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# Forty years service and counting

## Patriot missile system has family reunion

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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There were hugs, handshakes and friendly waves. Smiles and nods between people who hadn't seen each other in years.

This was the 40th anniversary of the Patriot missile system; and it had all the feel of a family reunion. Four decades of service were recognized for the air defense system that became world famous for knocking down Saddam's Scuds during the first Persian Gulf War.

"It's one of the world's premier systems in the U.S. inven-

tory and the only combat-proven tactical ballistic missile defense system in the world today," Col. John Vaughn, the Lower Tier project manager, said.

An estimated more than 600 people attended the Aug. 16 event, organized by the Lower Tier Project Office, with activities at the Rustic Lodge and the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area.

"I think it's great," said Felix Bivens, 69, who worked at the then Patriot Project Office from 1978 to 2002. He couldn't recall anything that stood out from his years with the project but said "it was a very enjoyable experience."

Lelan Perry began working on Patriot logistics in 1970 and joined the project office in 1976. He retired in 1988 and

worked as a contractor until a couple of years ago when he became a consultant. He too enjoyed seeing familiar faces at the celebration.

"Just the success the Patriot has managed to have," he said of his fondest memory.

Several members of the Patriot family described their recollections during a mid-morning program at the lodge. The missile defense system was originally called SAM-D; and the project office was formed in 1965. The fledgling program had to overcome many tests and prove the novel air defense concept of literally striking down a bullet with a bullet.

"The program had to be approved by the secretary of defense," recalled retired Maj. Gen. Charles Means, who

served as project manager from 1973-77.

He named it Patriot after the New England football team in the nation's bicentennial year of 1976. Means remembered being asked about the name; and his answer drew laughter and applause from the filled lodge.

"I said 'You can't kill a Patriot in '76,'" he recalled.

A.Q. Oldacre served as deputy project manager for Patriot during Operation Desert Storm and was responsible for Patriot Advanced Capability-3. "In my tenure of about 10 years as the deputy, that (Desert Storm) has to be the defining event," he said.

As Saddam Hussein threatened U.S. forces with his line

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## Patriot system history

1960-mid 1965	Studies and Program Definition
Mid 1965-mid 1967	Contract Definition (RCA, Hughes, Raytheon)
Mid 1967-1971	Contract Awarded to Raytheon; Advanced Development
1971-mid 1980	Engineering Development (Proof-of-Principle Program)
Mid 1980-2005	Production and Fielding



ON DISPLAY— Patriot launcher sits on static display near the Rustic Lodge and recreation area.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

# An open lane random survey

*Why is it important to give blood?*

By **KELLEY LANE**  
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**Marc Johnson**  
DoD civilian

**"We need it. There's not enough on hand. Blood is a nonrenewable resource. You can't drill a hole and get more out of the ground. It has to come from people."**

**Cpl. Dustin Chedeste**  
Kilo Battery 2/14 Marine Reserve

**"It saved my life."**



**Inge Kuberg**  
NASA

**"It saves lives. It saves servicemembers."**

**Lance Cpl. Jimmy Avery**  
Kilo Battery 2/14 Marine Reserve

**"People who don't know how important it is to give blood will never understand it until they need it themselves. Then they understand that it is giving life."**



## Quote of the week

**'L**ife is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.'  
— *Danny Kaye*

# Letters to the Editor

## Countdown for Gate 3

**J**ust wondering how much longer the Redstone Road gate (3) will be closed. It doesn't look like any work had been done for the last week and a half (no activity).

**Keith Sidwell**  
Logistics Support Activity

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Construction began on Gate 3 on July 19. The temporary closing of Gate 3 and opening of Gate 2 is allowing us to expedite the project; we anticipate completion in 180 calendar days. As of today, we are 30 days into the project, therefore expect Gate 3 to be closed at least another 150 calendar days."*

*"While it may not be noticeable, much site preparation for the building and underground utility work has been accomplished. More visible work will begin soon."*

## Remember history of women's rights

**O**nly a generation ago an American woman could legally be paid less for her time and talent solely because of her gender. Today women defend America side by side with men in a host of capacities where they can compete equally and accomplish their missions.

Since the earliest days of American democracy, women have taken pride and found purpose in pursuing equality. And women have always been there in American history. "There" may have been tending a wounded Soldier, providing food and water for hungry troops, or pouring tea/punch at a social.

As America has grown stronger and more self-assured, women have earned many rights and privileges. Today we reap the benefits made possible by the pioneers who made difficult sacrifices for equality, freedom and justice for all. Today, women exercise freely many of the basic rights of citizenship spelled out in the Declaration of Sentiments, signed at Seneca Fall, N.Y., in July 1848.

Crafted by such giants of American history as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Mary Ann McClintock and Frederick Douglass, the Declaration of Sentiments unequivocally affirms that all men and women are created equal and deserve equal treatment under the

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## Article drives home point

**R**egarding your article titled "Introduction to Safe Driving," *Redstone Rocket* edition Aug. 10:

I must compliment Kim Henry on this very clear, informative article. All drivers need to be reminded of the basic rules of good driving, as we are never retested once we get our licens-

es and also because over the years the rules change. The article didn't preach, didn't scold, didn't use scare tactics ... simply told us facts to help keep ourselves alive. Good job!

**Carolyn Cunningham**  
program security, PEO Aviation  
Special Programs Office

## Temporary placards serve purpose

**I**recently purchased a new vehicle. After doing all the required license and insurance changes, I headed to get a new access sticker for my car. I was surprised when I was told that they ran out of year '06 stickers and would not be getting any before next year due to budget problems. Instead I received a paper placard with my 2006 expiration date. On top of that I was told not to leave it on my dash because it will fade. I asked if it is required to have it on my dash while parked on post but was told no, because it will fade. I'm not comfortable not identifying my vehicle as registered and authorized to be parked on post. I would imagine it would get Redstone security's interest if they drove by my vehicle and saw no sticker or parking pass on my dash. With all the emphasis on security, and money being spent on keeping the post secure, how much more can year '06 stickers cost?

*is currently not issuing CY '06 DD Form 2220s (privately owned vehicle decals) for various reasons. Primarily, the office has run out of DD Form 2220 decals as well as the corresponding expiration tabs. So, due to the fact that we are out of stock, that we are currently experiencing a funding shortfall within the Garrison and we are scheduled to undergo rebadging of all assigned personnel in FY '06 (expiration dates on vehicle decals correspond to Security Badge expiration dates), we decided to issue a temporary placard which serves the same purpose until such time as our decal stock can be replenished. These placards are for the inside of the windshield and are good for one year or until such time as we are able to replenish our DD Form 2220 stock. These placards are to be placed on the inside of the windshield of privately owned vehicles on the dashboard so they are easily visible and readable. These placards will not fade as they are made with a wax impregnated ink that resists fading. All of this information has been reiterated to the employees at the Vehicle Registration and Badging Office to ensure proper information dissemination to the work force."*

Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your inquiry and the ability to clarify this issue. The Vehicle Registration and Badging Office*

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# Getting to know you

By KELLEY LANE  
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**Name:** Patty McMoo

**Job:** Grounds Maintenance and Fertilization

**Where do you call home?**  
Auburn

## What do you like about your job?

The dress code is very relaxed, so I can wear leather whenever I want. I get an alternative work schedule and I really enjoy meeting the people. Sometimes the boss really cracks the whip and we feel like this job has branded us for life. It's still pretty great though, unless there's a stampede for lunch.

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

I make milkshakes and pies. I like to go to the movies a lot. I'm also trying salsa dancing to keep up my girlish figure.



## What are your goals?

I'd like to get people to eat more chicken. I also hope to finish my doctorate degree in physical fitness at Auburn University and move up the ranks here.

## What's your favorite football team?

I'm not much of a football fan, but I guess I would say the Texas Longhorns. I'm more of a basketball girl. I'm a big Bulls fan, even if the last season was total b.s.

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

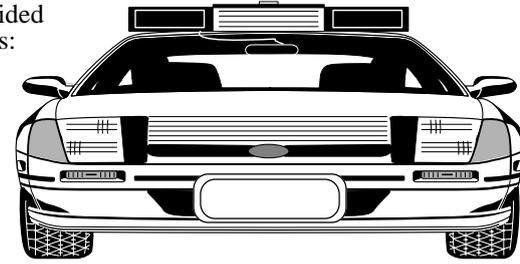
**Aug. 11:** An individual reported that someone removed money from her tip jar from her place of employment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Aug. 13:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol when he was involved in a traffic accident. He was issued one DD Form 1805 and placed in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

**Aug. 13:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued one DD Form 1805 and placed in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

**Aug. 15:** An individual reported that someone removed a generator from a construction site. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Aug. 16:** An individual was found to have outstanding arrest warrants from



Madison County District Attorneys Office. He also could not pay for a taxi cab and was charged with theft of services. He was processed and released to Madison County District Attorneys Office. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Aug. 16:** An individual reported that she was harassed in the post housing area. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 13 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 communicating a threat, 2 driving under the influence.

