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Team Redstone
answering call

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Members of Team Redstone have responded in the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi.

From the installation perspective, Redstone has provided 1,700 meals-ready-to-eat and was "positioned to provide additional support as requested based on the resources that we have," according to Alvin Odoms, the Garrison's director of plans, mobilization and training. Through the Aviation and Missile Command, 12 logistics assistance representatives deployed to manage incoming aircraft at the site. Redstone also provided support to NASA's Stennis and Michoud facilities through the use of a Huey helicopter to transport guards, communication equipment and supplies.

An installation operational center, under director Tim Jones, was set up to coordinate Redstone's response to requests for support and conduct contingency planning.

"This is a total Team Redstone effort," Odoms said. "We have a total effort here trying to be sure we provide support to



Courtesy photo

SINCERE THANKS— Cargo helicopters project manager Col. Tim Crosby receives a hug from a resident for bringing supplies to hurricane victims.

the best of our ability."

The Cargo Helicopters Project Office sent two F-model Chinooks to deliver necessities to the hurricane victims.

Individually, there were reports of Redstone workers helping on their own. Keith Rose of the AMCOM Safety Office, for example, made two volunteer mercy runs with his pickup truck full of supplies to the coast.

"People were as nice as they could be and the blessing was on me," said Rose, the AMCOM radiation safety officer. "It was the best time and money I have ever spent, without a doubt, because they really needed the water and I was glad to give it to them. And they need everybody's help, too. It's bad down there."

On the first trip, Rose and Redstone worker Steve Burgess bought 43 cases of bottled water — about 1,180 bottles — and loaded up Rose's truck. They left Friday morning, Sept. 2 and went to Pascagoula, Miss., near Biloxi, where they distributed the water for about four hours.

"Steve and I thought it was the Christian thing to do," Rose said.

"I really think that we're the ones that got the biggest benefit out of it," Burgess, a system engineer for Aviation Survivability Equipment program office, said. "Because of the attitude the people had down there — how thankful they were. Plus, when we'd offer them something they'd say 'No, you find somebody that needs it worse than me.'"

The Alabama National Guard arrived with ice, water and MREs. "The National Guard showed up and they really started helping out people," Rose said.

Rose and Burgess returned home about 1 a.m. that Saturday. Rose returned to Mississippi with Fred Starkey of Tennessee Valley Authority and another truckload of items Sept. 5. This time the church that Rose attends, the Magnolia Church of Christ in Florence, funded the items for more than \$500. These included diapers, water, Gatorade, paper towels, wet wipes, food and clothing.

The Cargo Helicopters Project Office used the Chinooks to transport about 140,000 pounds of supplies Sept. 3-4. The workers helped where directed by authorities on the coast and ended up assisting throughout the region — including New Orleans, Gulfport, Baton Rouge, Picayune, Poplarville and others.

"The work you do to make this program a success makes things like this a normal event



Photo by Fred Starkey/TVA

TREE HOUSE— A tree leans into a home in hurricane-devastated Mississippi.

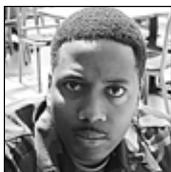
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An open lane random survey

What are you doing for hurricane relief?

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"I gave a small donation and anytime I see troops out there doing car washes or things of that nature I usually give to them."

Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer
Missile Systems Training Department

"As a sergeant major in the Missile Systems Training Department, I had two Soldiers affected by Hurricane Katrina. One had to bring her family of 13 here. We've coordinated with local groups to find housing and supplies for them. The other Soldier had to go on leave to Lafayette, La., because he found out that two of his cousins had been identified. We raised the money so that he didn't have any out-of-pocket costs for the trip. We're trying to be advocates for the Red Cross to get people to donate, get involved and do their part as a community here at Redstone for the people who have lost so much."



Kathy Mayo
retiree
"We sent money to the retired military home that was destroyed down there. We also sent money to the Red Cross. Now we're trying to supply the food pantry at our church because they're taking food to people and taking families in."



Ron Gifford
retiree
"My son is in the Navy. They cooked a thousand dollars worth of food for people down in the panhandle. We gave money toward that."



Safety first for motorcyclists

During this time of high gas prices and the need for conservation, would whoever the person in charge is consider temporarily suspending the motorcycle safety class requirement so that we could ride bikes onto the Arsenal? Perhaps with just a 30-day temporary pass rather than getting normal stickers? Assuming, of course, that the rider has valid license, registration, insurance, boots, jacket, helmet, etc. — everything but the safety class certificate.

I'm planning on taking that course and getting stickers for my bike the next time my renewal comes up, but those classes are few and far between. It sure would be nice to be able to ride for the next few weeks.

Clark Reynolds

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Garrison supports all efforts to reduce the economic impact of high gas prices. Carpooling and operating vehicles in a fuel efficient manner — including operating motorcycles in lieu of driving individual-

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ly in a car with higher fuel usage may certainly be part of that strategy. The reason that the motorcycle safety course is required is because the facts clearly indicate that motorcycle accidents compromise a much higher percentage of injury and fatal accidents for the same number of miles driven than automobiles. With this in mind the apparent savings on fuel cost may be dramatically offset by the cost of an injury or fatal accident. The Garrison sponsors the MSF Riders Course on a regular basis. So far this year there have been nine classes offered. The next class is being held Sept. 21. Spaces are still available for this class. To register for the class please call Keith Coates at 876-3383 or e-mail keith.coates@redstone.army.mil.

"In the past, the Provost Marshal Office has allowed motorcycle operators to temporarily access the installation prior to completing an authorized motorcycle safety course until such time as the course can be completed based on scheduling.

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Logistics society chapter honor

I am extremely excited and proud to announce that our SOLE Chapter located in Huntsville, that covers the entire Tennessee Valley, received the Gold Chapter Award at the annual SOLE Convention on Aug. 18. In fact, this year we were the only medium-size chapter in America to receive this award.

The International Society of Logistics annual chapter awards are presented each year to those chapters that meet the society's program goals and standards of

excellence through successful and effective activities in their operations. It is through such a high caliber chapter program that the individual members of the logistics profession are enriched, educated and enlightened.

I want to personally thank you for your ongoing contribution and active participation in our chapter.

Kurt Weidenthal II
SOLE chairman, Tennessee Valley

Community input wanted

Tell us about your community involvement.

Many Redstone Arsenal employees serve in community agencies all across Madison County and North Alabama. We want to hear from you about the agency or programs that take up your volunteer time. In a new series called "In the Community," we will feature your agency and the volunteer work you do for them. By sharing your volunteer story, you will be

telling other Redstone Arsenal employees about the volunteer opportunities that make a difference in the quality of life for residents of North Alabama. And who knows, you may just recruit some new volunteers for your favorite agency. To let us know about your volunteer work, e-mail staff writer Kari Hawkins at karihawk@knology.net.

— The editor

One way to improve gate

With all the previously published letters concerning traffic at Gate 2, everyone is well aware of the current frustrations and difficulty in utilizing Gate 2. I have tried getting through Gate 2 at various times and consistently find that the traffic is at a standstill, backed up to Farley School and U.S. 231.

There were two and sometimes three entrance lanes to the Arsenal at Gate 3. Why not designate Gate 2 as one-way into the Arsenal from 6-8 a.m. so that there are two entrance lanes. This has been the practice for the Martin Road gate for years. I have observed very few cars exiting the Arsenal at Gate 2 during 6-8 a.m.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The DES (Directorate of Emergency Services) appreciates your concern with the situation at Gate 2. I can assure you that a study was conducted to determine the best plan to put in place for those personnel that access the installation through Gate 2. In fact your recommendation was highly considered. We have a limited number of Security Guard personnel to operate all access control points. Even if we were to make the travel way one-way inbound from 6-8 a.m., there are still only two security guard personnel available to check IDs which is accomplished presently by having two guards posted on the inbound lane. The speed of checking IDs would not be any faster. The slow movement of the inbound lane is due to personnel who do not have the appropriate IDs and vehicle decal to enter through Gate 2 having to be turned around."

Correction

An article in last week's *Rocket* incorrectly stated that food program manager Hal Weatherman approved time off for dining facility worker Otha Humphrey, a contractor employee. Weatherman said he cannot authorize such time off which would be up to the contractor.

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?

Having the opportunity to directly impact the strategic mission of the Army by helping to recruit the most highly qualified civilian candidates to staff key positions in order to support military operations.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy participating in church, sorority and community activities. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends,



shopping and reading.

What are your goals?

To be a successful, positive and motivational influence at church, in my career and in my community.

What's your favorite football team?

It used to be the (Dallas) Cowboys. But now I have to say the Tennessee Titans. I like watching the Titans play.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Sept. 1: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 8. He was issued a violation notice and released.

