Deneke served last year as staff judge advocate for Combined Forces Command, Afghanistan.

## Letter to the Editor

### Tribute to deployed troops

**W**e are grateful for your bravery, your commitment, your dedication, your service to our country.

*Editor's note: This is among the many messages posted on Operation Dear Abby.net, an online service.*

**Caleb Brock**  
Huntsville

### Reconnaissance helicopter program takes flight

The Army has awarded a \$210,746,761 contract to Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, for the development of the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter.

This contract is for system development and demonstration of the ARH and encompasses all subsystem integration and testing, including training devices.

The ARH will replace the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, which was first fielded in 1985. The ARH will be a dual crew station, single-pilot-operable aircraft capable of operating worldwide in all airspace. The standard armed reconnaissance configuration will

include the sensor assembly, active and passive countermeasures, external weapon systems, and communication suite. The ARH will be able to communicate on the battlefield with Army, Joint and Coalition forces.

The armed reconnaissance capability allows the maneuver commander to 'see first/shoot first' with a manned system that is well forward scouting the location and disposition of enemy forces and relevant terrain.

The Army intends to field a total of 368 ARHs beginning in fiscal 2008. The estimated total acquisition costs of the ARH program are approximately \$3 billion.

### Congregation rallies at chapel

An annual gathering for the community is Sunday at Bicentennial Chapel.

Rally Day begins with morning worship at 11 a.m.; and barbecue lunch (provided free of charge) is at noon. Speaker and illusionist David Horsager will entertain at 1.

Everyone with post access is invited.

"Rally Day has been in place at the chapel for over 30 years," religious education coordinator Patty Wilson said. "And it takes place in the fall as school gets back and folks get back from vacation. Because we all rally around and we're ready to start the new year with excitement."

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Lawrence, the Garrison chaplain who arrived in June, will open Rally Day at the worship service.

"We're expecting 100 Soldiers from over at the brigade in addition to those who normally attend the Bicentennial Chapel worship service," Wilson said.

Horsager is an award-winning speaker and illusionist based in Minnesota.

"And he's also showing the positive message of Christianity," Wilson said. "Illusions are very interesting and you see something that's not necessarily true but the message of Jesus Christ is no illusion. It's very real."

### An open lane random survey

*What is your best back to school memory?*

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*Paul Riesselmann student*

**"Shopping for my daughter. She always loved new clothes."**

*Ruby Nell Brackin retiree Spouse*

**"I always looked forward to the Sears catalog and time to order my new clothes. I picked out what I wanted and I couldn't wait for the package to get there."**



*Tonitia Butler retiree dependent*

**"I loved starting back to school in college. We always had sorority rush. We had lots of parties, met lots of people and had lots of fun."**

*John Stingel retiree*

**"There was this particular notebook - I don't remember what it was called - that was a big deal. I remember when I got it I was ready for school, for about two days."**



## Getting to know you

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**Name:** John Keeton

**Job:** Logistics management specialist, Integrated Materiel Management Center

**Where do you call home?**  
Florence, Ala.

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

I think it gives me an opportunity to influence - hopefully in a positive way - what the armed forces has to do their job.

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

Ride my bike (a Harley-Davidson) and fish, read. And I work on cars a lot.

**What are your goals?**

I've been out here 34 years, I've worked with the government. And my career goals at this time are essentially to make it to retirement (in three years and three months). And any luck they'll miss me when I'm gone (laugh). Then I can spend all my time for those hobbies on the other side.



### Alabamian dies in Iraq

Sgt. Christopher J. Taylor, 22, of Opelika, died July 24 in Balad, Iraq, when he was hit by mortar rounds while he was exiting a bunker.

Taylor was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga. (*Defense Department release*)

### Quote of the week

**'M**arriage is a lot like the Army. Everyone complains, but you'd be surprised at the number that re-enlist.'

— James Garner

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# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**July 21:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued two violation notices and detained in the detention cell.

**July 21:** 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 21:** An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant when he was stopped for speeding. He was released to the Jackson County Sheriffs Department.

**July 21:** An individual reported that someone removed an undetermined amount of cash from his wall locker. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 21:** An individual reported that someone removed a computer memory stick from a government computer. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**July 22:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he was

stopped for speeding. He was issued violation notices and released.

**July 24:** An individual was found to be giving false information to a police officer during an inspection at Gate 9. Further investigation revealed that the passenger was in possession of fraudulent identification. The individual was issued violation notices and released.

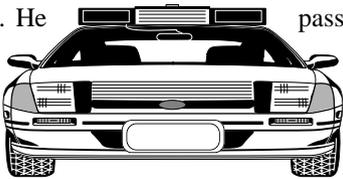
**July 25:** An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant during an inspection at Gate 10. The individual was released to the Madison Police Department.

**July 27:** 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 27:** An individual reported that someone removed a bicycle from their carport. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Traffic accidents reported:** seven without injuries, two 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 improper backing, 3 failure to yield right of way, 1 inattentive driving.



■ Exchange worker looks toward new experiences in Iraq

## Deployment

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said. "Because personally it would be really difficult to go over there at this time, speaking for myself. I think it's a brave person to do it especially with everything that's going on right now. And it's a volunteer basis, she doesn't have to go."

But she really wants to do this, despite the risks. In one incident during her previous tour, she was in Mosul when she heard a mortar attack. A young Soldier came running inside with his hands bloodied from trying to render aid to two wounded female Soldiers. He was more concerned with helping the injured than about his own safety. "Soldiers are always careful to take care of everyone over there," Winters, 42, said. "So even though I was unfortunate to see that, they do protect us."

The Jackson, Mich., native earned a bachelor's degree in business in 2002 from Faulkner University in Huntsville. Fifteen of her 19 years with AAFES have been at Redstone. She began her career as a military clothing cashier in Heilbron, Germany from 1984-87 and arrived at Redstone in 1988. She joined management as a computer operator from 1998-99, served as a human resources trainer for a year and became the military clothing sales store manager in early 2002.

Her older daughter, Tasha Rodriguez, 23, resides in Birmingham. Tasha and

husband Carlos have a 2-year-old son, Damian, whose picture serves as Winters' screen saver on her computer at work.

**"I work for a wonderful organization that has allowed me an opportunity to see parts of the world and serve those who are protecting our freedom."**

— Kathie Winters

"I feel I've been blessed with an opportunity. My family's not crazy about it at all," Winters said of her deployment with AAFES. "I work for a wonderful organization that has allowed me an opportunity to see parts of the world and serve those who are protecting our freedom."

She remembers the long lines of troops waiting outdoors to enter the exchange facility during her previous tour to Iraq. "You feel like Santa Claus every single day you're over there," she said. And she remembers an older woman stranger who hugged her in a Huntsville restaurant after a televised news report about that deployment.

"I'm looking forward to the new experiences," she said. "I'm looking forward to taking care of the troops."

# Feeling young by working out and eating right

## Military retirees enjoy gymnasium

By DAVID McBRIDE  
For the Rocket

These retirees wouldn't think of an inactive lifestyle.

They stay in shape by working out daily in the Redstone fitness facilities. Cardio and weight lifting helps them avert common problems for seniors.

"I do mostly cardio for at least 30 minutes to an hour," Nathaniel McRae, 63, said. He continues this regimen at least five days a week.

William Wheeler is keeping weight off and living life to the fullest at 74.

"I work out because it prevents arthritis," Wheeler said at the Wellness Center. "Plus guts are common physical features in my family history and I don't want to follow in those footsteps — not even at 74."

The motto for the gym facilities is "For all of your life." However the Pagano Gym retirees said their motto is staying alive and their motivation is "Pops."

William "Pops" Siler, 74, is a military retiree.

Gaylene Wilson, director of sports and fitness, describes the atmosphere of Pagano as a family with everyone laughing and joking while working out. Pops inspires the other retirees to keep going.