## Thoughts on Women's Equality Day

### Women

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law. Just as those concerned citizens struggled not only for their own future but also for ours, so must we too rise above selfish concerns to better our own positions and secure the welfare of generations to come.

As women strive to break glass ceilings and reach the top of our professions, we must weigh the costs and benefits. As we spend more time in meetings to steer the decision-making process, do we also spend less time with our children and shuttle them off to fast food restaurants? Do we sacrifice our roles as parents in our drive for professional success? How would the pioneers of women's rights view our achievements and the price we pay?

Whatever our agendas may be, we should strive to meet the challenges of our times with candor and clarity. Whether women or men, we are only human with selfish interests at the root of

our nature. Whatever our accomplishments, we must not forget how we have reached where we are today.

We must continue to move forward with an eye on the legacy we are creating for those who will come after us. Let us honor in our own actions the truth of our convictions and the convictions of those determined women and men who set out to make equality for women a reality in America.

Whether a woman or a man, as a citizen of the free world everyone should claim and practice the rights that are his or hers. Nevertheless, one must remember how those rights were won and are to be preserved. We owe it to our children to pass down the banner of honesty and equality that they may bear as their own standard in the further pursuit of those rights that those who came before have passed down to us.

May God bless those who defend and protect our rights! The "Victory" will be ours!

**Kum Cha "K.C." Bertling**  
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center



Courtesy photo

## Re-up for overseas

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury re-enlists Sgt. Ted Mueller for Korea.

# Tennessee native finds ministry at home



Photo by Erika Readus

**KEEP THE FAITH**— Garrison Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Lawrence, right, provides guidance to a Soldier at Bicentennial Chapel.

## Garrison chaplain arrives from Korea

By ERIKA READUS  
For the Rocket

When Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Lawrence signed in at Redstone Arsenal on June 10, it was like homecoming.

Lawrence had just finished a year unaccompanied tour in Korea.

"I'm from a place called Erin, Tenn. It's about 30 miles south of Clarksville and my mother still lives there," he said. "I have a strong connection to my hometown. My wife and I are both from there we even went to high school and college together and we will be married 35 years in September. We got married my second year in college."

In addition to being a husband, Lawrence is also a father.

"I have two adult daughters. My eldest, a speech pathologist, lives in Ohio and my youngest is a school teacher in Knoxville," he said. "I became a chaplain because of my father."

He was 13 when his father died in a car accident caused by a drunk driver.

"My father was a World War II veteran," Lawrence said. "He served in an infantry unit that was part of the Big Red 1; they saw a lot of action during the war. My father was wounded a couple of times and suffered from post traumatic stress disorder or PTSD but back then it was called shell shock. He even spent some time in the veterans hospital before the car accident that claimed his life. I was interested in what kind of help my father was given to cope with those two plus years of sustained combat and I wanted to help others who might find themselves in similar situations."

So he accepted his call to be an Army chaplain with the hope that he would help make a difference.

"I have had a good career and a good ministry," Lawrence said. "I have been on active duty since 1983. As an Army chaplain I have a unique ministry, a diverse ministry. I have had the opportunity to minister to different faith groups in different locations. I have blessed paratroopers as they have jumped out of airplanes, baptized Soldiers in the desert with a canteen and christened every type of Army vehicle, I've even jumped with them."

Lawrence has served at Fort Bragg, N.C., Germany, Honduras, Grenada-West

Indies, Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Walter Reed Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky., Puerto Rico, Fort Gordon, Ga., and Korea.

His most memorable tour was Fort Campbell, Ky.

"I was there five years," he said. "I was with an infantry unit and we were deployed a lot. It was my most difficult assignment mentally, physically and emotionally but it was also the assignment I enjoyed the most because of the esprit de corps."

Chaplains must be prepared for any environment, and Redstone is no exception.

"I've had a shift in the focus of my ministry. Now my focus is mostly retirees but they are still Soldiers, just retired Soldiers," Lawrence said. "I have a great respect for retirees. If it had not been for their sacrifice then we wouldn't be here."

"It's very different but this is where God put me and I am honored that he put me here in the Redstone community. My ministry is for Soldiers, civilians and retirees. I want to get the Redstone community excited about our faith; it's about hope not despair."

Lawrence also realizes the importance of the Bicentennial Chapel staff.

"There are people that have been in this chapel since it began in 1976," he said. "They have a vast amount of institutional knowledge and we are very blessed to have a good staff that maintains the continuity with chaplains rotating in and out every two to three years."

But he also makes time for his hobbies. "I am a big Tennessee fan," he said. "But right now I'm finishing up my doctoral dissertation on building parish councils. I also enjoy wood working and playing golf — although I'm terrible at it, I enjoy the fellowship."

But he will soon have to break from the links for a while.

"I'm having surgery on my hand to fix the carpal tunnel there," he said. "I also enjoy working in my yard with my wife. We keep a healthy yard. My wife has a green thumb, she is an absolute jewel. You know without our spouses we in the military would not do very well. They keep life running and take care of the houses and kids."

When asked what he saw as his legacy, he quoted II Timothy 4:7. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

He plans to continue this work at Redstone.

# Standard contracting system sets sail onto web

*Commodity commands using same instrument for buying weapons*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

Moving contracting into the 21st century is now a reality thanks to the Corporate Information Office and the Garrison having just completed transitioning the Procurement Automated Data and Document System from a client server to the web. PADDs provides a standardized method that will be used by all Army Materiel Command commodity commands in the preparation, recording, processing and maintaining of contractual instruments, whether in-house administered or assigned to a Defense Department contract administration service.

PADDs is the Army's standard contracting system for acquiring major weapon systems and their supporting logistical spare parts. As such, PADDs is deployed at six Army Materiel Command commodity commands: Aviation and Missile Command, Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, Field Support Command, Research Development and Engineering Command, and the Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command at both their Warren, Mich., and Rock Island, Ill. sites.

The AMCOM prototype began in May, lasting about 30 days with the remaining AMC major subordinate commands coming online in June and July. The early success in deploying what is understood to be the first web contracting system in the DoD was made possible by a dedicated and multi-faceted government and vendor support team consisting of: the AMCOM Corpo-

## Procurement Automated Data and Document System



## PADDs

rate Information Office providing software development; the Garrison providing architecture, network and hardware support; AMC MSC subject matter experts providing functional requirements definition and user testing; Computer Sciences Corporation providing configuration management and logistics modernization program commodity command standard system integration support; and AMC Office of Command Contracting providing project oversight.

"The biggest hurdle was to take the seven separate data bases and come up with a design to put them all together," Karen Fuemmeler of the Corporate Information Office said. "Also, making the application 508 compliant was a major challenge, as well as re-tooling the print process – the process that actually presents the contract to the end user.

"Adding each different location was easier from the previous addition. We learned the hard lessons from the AMCOM prototype testing period. For example, we are operating in a new architecture that no one else is using, with four servers and a load balancer."

Contract team lead Chris

Bone learned the importance of coordinating all interfaces for the applications at each site using data obtained from the system on the Arsenal. Put another way, each command has different and unique busi-

ness processes that had to be supported. As an example, supporting a tank is different from supporting a missile.

"We had to ensure that bridging efforts were managed closely to make sure that all the commands could have secure file transfer capabilities established," Bone said. "PADDs runs from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Our typical users are contract specialists, and PADDs makes it easier to help our user-customers, because logistically, we only have to maintain the software code in one place, which makes for faster accessibility. Plus, users can use PADDs from home."

The DOIM Garrison worked long and hard hours to make PADDs a reality, Fuemmeler said. Plus, in future

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Courtesy photo

## Sponsor appreciation

The International Military Student Office held a sponsor appreciation dinner Aug. 13 at the Officers and Civilians Club to formally recognize and thank sponsors who volunteer their time in support of international soldiers who train in the Huntsville area. From left are Maj. Hyun Su Park and Maj. Jin Won Jeong, both of Korea, and Gertrude Powell of Huntsville.

