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# Honoring a life with dedication

Weapons sciences building becomes Bowden facility

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He was a dedicated scientist who worked long hours but still found time for his family and sports.

Friends and former associates remembered the late Dr. Charles Bowden on Thursday in a ceremony which dedicated the Weapons Sciences Directorate building in his honor. Building 7804 off Patton Road is now the Charles M. Bowden Facility.

"Chuck was just tremendous in so many ways," Dr. Bill McCorkle, director of the Research Development and Engineering Center, said.

Bowden, a senior research scientist in optical science, worked at RDEC from 1967 to 2004. He was seriously injured when struck by a pickup truck while riding his bicycle on Patton Road on July 30, 2002, and never fully recovered. He died in August 2004.

"He was truly an inspiration to many people in the scientific community," Dr. Chester Carroll, president of Lyman Ward Military Academy, said. "He was certainly an inspiration to me."

"Chuck was absolutely a brilliant man," senior research scientist Dr. Billy J. Walker



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**LASTING TRIBUTE**— Dr. Bill McCorkle, director of the Research Development and Engineering Center, admires a plaque honoring the late Dr. Charles Bowden, senior research scientist. At left is Bowden's wife, Lou.

said. "There was no question about that."

Said research scientist Dr. Mark Bloemer: "Chuck was a very enthusiastic person." He also described Bowden as a "true visionary."

Bowden's wife, Lou Bowden, and family members joined McCorkle in unveiling

a plaque at the end of the ceremony.

"It is a great honor to be here today for the dedication of this building to my husband," she said.

She accepted a Department of Army Exceptional Civilian Service Award on Bowden's behalf from McCorkle.

# Charity drive kickoff delivers message

Make difference to improve lives

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You never know when you'll need help.

That was among the messages at the 2005 kickoff Sept. 20 for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. The event was held outdoors at the NASA picnic area.

"I'm excited about being a part of one of the greatest CFCs in the nation," campaign coordinator Donna Johnson said.

Lindsey Jones, 9, who is blind, sang the national anthem.

Rachel Kruse, of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, gave a CFC testimonial on the help provided her husband, Darin Kruse, who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Darin retired on disability from the Research Development and Engineering Center a few weeks ago.

"Today, Darin and I would like to share two messages," Rachel said. "It can happen to you. And you can make a difference."

"This is why we contribute to CFC, folks," Johnson said afterward. "To ensure resources are there to help people in their time of need."

The 2005 campaign is Oct. 3 through Nov. 11 with a \$1.8 million goal and the slogan "CFC - Compassion in Action."

The Tennessee Valley CFC 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.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HONORING NATION**— Lindsey Jones, 9, sings the national anthem during the CFC kickoff.

# An open lane random survey

*What is the most difficult profession?*

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*Nese Bennett*  
vender

**"I think doctors are the hardest working people. They work very long hours. They are gone from their families a lot."**

*Spc. Jeramie Jackson*  
HHC 1st/110th Cav

**"A single mother is the hardest job you can have. First of all, you have to try and work. You have to take care of your kids. Then, if you have a man, you have to make time to take care of him, too."**



*Spc. Colton Lichty*  
Charlie 2nd/8th Infantry

**"A military wife with children is the hardest profession. When the husband is deployed, she's a single mom. On top of that, she has one of the people that she loves the most not around her and he may never come**

**back. She's running everything with that on her mind."**

*Spc. Reuben Alvidrez*  
HHC 187th Armor

**"Military wives put up with so much nonsense. The military takes a lot of birthdays and anniversaries away that they never get to spend together. When husbands are deployed they have to be both wife and husband. Then when he comes back, she's been on her own for a year and has to get used to him being there again."**



# Hurricane impacts animals

**L**ocal animal rescue group Sarah Inc. drove several rented vans last week to the hurricane affected areas to rescue dogs and cats. After working closely with an animal rescue group called Pasado, they brought back nearly 100 animals to an animal shelter here in Madison, located at Pet Pawlor, 7465 Highway 72.

Sarah Inc. is a non-profit organization working to help animal victims of Katrina. If you can foster or adopt a pet from Sarah Inc., you would help a deserving pet find love and attention that they desperately need. All applications will be screened and

placed in qualified homes.

Also we are looking for another place that allows the boarding of animals for free. If you have a building or property we can borrow, let us know. There are so many animals that will die if more help doesn't occur.

Donations of large and medium metal wire cages are desperately needed. Other pet donations will be accepted at Pet Pawlor, 7465 Highway 72 for Sarah Inc. Please call Pet Pawlor 830-9115 for more information.

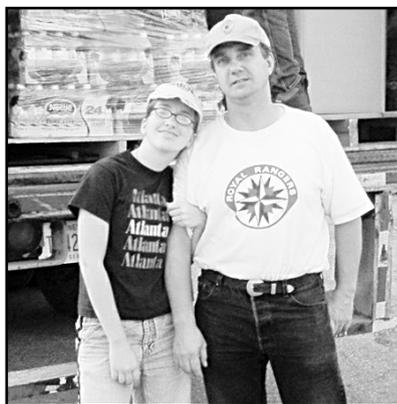
**Kyle Jess**

# Volunteering for hurricane relief

**M**y name is Tod Jordan; I work over here in building 5678, in the Cargo Program office. After seeing the great article on Col. Crosby's Katrina Relief efforts, I got a call from our church men's group (Frontier Camping Fellowship - or FCF for short) and looked into what I could do. After checking with work, I was able to get a few days off from the office and took my 19-year-old daughter and we drove down to Hattiesburg to help out. It was a real eye opener. Wow! We were worked really hard - I mean it was well worth it.