"Pops is the motivation and driving force with his quick and snappy words," Wilson said. "He greets everybody when they walk in and then falls asleep in the corner."

When asked their diet, there was unanimous agreement that chitterlings and other pork products were out of the question.

"I eat less chitterlings and pork ears and more whole grains and fruits," Siler said. "I also drink a lot of water."

William Hunter, 75, added, "If I do eat chitterlings it's once a year."

Hunter acquired arthritis from his years of service in the infantry. "Working out helps the arthritis greatly," he said while lifting barbells.

The other retirees had suffered from high blood pressure at one time in their lives. Each senior had a decrease in blood pressure after making exercise a way of life.

"It's a stress reliever," said 44-year-old Julian Johnson, a



Photo by David McBride

**WORKOUT—** Exercising at Pagano Gym are from left Maurice Dawson (seated), William "Pops" Siler, Hint Hunter, Julian Johnson (seated) and Willie Martin.

military retiree and police officer. Siler in the past took blood pressure pills and had both knees replaced but is free of the medication today.

The retirees expressed their

appreciation toward Redstone for allowing them to use the facilities.

"It has been extremely helpful at making me look so good at age 74 years old," Wheeler said.

"Minus the slight case of arthritis I don't feel a day over 30."

"It is a joy to see the retirees so dedicated," Wilson said. "It proves that Morale Welfare and Recreation is for all your life."

# Weight loss possible despite sedentary jobs

## Movin' and Losin' gives incentive

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Starting an exercise program is easy. You can join a gym, sign up for an exercise class or just schedule time to walk. What most people find out, however, is that starting a program is a lot easier than sticking with it. Having others to cheer you on and do a little gentle prodding when necessary can make the difference between starting a program and following through with it. That is the premise behind the Movin' and Losin' program sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation.

The eight-week program began with a meeting July 27 to brief teams on the rules. It will run until Sept. 27. It is handled like a competition. Five-person teams work together to reach their individual exercise goals with one member designated as team captain. They earn points both individually and as a team. Prizes for teams include things such as T-shirts, water bottles, gift certificates and MWR bucks.

Points are earned by exercising for 30 minutes a day up to five days a week per person. Every team member is responsible for keeping a weekly log of when and how much they exercise, which are turned in each week. If every member of a team turns their logs in on time, the team receives bonus points. If even one member does not, the team does not receive that extra 50 points. Knowing that you will let your team down if you don't keep exercising can be a powerful motivator, said Phylissa Shannon, assistant sports and fitness director.

"Accountability is a big part of this program. You don't want to let yourself down, but you definitely don't want to let your team down," she said. "People tend to be more successful if they have an exercise partner or support group."

Although health and fitness are the main goals of the program, weight loss is a natural byproduct of a healthier lifestyle. Teams set weight loss goals and receive bonus points for meeting those goals. The program includes weekly weigh-ins at one of Redstone's fitness centers every Tuesday. These are done confidentially and no one except for the team member being weighed is privy to the information. It is merely a way for the

program to assess points and for the participant to track their own progress.

"The point is to get people moving and exercising," Shannon said. "Weight loss is secondary, but usually it will come with the exercise."

Bonus points are also given for those reaching their goals. 100 points is given for individuals meeting the weight loss goal. 100 points is given for individuals meeting 90 percent of the weekly exercise goal. Teams with all five members meeting either goal receive 1000 bonus points. It all adds up to 4,200 possible points for the program. Shannon said the competition always comes down to bonus points in the end.

"Bonus points will make or break a team in the end," she said.

Movin' and Losin' is just the latest version of the team competitive fitness programs sponsored by MWR. Shannon said they try to do 2 or 3 of these programs per year and have been doing so since she joined the organization in 1997. While the benefit to participants is obvious, there is also something in it for Redstone.

"A lot of the employees here have sedentary jobs. They sit behind a desk or



Photo by Kelley Lane

**TIME ON SCALE—** Phylissa Shannon and staff will be weighing program participants confidentially on a weekly basis.



Courtesy photo

## Corporate contribution

Army Community Service director Sue Paddock accepts a \$500 donation on behalf of the Waiting Spouse Support Group from Northrop Grumman Corporation. Retired Brig. Gen. Dan Montgomery of Northrop Grumman makes the presentation. He says the gift is in appreciation for the Soldier color guard that supported the corporation's ground-breaking ceremony last month at its new campus site.

■ Eight-week program makes winners of weight losers

## Weight

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computer. They sit in meetings," she said. "Exercise contributes to their quality of life. They have fewer injuries and need less time off for illness. We want a healthy work force."

The popularity of the programs is always high. So much so that a limit has to be placed on the number of teams allowed per program. This one was set at 20 teams, as are most of them. This is because of the constraints of staffing.

"I would love to accommodate everybody, but our staff also has other duties and I don't want to overwhelm them," Shannon said.

Most teams consist of civilian workers who are in the same offices or departments, Shannon said, although individuals without a team can usually be found a spot on another team.

"The teams that are more successful are the ones that are in an office together," she said. "

There are a few notable differences in this particular program's participants though. While military teams are not unheard of, they are usually a rare occurrence. This time they are in abundance.

"Most of our teams are civilian. This time we have several active duty teams this time," Shannon said. "We'd never had a team from Fox Army Health Center before either. This time we have four."

Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, director of emer-

gency services, heads up one of the military teams.

"I think it's a good opportunity to rededicate yourself to fitness and good time of year to do it, too, right before the holidays," he said. "By the time it's over we should all be lean, mean and ready to start the holidays."

A military team may not necessarily have the same weight loss concerns as a civilian one, but staying fit is always a concern.

"The emphasis with this program is not on weight loss. I don't really need to lose weight," Scofield said. "I just need the extra motivation to keep up what I am already doing."

Teammate and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski agrees.

"I think the most critical thing is not to look at this as just a diet. It is a change of lifestyle. Even if you keep eating the same but increase your fitness, you'll lose weight," Olshefski said. "The timing is great, too. It's nice because it's not around a holiday. I don't want to go on a diet at Christmas or Thanksgiving."

While it is too late to join Movin' and Losin' this time around, new programs are always on the horizon. Due to vacation and leave being taken during the holiday season, the next program is being planned for some time in January. Shannon urges those wanting to participate in future programs to sign up as soon as announcements are posted due to their popularity.

"As soon as they see us advertising they need to call," she said. "A lot of people say that without these programs they would not have been successful. They fill up fast."

## Youngsters shape brighter futures in crafts shop

*Day spent building lantern for mom*

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The youngsters used the craft tools to shape their blocks of wood under the watchful eye of adults. A finished lantern was on a nearby table.

That would be their goal Thursday. They wanted to make a nice wooden candle lantern for their mothers.

This was a first for the June M. Hughes Crafts Shop. It was the first time these four boys, ages 11-15, from single-parent homes, visited the shop. And it was the first time they'd used a power tool.

They belonged to Men of Tomorrow, a program of the 100 Black Men, Greater Huntsville Chapter.

"The basis of that program is to show them there are positive things to do in life," said James Matthewson, retired military who works for Dynetics. He was among the men supervising the youngsters.

Nat Meador, member of the 100 Black

Men, first came to the crafts shop in 1973. Since then the military retiree has built all his bedroom furniture there. A logistics management specialist at the Integrated Materiel Management Center's Readiness Directorate, he suggested bringing the youngsters to the shop for a day. He made the suggestion to crafts shop manager Mark Wolfson who liked the idea.

"Since I had a gift, I just wanted to share it," Meador said. "And give youngsters a chance to hone in on mechanical skill, to get accustomed to doing something positive where they could see instant success."