# American technology impresses student

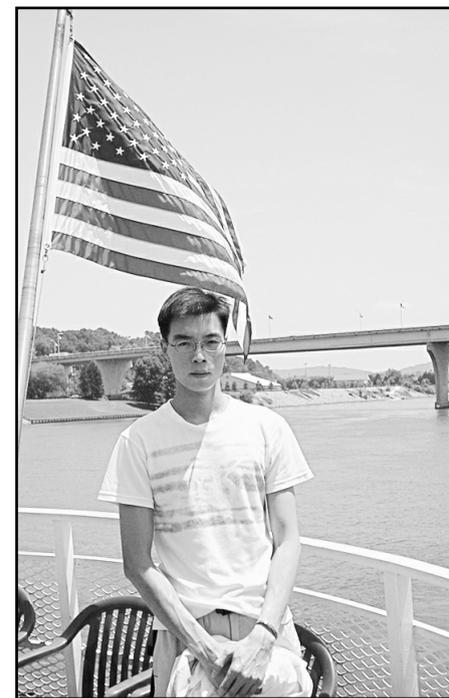
*Native of Taiwan completes course*

A Taiwanese military student has returned to his native country after taking the Avenger System Repair Course from April 11 through Aug. 19.

Master Sgt. Pei Yi Yang said he spent his time here studying, learning and going on trips.

"Very, very good technology," he said of America. "People are good. Land is great."

The International Military Student Office, assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company, provides activities for military students here for training. "They were kind and great," Yang said.



Courtesy photo

CRUISIN'— Master Sgt. Pei Yi Yang of Taiwan enjoys a ride on the Southern Belle Riverboat in Chattanooga.

# Tradition of Heroes on full display

If you know of Team Redstone employees, military and civilian, or their family members, who are serving this country in hostile areas or have served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Public Affairs Office wants to know.

“A Tradition of Heroes” display, located in the Sparkman Center, first floor, building 5300 and the Garrison building 4488 in the main lobby, honors Team Redstone employees and family members serving in hostile areas of the world. “A Tradition of Heroes” stands as a reminder that the everyday freedom Americans enjoy was

not won, and is not maintained, without service and sacrifice.

Submit their name, Team Redstone organization or unit, and where they served or are serving, along with a photograph (5-by-7 preferred) to the Public Affairs Office, AMSAM-PA, Attn: Erika Readus, building 5300, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898. Provide your contact information with your submission including a return address if you would like to have your photograph returned. Photographs can also be e-mailed to [erika.readus@redstone.army.mil](mailto:erika.readus@redstone.army.mil).

For more information, call Readus at 876-5302.



Photo by Erika Readus

**LASTING TRIBUTE—** “A Tradition of Heroes” display in building 4488 honors Redstone employees and family members serving in hostile areas of the world.

## ■ Patriot family celebrates 40 years of service

### Patriot

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in the sand, the United States rushed to meet the air defense threat. “Six months later we had 500 (Patriot) missiles sitting over there in the Middle East,” Oldacre

said. “It wasn’t enough to satisfy us but it was enough to do the job. It was just a miracle we had that much time to actually get it there and get it there in the field.”

Patriots found success and fame by successfully defending against Iraq’s Scud missile attacks.

“The Patriot became a household word

overnight as you all know,” Oldacre said. “It did its job. It wasn’t perfect. We learned a lot.

“Patriot by and large did what we designed it to do. And it did miraculously because it wasn’t designed to do that job. So congratulations to all of you. Forty years later, still going strong.”

Retired Col. Steve Kuffner served as project manager in the mid to late 1990s between the two wars in Iraq. Current results reflect the system improvements and software upgrades after the first war. “The system’s that out there today for the second gulf war saved even more lives than the first,” Kuffner said. He credited the successes to the professionalism and dedication of the government and contractor team.

“Thanks to all of you for all you’ve done both here and continents far away from here in protecting Soldiers and people in their homelands,” Kuffner said, “because that’s what this system is all about.”

Retired Col. Tommie Newberry, who Vaughn succeeded as project manager in 2003, had the unique perspective of serving as part of the program’s development, testing and fielding and being protected by an actual Patriot intercept during Gulf War 2.

“My hat’s off to each and every one of you and the folks you represent,” he said.

Just like their namesake in the National Football League (defending champion New England), the Patriots are still on top of the world.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MEMORIES—** Former Patriot deputy project manager A.Q. Oldacre recalls Patriot’s service during the first gulf war.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GREETINGS—** Cardboard cutout of Lower Tier project manager Col. John Vaughn greets people arriving for the Patriot anniversary celebration program at the Rustic Lodge.

# Family history in the making

## Adopted youngster meets birth family

By JULIE FREDERICK  
For the Rocket

Who am I?  
Where did I come from?

These two questions have taken on new meaning for Loretta Ragland of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, since her 10-year-old daughter, Jonnaya, found out that she is adopted.

As any typical preteen would do, Jonnaya was eavesdropping on her parents' telephone conversation when she found out that Loretta and Ed Ragland were not her biological parents. The Raglands had adopted Jonnaya from an agency in Kingston, N.Y., in 1995 when she was 11 months old. They decided that they had a heart for children and to adopt after having temporary custody of a cousin's little girl, and custody was reinstated to the child's biological father. The decision was easy to reach; and after attending mandatory foster-parenting courses the Raglands were blessed with baby Jonnaya almost

nine months later.

After deciding, as a family, that they would initiate contact with the birth family, the entire search and contact phases took about a month. By the end of May, the Raglands were in touch with Jonnaya's biological great-grandmother, Marie Pearsall, who lived four hours away in McDonough, Ga. Pearsall was thrilled to learn that Jonnaya was interested in connecting with her birth family.

"It was really strange," Pearsall said. "I had had no new information on Jonnaya since she was 3 months old and I had recently been thinking about her. I had been wanting to know where she was and how she was doing for a while."

Within an hour of Pearsall giving permission to the social worker who handled Jonnaya's case for the Raglands to contact her, she was on the phone with Jonnaya's adoptive mother. Memorial Day weekend was coming and the two families agreed to get together for the holiday. The Raglands left that day to make the four-hour trip to McDonough. For Ed Ragland, the day of the meeting was both exciting and filled with concern for Jonnaya.

"It was nerve wracking," Ragland said,

"because we were all a little shy at first. I was more afraid for Jonnaya and what she would think than about how I felt, though. I would have taken her out of there immediately if she felt uncomfortable, but the trip ended up being very rewarding."

When the Raglands arrived in Georgia they were greeted by a mass of people. Pearsall had been so excited at the impending visit of her great-granddaughter that she had called all of the family members to come and meet her. The Raglands were greeted by almost 20 of Jonnaya's closest relatives; her great-grandmother, grandmother, birth mother, aunt and four of her nine siblings ranging in age from 19 to 2.

While the Raglands were a little more pensive about meeting her birth family, Jonnaya was not.

"It was exciting to meet my birth family," Jonnaya said. "I didn't get to meet everyone, but it was cool because they were all very nice and smart like me."

The combined objective of the two families was to teach Jonnaya about who she was and where she came from. The Raglands felt that knowing her birth family and knowing all her family history would be beneficial to Jonnaya. Luckily the feeling was mutual from Pearsall and the rest of the birth family. From the first day that they met, Jonnaya was shown pictures of family members and told stories that helped her relate more to the family that she was reconnecting with. To both families, history is an integral piece of knowledge that helps shape who Jonnaya will be.

The Raglands are thankful for Jonnaya's newly extended family and what they have to offer their daughter. Marie Pearsall is thankful for them.

"I think she (Jonnaya) is beautiful," Pearsall said. "I know that she was a miracle for them (the Raglands), and it is a blessing that she is so well taken care of. She is a blessed young woman."



Photo by Julie Frederick

**FULL STORY—** Jonnaya Ragland, 10, her adoptive father, Ed, and adoptive mother, Loretta, look at pictures of her biological family.

# Team unites Patriot, MEADS programs

*Three-nation effort develops next generation air defense*

The NATO Medium Extended Air Defense System Management Agency welcomed members of the newly established MEADS/Patriot Integration team into its Huntsville main office Aug. 1.

The MPI personnel are staff members of the Lower Tier Project Office and have extensive experience in the various technical disciplines of systems acquisition for the Patriot and MEADS programs.

Lower Tier is managing the Patriot/MEADS Combined Aggregate Program, an evolutionary development strategy to modernize the Patriot system with MEADS end items as they are developed and tested.

Tom McAdams leads the MPI team's efforts to serve as the "front-line" unit in synchronizing U.S. requirements with the tri-national development program. Physically locating the MPI team within NAMEADSMA will provide more real-time information exchange between the project office and NAMEADSMA and better posture the organization for the accelerated future fielding of MEADS major end-items into Patriot.



Courtesy photo

**STAFF MEMBERS—** In front row, from left, are Amy Hall, Pat Long and Ja-Neen Owens. In back are MPI team lead Tom McAdams and Maj. Gen. Thomas Gericke of the German Air Force, the NAMEADSMA general manager.

MEADS is a NATO managed tri-national program with the United States, Italy and Germany as participants, working to develop the next generation air defense system. The United States and Italy began the MEADS design and development phase in September 2004; and Germany formally joined the effort in May 2005. (Lower Tier Project Office release)

# Family receives memento of fallen aviator

*Pilot's station cyclic recovered from crash*

Logan Cowan proudly gripped the pilot's station cyclic of the AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter his father once flew.