We were so glad we were able to make this trip. We want to go back as soon as we can.

**Tod Jordan**



Courtesy photo

**LONG DAY— Redstone worker Tod Jordan and his daughter, Elaina, 19, join the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Hattiesburg, Miss.**

# Hunting an explanation on fees

**I**was withdrawn with the fees for a hunting permit on Redstone Arsenal. I read the minutes of the Hunting and Fishing Council Meeting, Aug. 18. I know through the years RSA has had budget constraints where the movie theater was closed down, the Enlisted Member Club was closed down, and the NCO Club was closed, with the exception of Bingo.

I think we all need to take a look at "Taking Care of Soldiers."

Hunting fees were increased without regard to the military at \$50 for everyone. The sign out for hunting was favorable and in line with other installations. The RSA is an Army installation and the active duty has priority, with retired, civil

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# Road construction has cracks

**I**t has been very interesting to watch the construction taking place on Martin Road near Gate 1. It is somewhat baffling to experience quite a bump (at any speed except a crawl and in either direction) on both ends of the brand new western bridge. The brand new road surface inside the Arsenal is nowhere near the quality of the road surface outside the Arsenal (both new construction). In fact, the old road was smoother than the new road, even with the potholes.

The divider, under construction, also shows little quality control. A few days ago there was a delay on Martin Road and I was amazed to see prominent cracks in the brand new concrete. These cracks were not the expansion gaps, but jagged cracks visible from quite a distance. The divider is not at all smooth or continuous. The changes in height of the divider is also very evident as you drive by. Additionally, there is no uniform color to that divider.

Can someone look into this? I'd hate to see our tax dollars going for such substandard work.

**Timothy A. Powell**  
aeronautical engineer

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thanks for the interest and concerns about the Martin Road construction project.*

*"The new lanes, which will become outbound lanes when project is completed and presently used by both in and outbound traffic, do not have the final layer of asphalt (wearing surface) that they are scheduled to have. The final layer will eliminate the bumps at each end of the bridges and will have the same quality surface that it does outside the Arsenal. This final layer along with permanent striping will be applied before the project is final.*

*"The divider is not complete at this time but the final accepted barrier will not have cracks and will be a uniform height according to the elevation of the roadway. When the concrete is all installed and has time to dry or cure, the color should all be the same.*

*"As you know the State of Alabama Department of Transportation has oversight of this project and they do an excellent job inspecting and will make sure that the construction is according to specifications.*

*"The roadway is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 30. This will bring an end to the 43 years of Martin Road reversing for in and outbound rush hour traffic each work day."*

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# Getting to know you

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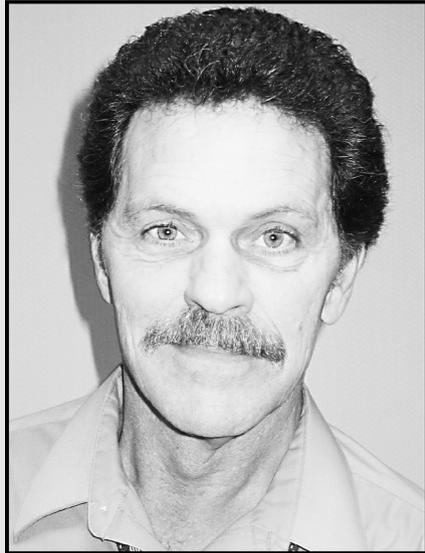
**Where do you call home?**  
Cullman

**What do you like about your job?**  
Meeting people. The people.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Play music. Make things, paint or fiberglass. Work on cars, paint on cars.

**What are your goals?**  
At my age (56)! To live to retire.

**What's your favorite football team?**  
Dallas Cowboys



## ■ Redstone fees comparable to other posts

### Hunting

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service, and contractors following in this sequence. This is OK.

My concern is the fee of \$50 for all. I am retired and can afford the hunting fee; however, I am concerned in your staff steering you wrong. It's simple for the staff in going to the web and checking other Army installations. My research was the fees average of \$10 to \$15; with Fort Stewart, Ga., being \$40 (E1-E4 was \$10), and a couple had \$3 deer/turkey hunting stamps. All installations had 65 and older free, 15 or younger free, disabled veterans free (30 percent with Fort Stewart and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., set at 100 percent). Fort Stewart also had 18- through 24-year-olds free for students.

It is understandable that when the installation has few Soldiers the dollars are less under the Moral Welfare and Recreation fund; however, if the installation sets a flat fee of \$50, isn't it pulling from Soldiers for civilians and contractors?