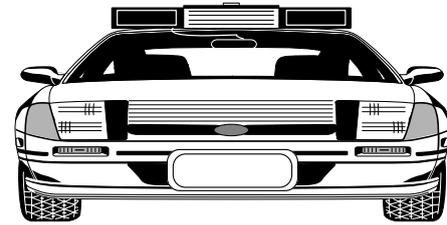
Sept. 2: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and trespassing when he was turned around at Gate 9. He proceeded onto Redstone Arsenal where stop sticks were deployed and stopped his vehicle. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was issued a violation notice and then detained until his blood-alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Sept. 2: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was issued a violation notice and then detained until his blood-alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Sept. 2: An individual reported that someone entered his garage and removed currency from his vehicle. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 2: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. Further investigation revealed that he had no proof of insurance and no tags. He was issued three violation notices and released.

Sept. 5: An individual was found to be



operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was issued a violation notice and then detained until his blood-alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Sept. 6: An individual was observed pumping government fuel into his personal vehicle at the government motor pool site. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 6: An individual reported that someone passed a counterfeit 20 dollar bill. Investigation continues by the U.S. Secret Service.

Sept. 6: An individual reported that someone removed an undetermined amount of camping equipment from his camper. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

Violation notices issued: 8 speeding, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 no driver's license, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 3 driving under the influence, 1 expired driver's license, 2 driving with a suspended license.

Check out library book discussion

Thought provoking, poignant, and a quick read – “The Five People You Meet in Heaven” will be the topic of discussion Thursday at noon at the Post Library.

“‘Five People’ has been on the NYT bestseller list for 97 weeks making it one of the most read books in recent history,” a Post Library release said. “Its theme is relationships, and the pivotal effect certain people may have on the life of another.

“As part of the One Book One Community series, the title circulated over 100 times from the Post Library in addition to personal copies. The library has a CD audio set, a large print edition, and regular print copies,” the release said. “Mitch Albom’s other best seller was ‘Tuesdays with Morrie’ which was made into a popular ABC movie produced by Oprah Winfrey.”

The gathering is open to anyone who wants to talk or listen – bring your lunch if you wish – stay as long or short as desired. The Post Library is on Redeye Road, building 3323. The phone number is 876-4741.

Veteran's wife dies

Lt. Col. Ed Ottman served 22 years in the Army before retiring in 1968. He became a civilian at Redstone until he retired for good.

Now he faces his toughest challenge.

Patricia Ann Ottman, his wife for 59 years, died Aug. 23. She was 78.

Survivors include Ed of Huntsville; a son, Edward III of Huntsville; daughters Cathy Ann Ottman, Barbara Ann Ottman Fleming of Huntsville and Deborah Ann Ottman Watson of New Market; a brother, J. Cameron Stuart; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Quote of the week

‘Out of New Orleans is going to come that great city again. That’s what’s going to happen. But now we’re in the darkest days, and so we got a lot of work to do.’

— President Bush

■ Safety course requirement has green light

Motorcycles

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Motorcycle riders have been able to do this by receiving a one-day visitor's pass in order to access the installation by providing driver's license, proof of insurance and registration and compliance with post policy for motorcycle safety equipment each time they access the installation. Effective Sept. 6, we will begin issuing 30-day temporary visitor's passes for access for each rider who

requests it until such time as the course can be completed. This can be done at the Vehicle Registration Office on Gray Road, building 3423 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. However, because at the present time, the motorcycle safety course is offered frequently enough to allow motorcycle riders ample opportunity to comply with installation requirements in a timely manner, we will only issue one 30-day temporary visitor's pass unless extenuating circumstances exist.”

Inspiring youngster helps kick off charity drive

Lindsey Jones lost sight to rare form of cancer

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A child's giggle can lighten the mood of any office. And this child's laughter was inspiring, too.

Lindsey Jones, 9, was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer (rhabdomyosarcoma) one month before her fourth birthday. She lost her eyesight because of the cancer.

Lindsey will sing the national anthem at the kickoff for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign on Sept. 20 at 10-11 a.m. at the NASA Picnic Area. The agency fair and other activities follow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"I feel honored," Lindsey said of singing at the event.

She met post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky, during a visit to his office Sept. 6. Pillsbury, chairman of the Tennessee Valley CFC, gave her a book in Braille and a doll.

"I think you're just spectacular," he told her.

Lindsey sang "God Bless America" at a Huntsville Stars baseball game a few weeks ago. She's a fourth-grader at Central Elementary in Madison County.

She resides in Gurley with her parents, Keith and Terry Jones. Keith works for Coca-Cola and is in the Navy; and Terry is a management support assistant at Marshall Space Flight Center.

"She's a cancer survivor," Terry said. "She's very excited to be here."

Lindsey was treated at Children's Hospital in Birmingham where she underwent radiation and chemo for a year. She has been in remission for four and a half years. She takes dance, is in the Brownies, plays the keyboard and auto-harp, and loves to sing.

She was a recipient of Make a Wish and also Give Kids the World. Through these charitable organizations, she went to Disney World in Orlando in October 2001.

The 2005 charity campaign is Oct. 3 through Nov. 11 with a

\$1.8 million goal and the slogan "CFC - Compassion in Action." The grand door prize at the kickoff is two airline tickets to anywhere in the United States, compliments of Sato Travel and Northwest Airlines.

"Feelin' Groovy is the (kickoff) theme," campaign coordinator Donna Johnson said. "And we want to invite federal employees to come get into the groove and support CFC."

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign includes 36 federal organizations with more than 15,000 employees - including federal, postal and military. It covers six north Alabama counties (Marshall, Madison, Limestone, Cullman, Morgan and Lawrence) and Lincoln County, Tenn. Contributions can go to 158 local and 1,718 national and international charitable organizations. Last year's campaign raised \$1,918,000.

"The CFC campaign belongs to the federal employees," Johnson said. "It's just our opportunity to make a difference in our community."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

STORY TIME— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, listens as 9-year-old Lindsey Jones reads the book in Braille that he gave her as a gift. She visited his office Sept. 6.

Commanding general urges work force to recall 9/11

Many seats unfilled at Patriot Day event

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Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury looked out over the audience in Bob Jones Auditorium at last week's Patriot Day ceremony and saw hundreds of empty seats.

During a ceremony meant to remember and honor the fallen of Sept. 11, 2001, and the war against terrorism, the Redstone commander addressed his comments on a question many in the large auditorium were wondering: "Why aren't there more people here?"

"Look around the place," he said. "It should be full. But, we're starting to forget. We're starting to forget 9/11 and we're starting to forget that we're at war. We're starting to forget people are out there who want to kill us."

Only about 150 Redstone Arsenal employees attended the Patriot Day ceremony, which included a presentation of Redstone Arsenal support to the troops; a scroll of honor of those Alabama Soldiers and civilians lost on 9/11 and in Operation Iraqi Freedom; a lighting of candles representing 9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq; and a wreath dedication to the Veterans Coalition for the Madison County Wall of Honor.

Instead of remembering the tragic events of 9/11 and its aftermath, people — including the civilian employees at Redstone Arsenal — are more focused on \$3-a-gallon gas prices, NFL and high school football games, and, rightly so, those affected by Hurricane Katrina, Pillsbury said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TELLING US NOT TO FORGET— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury urges Redstone Arsenal employees to remember those who have given their lives in the war against terrorism during the Patriot Day ceremony Sept. 7 to honor the victims of 9/11 terrorism.

"We're too worried about our own personal life" that we are forgetting the sacrifices made by those who died at New York City ground zero, the Pentagon and Somerset County, Pa., on 9/11, he said. And, we are forgetting the threat that is still very real to the American way of life.

"There are millions of people out there who don't want us to exist as a nation," Pillsbury said. "They want to do away with our God. They want to do away with our Constitution and they want us to live like they do. They want to deny the rights of half of our citizens — our women.

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Deployed Alabama National Guard units listed

Operation Iraqi Freedom

122nd Corps Support Group, Selma
1993rd Personnel Services Detachment, Hope Hull
128th Medical Company, Ashland
258th Chemical Company, Springville and Gadsden
3/117th Field Artillery Fwd 1, Troy
Medical Detachment CBHCO*, Birmingham
Company A, 167th Infantry*, Valley
1670th Transportation Company*, Brantley and Troy
200th Engineer Battalion, Linden
31st Forward Support Battalion, Northport

Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle

278th Chemical Battalion, Oneonta
440th Chemical Company, Vincent and Clanton
200th Material Management Center, Homewood
Battery C, 1/203rd Air Defense Artillery, Hartselle

Operation Joint Guardian (Kosovo)

1306th Engineer Team, New Brockton

Units with individual Soldiers deployed

Joint Forces Headquarters, Montgomery
62nd Troop Command, Montgomery
2/117th Field Artillery, Andalusia
1/117th Field Artillery, Luverne
186th Engineer Company, Dothan
877th Engineer Battalion, Hamilton
31st Support Battalion, Enterprise
1/203rd Air Defense Artillery, Scottsboro
1/167th Infantry, Talladega
142d Signal Brigade, Decatur
115th Signal Battalion, Florence
279th Signal Battalion, Huntsville
20th Special Forces Group, Birmingham
167th Theater Support Command, Birmingham
2117th Ordnance Company, Athens
31st Chemical Brigade, Northport

*=Partial Deployment



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REMEMBERING LOST HEROES— Retired Lt. Col. Bill Meiers, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, receives a wreath for the Madison County Wall of Heroes from Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Dabous McGhee of the 108th Division Ordnance Detachment during the Patriot Day ceremony. The wreath will be placed on the Wall of Heroes in remembrance of those Alabama Soldiers who have died fighting the nation's war against terrorism. The three candles behind them represent those who have lost their lives on 9/11 and in Afghanistan and Iraq. Meiers served in Vietnam with the Army's 71st Transportation Battalion of the 4th Transportation Command. He retired from the Army after serving 20 years.