DeQuan Vann, 11, of Huntsville, described his thoughts about the day in the shop as he prepared to use one of the cutting tools. "I think it's going to help me out like when I get to college, help me with my drilling and whatever, my woodwork," he said.

Within the Men of Tomorrow program are about 25 children, ages 11-17, from single-parent homes in the Huntsville and Decatur areas.

"(Wolfson) has done a tremendous job," Meador said. "And he's bringing more and more programs into the crafts shop."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CLOSE SUPERVISION**— Desmond Turner, 15, of Huntsville, uses a router table while crafts shop manager Mark Wolfson watches.

# Taiwanese graduates with honors

Taiwan soldier Capt. Ming-Hsien Chen knew what to expect when he arrived for the Avenger System Repair Course.

"I have been to the states twice," he said. "This is the second time and it is the best experience I have so far."

Chen, 28, took the course from March 14 to July 25 and graduated with honors. He plans to use his training as an instructor in Taiwan.

"Great country," he said of the United States. "Best forces, very impressive."

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

"They assist me anything I need, school and living," Chen said. "Give us a very good and safe environment to study and experience the American life."



Courtesy photo

**HANDLE WITH CARE**— Taiwan soldier Ming-Hsien Chen trains in Avenger system repair.

# Chattanooga field trip fit for a champ

*International students tour historic sites*

The International Military Student Office took 11 international soldiers and nine family members on a field studies tour of Chattanooga July 23-24.

The soldiers were from Tunisia, Taiwan, Pakistan, Korea and Bulgaria. The purpose of this field studies program trip was for these soldiers to learn more about America's educational, political and economical systems.

On day one the students had an opportunity to visit the newly expanded Tennessee Aquarium and received a narrated tour of the area on the Southern Belle Riverboat. The students received a surprise as former heavyweight boxing champ Evander Holyfield was leaving the boat as they were arriving. On day two they rode the incline rail-



Courtesy photo

**CURIOS CATCH**— Sgt. Mothibedi Mokaba from Botswana visits the butterfly garden at the Tennessee Aquarium.

way to the top of Lookout Mountain, learned about the Civil War Battle of Chattanooga at the Battles of Chattanooga Electric Map Museum, and visited Ruby Falls.

# Redstone, oasis home away from home



Photo by Kim Henry

**HAPPY TO SERVE**— Col. Richard De Fatta first served as the Short Range Air Defense project manager, but after a name change he parts as the former Cruise Missile Defense Systems PM.

## Colonel De Fatta retires after 27 years of service

By KIM HENRY

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Redstone Arsenal is a familiar place for Col. Richard De Fatta. During his military career he has been assigned here five times. The cruise missile defense systems project manager completed his career Tuesday at a change of charter and retirement ceremony.

“I’ve actually been stationed here at every rank,” he said. Not only that, but De Fatta met his wife, Michelle, on a previous assignment in 1983 here and over time both of his kids, Philip, 19, and Lauren, 18, have grown accustomed to the area. “My kids kind of grew up here,” he said. “Lauren was born here in Huntsville.”

He admits that his many intermittent stops at Redstone are pretty uncommon in the Army. “It’s unusual — to keep going back and forth and have other assignments,” he said. “I really love the Huntsville area. It’s kind of like an oasis in the middle of a very rural area within short distance of a lot of activities and things to do.

“I love the outdoors. My family and I are big boaters, we spend a lot of time out on the Tennessee River. North Alabama is a great place to do that.”

Retirement from the military is bittersweet for the 49-

year-old air defender. “I don’t want to go,” he said. “Someone asks me ‘why do you want to retire?’ I basically tell them I don’t want to, but its time to go and I know that they will continue to Soldier-on like they have for the past three years for me.”

The military life was nothing new for De Fatta. He attributes his desire to be in the Army to his father, a retired colonel from the same project office that he is leaving. “I knew I enjoyed the traveling, I enjoyed being all around the world, I enjoyed all the different adventures we used to have. And from what I saw of it, I enjoyed what the job was about. I kind of knew what I was getting into.

“I’ve always wanted to do this. As long as I can remember I always wanted to be in the Army. And basically applied to go to West Point, I thought that was the best way to get there.”

Though Redstone has been a periodic home over his military career, De Fatta has fulfilled his desire of traveling. He has been stationed in Germany, Korea and Kwajelin. From commanding troops to managing resources and civilians, De Fatta has had many highlights in his military experience.

For starters, after Airborne School De Fatta commanded a missile maintenance company, which he took to the Return of Forces to Germany exercise for

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# Brigade combat team locations unveiled

## Modular global design affects operations

WASHINGTON — The Army has announced the locations for the active component modular Brigade Combat Teams. The modular design and their stationing are both critical to ensure the Army is properly postured to maintain the high degree of readiness needed to meet its strategic commitments, including ongoing operations globally in the war on terror.

The announcement provided additional detail to decisions that were factored in to the Defense Department base realignment and closure recommendations revealed in May. The decisions implement the Defense Department's Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy recommendations, allowing the Army to return up to 50,000 Soldiers from overseas locations by the end of the decade.

This stationing of Brigade Combat Teams allows the Army to continue its transformation to a campaign-quality force with joint and expeditionary capabilities that meet the future demands of the combatant commanders. The secretary of defense approved an increase in the number of active modular BCTs from 33 to 43 on Jan. 30, 2004.

"The Army Modular Force Initiative is the Army's most important transformational initiative for a reason; it involves the total redesign of the operational Army

into a standardized, stand alone, larger, more powerful, more flexible and more rapidly deployable force that will enable the Army to change the way it fights and the way it operates," Dr. Francis J. Harvey, secretary of the Army, said.

Two key recommendations of the global force presence realignment decisions include the return of the 1st Infantry Division to Fort Riley, Kan., and the relocation of the 1st Armored Division to Fort Bliss, Texas. The 1st ID will return in fiscal 2006 and the timing for the return of the 1st AD is under review.

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The Army selected locations for Modular Brigade Combat Teams based on existing and potential capacities, available training space, and current locations of similar and supporting units. The Army preserves its historic heraldry and lineage in this design. While the modular brigade combat teams follow historic division and brigade unit naming conventions, these units are of a completely different design than their predecessors. The essence of this transformational design is a new force that can be deployed singularly or in groups — ready for employment in a variety of designs as self-contained modules over a dispersed area.

The Army modular force initiative involves the total redesign of the operational Army into a larger — more powerful — more flexible and more rapidly deployable force and moves away from a division-centric structure to one built around the Army's new modular combat team.

Here is the active brigade combat teams posture: Fort Benning, Ga., 1 brigade combat team; Fort Bliss, Texas, 4 brigade combat teams; Fort Bragg, N.C., 4 brigade combat teams; Fort Campbell, Ky., 4 brigade combat teams; Fort Carson, Colo., 4 brigade combat teams; Fort Drum, N.Y., 3 brigade combat teams; Fort Hood, Texas, 5 brigade combat teams; Fort Knox, Ky., 1 brigade combat team; Fort Lewis, Wash., 3 Stryker brigade combat teams; Fort Polk, La., 1 brigade combat team; Fort Richardson, Alaska, 1 brigade combat team; Fort Riley, Kan., 3 brigade combat teams; Fort Wainwright, Alaska, 1 Stryker brigade combat team; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 1 brigade combat team/1 Stryker brigade combat team; Fort Irwin, Calif., 1 brigade combat team (minus); Korea, 1 brigade combat team; Germany, 1 Stryker brigade combat team; and Italy, 1 brigade combat team. (Army release)

## ■ De Fatta cruises into retirement after 27 years

### Service

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the first time. He was also stationed at Camp Casey, Korea, where he supported troops at the Demilitarized Zone.

"We were on the front lines every day supporting the Soldier. We maintained all the divisional electronics and technical supply. The highlight there was leading troops."