Col. Richard Enderle, commander of the Aviation Center Logistics Command at Fort Rucker, presented the keepsake to 9-year-old Cowan and his mother, Kari, on Aug. 12 at their Enterprise home.

Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Cowan, an instructor pilot, and his company commander Capt. Dion Burmaz, from Placentia, Calif., were killed Feb. 26 when their AH-64D crashed during a training mission in the Twin Bridges Training Area near the demilitarized zone in the Republic of Korea. Both men were assigned to Company A., 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment at Camp Page.

Kari contacted the Aviation and Missile Command's Public Affairs Office with a request for the cyclic from her husband's aircraft for her son, just before the Cowan family laid Aaron's ashes to rest off of Hawaii with a burial at sea May 7. This was an unusual request, but one AMCOM said it would try to honor.

Once the Combat Readiness Center released the aircraft from their investigation

June 6, the wreckage was shipped from Korea to San Angelo, Texas. From there AMCOM was able to retrieve pilot's cyclic from aircraft 99-05153. The cyclic was presented to the Cowans in a wooden oak display box on behalf of AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury.

Logan, who has flown in an Apache flight simulator, was excited to receive the memento.



Photo by James Bullinger

**REMEMBERING PILOT—** Col. Richard Enderle, commander of the Aviation Center Logistics Command at Fort Rucker, makes a presentation to Logan and Kari Cowan. Instructor pilot Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Cowan was killed Feb. 26 in Korea.

# Servicemembers' civil relief law expands protections, rights

*Defense for those who defend U.S.*

By Capt. DANIEL PAPAJCIK  
Legal Assistance chief

What happens if you are on active duty, or you're a reservist/Guard member called to active duty, but you have financial or legal issues pending back home? What if you're overseas and can't make your credit card or mortgage payments? The Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, which expands the former Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, provides many protections for persons entering or called to active duty or deployed servicemembers.

The SCRA protections are intended to allow servicemembers to devote full attention to duty and to relieve stress on their dependents. This article will discuss only a few of the protections granted by the SCRA. Additional information is available in our office or via the legal assistance web site (<http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/lao.html>).

The SCRA covers active duty servicemembers, and reservists and National Guard while on active duty. SCRA protection begins on the date of entering active duty and generally terminates within 30 to 90 days after discharge from active duty.

The SCRA limits to 6 percent interest on certain credit obligations incurred by servicemembers prior to military service or activation to active duty. For instance, if a servicemember was paying 9 percent interest on an eligible pre-service debt and was thereafter called to or entered active duty, the SCRA entitles the servicemember to a reduced interest rate of 6 percent while on active duty if military service has materially affected the servicemember's ability to pay. A servicemember must provide the lending institution a copy of the active duty orders and submit a written request to reduce the interest rate to 6 percent. Interest must be reduced to 6 percent unless the lending institution proves in court the member's ability to pay the loan has not been materially affected by his military service.

A servicemember's home state will continue to tax his or her military pay. However, the SCRA provides that a nonresident servicemember's military income and personal property are not subject to state taxation if the servicemember is in the state only due to military orders. The state is also prohibited from using the military pay of the nonresident servicemember to increase the state income tax of the spouse. This means ad valorem taxes on

items such as vehicles are not collectible from servicemembers. In Alabama, servicemembers must submit an affidavit stating they are exempt from this taxation. This affidavit is available at our office or at any vehicle registration site in Madison County.

If a servicemember is a defendant in a civil court proceeding, the court may (note the word "may"), on its own motion, grant a 90-day stay (delay) in the proceedings. If the servicemember asks for a stay, the court must grant a minimum 90 day stay, if:

One, the servicemember submits a letter or other communication setting forth facts stating the manner in which current military duty requirements materially affect the servicemember's ability to appear and stating a date when the servicemember will be available to appear; and two, the servicemember submits a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding officer stating that the servicemember's current military duty prevents appearance and that military leave is not authorized for the servicemember at the time of the letter. The provision applies to civil lawsuits, suits for paternity, child custody suits, and bankruptcy debtor/creditor meetings, and administrative proceedings.

Servicemembers may seek protection from eviction under the SCRA. The rented/leased property must be occupied by the servicemember or his/her dependents for the purpose of housing, and the rent can not exceed \$2,465 (for 2005 — the actual amount is automatically adjusted each year, by the inflation rate). The servicemember or dependent who has received notice of an eviction must submit a request to the court for protection under the SCRA. If the court finds that the servicemember's military duties have materially affected his ability to pay his rent timely, the judge may order a stay, postponement, of the eviction proceeding for up to three months or make any other "just" order. This protection applies to leases signed by the servicemember or their dependents and does not require any additional clause in the lease.

The SCRA additionally protects servicemembers in the following areas: health insurance reinstatement; reforming and amending installment contracts and mortgage foreclosures; tolling the statute of limitations on some lawsuits; and stays of execution of judgments/attachments. If you have questions about your rights under the SCRA, please contact the Redstone Legal Assistance Office or visit our web site.

# Modern dining facility keeps winning tradition



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HOME COOKING—** The dining facility serves from 1,000 to 1,500 meals per day to the troops.

## Troop eatery wins regional award

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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Runner-up in the region last year. Regional winner the year before. The dining facility has a history of success in the annual Philip A. Connelly Awards Program for excellence in Army food service.

This year is no different.

The dining facility is the 2005 Southeast Region winner in the large garrison category and will represent the region in the Armywide competition in October.

"It all comes down to the staff that we have," Hal Weatherman, food program manager and contracting officer representative for the Garrison's Directorate of Logistics, said. "We have a great staff at K and K Food Service. They're the people that do the work."

K and K Food Service, out of Hopkinsville, Ky., employs 63 workers at the dining facility which serves from 1,000 to 1,500 meals per day to the troops. Dan Tyree is the facility's manager, and Dennis Hardin assistant manager. "These guys do a great and wonderful job," Weatherman said.

The facility operates 365 days a year. The new building opened in June 2004 and is twice the size of its predecessor which was destroyed.

"We're going to take care of the Soldier. That's my main goal," Weatherman said. "Ninety percent of our stuff is home cooking, from scratch."

Regional competitors included Redstone, Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Stewart, Ga., and Fort Campbell, Ky. Fort Benning, last year's winner, was runner-up. The Redstone facility was inspected July 26.

Weatherman expressed his appreciation to Flavoris Futch, the Southeast Region food service adviser for the Instal-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ANOTHER TROPHY DUE—** Food program manager Hal Weatherman shows the facility's regional awards for 2003-04 which will be joined soon by this year's first-place trophy.

lation Management Agency. The region office is at Fort McPherson, Ga. "I'd like to thank him and his staff for their guidance," Weatherman said.

The first place trophy is on its way from the region to the logistics directorate. An award ceremony will be scheduled here.

"There's about 350 Army dining facilities worldwide," Weatherman said. "That's what we'll run against; there should be seven contenders in October and they'll pick the best from us. So even if we don't win the worldwide, we're in about the top 5 percent in the Army right now."

The three-member Army inspection team, most likely two military and one civilian inspector, should arrive sometime between October and December. Weatherman has asked to be inspected Oct. 18 for this worldwide competition but a date hasn't been confirmed.

"It would be an honor to bring the best Army trophy award to Redstone Arsenal," he said. "We have been close so many times."

Past honors include 2004 regional runner-up, 2003 regional winner, Army Materiel Command winner for 1993-95 and AMC runner-up in 1992.

"This (facility) is a good one," Staff Sgt. Steve Anderson of 20th Special Forces said while waiting in line for lunch. "Got good food and it's cheap."

"The accommodations are nice," Sgt. Desi Washington of 20th Special Forces said. "The plasma screen (televisions). It's clean. Everybody's hospitality, got a good staff in here. It's modern, up to date."

# Infantrymen make difference in Abu Ghraib district

## Soldiers clean up youth soccer field

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq – Soldiers in Abu Ghraib district cleaned up a local soccer field for the children in their sector July 29.

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, attached to the 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, conducted the humanitarian effort.

“It’s really sad when you see kids walk around barefoot playing soccer in a trash-filled lot,” Spc. Jake Butler of 2/130th Infantry said.

Armed with two trailers, shovels, rakes, and trash bags, the Soldiers of 2/130th Infantry began the task of clearing years of neglect from the small lot.

Many of the infantrymen, some who volunteered on their day off, realized their goodwill gesture may be overlooked, but if their work brings happiness to even one child, then their effort will have been worth it.