Alabama Soldiers killed in action

The following is a list of Alabama Soldiers who have lost their lives since 9/11 in the war against terrorism:

Army Sgt. Maj. Barbaralien Banks, Camden
National Guard Sgt. Aubrey D. Bell, Tuskegee
Army Staff Sgt. William J. Brooks, Birmingham
Air Force Tech. Sgt. Bruce E. Brown, Coatopa
Army Pfc. John E. Brown, Troy
Marine Gunnery Sgt. Stephen Bryson, Montgomery
National Guard Spc. Paul J. Bueche, Daphne
Army Spc. Ahmed A. Cason, McCalla
Marine Warrant Officer Robert William Channell, Jr., Tuscaloosa
Army Spc. Andrew F. Chris, Huntsville
National Guard 1st. Sgt. Ronald Claunch, Wetumpka
Army Sgt. Timothy M. Conneway, Enterprise
Marine Lance Cpl. Bradley M. Faircloth, Mobile
Army Sgt. Jeremy D. Foshee, Pisgah
Army Spc. Steven R. Givens, Mobile
Army Spc. Charles G. Haight, Jacksonville
Marine Sgt. Foster L. Harrington, Mobile
Army Spc. Stephen D. Hiller, Opelika
Army Pfc. Howard Johnson II, Mobile
Army Warrant Officer Philip A. Johnson Jr.
Army Sgt. Jason D. Jordan, Elba.
Army Spc. Cedric L. Lennon, West Blocton
Mississippi Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Tommy S. Little, Aliceville
Army Staff Sgt. Nino D. Livaudais, Fort Mitchell
National Guard Spc. Jeremy Loveless, Hamilton
National Guard Staff Sgt. John E. McGee, Columbus, Ga.
Warrant Officer Mark S. O'Steen, Fort Rucker
Air Force Lt. Ray C. Owens, Birmingham
Army Sgt. Kenya Parker, Fairfield
Army Pvt. Kelley S. Prewitt, Center Point
Army Capt. Robert C. Scheetz Jr., Dothan
Marine Lance Cpl. John T. Sims, Alexander City
CIA agent Johnny M. Spann, Winfield
National Guard Spc. Christopher Taylor, Daphne
Army Staff Sgt. Robert C. Thornton Jr., Rainbow City
Army Sgt. Tamara C. Thurman, Brewton
Army Sgt. Charles J. Webb, Alexandria
Marine Warrant Officer Charles G. Wells Jr., Montgomery
Army Maj. Dwayne Williams, Jacksonville
Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher R. Willoughby, Phenix City
Army Sgt. Michael Yashinski, Irondale
Army Pvt. Justin R. Yoemans, Eufaula

PAC-3 missile on target in test

The Army conducted a successful intercept test flight of the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile system Thursday at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The test involved an engagement using two PAC-3 missiles against a short-range, full-body aerodynamic TBM target. Preliminary test data indicated the first missile successfully intercepted its target and mission objectives were achieved.

“We continue to mature our system’s capability to pace the evolving threat,” Col. John Vaughn, Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense project manager, said. “(Thursday’s) success helped validate several key enhancements we will provide to the warfighter to more effectively defeat these threats.”

Test objectives of this mission included demonstrating the performance of PAC-3 missile software changes and associated ground system software improvements. The test demonstrated the system’s capability to detect, track, engage and intercept a short-range aerodynamic TBM target. The target for the mission was a

Patriot-as-a-Target, a Patriot legacy missile modified to represent a short-range aerodynamic TBM target.

Soldiers of the 1-7th Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, participated in the test.

The PAC-3 system successfully completed operational testing and began fielding in 2002. It was first used in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

PAC-3, a high velocity, hit-to-kill missile, is the newest addition to the Patriot family of missiles. It provides increased capability against advanced tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and other air-breathing threats.

The Patriot PAC-3 program is managed by the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space and executed by the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Dallas, is the prime contractor responsible for the PAC-3 missile segment. Raytheon Systems Company, the Patriot system prime contractor, is the system integrator for the PAC-3 missile segment.



Courtesy photo

Holly retiring

Claude Bolton Jr., assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology and the Army acquisition executive, presents an award to retiring Maj. Gen. John Holly, program director of the Joint Program Office of Ground-Based Midcourse Defense. For the past year Holly has also served as the deputy director of the Missile Defense Agency, overseeing the direction of all other ballistic missile defense programs in the agency. Holly has served more than 32 years in uniform.

Getting past the mental side of battle

Mental scars heal slowly

By Spc. TODD GOODMAN

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Sometimes the most painful war wounds are the ones that cannot be treated with conventional medicine. That is the case with Staff Sgt. William Winburn, who by his own admission will need a lot of mental pushups to get past his stint in Iraq.

Winburn's job was to escort convoys. He and his group of three Humvees were returning from a town near the Kuwaiti border July 3, on their way back to Baghdad when it happened. An improvised explosive device hit the sergeant's vehicle, badly injuring him and decapitating his driver right in front of him. It's an image the 35-year-old Kentucky native is having a hard time shaking.

"Me and him were close," Winburn said. "We were just sitting there cutting up and the next thing I knew it was over. He never had a chance. At least he didn't suffer. That's some consolation."

■ Patriot Day ceremony serves as 9/11 reminder

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They want to turn our society into a theocracy all because of hatred."

Several times during his presentation, Pillsbury pledged that the auditorium would be full during next year's Patriot Day ceremony.

"The Aviation and Missile Command can do better than this," he said.

In his comments, he took the audience back to the day of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Imagine sitting at your desk on the 63rd floor of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and seeing something you can't believe — an airplane flying awfully low," Pillsbury said.

"Can you imagine the sheer terror in the eyes of the people who were watching that happen? ... Can you imagine the terror and then the great fabulous outpouring of patriotism after that attack?"

After 9/11, Pillsbury reminded his audience of how the nation came together with one single goal in mind — to search out and capture those responsible for the attack.

"We said 'Let's go get them.' And, we did in Afghanistan with the Special Operations Forces," he said. "It was fabulous. Where are we now?"

He went on to say America is not as unified as it was after 9/11, with politics and personal concerns clouding the real goal to end terrorism around the world.

"I don't care about politics," he said. "I care about making my country safe for my children and my grandchildren to live free. That's what I care about ... Let's work together ... Remember the feeling you had on 9/12 and 9/13 about patriotism and the United States of America."

He urged the audience to make the same personal commitment he has made — to stop criticizing politicians and, instead,

Winburn slept only 30 minutes in the four days that followed the blast. Every time he closed his eyes he saw his driver die. The nightmares make sleep an afterthought.

"I smell black powder every night when I lie down," he said. "I can smell everything in that Humvee. Every time I close my eyes it's the same thing."

"I'm dealing with it one day at a time. I just feel guilty in my heart because I couldn't do anything to save him. He was only 22 years old."

*Staff Sgt. William Winburn
veteran wounded in Iraq*

Upon his arrival at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, one of the first requests he made was to speak with a chaplain. The sergeant's attitude is not one of a defeatist. He said he knows it's going to be difficult to lose the images of war, not

talk about the positives of those political leaders we support.

"We cannot work together if we are constantly bashing each other," he said.

He reminded the audience that Americans have made sacrifices through the centuries to pull the U.S. through other wars.

"What about our parents who fought World War II?" he said.

"We overcame an enemy far more vicious (on both sides of our continent) than the one we're facing now because Americans came together ... We need to make a personal pledge that we are going to support the Soldier and that we are going to unite America, not divide it."

Even Americans who disagree on politics — including Pillsbury and his liberal Democratic brother — can work together for the nation's greater good.

"Together, our ideas are a whole lot stronger," he said. "If we don't stay together, then the enemy will have won ... National will is going to win this war, and nothing else."