From leading troops to leading civilians, De Fatta got his first experience with air defense under the direction of now-retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet as the European representative for Program Executive Office for Missile Defense.

While assigned to this duty in Germany, De Fatta experienced several memorable events including seeing the draw-down of two entire divisions in three years and the breaking down of the Berlin Wall.

"We were so used to fighting the war or getting ready to fight the war on the other side of the wall and to suddenly see all those barriers come down and the unification of the two sides of Germany," he said. "It was very exhilarating and a lot of opportunities to witness what it was like on both sides. To see what a stark contrast there was between the two cultures."

From missiles to tanks, De Fatta said his next assignment in the PEO for Armored Systems Modernization in Detroit was a definite change.

"It was interesting because I spent so many years working in the missile world, which are designed to kill tanks and suddenly I was in the survivability world which was designing systems to save tanks."

Of all his experiences, De Fatta said his duty as director of Kwajelin Missile

Range was one of his favorites. "It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun," he said. "I was there for 18 months during one of the busiest times the range ever had. But when the day was over, no matter how late it was you were still on an exotic beach in the middle of Pacific Ocean."

Since 2002 De Fatta has served as the project manager for CMDMS, formerly Short Range Air Defense. "We changed the name because we fundamentally changed our mission.

"We now are expanding to one of the Department of Defense's critical mission areas, which is cruise missile defense — a primary threat not only in war, but in homeland defense," he said. "We went from a radar, a missile platform — Avenger, a Stinger missile, all of which were fielded to the Army individually. Now instead of fielding individual components we are going to field an integrated capability, which is cruise missile defense."

Of his accomplishments in the project office, De Fatta said service to the Soldier has been his priority. "I am proud of providing continuous and responsive support to our Soldiers in war. We've always exceeded our readiness goals — no mission failures," he said. "It means my fellow Soldiers out there can depend on those of us representing the missile and aviation community here at Redstone Arsenal for whatever they require and then go about their business of war."

His advice to his successor, Col. Edward Mullin, is simple: continue to focus on mission and people. "Continue to support our Soldiers and the rest will take care of itself. You've got a great team here."

And what is next for De Fatta? "I plan to stay in the area; haven't done much in the after-Army job process."

# Drivers asked to get in gear with safety

*Avoid costly mishaps by paying attention*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
*For the Rocket*

The 2003 statistics from the National Transportation Safety Board's Fatality Accident Reporting System – sadly – say it all: 42,643 people were killed in motor vehicle accidents.

What's more the estimated economic cost for fatalities and injuries in '03 was \$230.6 billion, or \$7,300 per second.

"Last Wednesday's accident at the intersection of Martin and Burose was not a fatality accident," John Blandamer, Garrison Safety chief, said. "But my experience has been that the difference between a near miss, an injury and a fatality is one half of an inch, or a second or two.

"We see a pretty clear trend, for whatever sets of reasons, that at the beginning of the year we start out pretty good, but accidents and fatalities continually climb through this time of the year. As the year goes on we travel more miles. From the Fourth of July through Labor Day we enter a high-accident, high-fatality period."

Locally, the accident statistics are equally sad.

"Here in north Alabama, we have a rural accident rate that is twice the national rate," Blandamer said. "We have some weird things going on here. For example, where the national numbers, in terms of

accidents involving alcohol, is about 45 percent, the motor-vehicle fatality number here is 75 percent."

Measured in Army terms, this fiscal year, 112 Soldiers have been killed in vehicle accidents.

"One of the most common tickets issued in Europe is driving without due care and attention," Blandamer said. "That means if you're driving down the road, talking on your cell phone, drinking coffee, putting on your makeup, messing with the radio, dealing with the kids you're not focused on the road.

"What's more, the fact is that we also push lights. Yellow means quick, or you're not going to make it through. It doesn't mean unless you can't stop, you really need to. For some reason the pace of modern life has caused people to think that they need to get there now. But stopping at that light for two minutes, 30 seconds, or whatever it is, is more important, quite frankly, than possibly losing your life."

Not surprisingly, driving safety awareness will be a key focus for all of Team Redstone as 2005 continues.

"Enough cannot be said about seat-belt and child restraint use," Blandamer said. "As well, making sure that we all exercise due care and attention is a key solution. For example, there is a risk-assessment tool on the Combat Readiness web site (<http://crc.army.mil/home/>) for privately owned vehicle travel, where you look at factors that you want to think about in your travel plans."



Photo by Dale Marken

**MORNING MEETING**— This early-morning accident July 27 at Martin and Burose offers stark testimony that motorists are now traveling in what has historically been the highest accident rate time of year.

# Officer's language skills open door to opportunity

## Huntsville Center major spends year in Russia

By DEBRA VALINE  
For the Rocket

Assignments in Russia and advanced schooling in Switzerland are not typical assignments for Army engineers, but because he grew up speaking German, and now speaks Russian, one engineer at the Huntsville Center is experiencing opportunities unique to Army officers.

Maj. Elias Ursitti, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center, recently returned from a one-year assignment in Russia where he provided oversight on the Russian Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility construction project. For him it was the best of two worlds.

Ursitti, a West Point graduate with 12 years of Army service, learned to speak Russian to attend St. Petersburg State University in Russia. The Cape Coral, Fla., native attended the St. Petersburg university under the Olmsted Scholarship Program and earned a master's in internal relations. The Olmsted Scholarship Program provides selected captains the opportunity to immerse themselves in a foreign culture of choice.

While stationed at the Kansas City District Corps of Engineers, he learned of the opportunity to go to Russia.

"I came to Huntsville for my introductory course and found out from Col. John Rivenburgh, the Huntsville Center commander, about the Russian Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility Program," Ursitti said. "I was excited that I could put together my experience in Russia with my Corps of Engineers background."

"Maj. Ursitti bridged a huge gap between the U.S. Government and Russian Federation," said Col. John Rivenburgh, commander, Huntsville Center. "His

efforts moved us ahead in areas that had been troubled for quite some time. I only regret that it took me too long to get him moved from Kansas City District to Huntsville Center and on to Russia."

In September 2004, Ursitti was assigned to the Huntsville Center and within a few weeks he left for Shchuch'ye, Russia, located just beyond the Ural Mountains in Siberia.

"I came to the Huntsville Center specifically for the job in Russia," Ursitti said. "I only had a year before I was supposed to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. I wanted to have a chance to make a contribution using my Russian language skills and my engineering training. I was really happy that the Huntsville Center commander gave me that chance. It was a really good fit for the team."

"Knowing the language made a huge difference," Ursitti said. "I am thankful to Col. Rivenburgh for the opportunity. It has been my favorite assignment so far."

For the first six months, Ursitti was the deputy resident engineer on the Huntsville contract oversight team. "There was a team of about five Corps folks and we provided construction and engineering oversight," Ursitti said. "The construction started in 2002 or 2003. The project has been in the planning phases since 1992 when former president Bill Clinton and former Soviet leader Boris Yeltsin signed an agreement on the mutual destruction of chemical weapons."

Paul Wojciechowski, the project manager for Parsons, said Ursitti is indeed a unique Army officer and engineer.

"He was a great deal of help to me because he always put the team objectives first," Wojciechowski said. "His language skills helped a lot but the real value he added was being the guy who always picked up the



Courtesy photo

Maj. Elias Ursitti

pieces and suggested a path forward. When there was credit to be taken he gave it to the team. When there was responsibility for failure he took it by himself."

The second six months, Ursitti was the chief of the Chemical Weapons Destruction Support Office in Moscow, filling a Defense Threat Reduction Agency position. "We interacted with the Russian agencies that are our partners in constructing these deconstructing facilities," he said. "They are our government partners in this project. We held small-level negotiations, implemented various program plans and managed the lower level program day-to-day issues. We had to do this in Moscow because that is where the Russian Federal Agencies for Industry had its offices and we had to cooperate closely with them."