The desire to make a difference for the children prompted one member of the team, Cpl. Samuel Shehorn, to coordinate



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**RIGHT ON GOAL—** Spc. Jake Butler defends the goal against an Iraqi boy during the unit’s humanitarian mission in Abu Ghraib July 29.

the effort to visit and set up a soccer field for the kids.

“Back at home, I have two girls who can go play soccer anytime,” Shehorn said. “Over here,

the older kids use the soccer field while the younger ones play in a small trash-filled lot.”

Bothered by the fact that small children played in a trash

dump, Shehorn gathered soccer supplies, coordinated the construction of goals and planned with his company commander, Capt. Eric Kampwerth, to visit

the small “soccer” lot along with his platoon.

“This is a fantastic example of what Soldiers are capable of doing if you allow them to,” Kampwerth said. “I can’t say enough about these men. They’ve always done extremely well and it’s gratifying to see them and perform what they want to do.”

“What we’re doing is showing the kids we care,” Shehorn said. “If the area looks good, the kids may get a little pride in their surroundings (and keep the area up).”

After their trailers were loaded down with broken glass, stones, and hundreds of pounds of trash, the infantrymen got out the soccer balls and played with the children.

“The Soldiers enjoy playing with the kids,” said 2nd Lt. Henry Mullins, platoon leader, B Co., 2/130 Infantry. “When we interact with the kids, people see that we’re out to do positive things.”

*Editor’s note: This Army News Service story was submitted by Spc. Ricardo Branch, Task Force Baghdad public affairs officer.*

## Rocket attacks miss U.S. Navy ships

By SAMANTHA QUIGLEY  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – No U.S. sailors or Marines were injured in an apparent rocket attack Friday that missed two U.S. Navy ships in the Red Sea port of Aqaba, Jordan, officials reported.

“At approximately 8:44 a.m. local time, a suspected mortar rocket flew over the USS Ashland’s bow and impacted in a warehouse on the pier in the vicinity of the Ashland and the USS Kearsarge,” U.S. 5th Fleet officials said in a statement. “The warehouse sustained an approximate 8-foot hole in the roof of the building.”

According to news reports, a Jordanian soldier was killed and another severely wounded when the rocket hit the warehouse. A second rocket hit near a Jordanian hospital and a third partially exploded, damaging a road and a car. A third rocket reportedly landed in the nearby Israeli city of Eilat, with no casualties and only minor damage.

The ships were in Aqaba supporting the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit training with the Jordanians, fleet officials said. The two ships, which appeared to be undamaged by shrapnel from the building, have left the port. The Ashland is an amphibious landing ship; the Kearsarge is an amphibious assault ship that also serves as command ship of an amphibious ready group.

The U.S. military said the attack is under investigation. News sources cite a Jordanian government release that states three Katyusha rockets were fired from a warehouse in Aqaba close to the port.

Information available on the web said the Katyusha was originally a World War II-era Soviet rocket. However, references now to the weapon mean not just one type of rocket, but a whole range of different artillery rockets, whether from old Soviet or other-nation stock. The Katyusha reportedly has been used in a number of insurgencies, including those in Iraq.

## Congressmen tour Humvee up-armor site in Kuwait

By CHUCK SPRAGUE  
Army News Service

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – Congressional representatives toured the Forward Repair Activity at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 16 to see how tactical vehicles are repaired and up-armored.

To date, the facility has repaired and up-armored more than 32,000 vehicles, and re-built more than 800 engines on tactical vehicles.

Army and Navy civilians, Soldiers and contract civilians in theater have installed thousands of armor kits and air conditioners on tactical vehicles for use in Iraq and Afghanistan, returning more than \$32 million of serviceable major components to the Army’s supply system there.

Brig. Gen. Kevin Leonard, commander of the Army Materiel Command, Southwest Asia, conducted the tour at the Arifjan facility, one of several forward repair centers AMC oversees in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Qatar.

Representatives Steve King; 5th District, Iowa; Henry Cuellar, 28th District, Texas; Charles Dent; 15th District, Pennsylvania; Michael Burgess; 26th District, Texas; Bradley Knox; principal staff member of the House Small Business Committee, and Dean Popp, the principal deputy, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, were shown where engines and transmissions are re-built and where Army tactical vehicles are up-armored by Army civilian employees.

Soldiers of the 7th Transportation Group, who

drive armored convoy trucks into Iraq, were also at the FRA to visit briefly with the delegation.

AMC has overall responsibility for all of the Army’s pre-positioned equipment inventory and repair. The Arifjan site is run by the Tank Automotive and Armaments Command, known as TAA-COM.

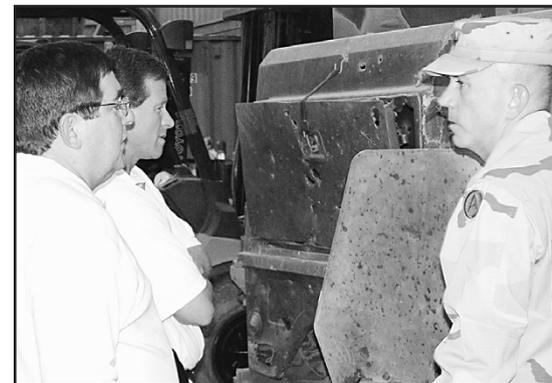


Photo by Chuck Sprague

**LEGISLATIVE STOP—** Congressmen Michael Burgess of Texas, left, and Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania listen as Brig. Gen. Kevin Leonard explains how Soldiers’ lives were saved when the up-armored Humvee was hit with an improvised explosive device in Iraq. Burgess and Dent were part of a congressional delegation touring the up-armor and repair site at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 16.

# Tax-free pay available for injured retirees

Veterans can apply for benefit at Retiree Appreciation Day

By LIRA FRYE  
For the Rocket

Military retirees with combat-related injuries can apply for Combat-Related Special Compensation on Friday at the Retiree Services Office and Saturday at Military Retiree Appreciation Day.

Established in 2003, CRSC is a \$22 billion benefits program that provides tax-free monthly payments to injured retirees of all uniformed services. The payments are retroactive and supplement a retiree's Veteran Affairs disability pay and Service retired pay. This means those approved will receive their retirement pay, VA disability pay and CRSC pay.

"The Army has over 250,000 individuals who are eligible, drawing retirement pay and have VA ratable injuries," Col. John Sackett, CRSC division chief, said. "These are individuals who have sacrificed for their country."

Through outreach, Sackett said he works to reach those retirees and make them aware of the program's benefits.

"I try to attend as many Retiree Appreciation Days as I can," he said. "At these events I go present on CRSC and help applicants fill out their applications."

David Cole heard Sackett's presentation at last year's Retiree Appreciation Day and found he was eligible to receive benefits. He now makes it a point to tell other veterans about the program. He even speaks to veterans' organizations. A contractor supporting Project Manager, Avia-



Photo by Lira Frye

**ON THE JOB**— David Cole, right, a contractor supporting Project Manager, Aviation, talks with co-worker David Wilson. A Combat-Related Special Compensation beneficiary, Cole plans to continue spreading the word about the CRSC benefit.

tion Systems, Cole's passion for the program shows as he tells about veterans with whom he's spoken who at first didn't think they were eligible, but are now receiving benefits.

"Don't disqualify yourself," he said. "Let the analysts in his (Sackett's) office

disqualify you."

Cole plans to continue spreading the word about CRSC.

"I tell them to call me, and I'll walk them through the application process," he said. "When anyone wants to talk with me, I show up with an application in my hand."

## Vietnam veterans return favor to Raquel

Acclaimed movie actress visited troops during war

Movie actress Raquel Welch received the President's Award for Excellence in the Arts at Vietnam Veterans of America's 12th biennial national convention Aug. 13 at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nev.

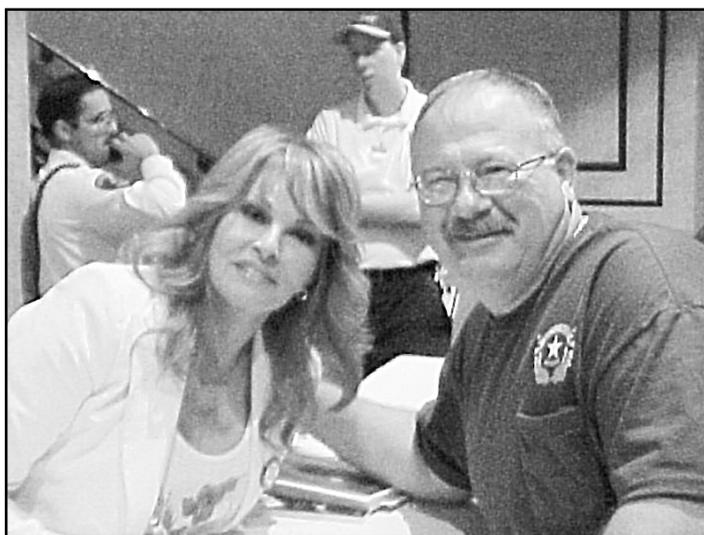
Welch made a trip to Vietnam to entertain the troops with the Bob Hope USO show during the 1967-68 Christmas holidays.