Pillsbury asked the audience to pray for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, especially those in the small Mississippi and Louisiana communities that are far from the media spotlight. He asked them to pray for the nation to come together, and for the nation's Soldiers, their families, and for the Department of Defense civilians who are also serving in Iraq.

When he asked who in the auditorium had been separated from a loved one because of the war in Iraq, many hands were raised. He said the families often suffer the most as they are left behind to worry while their loved one stays busy and focused on the war effort.

"I love each and every one of you for who you are and what you are doing," he told the audience. "I love you for taking the time out of your busy day to be here. I love you for what you do in support of the war against global terrorism."

to mention the multiple surgeries to his left hand. The blast took his thumb, the end of his pinky finger and all of the muscle in the palm.

"I'm dealing with it one day at a time," he said to LRMC Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Williams. "I just feel guilty in my heart because I couldn't do anything to save him. He was only 22 years old."

"The important thing is that you are not bottling up your emotions the way previous generations did," responded Williams. "It's not a sign of weakness to talk about these things."

Winburn took the advice and talked to anyone who would listen. He spoke at length with nurses and his roommate, an injured Marine. His mood seemed to improve, especially after receiving a few hours of morphine-induced sleep the night of July 7. He said he still had a dream about the incident, but when he woke up, he sat in his hospital bed and spoke aloud — reminding himself to think about positive images.

Remaining positive is so important to his mental recovery, said Williams.

"Anything he can do to lift his self-confidence will help because many aspects of this will attack his sense of self," he said. "He is going to have feelings of inadequacy, but there is hope."

Joking about his injuries and speaking to his wife and two little girls have buoyed his spirits. As he said, life is too short to be depressed about everything.

"It was such a good feeling to hear from my family," he said. "A lot of servicemembers will never see their families again. I was lucky. My life was spared and I thank God every day for it." (Landstuhl Regional Medical Center release)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Technology expo

Crystal Group Inc. president Scott Kongable explains his products to Vivian Jennings, left, of the Acquisition Center and Vernita Acoff of Aircraft Survivability Equipment program office at the Technology Expo held Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Army motorcyclist races to win and relax

Louisiana native
has stressful week

By Maj. WILLIAM THURMOND
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ARLINGTON, Va. – People will do almost anything to experience peace and contentment, especially in times of trouble. Much of the pharmaceutical industry and the majority of late-night TV infomercials are devoted to the pursuit of bliss.

But one young lady, Army drag racing motorcyclist Angelle Sampey, has found her answer in a most unusual therapeutic environment.

Sampey climbs on her highly customized Suzuki GSXR 1100, tuned to 1,500 CCs, and goes for a little ride.

At 190 mph. “Racing is the best stress reliever. I use it to relax. It’s like my drug,” says Sampey.

“People drink or take drugs, and we wish that they wouldn’t, in an effort to find calm. I’ve found mine in racing.”

In the first weekend in September, Mac Tools NHRA competition in Indianapolis was perhaps the ultimate test for Sampey’s ability to employ speed as a stress buster.

The three-time Pro Stock champion is also a New Orleans resident and Louisiana native. She has quite an extended family that was impacted by Hurricane Katrina’s destructive march across her home state.

Sampey arrived at Indy soon after Katrina made landfall, and for much of the first few days she divided her

time between getting ready to race and trying to determine the whereabouts of many of her family members.

“I’m very concerned about what happened to my city. I heard that they got most everyone out. But I still don’t know about all my family. All the phones are out. Yes, I’m worried.”

These distractions might have mentally crippled other less experienced riders.

Not Sampey, the winningest female racer in NHRA history. Somehow she was able to put her concerns aside and do what she does best – ride a motorcycle incredibly fast.

“I actually find I do better racing when I have stuff going on in my personal life,” Sampey said. “I think that’s because I can use racing as an outlet to get away from problems. For some reason it helps me to focus more. I’ve learned how to do that over the past 10 years of racing.”

“When we get up to the staging lane and when I crank up my bike, everything that’s going on in my life just starts to fade as I start to focus on my run.”

The evidence of mental and emotional strength was on full display, as Sampey defeated several competitors and earned a top-flight qualifying berth for Sept. 5 heats.

Thankfully, communications with her family were restored just prior to the start of Sept. 5 final eliminations.

“I spoke with a cousin back in Louisiana and it looks like all my family evacuated and are safe,” Sampey said. “There’s a couple of folks I haven’t heard from but I’m sure they got out. They’re scattered around

Louisiana so now we’ll try to get everyone back together again.”

That burden lifted, Sampey got down to business.

Posting a perfect reaction time in her first-round victory, and edging out her rival in the quarterfinal, Sampey was finally defeated by fellow Suzuki rider Steve Johnson, who just beat her to the line by .085 seconds.

“We had an engine problem. We actually scuffed a piston, and we can’t win with that going on, not with the competition that’s out here,” Sampey said.

But it will take more than mechanical problems, or hurricanes, to stop this team.

“This Army team definitely does not quit, ever. When we had a problem with our gas tank (Sept. 2), the crew engineered a solution and got the bike fixed and to the starting line about 10 minutes before I raced. It doesn’t matter what the problem is, these guys will get the job done.”

The race weekend behind her, Sampey made plans to return to Louisiana and pitch in on the recovery efforts there.

“I’m a registered nurse, and although I don’t have a current license, I have the knowledge. I want to go home and volunteer at a hospital. I have some time before my next race, so I can devote a week or so.”

Asked about the future of the Gulf region and her hometown, Sampey’s attitude echoed her sponsor’s “never quit” ethos.

“We’re Cajun people. We’re strong. We’ve been through a lot and we’ll be all right.”



Photo by Maj. William Thurmond

RACING JACKET— In the prestaging area just moments before a race, Angelle Sampey prepares by donning her leather racing jacket.

Gary Seal wins golf title in record fashion

He shoots 69
in first round

By ADRIAN BAKER
Morale Welfare and Recreation

The Redstone MWR Golf Championship, played September 3-4, was a time of fun and camaraderie. The tournament was open to current Redstone Golf Course members. Thirty-eight members participated in this annual event to establish just who has the best game on Redstone.

Gary Seal set a new course record with a low round one score of 69, becoming the new course champion with an overall score of 219. Sandy Parks won the ladies’ competition and became the ladies’ course champion with an overall score of 245 for three-round play.

Parks, a golfer for 14 years, started playing golf after meeting her husband, who was then the golf professional at Huntsville Municipal Golf Course. “He encouraged me to begin playing professional-



Courtesy photo

LEADER BOARD— Golf course pro Jon Samuelson, left, posts the record 69 score by course champion Gary Seal, who finished the three-round tournament with 219.

ly after a while, but I said, ‘I’m playing for fun,’” she said.

Parks did begin playing professionally and went on to play in the 1990-92 state tournaments. When asked about the course conditions and play, Parks said, “It’s always great; the course is in great shape. I’m very pleased. You can tell there’s a lot of good stuff going on down there.”

Other participants who placed well included Mike Stingfellow with a first in-flight score of 236; Scott Tillery with the one-stroke difference, second place 237; and Linda Kephart, who posted the women’s second place 273.

Redstone Golf Course offers open membership for the entire Redstone community. If you work on, live on, or can legally access Redstone Arsenal, you are eligible to sign up for membership at the course. For more information, call 830-9175 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Ladies golf tourney draws 20 teams

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association hosted a Hawaiian themed golf tournament Sept. 7 at Redstone Golf Course. There were 20 teams with guests from Huntsville and nearby cities.

The tournament was four-woman best ball using the following format: one best ball – all par 5s; two best balls – all par 4s; and three best balls – all par 3s.

Following play, the awards ceremony and luau were held at the Officers and Civilians Club. Fran Sullivan was director for the member/guest tournament.

Here are the winners:

- First flight – first place, Beth Lee, Shirley Schofield, Dottie Cento and Debbie Fulmore; second, Linda Burns, Marilyn Roney, Marian Deppensmith and Marty Simpson; third, Nancy Darcy, June Mann, Linda Keen and Jung Song; and fourth, Diane Knight, MaryAnn Mason, Paula Ferguson and Judy Finch.

- Second flight – first place, Peggy Johnson, Jackie Johnson, Dee Thonus and Carolyn Weatherford; second, Joan Arnold, Fran Shaner, Audry Songy and Bonnie Bradley; third, Beverly McEuen, Virginia Beavers, Pat White and Betty Butler; and fourth, SuSu Powers, Diane Whitaker, Linda Roser and Junghee Norrell.

- Closest-to-the-pin – handicap 5-16, Beth Morgan; handicap 17-22, Jackie Johnson; handicap 23-28, Marilyn Dollar; and handicap 29-41, Fran Shaner.

- Longest drive – handicap 0-21, Lynn Cox; and handicap 22-41, Kay Carroll.