As in the military when you bring a shortcoming to a Garrison commander; give him a solution, this is my solution: Since we have numerous retired servicemembers, government civilians and contractors hunting and very few active military, let's give the active duty military a break and charge them the average of \$10 to \$15 in lieu of the \$50 (recommend \$10 to zero). We have to remember it's their installation, home, and they support us by deploying all over

the world in the keeping of peace.

**Jim Deweese**  
Army/civil service retired

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your interest and concern in the hunting program at Redstone Arsenal. We value your comments and welcome the opportunity for discussion and open dialogue. Regarding fees for the hunting program, indeed Redstone Arsenal is comparable to other installations in permit fees for hunting. These fees assist in the management of the program and provide the wildlife biologist with resource for game management.*

*"Redstone Arsenal is also like other installations in the fact that we do not charge for individuals over 65 years of age. In response to your concern regarding Soldiers E1-E4 paying the same as everyone else, a change to the current policy is now being staffed. The change would allow for these grades to pay only half of the regular permit fee of \$50.*

*"Upon approval of this change, it will be immediately implemented and those Soldiers in ranks E1-E4, who have already paid, will be due a refund of an amount equal to half of the permit fee. Redstone Arsenal MWR and the Army Garrison-Redstone are committed to 'Taking Care of Soldiers' and take pride in doing so.*

*"Again, thank you for your comments and we trust you will have a safe and enjoyable hunting season."*

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Sept. 16:** An individual pumped fuel at the Shoppette and then left without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 16:** An individual reported that someone entered his garage and removed several items. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 16:** Another individual reported that someone entered his garage and removed several items. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 16:** A third individual reported that someone entered his garage and removed several items. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 16:** An individual reported that someone entered his vehicle and removed several items. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

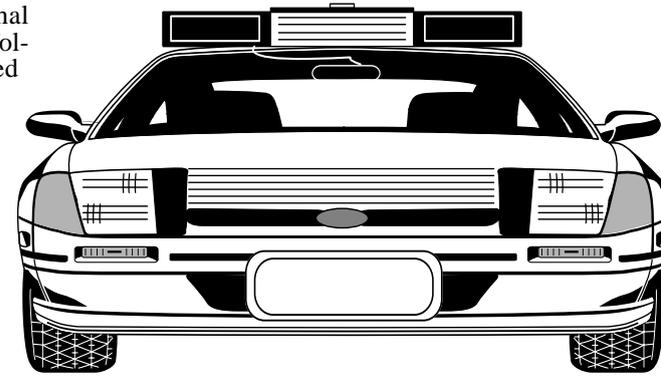
**Sept. 17:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. Further investigation revealed he was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and placed in the detention cell until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

**Sept. 17:** An individual reported that someone passed a counterfeit 20 dollar bill at the Octoberfest. Investigation continues by the U.S. Secret Service and Criminal Investigation Division.

**Sept. 18:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 19:** An individual took a number of sodas at the Octoberfest and sold them to patrons. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 19:** An individual reported that someone entered his barracks room and removed a digital camera. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.



**Sept. 20:** An individual reported that someone passed a counterfeit 20 dollar bill at the Octoberfest. Investigation continues by the U.S. Secret Service and CID.

**Traffic accidents reported:** 10 without injuries, one with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 10 speeding, 1 driving under the influence, 2 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 inattentive driving, 1 improper backing, 1 children under the age of 4 not wearing seat belt.

## Quote of the week

'It is not the critic who counts: Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.'

— Teddy Roosevelt

# Chapman closes final chapter on career

*Senior executive retires with 34 years service*

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John Chapman had promised himself he wouldn't cry during his retirement ceremony Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

He almost made it but had to regain his composure while thanking his wife, Brenda, and their family. The attendees gave

him a standing ovation after his remarks.

Chapman, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is retiring as executive director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center. This culminates 34 years of service, including military time. He was wounded in combat during the Vietnam War.

"It's not about me," Chapman told the audience after receiving awards for his career. "It's about you and what you do."

The 56-year-old Port Arthur, Texas, native served in the Army from 1969-71. He had one tour in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division. In October 1975, he entered the Army Materiel Command intern training program at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas.

Upon completion of the formal course work in June 1976, he transferred to the then Missile Command's Missile Logistics Center. He was selected in September 2001 to the Senior Executive Service and became IMMC executive director.

"Thirty-four years has just passed so fast," Chapman said.

"We're going to miss you," Pillsbury said. "We're going to miss you very much."

The Chapmans have a daughter, Dr. Michele Parker — an optometrist practicing in Madison with her husband, Dr. David Parker — and a 5-month-old grandson, David II.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**NOT SO FAST—** John Chapman, retiring executive director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is stopped by AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury for a photo opportunity before leaving the stage at his retirement ceremony.

# Acquisition training expands at new facility

## Huntsville campus moves to Bevill Center at UAH

By SKIP VAUGHN

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This was more than just a change of venue for the Huntsville campus of the Army Logistics Management College.

Friday's ceremony marked the move from Research Park to the Tom Bevill

Center at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. It also signified the expansion of the Army Acquisition Basic Course to the Functional Area 51 Basic Qualification Course.