"We are proud to honor the work of Raquel Welch," VVA national president Thomas Corey said. "She put aside her personal safety and came to Vietnam during the height of the war to lift the morale of the troops. And since then, she has been a star of the screen and the Broadway stage and on television, and has spoken out on issues ranging from women's rights, the fight against cancer, and veterans' issues."

Michael Davis of the AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) attended the convention Aug. 9-15 as a delegate from Alabama.

"Ms. Welch was very articulate and, of course, as beautiful as ever," Davis said. "We will never forget that she took the time and made the effort to make our lives a little better in a difficult situation if even for a short period of time. She will always hold a special place in the hearts of Vietnam veterans."

Davis is the president of Chapter 511 (Athens) and senior vice president of the Alabama State Council of



Courtesy photo

**SAY CHEESE**— Convention delegate Michael Davis shares a Kodak moment with Hollywood starlet Raquel Welch.

the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Welch landed her first acting roles in television and movies in 1964. She has appeared in dozens of films and television shows, including "Fantastic Voyage," "One Million Years B.C.," "Bedazzled," "Kansas City Bomber," "100 Rifles," "The Three Musketeers," and "Legally Blonde." In 1999, Playboy named her No. 3 on the list of the 100 Sexiest Stars of the Century. In 1974, she was honored with a Golden Globe Award as Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy for "The Three Musketeers."

Although the majority of applicants participated in the Vietnam War, Sackett said he's seen applicants from World War II to Desert Storm.

Eligible applicants include retirees who served 20 or more years on active duty or as a reservist; are in a retired status; are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA payments (a VA waiver); and have at least a 10 percent VA disability rating that is "combat-related."

"Combat-related" criteria include those VA-rated injuries that occurred under the following situations:

- In the performance of duty under conditions simulating war (e.g., exercises, field training)

- While engaged in hazardous service (e.g., flight, diving, parachute duty)

- Through an instrumentality of war (e.g., combat vehicles, weapons, Agent Orange); or

- As a direct result of armed conflict (e.g., Purple Heart)

CRSC representatives will be available Friday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. at the Retirement Services Office and Saturday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Retiree Appreciation Day to help prepare applications. Applicants should bring their DD214, any VA rating decision sheets, and any other medical documentation which documents their injury and how it was combat related.

To make an appointment for Friday or to get more information about Retiree Appreciation Day, call retirement services officer Cindy Anderson at 876-2022. Additional information can be found at the CRSC web site at [www.crsc.army.mil](http://www.crsc.army.mil) or call the main office at (866)-281-3254.



Photo by Kim Henry

## Helping Soldiers

Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury accepts a \$5,000 donation for the Army Emergency Relief fund from Frank Collazo, president and CEO of Collazo Enterprises Inc. "It means a lot for us to make this donation to take care of our Soldiers," Collazo, who retired from the military with over 30 years service, said. "We've been doing it for the last 25 years." One of Collazo's local subsidiaries is COLSA Corporation.

# Black Knights meet press during annual Media Day

## Boston College first opponent

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The Army football team took a day off from preseason camp Aug. 15 as the Black Knights met the local and regional press corps during annual Media Day festivities at Michie Stadium.

“We had a very good offseason and continue to have a very good preseason camp,” explained head coach Bobby Ross, in his second

year at the helm of the Black Knights. “I think a big difference (this year) is the retention that we have in our systems (offense, defense and kicking). The players understand the things we are talking about better. From a varsity standpoint, we’ve been able to speed things up and get a little bit more accomplished.

“We’ve had seven practices and we’ve made some good progress. The defense is a little bit ahead of the offense, and you normally expect that at this time

of the year. I’m very pleased with what we’ve gotten done. We had a couple of really hot days and we survived that real well. We did fine conditioning-wise. I feel good at this point, but there is a lot of work that needs to be done, particularly up front on the offense.”

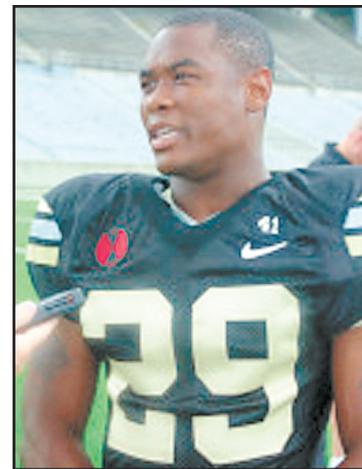
Army began its second preseason camp under Ross on Aug. 5, donning pads for the first time five days later. Following off days on Sunday and Monday, which also marked the first day

of classes at the Academy, the Black Knights returned to the practice field Aug. 16.

Army, which returns to independent status this fall following seven years as a member of Conference USA, begins its challenging schedule by visiting longtime eastern foe and new Atlantic Coast Conference member Boston College on Sept. 10 in Chestnut Hill. It will stand as the first of the Black Knights’ five matchups against teams that qualified for postseason bowl games last season.

“I look at our first four games and three of the opponents won bowl games last year,” Ross said. “We’ve got another tough first part of our season. It’s going to be difficult, but I’m looking forward to it. We want to play good people in this program. We’re an Independent team now. I think if we want to get to the next level we have to play teams like Boston College.”

Army’s game against Boston College will be televised live by ESPN Classic, the first of a school-record nine national television appearances for the Black Knights this fall. Army opens its home season on Sept. 17, hosting



Army web photo

**VETERAN PLAYER—** On goals for the season, senior defensive back Ray Stith says, “To play to the ability we know we can. We worked hard all offseason, getting better, and right now we are working on that. Our main goal is to play to our capability and win football games.”

Baylor at Michie Stadium. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN Classic with kickoff set for 3 p.m. (Army web site release)

## 2005 Army football schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	TV	Time
Sat	09/10/2005	at Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	ESPN Classic	12:30 PM
Sat	09/17/2005	BAYLOR	West Point, N.Y.	ESPN Classic	3:00 PM
Fri	09/23/2005	IOWA STATE	West Point, N.Y.	ESPN2	8:00 PM
Sat	10/01/2005	CONNECTICUT	West Point, N.Y.	TBA	TBA
Sat	10/08/2005	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	West Point, N.Y.	TBA	TBA
Sat	10/15/2005	at TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	7:00 PM
Sat	10/22/2005	at Akron	Akron, Ohio	TBA	6:00 PM
Sat	11/05/2005	at Air Force	USAF, Colo.	ESPN Classic	3:30 PM
Sat	11/12/2005	MASSACHUSETTS	West Point, N.Y.	TBA	TBA
Sat	11/19/2005	ARKANSAS STATE	West Point, N.Y.	TBA	TBA
Sat	12/03/2005	vs. Navy	Philadelphia, Pa.	CBS	2:30 PM

# Soldiers visit Denver Broncos team training camp

## Iraq infantry veterans get VIP treatment

By Spc. CLINT STEIN  
Army News Service

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Over the past couple of weeks Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division have left Iraq and been welcomed to Fort Carson with open arms. A handful were also welcomed to the Denver Broncos’ training camp.

The Soldiers stood on the sidelines in awe as they watched some of the NFL’s superstars workout during a Monday-morning practice in Englewood where they were hosted by the team’s quarterback, Jake Plummer. The Soldiers were able to enjoy unobstructed views of the practice as they were treated to VIP services.

When the morning’s practice came to a close, Mike Shanahan, the Broncos’ head coach, called for all the players to gather around the Soldiers. Shanahan thanked

the Soldiers by saying he appreciated what sacrifices they have made for him, his players and the rest of America.

“If not for the sacrifices of guys like you, we couldn’t live in a great country like this,” Shanahan said.

Then, when Shanahan released the hungry players for lunch, the Soldiers were surrounded by the entire Broncos team whose members were giving their thanks with handshakes of appreciation and photo opportunities.

Despite the break for lunch, the VIP

service treatment for the Soldiers didn’t stop. The Soldiers were treated to lunch in the team’s own dining facility where they sat and ate with Plummer and other Broncos players.

About 3,500 Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, are being stationed at Fort Carson. Just over a year ago, the 2nd BCT left Korea to serve in Iraq.

*Editor’s note: Spc. Clint Stein is a member of the Mountaineer newspaper staff.*

# Engineer an avid cyclist despite crash

*Head-on collision with car strengthens cyclist's commitment to bike education*

By **BETH SKARUPA**  
*For the Rocket*

Despite being hit by a car while cycling, Dave Stone remains an avid cyclist committed to increasing public awareness of bicycle safety. A lead materials engineer in the Aviation Engineering Directorate, he became a cycling instructor for the League of American Bicyclists just a year after his debilitating crash.