"Because of a program reorganization, they were not going to be able to put someone into that position until July 2005. That would mean that no one would be in that position between January and July. The Corps nominated me and I was selected," Ursitti said. "The program is scaling down now, but while I was there, it was a very busy office. We translated documents coming into and going out of the office. There was a technical staff and it holds frequent meetings with the Russians that I participated in as

the government representative because the contractor, Parsons Global, could not conduct official communication. Official communication has to be government to government."

Ursitti will only be in Huntsville a few weeks before he heads to Zurich, Switzerland, as part of the Exchange Officer Program to attend their Advanced Military Institute, which will give him credit for attending CGSC at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"I was selected for CGSC, but upon reviewing my records, the personnel officials recognized that I have German language skills, as well," said Ursitti, who grew up as an "Army brat" in Ansbach, Germany, and learned to speak German to be able to play with the local children. "Since the U.S. Army is required to fill a certain number of slots at the school in Switzerland, and being able to speak German is a requirement, I was selected to go

to the course in Switzerland instead." The class is mostly Swiss officers, taught in German, and a handful of foreign officers including Ursitti, some German officers and a Korean officer.

"I was looking forward to going to Fort Leavenworth to reunite with my peers, but this experience in Switzerland will give me a chance to meet whole new group of people," Ursitti said.

Ursitti has held "regular" Army jobs as well. His first duty station was in Germany with the construction engineers and then he went to Fort Hood, Texas, with the Combat Mech Engineers.

Unique training opportunities aside, Ursitti said he is looking forward to returning to an Army assignment when he finishes training in Switzerland.

"When I finish, I'd like to represent the Army on one of freedom's frontiers," he said.

## Teledyne Brown wins engineering pact

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. has been awarded a contract with a ceiling of \$2.8 million over a two year period from the Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center in Edgewood, Md.

This is the first task received under a five year ID/IQ contract that was awarded to Teledyne Brown by ECBC.

As part of this task, Teledyne Brown will provide advanced engineering design and rapid prototyping support to ECBC's Advanced Design and Manufacturing Team. Teledyne Brown engineers and technicians will supplement the ECBC ADM Team with state of the art Computer Aided Engineering/Design/Modeling and manufacturing expertise.

This skilled team will be working to quickly fabricate prototypes for chemical and biological detection systems and other equipment, thereby reducing the time required to put new, improved capabilities in the field.

"Teledyne Brown has been providing the Army and NASA with our design and manufacturing expertise since the early rocket program days; now we have an opportunity to broaden our market to the leading chemical and biological defense research center," Jim Link, president of Teledyne Brown Engineering, said. "We look forward to joining with the ECBC team to field new equipment to our nation's military." (Teledyne Brown release)

## Joint Common Missile design review finished

ORLANDO, Fla. – Lockheed Martin's Joint Common Missile program successfully completed its system-level Preliminary Design Review on June 30. The PDR culminates the design review process under Phase 1 of the System Design and Development program and follows successful completion of 17 subsystem-level PDRs.

"With the successful Control Test Vehicle flight and a successful system PDR, it's been a good week," said Col. Jody Maxwell, project manager for Joint Attack Munition Systems project office. "The system PDR, 14 months after contract award, was made possible by dedicated industry and government personnel. I am pleased with the independent review team's assessment that we have success-

fully completed system PDR for Joint Common Missile. I attribute this achievement to the professionalism and dedication of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, UK and Lockheed Martin team."

The PDR, held at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Orlando, was attended by senior leaders from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, as well as representatives from the armed forces of the United Kingdom.

"With this PDR and our successful CTV-1 flight, we have completed all the key elements of the Phase 1 risk reduction effort," said Steve Barnoske, JCM program director at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. (Lockheed Martin release)

## Unmanned aerial contracts awarded

ST. LOUIS — Boeing, teamed with Science Applications International Corporation as the lead systems integrator for the Army's Future Combat Systems program, on July 26 awarded four multimillion-dollar contracts to three industry partners to participate in the first phase of development for two classes of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. The UAVs, part of the FCS system-of-systems solution, are slated for fielding in 2014 with the first fully-

equipped brigade-sized combat teams.

The contracts range in value from \$3 million to \$5 million. Piasecki Aircraft Corp. received a contract for development of its Class II UAV Air Scout system. Contracts for development of the larger Class III UAV system were awarded to Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. for its Prospector, AAI Corp. for its Shadow III and to Piasecki Aircraft Corp. for its Air Guard. (Boeing release)

# Aviation firm lands in Huntsville

*Program office  
to open soon*

Global Military Aircraft Systems, a joint venture of Finmeccanica's Alenia North America Inc. and L-3 Integrated Systems, a subsidiary of L-3 Communications, is opening its program office within the next few weeks in Huntsville.

The GMAS office will be near Redstone Arsenal and will serve as the company's focal point for all Army aviation programs. In pursuit of its "customer first" philosophy, the office location will fulfill the goal of customer responsiveness, immediate access and, ultimately, better performance serving Army aviation needs. GMAS intends to occupy its space as soon as lease agreements and building modifications are completed.

No stranger to Alabama, L-3 Communications has more than 3,500 employees in the state working in several divisions of the company, including over 250 in Huntsville. The location of the GMAS

office in Huntsville further indicates L-3's commitment to Alabama and introduces its partner, Alenia, an Italian aircraft manufacturer, to the area as well.

"L-3 has a significant presence in Alabama today and GMAS is the latest example of our commitment to this community and to providing the best solutions necessary to meet the war fighter's needs," said Alison Hartley, vice president for business development, L-3 Communications Integrated Systems.

"We are delighted to be part of the Huntsville community supporting the defense industry and, ultimately, our men and women in the armed forces," said Jaime Thurmond, vice president for military programs, Alenia North America Inc.

Under the joint venture agreement, L-3 Integrated Systems and Alenia North America Inc. jointly manage GMAS. L-3 is a leader in aircraft modernization, systems integration, contractor logistics support, training and simulation. Alenia is a leader in the design and manufacturing of commercial and military aircraft. *(GMAS release)*

## Sea-Based X-Band Radar christened

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Air Force Lt. General Henry "Trey" Obering, Missile Defense Agency director, announced the formal dedication of the Sea-Based X-Band Radar by program officials during a ceremony July 26 at Kiewit Offshore Services at Corpus Christi.

The Sea-Based X-Band Radar is a unique combination of an advanced X-Band radar mounted aboard an ocean-going, semi-submersible platform that provides the Ballistic Missile Defense System with a missile tracking and discrimination capability that can be positioned to cover any part of the globe to support both missile defense operations and testing. The platform is twin-hulled, self-propelled and very stable in rough seas and turbulent sea conditions. Its ocean-spanning mobility allows the radar to be repositioned as needed to support the various test scenarios envisioned for the Ballistic Missile Defense System or to provide radar coverage of possible threat missile launches from anywhere in the world.

The Sea-Based X-Band Radar is 240 feet wide and 390 feet long. It towers more than 280 feet from its keel to the top of the radome and displaces nearly 50,000 tons. Larger than a football field, the main deck houses living quarters, workspaces, storage, power generation, a bridge and control rooms while providing the floor space and infrastructure necessary to support the radar antenna array, command, control and communications suites and an in-flight interceptor communication system data terminal.

The Sea-Based X-Band Radar recently returned from preliminary sea trials, and preparations are under way for further tests and the transit of the vessel later this year to its homeport of Adak, Alaska.

The radar will provide the Ballistic Missile Defense System with a missile tracking and discrimination capability that can be positioned to cover any part of the globe to support both missile defense operations and testing. *(Missile Defense Agency release)*

# Army Strykers return to combat zones

*Repair facility open in Qatar*

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Iraq – The Army's Stryker combat vehicles are back in fight now that the first Stryker repair facility is operating in Qatar.