"And the purpose (of the expansion) is to provide Level 2 training in a wide variety of acquisition fields," Maj. Aaron Brown, proponent officer for the course, said.

In 2002, this portion of ALMC moved to Huntsville's Research Park from Fort Lee, Va. Now the course has moved into a

larger facility on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus.

"So basically we've established a new relationship with the university and expanded our course to allow more students and additional curriculum," ALMC instructor Maj. James Kennedy said.

Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, deputy program executive officer for aviation, emphasized the importance of expanded training for Acquisition Corps officers

during the ribbon cutting ceremony and breakfast at the Bevill Center.

"We cannot overestimate the value of our training base for our future," Phillips said.

A graduation ceremony was held for the first class trained at the new facility. The 57 acquisition students included 46 Army officers, six Army civilians, one Navy noncommissioned officer and four foreign military officers (three from Korea and one from Bulgaria).

## Former commanding general Eifler dies

### Led Redstone from 1967-69

Retired Lt. Gen. Charles Eifler died Sept. 20. He was 90.

Eifler commanded the Missile Command from July 1967 to September 1969.

The Altoona, Pa., native graduated from Penn State in 1936 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. In 1948, he received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also attended the Army Command and General Staff College (constructive credit) in 1946 and graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1956.

Eifler began his military career in 1936, when he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. He entered active duty in 1940 and during World War II served with various echelons of the Army ground forces in Europe. Eifler became Ordnance officer of the XVIII Corps (Airborne) in spring 1944 and later, in 1945, held the same position with the VII Corps. In 1946, he was assigned as Ordnance officer of the 6th Army, Presidio, San Francisco.

Eifler's assignments in the Army missile program began in 1948 at White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., where he served as executive officer and technical operations officer from 1948-51. While the Army was activating its first operational missile units in the early 1950s, Eifler was chief of the guided missile section and chief of the rocket branch in the research and development division of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. His tour there lasted from 1951-55. After graduating from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in June 1956, Eifler became group commander of the 57th Ordnance Group in Europe, a position he held until June 1959.

Eifler's career included three tours at Redstone Arsenal. From July 1959 until August 1961, he was commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School. He left



File photo

Lt. Gen. Charles Eifler

to become the commander of Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia, a position he held from September 1961 to April 1963. Eifler then returned to Redstone Arsenal as deputy commanding general for land combat systems at MICOM until December 1965. Prior to his third tour at Redstone, Eifler commanded the 1st Logistical Command in South Vietnam from January 1966 until May 1967. He then served as the MICOM commander from July 1967 until September 1969.

Eifler was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Air Medal, the Vietnamese National Order Medal Fifth Class, the Korean Order of Military Merit, Chung Mu, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Defense and American Campaign Medals, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Eifler was inducted into the Army Ordnance Hall of Fame in 1974. (AMCOM Historical Office release)



Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

**RIBBON CUTTING—** Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, deputy program executive officer for aviation, delivers remarks during Friday's ribbon cutting ceremony at the Bevill Center.



Photo by Erika Readus

## *Caring hands*

Operation Honor Bags Inc. board members and their families distribute honor bags Sept. 15 to Soldiers of the 832nd Battalion, Bravo and Charlie Companies. Operation Honor Bags is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization that is sending a message of love, honor and support to the Soldiers that serve this country. The organization was started to remind Soldiers that they are remembered.

## Experienced motorcycle riders sharpen skills

Course required  
for post bikers

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Michael Dwyer didn't like being the leader. He was afraid he would make a lot of mistakes and the others behind him would notice.

And when you are on a motorcycle, those mistakes can get down right embarrassing — if not dangerous.

A heavy-handed turn, a jolting stop, a sudden shift in weight, a hesitancy with accelerating — such mistakes can leave Easy Rider in the dust in two seconds flat.

"Putting me in front is like putting the second colonel as the leader," Dwyer joked.

He took his position in the line with humor. And if he did make any mistakes, Dwyer and instructor Rich Petrina knew the others would certainly learn from them.

The Experienced Rider course offered by the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership is required to drive a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal. In a recent class, 12 students refreshed their motorcycle driving skills through a Skills Practice Course of nine exercises that focused on evasive maneuvers.

"No matter how long you've been riding a motorcycle, this course will teach you the principles, concepts and techniques of the proper control of a motorcycle," said Petrina, who is a riders education safety instructor for Harley-Davidson and who is cer-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**AWAITING TURN—** Electrical engineer Dan McWilliams waits his turn to go through a course exercise. In the background on the right is Tim Davey, who works at Software Engineering Directorate.

tified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

"This course teaches street riding skills with an emphasis on evasive maneuvers that riders need for when they are in traffic."

Rocket Harley-Davidson started offering the courses about four years ago. In the first year, they trained nearly 400 riders. Now, with one course a month, about 150 riders go through the course each year.

For most of the riders at the recent class, motorcycle riding has been a hobby they first enjoyed as teenagers. Now with

gasoline prices soaring, riding a motorcycle could very well become their mode of transportation to and from work on Redstone Arsenal.

And with more regular use of their bikes, these students know they must be more diligent with their driving skills.