"On July 24, 2003 I was in a head-on collision on my way to work. I was cycling on Hobbs Road, east of the Parkway in full sunlight," he said. "The ironic thing is I was doing everything right ... she was driving the wrong way. My left shoulder went first into the windshield. It was a very, very rare collision. The funny thing is there was a fog bank over Redstone Arsenal bridge, so I turned around and went another way. That's why I was on Hobbs. There was nothing I could have done to prevent it."

He ended up at Huntsville Hospital fighting for his life. His wife Stacy had the more difficult role to play in that drama, according to Stone, since he was given what he called "happy drugs" while she was out in the waiting room wondering if he was going to make it.

His left arm is paralyzed due to the severe nerve damage he suffered that day, so now he cycles on a recumbent tricycle. He still cycles to work often and he used some of his insurance money from the accident to get certified in the only nationally recognized cycling education program for adults.

"The crash was a motivator for me, that I was not going to wait for people to fund it. I decided to get the

program started and then show the value to the community," he said. "I am the only instructor in north Alabama. There are three active instructors total in all of Alabama ... the other two are in Montgomery and Auburn. Two others, but moving and other retired. I taught my first class in May at Safety City."

Road I is the initial instruction for adults and children over 14 years old. Kids I is for parents of elementary school age kids. Kids II is for fifth and sixth graders and is the same as Road I but the information is taught in an age-appropriate method.

"It is more than a safety class, it is an education class," he said. The course covers bike selection, maintenance, equipment, clothing and other aspects of cycling in comfort as well as safety. Crash avoidance includes teaching quick steps, quick turns and other ways to escape when a motorist makes a common mistake. Crash risks, nutrition, performance and aspects of group riding are also discussed.

**"Cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of vehicles. And helmets are not optional. They're the last line of defense if everything else fails. I'd be dead right now if I hadn't worn one."**

— *Dave Stone*  
*Cycling safety advocate*

Originally from Albuquerque, N.M., Stone moved to Huntsville in 2000 from southern Maryland where he worked at Pax River Naval Air Station.

"I ended up driving 40 miles each way to base. In June 2000 I got a bike. From my house to Redstone was a seven mile ride then," he said. "Now I have an 11 \_ mile ride to building 4483. I've got over 1,000 miles this year."

His enthusiasm for cycling also led him to become the community affairs adviser for the Spring City Cycling Club and to develop guidelines for greenways. "There is work to be done to make Huntsville bicycle friendly ... we have good support from Huntsville, the mayor and the city council."

As for some general bicycle safety advice, he explained that sidewalks are among the most dangerous places to ride because they remove you from visibility. Riding against traffic is dangerous. Also, he said you should never pass a cyclist in the same lane they are traveling in because what you think is a safe distance for the cyclist may not be what the cyclist thinks is safe.

"Cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of vehicles," he said. "And helmets are not optional. They're the last line of defense if everything else fails. I'd be dead right now if I hadn't worn one."

He invited anyone interested in taking his basic bike education courses to send him an e-mail at BikeEd-HSV@knology.net. If enough people are interested he will teach a course on the second Saturday of the month.

"Now accidents do happen," he said. "I always recognize there's always a risk of a crash but there's also a risk of being hit by a meteorite. The thing I take from my experience is that you don't want to find yourself in the ER of Huntsville Hospital. With mine, I couldn't have done anything but it would've been a shame if I could have and didn't and then ended up in that situation."

## Commodity commands using web-based contracting

### Contracts

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terms, PADDs is going to add a training module, or schema, so that all commands can train centrally. Previously contract specialists would have to login to different data bases depending on what weapon system they were working on.

"But now, logging in to PADDs web gives a specialist the option to work with aviation or missile data through the click of a button," Fuemmeler said. "Further, we did all this without requiring any new training for end users. We moved the old system — as it was — 114 forms, nine

report modules and 890 pieces of code, to the web. Key to this process was a test plan that we used with all functional elements to make sure PADDs would work."

TEAM ITSS contractor support on the test plan was crucial to successful system movement.

"PADDs web also makes it easier from the standpoint of hardware and security patch updates to install new releases at one location and not seven," Bone said. "You make one data base installation and 1,600 users get the benefit on their individual PCs."

The system is used by more than 2,000 contract specialists, contracting officers, procurement analysts, program managers and logistics management specialists. It supports the entire procurement process

from pre-award procurement planning through contract administration and close-out and is used for the procurement of spare parts, research and development, supplies and services for major systems, lease agreements, small construction, as well as architect and engineering requirements. More than 15,000 procurement actions in the amount of \$16 billion will be handled by PADDs annually. This should improve systems integration, maintenance and operations, as well as support Department of Defense and Army server consolidation mandates.

"An unparalleled amount of work has been accomplished since initiating this development effort less than one year ago," Michael Thompson, of the AMC Office of Command Contracting, said. "This success demonstrates what can be

accomplished with limited but devoted resources when a team concept with a common goal is embraced."

Redstone teamwork and support made PADDs happen.

"The level of support from AMCOM has been exemplary," Jeffrey Parsons, AMC director of contracting, said. "The CIC development team worked tirelessly along with the Acquisition Center and the Redstone Garrison to accomplish a staggering architectural transformation of our contracting system in less than a year. Not only is the new system providing added security and increased efficiency, but also it is adding mobility and flexibility to our professional contracting work force by enabling them to support our troops using PADDs from any PC or laptop with web access worldwide."



## Sports & Recreation

### Bass tournament

The Buddy Bass Tournament is Sept. 17, beginning at safe light (about 5:30 a.m.) until 3 p.m., at Wheeler Reservoir, Decatur Boat Harbor. First prize is \$1,000, based on 30 boats. Sponsors include American Bass Anglers, The Boat House, and Tomahawk Tackle. Register early, by Sept. 15, at Tomahawk Tackle in Huntsville or The Boat House in Athens. Race day registration is 4-5 a.m. For more information, call tournament director Patrick Anderson 842-2471.

### Off road race

Rocket City Rock Crawlers, a four-wheel club, is having a "King of the Hill" off road race Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in north Alabama. This is free to active duty military. Advance tickets are \$8 at Rocket City Offroad on Jordan Lane. For information visit the web site [www.rocketcity-rockcrawlers.com](http://www.rocketcity-rockcrawlers.com).

### NCO kickoff

The NCO Call — hosted by NCO Academy from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the Firehouse Pub — is a football season kickoff. All Army, active duty, reserve and retired, and Marines, are invited.

### Atlanta baseball trip

The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is hosting a tour to the Atlanta Braves vs. Florida Marlins baseball game Sept. 24 at Turner Field in Atlanta. Tour will include chartered bus transportation, and reserve seats at "field level" down the first base line. There will be an early dinner stop on the way to the game. The bus will depart the recreation center, building 3711 at noon. Game time is 6:05 p.m. CST. Sign up is under way and the cost is \$68.50. Seating is limited. For more information and to register for the tour, visit building 3711 between 1:30 and 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or call Gail 876-4531.

### Discount tickets

The MWR Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, building 3711, has Visionland combo tickets available at Redstone community discounted prices. Visionland in Birmingham offers adult tickets at \$26.50, a savings of \$6.14 off

the gate price and \$18.75 for junior/senior tickets (ages 3 through 9 and 62 and over), a savings of \$3 off the gate price. Visit the ITR office — open 1:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday — or call 876-4531 for more information.



## Conferences & Meetings

### 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).



Courtesy photo

## On fast track

**Yvonne Thomas Jackson, acquisition manager in the Office of the Air Force Program Executive Officer, Combat and Mission Support, at the Pentagon, has been selected to the Senior Executive Service Federal Candidate Development Program. She worked at Redstone from 1989-98.**

### Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter, Federally Employed Women will meet Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Kathryn Szymanski, acting executive deputy to the commanding general at Army Materiel Command. Tickets cost \$11 and can be purchased from the following: Rona Brownridge, building 5400, 842-8718; Judy Darwin, MSFC, 544.4222; Shirley Gomez, building 5681, 313-4213; Renee Smith, Sparkman Complex, 955.9096; Robbie Holcombe, SMDC, 955.5466; and Donna Rigsby, Wynn Drive Complex, 313-3021. For more information, call Kathy Whisenant 876-2626. All are invited.

### Parents committee

The Parent Advisory Committee will meet Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Club, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). Parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance — five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to provide your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

### Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Carl Flemons, Paralyzed Veterans of America. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Air Force Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

### Federal bar

The Federal Bar Association will meet Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Green Hills Grille, 5100 Sanderson Road, for its annual Business/Membership Appreciation Luncheon. It is free for members in good standing of the North Alabama Chapter. For reservations, call parliamentarian Devinti Williams 544-0012 by Sept. 1.