Rocky top gets shaky nod in Swamp

*Tennessee favored
over rival Florida*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Skip's Picks went 47-7 in the first week of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

Tennessee at Florida — **Tennessee**
Ball State at Auburn — **Auburn**
Alabama at South Carolina — **Bama**
Mississippi Valley State at Alabama A&M — **A&M**
Mississippi at Vanderbilt — **Ole Miss**
Louisiana-Monroe at Georgia — **Georgia**
Kentucky at Indiana — **Kentucky**
Arkansas at Southern California — **USC**
Mississippi State at Tulane — **Miss. State**
Baylor at Army — **Baylor**
Wyoming at Air Force — **Air Force**
Jacksonville State at UAB — **UAB**
Alabama State at Arkansas-Pine Bluff — **Ala. State**
West Virginia at Maryland — **Maryland**
Troy at Missouri — **Missouri**
Oregon State at Louisville — **Louisville**
Eastern Michigan at Michigan — **Michigan**
Virginia at Syracuse — **Virginia**
Southern Methodist at Texas A&M — **Texas A&M**
Toledo at Temple — **Toledo**
Utah at TCU — **TCU**
Central Michigan at Penn State — **Penn State**
Idaho at Washington — **Wash.**
Miami (Fla.) at Clemson — **Miami**
Michigan State at Notre Dame — **ND**
Northern Iowa at Iowa — **Iowa**
Ohio at Virginia Tech — **Va. Tech**
Oklahoma at UCLA — **Oklahoma**
Pittsburgh at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
San Diego State at Ohio State — **OSU**
Akron at Middle Tennessee — **Middle Tenn.**
Arkansas State at Oklahoma State — **Okla. State**
Grambling at Washington State — **Wash. State**
Connecticut at Georgia Tech — **Tech**
Langston at Alcorn State — **Alcorn**
Louisiana Tech at Kansas — **Kan.**
McNeese State at Southern Mississippi — **S. Miss.**
Illinois at California — **Cal**
Eastern Kentucky at North Carolina State — **N.C. State**



Sam Houston State at Texas Tech — **Texas Tech**
Wisconsin at North Carolina — **Wisconsin**
Florida State at Boston College — **Fla. State**
New Mexico State at New Mexico — **N.M.**
UC Davis at Stanford — **Stanford**
Rutgers at Buffalo — **Rutgers**
Chattanooga at Memphis — **Memphis**
Florida Atlantic at Minnesota — **Minn.**
Rice at Texas — **Texas**
Samford at Furman — **Furman**
Purdue at Arizona — **Purdue**
Houston at Texas-El Paso — **Texas-El Paso**
Northwestern at Arizona State — **ASU**
East Carolina at Wake Forest — **Wake Forest**
Fresno State at Oregon — **Fresno**
Prairie View A&M at Southern — **Southern**
Duquesne at Pennsylvania — **Duquesne**
VMI at Duke — **VMI**
Tulsa at North Texas — **North Texas**
Texas Southern at Jackson State — **Jackson**
Central Florida at South Florida — **South Florida**
Tennessee State at Tennessee-Martin — **Martin**
Tennessee Tech at Northern Illinois — **N. Ill.**
Hampton at North Carolina A&T — **Hampton**
Western Carolina at Cincinnati — **Cincinnati**
Bucknell at Cornell — **Cornell**
Harvard at Holy Cross — **Holy Cross**
Howard at Florida A&M — **Howard**
UNLV at Nevada — **Nevada**

Touch of Germany returns with Oktoberfest

Annual festival
on tap this week

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With an “Oompah!” and a German wurst in hand, Redstone Arsenal will once again open its gates this year to invite North Alabama residents to the largest and best Oktoberfest in the area.

This 10th annual celebration, which recognizes the long-time connection between Redstone Arsenal and Germany, will offer lots of fun for the entire family Thursday through Sunday.

“We are strongly connected with the country of Germany and Oktoberfest lets us celebrate that connection,” MWR Sales and Marketing director Adrian Baker said.

The Huntsville-Germany connection was first made when the German rocket team came to Redstone Arsenal in the 1950s. It continued through the years as other German speaking people have made Huntsville their home, and as Soldiers who served in Germany during their military careers have returned or relocated to Huntsville.

“They all enjoy the little bit of Bavarian Oktoberfest experience that we bring to them through this event,” Baker said. “It reminds them of the Germany where they once lived.”

MWR marketing specialist Vicki Marks has been enjoying Oktoberfest

since she was just 14. Now, 10 years later, she is helping coordinate the event.

“My dad was in the military, and I remember coming to Oktoberfest as a high schooler and all the fun we got to have,” Marks said. “Now, I get to help with it. That’s the best part.”

Local residents who don’t have access to Redstone Arsenal should enter at Gate 10 at the southern end of Jordan Lane. Oktoberfest will be staged at the MWR Activity Field at the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads just inside Gate 10.

Festival gates open at 5 p.m. Thursday and close at 11 p.m. The festival continues on Friday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., on Saturday from noon to 1 a.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 on Thursday, and \$10 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coupons for \$2 off the daily admission can be found in the Rocket and The Huntsville Times. Ticket prices include parking, entertainment and carnival rides.

About 13,000 patrons are expected at this year’s Oktoberfest, which will be a mix of old favorites and new activities.

“Our crowd favorite is Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express,” Baker said. “Terry and his music represent Oktoberfest to a lot of people here.”

Cavanagh and his group will bring the music of Old World Germany to life with a spirited one-of-a-kind show that includes Alpine yodeling, foot-stomping polkas and lively audience interaction. The group performs on accordion, keyboards, Alphorn, tuned cowbells, singing saw, button box and other traditional instruments.

“We capture the true spirit of Bavarian Oktoberfest and bring it directly to you!” musician Terry Cavanagh said in a press release.

“Our Oktoberfest show is charming and wholesome entertainment that keeps a great tradition alive and gets people involved in the spirit of good fun and fellowship.”

Cavanagh performed at the Biergarten Show at Disney’s Epcot Center in Orlando before forming Alpine Express in 1994. He has made numerous stage and television appearances on four continents, and performs at major festivals around the country.

Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express will perform from 7-10 p.m.



Courtesy photo

FUTURE MUSICIAN— A young patron at Redstone Arsenal’s 2004 Oktoberfest tries his skills at blowing into an Alphorn with the help of Alpine Express musician Michael Hoffer during a visit to the FestHalle Tent.

Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight on both Friday and Saturday, and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

While music is a popular draw for Oktoberfest, the festival includes much more.

“There’s something for everyone,” Baker said. “There’s a boat show, and carnival rides and games for kids. There’s a dunking booth, archery demonstrations, snake shows, a traveling gun and rifle display and much more.”

Popular Oktoberfest activities include the FestHalle Tent, the site of the popular Alphorn contest and German dancing, and the carnival rides.

“The midway is always popular with kids,” Baker said. “All carnival rides are included with the purchase of a ticket. Kids can ride as many times as they like for no extra charge.”

Food is also one of the main attractions of Oktoberfest. Redstone Arsenal’s own Soldatenstube Restaurant will once again serve schnitzel, brotchen and a variety of German wursts. Patrons can purchase schnitzel or bratwurst dinner plates or sandwiches. There will be authentic German beers for sale as well as pretzel, soft drinks and wine. Hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy, funnel cakes and other festival foods will be served.

The popular Arts & Crafts area will again feature about 40 booths filled with paintings, pottery, jewelry and other crafts that will be for sale.

It is not too late to rent an Arts & Crafts booth. Crafts vendors can rent a booth for \$25 a day or \$75 for four days. Call 876-4531 for more information.

Two new additions to this year’s Oktoberfest are the Antique Tool Show and the National Hunting & Fishing Day Celebration.

The Antique Tool Show, located in the Diane Campbell Recreation Center building 3711, will include a 40-table display of antique tools, tool sales, free market appraisals of antique tools and daily door prize drawings. There will also be demonstrations of hand-cut dovetails and chair caning.

“You can buy, sell and trade traditional woodworking tools at the Antique Tool Sale,” Baker said. “These are not power operated tools. They are the types of tools woodworkers used years ago. You can see the kinds of tools people used to make furniture that has lasted 200 years.”

The Antique Tool Show area will be set up outside the Oktoberfest gate. The show will be open to Redstone Arsenal employees and Soldiers only from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, and it will be open to the general public from noon until 9 p.m. on Saturday. Patrons can purchase a \$2 ticket to visit the Antique Tool Show without attending Oktoberfest. Those with an Oktoberfest ticket will only be charged \$1 to visit the Antique Tool Show.

Demonstrations by the National Rifle Association commemorating National Hunting & Fishing Day will raise awareness of wildlife conservation, and hunting and fishing programs. This area will be open on Saturday from noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 1-8 p.m.

In addition, this year’s title sponsor — Papa John’s Pizza — will have a drawing during Oktoberfest for a trip to New York City. Anyone can register for the drawing at Papa John’s Pizza location prior to the festival or at the FestHalle Tent during Oktoberfest.