Dwyer, a retired Air Force major who works as a contract specialist in the Program Executive Office for Aviation, plans to drive his motorcycle to work. So, too, do students George Rowan, an Arsenal security officer; Jamehl Law, who works for Computing Technologies as a project manager in the Logistics Support Activity; and Rick Green, who works in the Directorate for Information Management.

When Green bought his Kawasaki Vulcan 750 last year he planned to use it for recreational rides. Those plans have changed.

"My motorcycle gets 56 miles per gallon," Green said. "Gas has gotten so expensive that it just makes sense to ride this bike. I'm driving 35 miles from Hartselle every day. I plan on taking the back roads. That's always smart when you are on a bike and it is more peaceful."

The day's exercises gave the students increased skills in handling the problems they will confront as they share the road with other daily commuters.

"This has definitely built up my confidence with turns and

maneuvers," Green said. "I'm a little bit more at ease with maneuvering. It's easy to just jump on a bike and ride in a straight line. There's a lot more to pay attention to when you are traveling the roads."

Stopping, driving in and out of curves, swerving around obstacles and mastering how to handle the bikes in any situation gave the students plenty of challenges throughout the day.

"I've learned and relearned a lot of skills," Dwyer said. "The hardest was the 'Box' where you had to do a figure 8 inside a rectangular box."

"Everybody in this class will know what their strengths and weaknesses are by the end of the day," Petrina said.

The students received numerous instructions and reminders before undertaking each exercise.

In the "curve and stop" exercise, Petrina reminded students to lean with their bikes into the curve, and then straighten both their bikes and themselves for the sudden stop.

"If you are not perfectly square with the handlebars, then you'll lean to the left or right when you stop," he said.

Once his students mastered the skill, Petrina took them through the "swerve around obstacles and stop quickly" exercise. At 15 mph in second gear, the students were to approach an obstacle, swerve around it and then stop.

"This improves your ability to avoid hazards by swerving," he said.

"I will tell you to swerve right or left into the escape lane and then you come to a safe, quick stop. Remember to brake and then swerve or swerve and then brake. Don't brake and swerve at the same time or you will have a close encounter of the asphalt kind before you know it. This is where most new students have crashes."

Unlike the "curve and stop" where the rider's body goes with the bike into a smooth curve, swerving around obstacles involves keeping the body straight while swerving.

"This is an emergency evasive maneuver," Petrina said.

In the last exercise of the day, students had to drive a circular course that included multiple curves with various radius. They entered the course four bikes at a time.

"What should our distance be between drivers?" asked Ron Fallon, a retired sergeant major, as the group looked over the course.

"Adequate safety margin," Petrina said, referring to the minimum two-second following distance. "Leave enough room for yourself based on your skill level."

Although the rules of the road are the same regardless of whether they are driving a motorcycle or a car, motorcyclists must be more attentive to road conditions, road hazards, and other driver's driving habits, weather and other factors that could create risks.

"You've got to deal with a hazard as soon as you see it," Petrina said.

SEE is an acronym for search aggressively, never fixating on an object for more than one second; evaluate the hazard and how it will affect you, and execute what you are going to do.

"Motorcycle riding is like going out on patrol," said Ralph Harris, a retired colonel who is the lead instructor at Rocket Harley.

"You always have a chance of being ambushed. Assume the worst because as soon as you assume the best, the worst is going to happen. You've got to be mentally aware at all times."

For many of the day's experienced riders, taking the class was like a wakeup call to remind them of the skills they need to practice to be safe on the road.

"I found out I'm not as skilled a rider as I thought I was," said Tom Chandler, who works in finance and accounting.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**STUDENT MANEUVERS—** Ray Fields, a retired sergeant major who works with the 8th Brigade Western Region Army ROTC, maneuvers his bike around a circle of multiple curves. He is followed by Michael Dwyer, a contract specialist with PEO Aviation, and fellow student Joe Clegg, military retiree.

# Garrison team makes plans to handle emergencies

*Accidents and incidents part of job description*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

When it comes to having the best and the most experienced in the right place and at the right time, the Garrison Plans and Operations Division has set the standard with Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive team members Greg Avila and Freda Alexander.

Both Avila, with 25 years experience, and Alexander, with 23, come to their Garrison positions following tours of duty with the Arsenal's Tech Escort Course as instructors and serving in emergency responder positions.

"Primarily, Freda and I are in these positions, so that we are better established and postured to prepare ourselves in the event that there ever happens to be an incident at the Arsenal or in the surrounding area," Avila said. "We want to be proactive, not reactive, following the events of Sept. 11, with the goals of life safety, incident stabilization and mitigation as well as property and environmental conservation."

Avila and Alexander are tech-



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS— Freda Alexander and Greg Avila check a chemical/biological handbook, determining its application to the Arsenal.**

nically proficient in the disciplines of emergency response and rescue, maintaining certifications in hazardous material response, confined-space rescue and environmental-sampling.

"We need to be ready to restore essential needs to the installation's infrastructure. And in that role, we see education and awareness as the key tools about being prepared for what could happen, and then if something does happen, we are ready to

respond," Avila said.

The pair is dedicated to providing training across the board, and not just to fire and police department first responders, but to all who require or desire the knowledge to become more prepared.