The Stryker forward repair activity, run by General Dynamics Land Systems under direction of the Army Materiel Command's Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar, presented the first two refurbished Strykers to Army inspectors recently.

"Based on the vehicles coming across the assembly line they are all pretty much designated to go to future battalions . . . the vehicles have to be produced from somewhere," said Mike Manzara, General Dynamics acting site supervisor. "So these battle-damaged vehicles provide an essential service by maintaining the vehicle requirements in theater."

Manzara said repairing the Stryker is a challenge because each vehicle has unique battle damage. Engineers must first assess structural damage to determine if the vehicle is repairable at all, or to be used for parts. Specific parts must be ordered from North America. During transit time, damaged parts are removed and the vehicle is prepped to receive whatever is necessary for full mission capability. Strykers cost more than \$1 million each.

"The positive aspect about this program is that you've got 25 vehicles that were basically written off and the Reports of Survey have been done. It's almost like they don't exist," said Lt. Col. Jon Buonerba, com-



Photo by Charles Sprauge

**ROAD READY—** A General Dynamics mechanic drives a Stryker combat vehicle on its final test drive after extensive repairs at the Qatar facility, the Army's first repair facility for the Stryker.

mander of the AFSB-Qatar. "If we can repair these and get them back in the fight, we'll save the Army lots of money and help sustain the operational readiness of the Stryker force."

Qatar was chosen for the site

because of its close proximity to air and sea ports, a large industrial base near Camp As Sayliyah and state-of-the-art equipment in place at the field support battalion.

Buonerba said he's made the

trip north to Mosul and Balad, and seen the damaged vehicles there.

"At night I often reflect on what I did that day and how I contributed to the war effort. I know that we have the facilities and a great work force to make

Strykers new again," Buonerba said. "It's a good feeling to be able to say that we fixed it, got it to standard and shipped it north — as long as it saves one Soldier's life, it's worth it." (*Army News Service*)

# Dragons outlast Bulldogs in winners' bracket

## Headquarters & Alpha-2 edges Bravo Company

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Designated hitter Rob Coppage figured he'd seen enough action for one night.

Coppage had just legged out a bunt single in the second inning for Headquarters & Alpha-2 against nemesis Bravo. This didn't help his sore right hamstring which he'd pulled against the

Marines the previous night.

"After the power bunt single, I talked to the coach and volunteered to switch for the good of the team," Coppage said.

He spent the rest of the softball game coaching first base as Headquarters & Alpha-2 beat Bravo 9-8 on Thursday night at Linton Field. The Dragons, defending post champions, stayed unbeaten and advanced to the postseason tournament final scheduled Aug. 2.

"Only thing left now is to finish what we started," Coppage said.

The Dragons needed a strong finish against Bravo this time. They erased an 8-7 deficit by rallying for two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

"Just like we always do," Headquarters & Alpha-2 coach and left-center Michael Shambaugh said. "This is a team effort with team players picking up players who aren't hitting. That's what this team is about."

"One word I'd say: teamwork," third baseman Stan Littleton said. "Just pulling it together and never quitting, never giving up. Playing with your heart, put-

ting your heart into it."

Rob White had a triple for Headquarters & Alpha-2, which improved to 13-0 overall including three straight wins in the postseason.

Matthew Patterson homered for Bravo (10-3).

"We just didn't hit the ball," Bulldogs coach and pitcher Lee Diaz said. "They walked me every time. It's a hitter's game. I'm not taking anything away from them, they played a good game. We made a lot of errors at crucial moments. We should've won the game but we'll see them again."

The annual All-Star game against NASA is scheduled 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at Linton Field. Redstone, led by the post cham-

pion coach, is to have two players from each troop team.

Results from the postseason tournament include:

• **July 25** – Bravo def. 326th 18-3, NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha-1 14-13 and Marines def. MEDDAC 19-3.

• **July 26** – Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. Charlie 17-7, Bravo def. NCO Academy 15-5 and 326th def. Headquarters & Alpha-1 18-8.

• **July 27** – Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. Marines 19-15 and Charlie def. MEDDAC 25-12.

• **July 28** – Headquarters & Alpha-2 def. Bravo 9-8, Marines def. 326th 11-10 and NCO Academy def. Charlie 16-6.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**LOW FEELING**— Bravo pitcher Lee Diaz fields Rob Coppage's bunt single in the second inning of Headquarters & Alpha-2's 9-8 win Thursday.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PREPARATIONS**— Joe Reed, left, and Mike Potter prepare Linton Field on July 25 for the softball playoffs.

# Senior aviation NCOs share tips for field

*Symposium focuses on latest doctrine*

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They arrived from Afghanistan and Iraq, from stateside and elsewhere throughout the world.

These senior aviation non-commissioned officers converged on Redstone for the Aviation Senior NCO Symposium 2005 from July 25-28. The annual event was co-sponsored by the Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone and the Aviation Center at Fort Rucker.

"Our focus is ensuring that the aviation brigade command sergeants major are brought up to date on the latest aviation branch information that deals with doctrine and training and personnel as well as the latest aviation and missile command information on equipment, aircraft systems and maintenance procedures," AMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn, the host, said.

"We get a chance to get feedback from the senior field on all those items we just outlined also," co-facilitator Command



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**POINT TO POINT—** Fort Rucker Command Sgt. Maj. Buford Thomas Jr. and Redstone Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn discuss logistics for last week's Aviation Senior NCO Symposium.

Sgt. Maj. Buford Thomas Jr. of the Aviation Center said.

The symposium's first day covered topics from the Aviation

Center, the second day from AMCOM and the third featured tours of Redstone's equipment items and systems.

"This has been an extraordinary week," Lunn said. "I believe we have met the intent that we set out for, and then some."

Thirty-eight senior aviation NCOs attended the event which had guest speakers in the electronic meeting system facility at the Sparkman Center. This is the second year Redstone has hosted a symposium specifically for senior aviation NCOs. Fort Rucker holds a conference for commanders and senior NCOs in January-February and has been doing so for the past 20 years.

"In my 29 years (of service) this is by far one of the best, if not the best, conference that I've attended," Thomas said.

Each participant received a disk of the briefings which were also mailed to those who could not attend.

"The major benefit is to have the senior aviation enlisted focusing on those big items that directly impact on fight-to-fight and impact Army transformation," Thomas said.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas and I have made it a point to ensure the aviation branch, the senior enlisted aviation NCOs, understand where aviation is going as well as ensuring we equip them for the future aviation systems, aviation doctrine and war-fighting techniques," Lunn said.

# Engineer builds reputation for installation support

*Parsons recognized as employee of year*

By DEBRA VALINE  
For the Rocket

Her claim to fame is that she starts new programs, gets them up and running and then hands them off. And she's very good at it. So good, in fact, that she has been named the first ever U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Installation Support Employee of the Year.

Sally Parsons, the transformation/base realignment and closure support program manager at the Huntsville Center, will receive the award from Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, USACE commander and chief of engineers, at a ceremony Aug. 10 in Grapevine, Texas, near Dallas.

"I am quite humbled and honored that I was selected to receive this award," Parsons said. "I received a message on my BlackBerry while I was in a meeting that I needed to call Col. (John) Rivenburgh (Huntsville



Courtesy photo

**Sally Parsons**

Center commander). My first thought was, 'what has blown up?' When he told me that I had been selected for this award, I breathed a big sigh of relief."

"Ms. Parsons' enlightened leadership and managerial skills, expertise and breadth of experience have resulted in her being entrusted to lead the most urgent and important programs in the Installation Support Center of Expertise," said her supervisor Stephen Lewis, who nominated

her for the award. "She is the consummate professional, committed to mentoring her peers and many others, to providing quality, on-time support to the Army and DoD installation communities, resulting in improved working and living conditions for our Soldiers, families and civilians."