Other booths and displays will be sponsored by S&L Marine, Wiley’s Outdoor Sports, Dick’s Sporting Goods and KC Motor Sports.

Funds raised from Oktoberfest are donated back to the agencies that support the event and used to fund Redstone Arsenal programs.

“Every bit of the proceeds goes back into the Redstone community to benefit the lives of Soldiers and their families, retirees and persons working on Redstone Arsenal,” Baker said.

Besides MWR, several Redstone offices have assisted with planning, coordinating and hosting Oktoberfest. They include the Garrison, Chugach Land Management, Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Emergency Services, Directorate of Logistics, 832nd Ordnance Battalion and the Marines, the Thrift Shop, Enlisted Spouses Club and Butler High JROTC.

Besides Papa John’s as Oktoberfest’s title sponsor, other sponsors include *The Huntsville Times*, Channel 19 News, WZYP, The Home Depot, Knology, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Supreme Beverage Co., Allied Photocopy and Tom Jeffrey’s Sign & Banner.

For more information on Oktoberfest, call 876-5232 or visit the web site at redstonemwr.com.

Festival in 10th year

By SHAREE MILLER
For the Rocket

Bratwurst, bands and beer – it’s time once again for Redstone Arsenal’s Oktoberfest, Sept. 15-18 at the post activity field off Patton Road.

The admission price includes parking, entertainment and carnival rides. In its 10th year, the fest boasts more rides, a greater variety of beer, games and activities while still featuring bratwurst and schnitzel from the Soldatenstube.

“We expect as many as 20,000 people,” event coordinator Bob Howell said, “including a lot who have no affiliation with the military or Redstone Arsenal.”

Technician takes cause to heart and head

*Donates hair
with style*

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Hair is something most people take for granted. You style it, cut it and it just generally sits there on top of your head. Unless, of course, you don't have any. Then hair can be a very big deal. People living with Alopecia Areata live with the stares, questions and difficulties that being bald, often at a very young age, generate on a day-to-day basis. James Henley Jr. found a way to do what he could to help.

Henley, a mechanical technician working as a contractor for Amtec at Test Area 5, grew his hair out for two years with the express intent of donating it to Locks of Love. Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization which accepts donations of human hair to make hairpieces for children who have long-term medical hair loss, but cannot afford to buy them. Most of the kids they help suffer from Alopecia Areata, an autoimmune condition affecting both men and women with no known cause or cure. The body's white blood cells attack hair follicles. This results in hair loss, ranging from patches, whole head and even the entire body in some cases. The National Alopecia Areata Foundation estimates that 4.7 million people in the United States suffer from the condition, which often begins in early childhood.

Henley was unfamiliar with the condition or the donation process until a member of his Masonic club talked to the group about hair donation. Henley was dared by another member to grow his hair out and give it to the cause.

After making the decision to go ahead and let his hair grow, he became more aware of the peo-



Photo by Kelley Lane

HAIR'S GIFT— James Henley Jr. shows that compassion, and a little hair, can make a big difference in someone's life.

ple around him, he said. He found out that the sibling of his daughter's friend is living with Alopecia Areata, as is a fellow Shriner clown.

"My hair was just barely touching my shoulders. One of the guys asked 'When the hell are you going to get your hair cut?' I told him it was for a good reason," Henley said. He told the fellow clown what he was doing and asked if he had ever heard of the condition.

"He took his baseball cap off and said 'Heard of it? I've had it since I was 8.' I didn't know. I just thought he shaved his head like a lot of clowns do," Henley said.

He has been so moved by their cause that he has endeav-

ored to bring more awareness and other donors into the flock, including working on a fundraiser with the Jaycees called Share Your Hair at the Fair over Labor Day weekend. Besides accepting cash donations on behalf of the NAAF and Locks of Love, Henley's group challenged fair attendees to donate their hair on the spot. Local stylists were on hand to make the cuts and provide a new hairstyle free of charge. To get the ball rolling, Henley himself took the stage as the first donor, cutting the hair he had spent two years growing. While at the event, Henley was surprised to be presented with a resolution from the city of Huntsville proclaiming September as Alopecia Areata

Awareness Month.

Locks of Love has a few rules for hair donations. Hair must be at least 10 inches in length. It needs to be clean and dry either in a ponytail or braid. While they do accept colored or permed hair, they cannot take bleached or damaged hair. Hair that was cut a long time ago can't be donated if it has been stored in a braid or ponytail. They need hair of all colors and textures, but separate gray hair from the rest since they deal strictly in children who have no need of gray hair. Taking extra care of his hair to keep it in optimal shape for its final destination was a lot of fun for his daughter, Merrilee, Henley said.

"She talked me into a few hot oil treatments to keep it healthy," he said laughing.

Losing your hair can be devastating emotionally as well as socially at any age. Judy Wells has suffered from Alopecia Areata since age 12. Over the years her hair has fallen completely out and grown back in several times.

"It's very hard. It's hard for everybody. Women have a hard time because your hair is your crowning glory. Men have a hard time, too," Wells said. "People become desperate when they find out they're losing their hair. It's an emotionally crippling thing because it's so obvious. People look at you like you're sick or weak. You're perfectly well, you just don't have hair."

She sympathizes with children who are dealing with the struggle to fit in and be accepted among their peers. Although, she says, the adults they encounter can have just as difficult a time accepting them.

"Children say terrible things, but adults say terrible things, too," she said.

Wells is touched by what Henley has done.

"It's a wonderful thing that he

did," she said. "It's amazing that someone would take the time. It took several years to grow it out."

Growing his hair for two years has given Henley a deeper appreciation for what it is like to have people making assumptions about you based on your hair or lack thereof. He says that his ponytail earned him a few strange looks and more than a few comments before he explained what he was doing it for. It also made him more conscious of how he was perceived. So much so that he began dressing a little more carefully to ensure that he appeared to be giving work and social functions the respect that he felt they deserved, even if he was sporting hair a little longer than he was comfortable with.

"I tried to wear a suit or a tuxedo to meetings and functions," he said.

He is still getting used to his new haircut, but says that it is much cooler without all the extra hair. He also says that people are asking if he plans to do it all over again. Since the issue of whether or not to get another haircut is a while away, he's taking his time to consider it.

"I've got some time, so I'm thinking about it," he said.

He hopes that what he has done will help to raise awareness of the condition and that it will prompt more people to give to the cause, whether they do so in money or hair.

"It's really not about me," he said. "It's about raising awareness."

Information on Alopecia Areata and Locks of Love is available through their web sites, www.naaf.org and www.locksoflove.org. They also accept cash or hair donations. For more information on the North Alabama Alopecia Areata support group, contact Wells at mewells@hiwaay.net.

Therapeutic massage delivers healing message

Former military policeman
pursues career as therapist

By ERIKA READUS
For the Rocket

When Joseph Bright tore the cartilage in his knee during a tour at Fort Irwin, Calif., and had it removed during a subsequent assignment he had no idea that it would open the door for a new career.

Bright, a former military policeman formerly stationed at Redstone from 1980-82, and current program director and academic adviser of the Therapeutic Massage Program at Virginia College in Huntsville, was placed on CQ for a while to recover.

During his recovery period, he decided that he had to do something.

"I decided to explore a new career path and it was therapeutic massage," Bright said. "I went to school in California. I was then stationed in Panama where I began working with the chaplain and the provost marshal. They were my regular clients."

Bright wasn't satisfied, so he decided to take his education further.



Photo by Erika Readus

MESSAGE BENEFIT— Joe Bright guides Alena Taylor, a Virginia College Huntsville student, giving a chair massage during a special benefit session of student massages for victims of Hurricane Katrina on Sept. 7. All proceeds were donated to the American Red Cross.

"Upon my retirement I wanted to learn more so I went to school at the Tennessee Institute of Healing Arts where I learned neuro-muscular therapy and Russian mas-

sage," he said.

He has worked in day spas and pain management clinics along with a thriving private practice.

"I work to reduce the stress in the body. This reduces the likelihood of disease," he said. "I work to restore balance to the body and reduce stress and hopefully restore and maintain health."

With training and experience under his belt, he decided to help train the next generation of massage therapists.

"I applied for an instructor position at Virginia College but they thought I was ready for more because of my qualifications and training," Bright said. "So they offered me more. I was offered and I accepted the program management position."

"We teach Eastern, Western, Swedish, neuro-muscular massage and more in the program at Virginia College in Huntsville. We introduce the students to many techniques but we stay with the basics during the program," he said. "We even have a student clinic that operates on Friday, Saturday and Sunday by appointment, so the students can put what they are learning into practice."

The benefits of massage are many.

"Massage works to redefine homeostasis," Bright said. "It rids the body of trigger points, increases metabolism to rid the body of waste. It works to relax the body

and helps the body to heal itself."