"We don't want to have to play catch up," Avila said. "We have an all-hazards approach, evaluating consequences to provide guidance and recommendations to the command group for

dealing with CBRNE issues."

Disciplines and job performance are important ingredients.

"We have the experience and the knowledge about how to coordinate activities to restore what is needed after the results of a nationally significant event, such as Hurricane Katrina," Avila said. "However, we focus in on Weapons of Mass Destruction as primary concerns in that we support incident operations in line with the National Response Plan and the National Incident Management System. In line with that, we conduct assessments and training. For example, we just completed working actions surrounding the installation's recent Oktoberfest, in terms of Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection measures."

Research to find new programs that will make responders more effective is also an important tool in the CBRNE kit.

"This is a whole new arena for our country, so this is an ever-green project," Avila said. "We work to integrate new technologies into the way that we do business. Integration of technology is a very fast-growing field, especially in the area of first response. There are a lot of widgets and tools out there for the responder to use across the

full spectrum of responsibility."

Developing plans, procedures and training programs remains the Garrison's top team-effort priority.

"We want to assure that we are out front, educating personnel without getting them excited and worried," Avila said. "The awareness about what is out there can assist them. Since the events of Sept. 11, WMD and the anthrax scares have become something of concern for all. We approach this by considering the entire Garrison, along with local, state and federal agencies."

A joint, effective response to an incident is necessary if a CBRNE incident occurs. The pair's experience serves them well in their new roles as Homeland Defense supporters.

"We are developing actual incident support training courses for the actual activation of the Installation Operations Center," Avila said. "Life safety is paramount — our number one concern. Just like Hurricane Katrina, the effects of a nationally-significant event can be catastrophic. The release of hazardous materials affects everything in the infrastructure."

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# Chapel's blessing of animals treat for pets and owners

*Event is tribute to patron saint*

Animals need love, too.

A special celebration to bless the animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, is Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the west courtyard of Bicentennial Chapel.

This celebration is a tribute to St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, who died in 1226. He was noted for his love for nature and all creatures. It is said that animals responded to his kindness by listening to his sermons.

Father Louis Giardino, who teaches at Catholic High in Huntsville, will conduct the animal service in the absence of Chaplain (Maj.) Jerzy "Father George" Rzasowski, who has deployed to the gulf region to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"That (animal service) reminds us of the sacredness of all life," Patty Wilson, the chapel's religious education coordinator, said. "And it provides an opportunity to celebrate the animals who share our lives. We've been doing the Blessing of



Photo by Patty Wilson

**ANNUAL HIGHLIGHT— Coby looks forward to the Blessing of the Animals.**

the Animals 25 years at Bicentennial Chapel. And everyone who can get on post is invited to bring their animals."

All pets are welcome, accompanied by their owners. All pets should be leashed or in cages. Bring your dogs, cats, snakes, turtles, hamsters, horses, sheep, rabbits or any other pet you happen to have. Stuffed animals are also welcome.

Refreshments will be available for pets and humans. For more information, call Wilson at 876-6874.

# Rotorcraft students win design contest

A team of Army civilians enrolled at the University of Alabama-Huntsville has won Best Overall in the New Entry category of the American Helicopter Society's annual rotorcraft design competition.

This year's competition involved designing a military Heavy Lift Vertical Take-Off and Landing aircraft, able to live on and operate from naval ships and able to internally transport a 20-ton Future Combat System vehicle. The panel of judges considered factors such as technical content, organization and presentation, originality and feasibility.

The UAH team consisted of employees from Program Executive Office for Aviation, the Research Development and Engineering Center

and PEO Missiles and Space. They included Eric Martin, Kevin Pulliam, Mark Parsons, Laura Ayers, Brian Murphy, Mark Sweeney and Blake Anderson.

The team selected a Single Main Rotor Helicopter for its preliminary design. The vehicle featured a six-bladed fully-articulated main rotor with a 100-foot diameter and had a gross weight of 111,000 pounds. For comparison, the largest helicopter currently in military inventory is the CH-53E having a gross weight of 73,500 pounds and a rotor diameter of 79 feet.

Two additional Army civilian teams at UAH entered the contest and selected a Quad Tiltrotor and a Tandem Compound Helicopter for their designs.

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"We have been out in the local, surrounding communities, speaking with Emergency Management Agency officials," Alexander said. "This is an entire team participation effort."

"We hope to capitalize on what we've

done in the past, bringing more players to the table for total community involvement in the future," Avila said. "This is a new program across the board — across the Army — and we want to make Redstone Arsenal the installation that has established the procedures by which all other installations will be measured by. We want to be looked at as being the tip of the spear, reaching out with other agencies in a cooperative effort to aid and assist everyone."

# Protect yourself against identity theft

By Capt. DAN PAPAJCIC  
Legal assistance chief

Identity theft occurs when someone uses another person's personal information to take on that person's identity. Identity theft is much more than misuse of a Social Security number — it can also include credit card and mail fraud.

You should regularly check your credit report to ensure there are no unauthorized credit cards or accounts opened in your name. Federal law permits you to request a free credit report once every 12 months from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You may request your credit report online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by calling 877-322-8228. If you find

unauthorized credit accounts, you are likely the victim of identity theft.