Parsons got her start at the Huntsville Center 13 years ago in the Engineering Division. "Most people in Huntsville Center have a construction background, but my background is in space station," said Parsons, who has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama-Huntsville. "I did hypervelocity impact analyses on space station shielding to prevent micrometeoroid penetrations."

Before she started work at HNC, Parsons worked for a research and development contractor (Control Dynamics) doing work for NASA. "It was nice to be able to continue working the space program with the Army," she said.

Parsons now works in installation support. "I am the program manager who starts new programs," she said. "I started the Access Control Point Equipment Program and got it running. John Griggs came in and took over that program and he has been doing a super job."

She developed and led a virtual worldwide team in planning, integrating, managing and implementing the \$300 million ACP-E Program to provide DA-approved ACP equipment to all Army installations worldwide, according to Lewis. "The facts that the program is now being completed ahead of schedule and within budget are testaments to the superb planning, processes and discipline she instituted to this key Army program," Lewis said.

"After just over a year in that program, I started the Army Facilities Reduction Program with Harold Merschman," Parsons said. The objective of that program is to reduce the maximum amount of excess facilities at Army installations through

demolition and deconstruction of buildings and structures, for the best value, in a reduced amount of time to produce clean sites consistent with environmental and safety requirements.

"Now I am working on the Army Transformation and BRAC programs," Parsons said. "We are supporting USACE, ACSIM (Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management) and IMA (the Installation Management Agency) with facility planning, programming, acquisition planning and lease/buy analyses."

She is integrating the execution of more than 90 brigade level requirements analyses and planning charrettes as Army installations plan to receive more than \$40 billion in facilities over the next six years to support the Army Modular Force, Global Posturing Initiative and BRAC 2005 stationing initiatives.

"Ms. Parsons' career is marked by outstanding contributions to support installation public work activities," Lewis said.

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Imagine you have been tasked to prepare an inspiring presentation for any of the following groups: a graduation for a training course at Redstone Arsenal; a retirement sendoff for a military officer or an Army civilian; a conference with Department of Defense contractors; or a meeting with representatives of the Army, Navy or Air Force. You plan to incorporate an appropriate song, quotation or video in the presentation, but it appears to be copyright protected. The following questions and answers apply to the presentation.

Can you legally incorporate all or part of a copyright protected song, poem, written article, computer program or visual display without obtaining the copyright owner's permission to use prior to the presentation? Probably not, although limited exceptions exist.

Can you contact the copyright owner and ask for permission to use? Of course, but please obtain written permission to use the material by fax or by letter received by you or your office. Written permission should be signed by someone with authority to grant permission to use the material. Verbal approvals may be offered over the phone, but mean nothing later if not verified in writing.

Will it cost your office some money to use the material in your presentation? It may, and use of federal funds for purchase of a license should be related to our mission. Not all copyright owners give free permission to use their material, even if users or recipients are Army representatives.

Can you incorporate all or part of a copyright protected song, poem, written article or visual display without obtaining approvals from Public Affairs, Operational Security, Intelligence and Security, and the Legal Office at Redstone Arsenal, and without receiving written approval for use from the owner? Sure, but the public presentation will violate copyright law, and undoing the violation is not possible

later. Payment of monetary damages is one legal remedy allowed by copyright law, if your office receives a "Notice of Intent to file suit" from the owner or their lawyer alleging infringement.

Let us consider the laws and regulations for copyright protection of a song, poem, written article, book, computer program or visual display. The laws relating to copyright protection are found at U.S. Code, Title 17, 101, et seq., and specifically at 101 (Definitions), 102 (Subject Matter), 106 (Exclusive Rights), 107 (Limitations on Exclusive Rights; Fair use); and 501 (Infringement of Copyright). Basically, a copyright subsists in original works of authorship when fixed in any tangible medium of expression, whether registered or not with the U.S. Copyright Office. The material belongs to the author of the original work. Permission to use material is provided only by the creator/author, or by his/her legal representative, except for exemptions classified as "fair use." The determination of what qualifies as fair use is neither simple nor easy and should be completed by the Intellectual Property Law Group.

The Army has issued regulations relating to Intellectual Property, and specifically relating to copyrights and trademarks, at Army Regulation 27-60, Chapter 4, section 4-1 (Copyright Policy). The regulation states, "As a general rule, copyright works will not be reproduced, distributed, or performed without the permission of the copyright owner unless such use is within an exception under U.S. Copyright Law, 17 U.S.C., or such use is required to meet an immediate, mission-essential need for which non-infringing alternatives are either unavailable or

unsatisfactory. Use of a copyrighted work by the Army without permission of the owner must be approved by the IPCA." (The term IPCA stands for Intellectual Property Counsel of the Army, located in Headquarters.)

How long should you expect a review of a proposed use of material will take by the Public Affairs Office, Operational Security Office, and the Legal Office at Redstone Arsenal? It is advised that review of the proposed presentation begin as early as possible before the date of the presentation, due to the internal approval process taking at least a few weeks, and the external approval process lasting up to three months or more if all owner approvals are obtained for each corporate entity representing the owner. Some popular recording artists have assigned the copyright in each song to two or more corporate entities and the recording artists individually cannot give permission to use the song without obtaining approvals from each corporate entity holding a portion or all of the publishing rights to each song.

In summary, prepare that inspirational presentation early, and submit the presentation with music or video clips to the Public Affairs Office, Operational Security Office, Intelligence and Security Directorate, and the Legal Office at least two weeks prior to the presentation. If you choose to obtain copyright licenses yourself before the date of presentation, please obtain all licenses from each copyright owner/representative by a written approval notice. Please provide a copy of each written approval notice to the AMCOM Legal Office. If you have questions, please call the Legal Office at 876-8922 or 876-1123.

## Sports & Recreation

### Female volleyball

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

### Youth football

The Monrovia Football League will host the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition sponsored by the Tennessee Titans at 9 a.m. Saturday 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 classes

Redstone Flotilla boating skills and sea-

manship safety course will be held 6:30-8:30 each Thursday night from Aug. 11 to Sept. 22 at building 3305 on Zeus Drive, room 215. Fee is \$25 to cover material costs. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's exam. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cell 527-4475.

### Youth volleyball clinic

Youth Sports is offering a free Volleyball Clinic for ages 8-18 on Saturday 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 Friday.

### Babe Ruth baseball

Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the Fall Ball Season on Aug. 6, 13 and 20 from 9 a.m. to noon, and players ages 13 to 18 as of April 31,

2006 are invited. The Babe Ruth parks and their primary contacts are: Central Division, Brahan Springs, Bud Gambrell 564-5612; Northern Division, Mastin Lake, Dewayne Friend 830-7077; Southern Division, Sandhurst, Tim Harrison 544-3180; and Eastern Division, Optimist Park, Ken Farnell 534-5060.

### Golf tournament

The annual American Society of Military Comptrollers golf tournament is Aug. 26 with a shotgun start 8:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. The individual cost is \$30, \$15 if a member of RSA golf course. Practice balls and carts are included in the cost. Contests include closest to the pin and longest drive. ASMC invites anyone to participate. To sign up call Kim Stenberg 955-0011, Rick Lindsey 313-3440 or Bob Popour 842-2297 by Aug. 18.

## 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 Roup (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 Development Symposium on Sept. 15 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. This year's theme is "Achieving Superior Results Through Project Management Excellence." Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities are available. Information can be requested via e-mail from [pds@northalabamapmi.org](mailto:pds@northalabamapmi.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/>.

### Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants



Photo by Mindy Shelton

## Reset recap

**Col. Ray Woolery, aviation reset program manager, discusses the reconstitution of Army aviation assets that have been engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom at the luncheon July 14 for American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter.**

meets Aug. 9 at the Holiday Inn Select (formerly Huntsville Hilton), Sun Room of Lofton's. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. Willie Alexander, of Alexander's Intervention/Response System, is to speak on "How to Become a More Effective Leader." Cost is \$16.50 for members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 for full-time undergraduate students. For more information, call 830-0377 or e-mail [royerfe@juno.com](mailto:royerfe@juno.com).

### Space and missile defense

The eighth annual Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition is Aug. 15-18 at the Von Braun Center. This year's theme is "Weaving the Fabric of Global Security - the Technology Threads." For more information call the SMDC Public Affairs Office, Dottie White 955-1640 or Bill Congo 955-2171. All media must register to attend.

### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting Aug. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Emily Vandiver, president of the Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, is to speak on "AUSA - Supporting the Soldier." For tickets - \$10 members, \$11 non-members - see your organization representative or call Kim Jean 876-7208 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

### Marine Corps league

Marine Corps League 820, Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue. All former, retired, active or inactive Marines are invited. The next meeting is Aug. 9. For information visit the web site [Bwmarines820@aol.com](mailto:Bwmarines820@aol.com).

### Hispanic heritage panel

The Equal Employment Opportunity office invites all the individuals interested

in participating in the planning, coordination and execution of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. The meeting is 11 a.m. Aug. 11 at the Garrison EEO office, building 111, room 124. For more information, call Adriano Vasquez 876-8946 or Maria Taylor 313-6868.

### Mothers of multiples

Huntsville Area Mothers of Multiples Club, a non-profit support group for mothers of twins, triplets, and higher-order multiples, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 301 Drake Ave. southeast. For more information, call 518-8015.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will meet Aug. 18 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

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### Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

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

### Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](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 Saturday 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. Also see Joe Nemechek's No. 1 Army NASCAR car. General admission tickets are \$18 and VIP tickets are \$60. For more information, call 876-4531.

### 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.

### Chapel rally

Rally Day at Bicentennial Chapel is Sunday. 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.

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## Boss night

Boss Night is Friday at 4 p.m. at Officers and Civilians Club with theme "Jailhouse Rock." Cost is \$5.50 per ticket in advance or \$7 at the door. Tickets are available through the club, unit command sergeants major and first sergeants.

## Quarterly retirement event

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate. If you would like to participate, call Sgt. 1st Class Russell Kimball 876-2819 by Sept. 8. Retirement ceremonies are scheduled Dec. 15, March 23 and June 22.

## Native American drum

Native American Drum Class is every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Max Luther Learning Center, 301-A Max Luther Dr. This class is intended for all ages who want to learn the art of Native American drumming. Children are encouraged to attend this free event. Call 655-2125 for information.

## Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives include: Aug. 4 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400; Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Post Exchange; Aug. 11 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ground-Based Mid-course Defense (5000 Bradford Drive) and 7-12:30 at Sparkman Center; Aug. 12 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers; Aug. 18 from 7-noon at building 6263; Aug. 19 from 7-noon at building 5681, 8-12:30 at Army offices at 106 Wynn Drive and 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316; and Aug. 25 from 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220.

## PX celebration

The Post Exchange will celebrate the annual Redstone Retiree's Day, Aug. 27 beginning at 2 p.m. The first 500 customers at 2 p.m. will receive a free bag of Exchange select products. Register to win a \$500 shopping spree, one of 10 Gerber hunting knives or one of five 200 unit phone cards. A scavenger hunt will be held at 3 p.m. "Win great prizes," a prepared release said. "Watch your register tapes for stars, if you have a star on it, you will win a \$5 gift card on the spot! Watch for instant rebates throughout the store."

## Women's equality luncheon

The combined Federal Women's Programs of the local area will present the annual Women's Equality Day luncheon and awards ceremony Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Stacye Coate, attorney and the 2005 Business and Professional Woman of the Year for Tennessee. Tickets cost \$11.50 and can be purchased from the following: Carol Toney of OPM 837-1271 (ext. 6), Demetria Cruz of AMCOM 955-7041, Billie Swinford of NASA 544-0087, Mary Peoples of SMDC 955-4275, John Brown of COE 895-1725, Becky Miller of Garrison 876-9223 and Louise Pickett of MSIC 313-7641. For special accommodations, call Becky Miller 876-9223. All are invited.

## Health center day

Fox Army Health Center will celebrate Organization Day on Friday. Clinics will curtail regular services at 11 a.m. to allow maximum participation at this event. Clinic coverage for urgent care will be available in the Primary Care Clinic until 4:30 p.m. The Pharmacy, Lab and Radiology will be minimally staffed. Care advice is available after hours by calling the health center 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																		
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<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																										
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					
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					
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	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					
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	X					
SCBK05644765	Accountant (IRE)	8-Aug-05	SMDC	GS-0510	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X																		
SCBK05713514	Budget Technician (OA)	8-Aug-05	AMCOM G8	GS-0561	6	6	30,923 - 40,201						X													
SCBK0696620	Secretary (OA)	8-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0318	6	6	30,923 - 40,201	X							X		X	X	X		X					
SCBK05716581	Secretary (OA)	8-Aug-05	CofE Huntsville	GS-0318	5	5	27,742 - 36,069								X		X	X	X		X					
SCBK05731602	Electronics Engineer	9-Aug-05	RDECOM	DB-0855	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05731602D	Electronics Engineer	9-Aug-05	RDECOM	DB-0855	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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	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	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					
SCBK05706804	Lead Logistics Management Specialist	10-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																		
SCBK05706809	Logistics Management Specialist	10-Aug-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X										X		X					
WTST05730528	Security Specialist	10-Aug-05	AMC	GG-0080	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05722892	Supv Engineering Tech	10-Aug-05	TMDE	NJ-0802	4	4	60,955 - 94,229	X	X																	
SCBK05640861D	Supv Supply Systems Analyst	10-Aug-05	IMMC	NH-2003	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05682420	Technical Support Assistant (OA)	10-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0303	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	X	X																	
SCBK05728064	Security Guard	11-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0085	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	X	X										X		X					
SCBK05728064D	Security Guard	11-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0085	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05717838	Oil Analysis Management Specialist	12-Aug-05	LOGSA	GS-0301	13	13	72,486 - 94,229								X		X	X			X					
SCBK05717838D	Oil Analysis Management Specialist	12-Aug-05	LOGSA	GS-0301	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05708974	Supv Information Technology Specialist	13-Aug-05	CHRA CPOC	GS-2210	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																		
SCBK05716401	IT Specialist (APPSW)	15-Aug-05	TMDE	GS-2210	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X																	
SCBK05672075	Supervisory Equipment Specialist	15-Aug-05	TMDE	NH-1670	4	4	85,656 - 130,988								X		X	X			X					
SCBK05672075D	Supervisory Equipment Specialist	15-Aug-05	TMDE	NH-1670	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05685360	Lead Contract Specialist	16-Aug-05	ACQ Center	GS-1102	13	13	72,486 - 94,229								X		X	X			X					
SCBK05661597	Supv IT Specialist	25-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-2210	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X																	
SCBK05732245	Program Analyst	29-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0343	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05732245D	Program Analyst	29-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0343	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK05621863	Aerospace Engineer	16-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X					

<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USA.JOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																						
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	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	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	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	X	
WTST05730528	Security Specialist	10-Aug-05	AMC	GG-0080	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK05640861D	Supv Supply Systems Analyst	10-Aug-05	IMMC	NH-2003	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK05728064D	Security Guard	11-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0085	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	X	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	X	
SCBK05732245D	Program Analyst	29-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0343	14	15	85,656-130,988	X	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	X	

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

**A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.**

**B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).**

**C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).**

**D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)**

**E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)**

**F - All Federal Employees**

**H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)**

**I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)**

**R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)**

**T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)**

**V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).**

**U - All U.S. citizens**

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

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

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