Bright believes many people in this country are still unaware of the benefits of massage.

"Therapeutic is not a new thing but our society has stopped us from reaping the benefits. When you have a massage you have a better day. I like to think of it as our way of helping the world," he said.

Bright has had his plate full after retirement.

"I am the current president of the Alabama Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association," he said. "It's normally a one-year position, but I have been asked to stay on for at least the next year. I am a certified Red Cross CPR instructor volunteer, a licensed certified commercial truck driver. I have a 20-acre farm with horses, ride motorcycles and have a private massage studio on the second floor of my home that offers Pilates and I'm thinking about offering yoga."

Bright has also not forgotten Team Redstone since retiring.

"I was contacted by ACS (Army Community Service) to come out and talk to the waiting spouses group a couple of months ago," he said. "I gave a free chair massage and talked about the benefits. Many of the participants had never had a massage before."



Bass tournament

The Buddy Bass Tournament is Saturday, 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 Thursday, 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.

Fall bass event

Tennessee Valley Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America will hold its 2005 Fall Bass Tournament on Oct. 1 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Easter Posey Recreation Area on post. Registration deadline is Sept. 26. Entry fee per boat is \$25 for members, \$30 non-members. Big bass pot is \$5 per boat. For more information, call tournament director Bob Vlasics 881-4144 or Tom Geoffroy 895-4162.

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.

Visionland tickets

The 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.

Street hockey

If you like team sports, like to have fun and need some exercise, then Madison street hockey is looking for you. This adult-non-contact-tennis-shoe league plays on Sundays starting in October. For information call Al Bryan 679-2506 or e-mail bamabryans@kryolan.net.

Golf tournament

A golf tournament benefiting the scholarship fund of the Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers is today at Sunset Landing Golf Course. The organization's monthly luncheon will be held at the Sunset Landing Clubhouse at 11 a.m. prior to the shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The entry fee of \$55 per person includes green fees, cart, a goodie bag, range balls and lunch. An awards ceremony with munchies follows the tournament. For entry forms and other information, call Phil Loftis (256) 217-2532 or e-mail philip.loftis@parsons.com.

Hunter orientation

Redstone Hunter Orientation Course for the 2005-06 season will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 22, Oct. 6 and 20 and Nov. 3 and 17 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, Aerobee



Courtesy photo

Space jam

Jordan Capt. Omar Al-Trad and Bulgaria Lt. Col. Milko Donchev experience the cramped quarters of a nose cone during the International Military Student Office's field studies program trip Sept. 2 to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. They also visited Cathedral Caverns in Grant.

Road at Patton Road. Items required to hunt on Redstone Arsenal include: 1. Alabama state hunting license; 2. any state's hunter education certificate (more information can be found regarding local classes at www.outdoorAlabama.com); 3. Redstone Arsenal hunting orientation; and 4. Redstone Arsenal hunting permit. Hunters must have items 1-3 before they can purchase the Redstone permit.

Talladega racing tickets

The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, building 3711, has tickets to the UAW-Ford 500 on Oct. 2 at Talladega. Discount tickets can be purchased at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center's ITR office. Reserved seating in both the Gadsden and Talladega grandstand sections are \$55. For more information, call 876-4531 or visit www.redstonemwr.com. This offer is available through Sunday or until limited tickets are gone.



Conferences & Meetings

Federally employed women

An upcoming luncheon offers an opportunity to learn more about Army Materiel Command — what it is and what it could bring to this community. Also learn about issues and challenges leaders face in a transforming Army that encompass base realignment and closure and DoD's new personnel system. The North Alabama Chapter, Federally Employed Women, September program meeting is today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Kathryn Szymanski, acting executive deputy to the commanding general, headquarters AMC. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased from the following: Juanita Sales Lee, SMDC, 955-4521; Rona Brownridge, building 5400, 842-8718; Judy Darwin, MSFC, 544-4222; Shirley Gomez, building 5681, 313-4213; Renee Smith, Sparkman Center, 955-9096; Louise Pickett, MSIC, 313-7641; and Donna Rigsby, Wynn Drive complex, 313-3021. For more information, call Kathy Whisenant 876-2626. All are invited.

AMCOM town hall

The AMCOM Town Hall, with commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, is Sept. 26 from 8:30-10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. It will be broadcast on Team Redstone television channel 42, and via Internet portal TV to computer desktops equipped with the IPTV application. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the Auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending. All AMCOM, PEO Aviation and PEO Missiles and Space employees are encouraged to attend.

Hispanic heritage panel

Individuals interested in participating in the planning, coordination and execution of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration are invited to attend the weekly planning committee meeting held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Garrison Equal Employment Office, room 124, building 111.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday morn-

ing from 6:30-7:30 in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Sept. 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Mike Ward from the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce is scheduled speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Air Force Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

Airborne division

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will hold its monthly lunch meeting Saturday. Membership is open to all airborne and glider qualified individuals. For more information, call Dennis Camp 883-7488.

Alabama State alumni

Rocket City Alumni Chapter of the National Alumni Association of Alabama State University will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Meeting Place on Meridian Street. "Business of importance to be discussed," a prepared release said. "Please make plans to attend."

Communication society

Society for Technical Communication will have a networking luncheon Sept. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lone Star Steakhouse. Becky Lash is to speak on "Independent Contracting." The event is free and attendees can purchase a meal if they wish. STC will have its annual membership social luncheon Oct. 25 from 11:30-1 at the Tom Bevill Center, with speaker Tom White. This event too is free and attendees can purchase a meal if they wish.

Equal opportunity workshop

The 2005 Army Materiel Command EEO/EO Workshop is Sept. 19-22 Sep in Huntsville at Alabama A&M University and the Select Hotel by Holiday Inn. The workshop will start Sept. 19 with tours, pre-registration and an Icebreaker conducted at the hotel. The next two days, the workshop will be conducted on the campus of Alabama A&M. Activities the final day, Sept. 22, will be held at the hotel. Registration for the event is \$140. For more information, call Demetria Cruz of the AMCOM Equal Employment Oppor-



Miscellaneous

tunity Office 876-9718.

Oktoberfest

It's once again time for "the best 'Fest west of Germany." Redstone Arsenal's 10th annual Oktoberfest – Sept. 15-18 on the post activity field off Patton Road — is a delight for adults and children of all ages, and it's open to the public. Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express will be in the 'Fest tent each night with all the games, music and traditional Bavarian dance you can handle. 5 O'Clock Charlie will be there as well for your entertainment. There will be games, carnival rides, a kids' area, an arts and crafts fair, a National

Hunting and Fishing Day Expo, complete with booths and displays from S & L Marine, Wiley's, a boat show, archery demo and more. Parking is included with the gate admission. Come see the Antique Tool Show and buy, sell or trade good tools for the traditional woodworker. More than 30 tables of quality tools — only \$1 with Oktoberfest admission, \$2 without. Bring your tools in for free market appraisals, sell or trade your traditional hand tools, watch demonstrations and enter daily to win door prizes. Special viewing for the Redstone community will be Sept. 15-16 from 1-4 p.m., and Sept. 17 from 12-3 p.m. For more information, call 876-7974. Oktoberfest 2005 will be held on the activity field near the intersection of Patton and Aerobee Roads. 'Fest times are Thursday from 5-11 p.m.; Friday 5 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.; and Sunday 1-8 p.m. Price is Sept. 15, \$8; and Sept. 16-18, \$10. No advance ticket sales — all tickets for purchase at the gate. For more information, call 876-5232. To become an arts and crafts vendor, call 876-5492 or 876-4531.

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to www.gsaauctions.gov, search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other

federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 881-6992.

Motorcycle safety course

Motorcycle safety training — for experienced riders — is conducted behind the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership building off I-565 and Greenbrier Road, exit 3. The contact is Keith Coates of the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383 (e-mail keith.coates@redstone.army.mil). Students in this Experienced Rider Course should have ridden for at least a year, and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. Bring your own motorcycle — fully serviceable, good tires, charged battery and topped off with fuel. You can rent a bike at the dealership for \$25. To participate you must have a DOT approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeve shirt or jacket, boots or shoes that cover the ankles, full fingered gloves, and long pants. The course will start promptly at 8 a.m. and should be completed between 5-6 hours. If it rains, rain gear is required. Cost is covered for active duty and retired military and Defense Department civilians. All others pay their own fee. The instructor is Ralph Harris 341-9424, ext. 424.

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. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Russell Kimball 876-2819. Retirement ceremonies are scheduled Dec. 15, March 23 and June 22.

Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) — noon Catholic Mass. Saturday — 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

Book signing

Huntsville author Jennifer Devlin is a collaborating editor and contributor to "God Answers Prayers: Military Edition" with her own story titled "Beautiful," as well as stories from those she interviewed. Her personal story is about a friend who taught her the power of prayer and the peace she found while being terminally ill. The interviews she conducted brought forth stories of prayer in battle and deployment, as well as other faith building moments. Devlin will conduct a book signing at the Post Exchange on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the annual AAFES Still Serving event. Stop by and visit her during the introduction of "God Answers Prayers: Military Edition."