If you think you may be a victim of identity theft, contact the Federal Trade Commission to report what happened via its web site ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)). You can call the FTC's ID Theft Hotline 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) or use the FTC's online ID Theft Complaint form. The FTC provides valuable up-to-date resources about how to work with credit bureaus and law enforcement agencies to reclaim your identity.

You should contact the Social Security Administration for a replacement card if your Social Security card was lost or stolen, to request a new Social Security number in certain circumstances, and if you need help to correct your earnings records. Contact the Office of

the Inspector General, SSA, to report Social Security number misuse that involves buying or selling Social Security cards, or may involve people with links to terrorist groups or activities. The SSA can be reached through its web site ([www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)) or via phone (800-772-1213).

The Legal Assistance Office web site provides a number of useful links and information on identity theft under the Consumer Protection section ([www.redstone.army.mil/legal/lao.html](http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/lao.html)). Additionally, information is available at our office, building 111 on Goss Road. If you think you are a victim and you are an eligible client, please make an appointment with our office by calling 876-9005. The most important step in protecting yourself against the results of identity theft is to report the theft early.

# Flu season usually falls on population each fall

## Vaccination advised for prevention sake

By Maj. ANGELIQUE LIKELY  
Preventive medicine service chief

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent this illness is by getting a flu vaccination each fall.

Every year in the United States, on average: 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications; and about 36,000 people die from flu.

Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications.

Symptoms of flu include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults.

Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes. Children may get sinus problems and ear infections.

Flu viruses spread in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. They usually spread from person to person, though sometimes people become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick. That means that you can pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccination each fall. There are two types of vaccines:

- Flu shot — an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) that is given with a needle. The flu shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions.

- Nasal-spray flu vaccine — a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu (sometimes called LAIV for "Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine"). LAIV is approved for use in healthy people age 5 to 49 who are not pregnant.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against influenza-like illnesses caused by other viruses.

October or November is the best time to get vaccinated, but getting vaccinated in December or even later can still be beneficial. Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

In general, anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated. However, certain people should get vaccinated each year. They are either people who are at high risk of having serious flu complications or people who live with or care for those at high risk for serious complications. During flu seasons when vaccine supplies are limited or delayed, including the 2005-06 season, Centers for Disease Control makes recommendations regarding priority groups for vaccination.

Fox Army Health Center will publish its vaccination schedule as soon as the delivery of the vaccine is confirmed.

# German restaurant right on course for community

## Soldatenstube invites patrons

By PATRICIA KLAVER  
MWR sales and marketing

Early in 1957, German Air Force students began arriving for training at the Army Guided Missile School. German bishops bought a trailer for these students to meet, and the Soldatenstube (Soldier's Lounge) was born. It slowly became more of a "kantine" or restaurant.

In June 1991, the German Air Force Liaison Office was deactivated, and the Soldatenstube structure was

donated to the post chapel. The chapel gave the property to Morale Welfare and Recreation. The Sol-



Courtesy photo

**SIGN OF TIMES—** Soldatenstube manager Robert Schumann is ready to serve your dining needs.

datenstube Restaurant continued to serve authentic German food for the next two years, until the fire marshal closed the doors of the aging facility. Morale Welfare and Recreation reopened the restaurant in 1994 in a new modular structure. The Soldatenstube flourished until December 2003, when safety and structural issues once again closed it down.

The desire of the Redstone community to keep the popular, historic Soldatenstube Restaurant open spurred MWR to relocate the restaurant at the Golf Course in building 4140 on Goss Road. The restaurant has been in this location since winter 2004. But don't just think of the Soldatenstube as a place to come and grab a bite to eat when you're out on the golf course. The Soldatenstube has catering available to you and your party, seven days-a-week.

The Soldatenstube would be a great place to come for any of your holiday functions. The restaurant is decorated in true German fashion for you and your guests. Reserve the party room or back patio for any of your group needs. Do you have a place to have your get-together but just don't have the food? Let the Soldatenstube come to you. The Soldatenstube staff caters on or off site.

The Soldatenstube can handle a variety of dishes, from authentically-prepared German food to steaks, hamburgers or even a Chinese menu.

"Tell us what you want, and we'll make it happen," Soldatenstube manager Robert Schumann said. Because of the variety of arrangements that can be made, prices may vary. If you're thinking of a fall or holiday season gathering, call now; the dates are going fast. Call 883-8903 or stop by the Soldatenstube to discuss the date, menu and pricing. For details on cuisine or hours of operation, go to [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).



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## Oath of office

Human resources specialist and retired sergeant first class Glen Reese, left, of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center administers the oath of office under the U.S. flag for newly-selected Research Development and Engineering Center government employees. CPAC in-processes about 1,000 new civilian employees each year for Team Redstone. From left are Pedro Mangual of Engineering Directorate, David O'Brien Jr. of Aviation Engineering Directorate, Jonathan Akridge of Engineering Directorate, Ronnie Barclay Shelton of Engineering Directorate and Ernest Nickles of Systems Simulation and Development Directorate.