## 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. The shop will begin taking winter clothing Sept. 20. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Volunteers are needed. The shop will be open Sept. 10 from 10-2. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Motorcycle safety course

Motorcycle safety training — for experienced riders — is conducted behind the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership building off I-565 and Greenbrier Road, exit 3. The contact is Keith Coates of the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383 (e-mail [keith.coates@redstone.army.mil](mailto:keith.coates@redstone.army.mil)). Students in this Experienced Rider Course should have ridden for at least a year, and

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## GEICO service awards

The GEICO Military Service Awards Program, sponsored by the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation, has kicked off its 18th year and is looking for individuals who meet the eligibility requirements. The program honors one enlisted member from each of the five military services, and one enlisted member from the Guard/Reserves, for outstanding service to their military and/or civilian community. Nominations are due to each service by Oct. 31. Awards are presented in three categories: drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire safety and fire prevention, and traffic safety and accident prevention. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award from GEICO Philanthropic, a plaque commemorating their accomplishments, and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the award ceremony April 24, 2006. For more information, call Louis Zarrilli or Dorothy Patrick of GEICO 837-0551.

## Book on von Braun

Bob Ward, former editor and assistant to the publisher of The Huntsville Times, who recently had his biography of Dr. Wernher von Braun published, will have a public book signing Aug. 30 at the Carlton Cove retirement community. The signing of "Dr. Space: The Life of Dr. Wernher von Braun" (U.S. Naval Institute Press) is sponsored by Carlton Cove, Shaver's Bookstore and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., Ward will give some comments at 6 and then autograph copies of his book from 6:15 to 7:30. Shaver's will sell books at the event. Von Braun was brought by the Army to Redstone Arsenal in 1950 to direct the technical development of the Army's ballistic missile program. In 1960 he and his team of engineers and scientists were transferred to the newly formed National Aeronautics and Space Administration as the nucleus of the Marshall Space Flight Center. Carlton Cove's address is One Carlton Cove Boulevard.

## Military retiree day

More than 200,000 military retirees and their family members reside in the Redstone Arsenal region. Keeping them informed of changes and updates in benefits can be challenging. One way to share information is through the annual Retiree Appreciation Day, Saturday in Bob Jones Auditorium. The event begins with a free breakfast at 7 a.m. Speakers are scheduled throughout the day. Attendees should make reservations in order to attend the lunch served in Sparkman Cafeteria. The cost is \$8.25. Please enter the installation through Gates 1, 9 or 10 on the day of the event. Those without a vehicle sticker should bring photo identification for themselves and all passengers. For more information, call retirement services officer Cindy Anderson 876-2022.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																			
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U								
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																											
SCBK05647788	Quality Assurance Asst.	24-Aug-05	ARDEC	DK-0303	3	3	34,363 - 49,469		X																		
SCBK05735659	Computer Engineer	24-Aug-05	AMDEC	DB-0854	3	3	60,955 - 94,229			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05684244	Engineering Data Mgmt	25-Aug-05	AMC	GS-0301	11	11	50,858 - 66,115	X																			
SCBK05661597	Supv IT Specialist	25-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-2210	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X																		
SCBK05747198	Logistics Management Specialist	26-Aug-05	AMC	GS-0346	11	12	50,858 - 66,115	X																			
SCBK0532243	Program Analyst	26-Aug-05	ARDEC	DE-0343	3	3	46,289 - 79,238	X																			
SCBK05743776D	Supv Logs Mgmt Spec	26-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0346	14	15	85,656-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05743776D	Supv Logs Mgmt Spec	26-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0346	14	15	85,656-130,988	X	X											X	X						
SCBK05728066	Supv Criminal Investigator	26-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-1811	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X																		
SCBK05762010	Budget Analyst	26-Aug-05	AMC	GS-0560	12	12	60,955 - 79,238				X																
SCBK05699124	Spec. Asst. Acq. Car. Dev	29-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0301	4	4	85,656-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05699124D	Spec. Asst. Acq. Car. Dev	29-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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						
SCBK05759771	Human Resources Asst.	29-Aug-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0203	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	X																			
SCBK05691692	Operations Research Analyst	29-Aug-05	AMC	GS-1515	12	12	60,955 - 79,238							X		X					X						
SCBK05729818	Procurement Analyst	29-Aug-05	AMCOM Acq Ctr.	GS-1102	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																			
SCBK05685363	Procurement Analyst	29-Aug-05	AMCOM Acq Ctr.	GS-1102	13	13	72,486 - 94,229			X				X		X	X	X	X		X						
SCBK05732276	Logistics Management Specialist	29-Aug-05	AMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X																		
SCBK05647744	Aerospace Engineer	30-Aug-05	ARDEC	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05745704R	Engineering Technician	30-Aug-05	TMDE	GS-0802	9	11	42,034 - 54,641	X	X																		
SCBK05738760	Program Support Asst.	30-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr.	GS-0303	8	8	38,056 - 49,469	X	X					X					X	X	X						
SCBK05747146	Writer (Printed Media)	30-Aug-05	AMC, Logistics	GS-1082	12	12	60,955 - 79,238									X		X			X						
SCBK05747146D	Writer (Printed Media)	30-Aug-05	AMC, Logistics	GS-1082	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05747777	Supply Systems Analyst	1-Sep-05	AMC	GS-2003	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X																			
SCBK05759814	Substance Abuse Prgm	1-Sep-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0101	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X																		
SCBK05762729	Supervisory Quality Assur.	1-Sep-05	AMC	NH-1910	3	3	72,486 - 94,229	X																			
SCBK05765926	Optometry Technician	1-Sep-05	MDAC	GS-0640	6	6	30,923 - 40,201	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	X						
SCBK05746818	General Engineering	1-Sep-05	AMC, Logistics	GS-0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229			X				X		X		X		X	X						
SCBK05746818D	General Engineering	1-Sep-05	AMC, Logistics	GS-0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05734904	Supv. Gen. Supply Spec.	2-Sep-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-2001	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X						X		X		X		X	X						
SCBK05730782	Lead General Engineer	2-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X																			
SCBK05730782D	Lead General Engineer	2-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05724313	Program Manager	5-Sep-05	AMCOM G3	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05724313D	Program Manager	5-Sep-05	AMCOM G3	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05732280	IT Project Manager	6-Sep-05	Material Cmd Logs	GS-2210	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																			
SCBK05725374D	Supv. Gen. Engineer	8-Sep-05	AMC	GS-0801	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05725375D	Supv. Gen. Engineer	8-Sep-05	AMC	GS-0801	15	15	100,756-130,988														X						
SCBK05757797	Lead General Engineer	11-Sep-05	ARDEC	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05745524	Contract Specialist	12-Sep-05	AMC	GS-1102	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																			
SCBK05729819	Contract Specialist	15-Sep-05	AMC	GS-1102	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																			
SCBK05733422D	Supv Safety Eng	16-Sep-05	AMC	NH-0803	4	4	85,656-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05733422	Supervisory Safety Eng	16-Sep-05	AMC	NH-0803	4	4	85,656 - 130,988			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						
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SCBK05762010	Budget Analyst	26-Aug-05	AMC	GS-0560	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05743776D	Supervisory Logistics Mgmt. Spec.	26-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0346	14	15	85,656-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05691692	Operations Research Analyst	29-Aug-05	AMC	GS-1515	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	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						
SCBK05699124D	Spec. Asst. Acq. Car. Dev	29-Aug-05	Acq. Support Ctr.	NH-0301	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05647744D	Aerospace Engineer	30-Aug-05	RDECOM	DB-0861	12	13	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05747146D	Writer (Printed Media)	30-Aug-05	AMC	GS-1082	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05738760	Program Support Asst.	30-Aug-05	ACQ Support Ctr.	GS-0303	8	8	38,056 - 49,469	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05746818D	General Engineering	31-Aug-05	AMC	GS-0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05730782D	Lead General Engineer	2-Sep-05	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05724313D	Program Manager	5-Sep-05	AMCOM G3	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05725374D	Supervisory General Eng.	8-Sep-05	SMDC	GS-0801	15	15	100,756-130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05746249D	Materials Engineer	9-Sep-05	ARDEC	DB-0806	5	11	27,742 - 66,115	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05757797D	Lead General Engineer	11-Sep-05	ARDEC	DB-0801	14	15	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05733422D	Supv Safety Eng	16-Sep-05	AMC - Safety Ofc	NH-0803	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						
<b>WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)</b>																											
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																											
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 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																											
<b>NOTE:</b> If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																											
<b>NOTE:</b> The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																											
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit <a href="http://www.amccareers.com">www.amccareers.com</a> or <a href="http://www.cpol.army.mil">www.cpol.army.mil</a> , search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for more information.																											