Native American drum

"Little Turtle" will hold a Native American Drum Class every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Max Luther Learning Center,

301-A Max Luther Drive. This free class is intended for all ages who want to learn the art of Native American drumming. Children are encouraged to attend. For information call 655-2125.

Soldier readiness event

The Military Personnel Division in conjunction with Fox Army Health Center will hold a Soldier Readiness Processing event Sept. 20-21 from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Fox. This SRP will be for Soldiers in the Redstone, Madison area, who do not have an up-to-date deployment packet on file at their unit personnel action center. PACs should also take this opportunity to update Department of Army forms 7425 in unit deployment folders. Any unit interested in participating in this SRP should go online on the Garrison web page and make appointments in the uReserve system for each Soldier. For more information, call Larry Marvin of Military Personnel Division 876-1671.

Craft show

The North Eastern Crafters Association will hold its fall craft show Sept. 16-18 at the Von Braun Center South Hall. Hours for this free event are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Bible study

Protestant Women of the Chapel members invite all the women of the community to join them at their weekly Bible study Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel. Four studies take place from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. A lunch study begins at 11:30 until

12:15. Child care is provided at the chapel. For more information, call Toni Welch 489-5646 or Erica Hobbs 489-3018.

Women's health

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, and all women are at risk. The good news is that heart disease can be prevented. You can learn how. On Sept. 24, call the Go Red HeartLine toll-free at 1-877-GO-RED-05 anytime between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to speak to a knowledgeable registered nurse who will answer your questions about heart disease. You can discuss your personal risks for women's No. 1 killer and what you and your doctor can do to prevent this disease at no cost to you. The Go Red HeartLine is offered by the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement, nationally sponsored by Macy's and Pfizer. The 2005 Go Red HeartLine is made possible by SHPS' CareWise Nurse Line with support from PacificCare Health Systems.

Organizational day

AMRDEC Organizational Day is Oct. 6 (with rain date Oct. 13) at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area for all AMRDEC personnel. Entertainment, games, softball, volleyball, prizes and food will be available. Chicken or pork meal tickets are \$8 adult; hot dog meals are \$3.50 for children 12 and under. For tickets and more information, call Dr. Steve Smith 876-8331.

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Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now registering for the winter term, Oct. 18 to Dec. 19. Deadline to register is Oct. 14. For more information, call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222; the web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>; or e-mail huntsville.center@erau.edu. Embry-Riddle is now offering a master of science in management program on Redstone Arsenal.

Hurricane hotline

National Credit Union Administration has assembled a task force to address the consequences of Hurricane Katrina on credit unions and their members in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. A toll-free number and e-mail addresses have been established to allow credit unions, credit union members and vendors to inquire or provide information on the status of credit union operations, particularly in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina in those states. The hotline will operate daily until further notice. The toll-free number is 1-800-827-6282. The following extensions must be dialed for inquiries regarding: Alabama, 3049; Louisiana, 4049; and data processing, 8049. E-mail addresses are: Alabama, KatrinaAL@NCUA.GOV; Louisiana, KatrinaLA@NCUA.GOV; and Mississippi, KatrinaMS@NCUA.GOV.

Nobel Prize winner

Alabama A&M University announces a lecture by Nobel Laureate Anthony Leggett of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, recipient of 2003 Nobel Prize in Physics on "Pioneering Contributions to the Theory of Superconductors and Superfluids." The title of the public lecture is "What Can We Do With a Quantum Liquid." The lecture is 3 p.m. Friday in Dawson Auditorium, followed by a reception at 5 in the School of Business Clyde Foster Multipurpose Room. Both events are open to the public. For more information, call 372-8148 or 372-8138.

Logistics award nominations

Nominations for the Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The 2005 "Ernie" format will include two awards - the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Submit nominations by Sept. 23 to Kathryn White 876-1757 or Debra Foley 842-6783. The winners will be announced at a luncheon Nov. 3 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Big Spring Jam

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling advance Weekend Tickets for the Big Spring Jam, Sept. 23-25. You may purchase a weekend pass for \$35. Weekend passes beginning on the day of event, available at the gate only, are \$40 for the weekend and \$20 for a day pass. Make checks payable to Big Spring Jam. The last day for advance ticket sales is Sept.

21. CWFC representatives selling tickets are: building 5302, Jan Pickard 876-2569; building 5307, Randy Bigler 955-0505; DAU, Don Clark 722-1035; building 5304, Jerrel McCollum 313-1595; building 5681, Robert Olson 313-4975; building 5309, Nancy Braxton 842-6038; building 5435, David Braxton 842-6080; and building 5220, Sarah Trail 955-3552. You may also purchase tickets at any of your Post Restaurant facilities in buildings 5302, 6263 and 5250. Log on www.bigspringjam.org for more BSJ information and the schedule of entertainers.

Hispanic festival

The Alabama Hispanic Association invites everyone to its biggest cultural event of the year, the seventh annual Hispanic Community Festival, Oct. 1 from noon until 7 p.m. at Big Spring Park downtown (across from the Holiday Inn

Select, near the gazebo). There is no admission charge. You are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs or blankets, but no pets or outside coolers will be allowed on the festival grounds. The festival will go on rain or shine. For information on AHA, visit www.alabahispanicassociation.org or call president Margaret Rotger (256) 325-8464 or 325-4242.

Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and Windows XP. All classes are free and are offered Monday through Friday anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Certificates will be given after successful completion. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

Job application briefing

The RESUMIX Briefing will provide information on the federal application process and the RESUMIX system. "This will be an excellent opportunity for you to ask questions and have them answered by a subject matter expert from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center," a prepared release said. The briefing is 9 a.m. Oct. 6 at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Seating is limited so call 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

Resume writing tips

This workshop will introduce participants to all aspects of written self-marketing tools including resumes, cover letters, networking cards, and thank you letters. It will be held Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3332 on Redeye Road. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK05801098	Training Instructor	15-Sep-05	OMEMS	GS-1712	9	11	42,034 - 66,115	X										X	X	X							
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SCBK05733422	Supervisory Safety Eng	16-Sep-05	AMC Cmd Safety Ofc	NH-0803	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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SCBK05727066D	Supv Fire Protection Insp	19-Sep-05	Pub Saf, Fire & Em	GS-0081	10	11	46,289 - 66,115	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05677194	Supv. Logistics Mgmt Spe	19-Sep-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																			
SCBK05778991D	Deputy Prgm Mgr	19-Sep-05	Fut, Opr/Joint Int.	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05778991	Deputy Prgm Mgr	19-Sep-05	Fut, Opr/Joint Int.	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK057981897	Supply Technician	21-Sep-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-2005	7	7	34,363 - 44,662	X																			
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SCBK05808842	Lead Logs. Mgmt Spec	21-Sep-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05737422	Electronics Pub. Spec.	21-Sep-05	LOGSA	GS-0301	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X									X	X	X							
SCBK05812741	Supv. Mechanical Eng.	23-Sep-05	Redstone Tech Ctr.	GS-0830	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05812741D	Supv. Mechanical Eng.	23-Sep-05	Redstone Tech Ctr.	GS-0830	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05784701	General Engineer	25-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						
SCBK05784701D	General Engineer	25-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						
SCBK05761742	Lead General Engineer	26-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						
SCBK05761742D	Lead General Engineer	26-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						
SCBK05797923	Public Affairs Specialist	30-Sep-05	Garrison-Redstone	GS-1035	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X																		
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SCBK05811111D	Computer Engineer	14-Sep-05	ARDEC	DB-0854	12	13	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05742890	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05778386D	Procurement Analyst	15-Sep-05	ASMDC, P/C	GS-1102	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WTST05819897	Security Specialist	15-Sep-05	AMCOM - ISDS	GG-0080	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05805347D	Engineering Technician	15-Sep-05	ARDEC	DE-0802	10	12	46,289 - 79,238	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	RDEC/COM	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05778991D	Deputy Prgm Mgr	10-Sep-05	GS 3 Fut. Opr/Joint	NH-0340	4	4	85,656 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05733422D	Electronic Publication Spe	21-Sep-05	LOGSA	GS-0301	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05812741D	Supv. Mechanical Eng	23-Sep-05	RTTC, ETD	GS-0830	14	14	85,656 - 111,355	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK05784701D	General Engineer	25-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						
SCBK05761742D	Lead General Engineer	26-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						
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																											
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																											
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																											
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																											
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																											
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																											
F - All Federal Employees																											
H - Severely handicapped persons. (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																											
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																											
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																											
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																											
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																											
U - All U.S. citizens																											
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																											
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