# Whirlwind tour to Iraq gives lifetime of memories

Exchange worker  
finds adventure

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A career at Redstone is full of opportunities. You get to meet new people. You get to see new things. Sometimes, you get to go to new places. Tony Merryman took advantage of one such opportunity. He went to Iraq.

Merryman, a custodial laborer at the Post Exchange, volunteered to go to Mosul, Iraq to work in the AAFES store there for six months as a visual merchandiser. While many would wonder why anyone would choose to go, Merryman saw his reasons clearly.

"It was something different. I liked the adventure of it," he said. "I wanted to help the troops. I always believed what JFK said about not asking what your country could do for you, but what you could do for your country. This was my opportunity to do something for my country."

He left, bound for the War on Terror, on Feb. 6. It was not an easy trip.

He found himself on a plane with 200 troops bound for Iraq. They had to make a fuel stop before reaching Kuwait, where they were unable to leave the plane because of diplomatic reasons, Merryman said.

"We spent six hours sitting there with the door open and snow on the ground," he added.

Continuing on their journey, the flight finally made it to Iraq. Landings are often nerve-racking times during any flight. Merryman said theirs had a little more to it than the usual turbulence.



Photo by Kelley Lane

**OFF SHELF—** Tony Merryman tries to bring a smile to AAFES, wherever that happens to be.

"On our way from Kuwait to Mosul, we were shot at in the plane. The pilot sent out countermeasures," Merryman said. "We were sitting there, getting ready to land. We couldn't figure out why we kept flying around. We hadn't even touched ground yet and we were getting shot at. I kept thinking 'I volunteered for this?'"

The facility he was to call home for the next six months was near the airfield, which made for some interesting day-to-day activity.

"The first full day I was there we got bombed, right in front of the store," Merryman said. "It knocked out the front windows of the store. We got bombed day in and day out with mortar rounds and with what they call Chinese rockets. They say you get used to it, but I couldn't."

Besides adjusting to business on the front lines, Merryman said how the store itself operated was a big change.

"Over there it could take 10 weeks to get supplies in because it has to go through Virginia to Germany and then be trucked in," he said. "Sometimes we didn't have stuff in the store that people wanted because we couldn't get it."

Despite shipping difficulties, he said the store tried to maintain as much of the same inventory and feel of every other Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility.

"The most popular things were TVs and DVD players, CD players, refrigerators and bicycles. Things like that we couldn't keep," he said. "Laptops we'd get in on one day and they'd be gone the next afternoon. We couldn't keep DVDs and CDs, the new releases, on the shelves. People would buy them left and right."

While the workdays were long, 12-hour days for six days a week, Merryman was surprised at how quickly the six months passed.

"It went by real quick," he said. "It seemed like it just flew by. I was there four months and came home for R and R – it didn't seem like I had been gone that long. I came back (to Iraq), I told myself I had 60 days left in Iraq. It just went by so fast."

It was also the first time he had been separated from his wife of 11 years, Lisa, for such an extended period of time. While regular phone calls were not always possible, the two were able to keep in touch through e-mail.

"I told her not to worry if I couldn't call her for a couple days, as long as you get e-mail from me everything is all right," he said.

He also found some time on his off days to take in a little sightseeing. A Soldier he had made friends with told him about a mosque believed to be about 5,000 years old that was being protected from further damage nearby. Merryman was able to visit it and take a few pictures. He found the entire trip to be rewarding.

"I saw things you wouldn't ever see in your lifetime. Things you couldn't see over here," Merryman said.

He was particularly taken with the plight of the Iraqi children, who he could watch playing, heedless of the insurgent attacks.

"The poor children, that's who you feel sorry for. Right outside our base was an Olympic-size soccer field and an Olympic-size pool," he said. "The kids are outside swimming while mortar rounds are going off around them. They're used to it. They're kicking a ball around and getting killed."

He said there is more to Oper-

ation Iraqi Freedom than the people back home see on their television sets daily.

"You don't see everything going on over there that is good. We're over there helping and those people want us there. They'll tell you that. They want us there to help them. They want their own country and not some dictator," he said. "People would talk to you and tell you a lot of things that you would never think could happen, what Saddam had done to them. They had been so poor for so long. It was unreal how they had been treated."

Merryman returned home Aug. 17. While he hasn't made definitive plans to return to Iraq just yet, he is considering it. Right now he is just happy to be home. He jokingly said the first thing he did upon returning was kiss the ground.

"I was so happy to see this place. You don't know how wonderful it is to step foot on this land after being in a place like that. And if you make it back in one piece with no nicks or scratches, you're lucky," he said. "It's good to be home and there is no place like home."

He said his brief stay in Iraq has changed how he views life back in the states.

"People fuss and cuss about this country all they want to. If they went over there, they wouldn't do it anymore. We have it made here compared with what those folks have. We may have crime and stuff, but it's nothing like over there," Merryman said. "We're free to walk around and speak whenever you want to about anything you want to. There, you're scared because you never know who's going to come up behind you and pull the trigger."

# Florida gets shaky nod over Crimson Tide

Gators favored  
to subdue Bama

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Here are Skip's Picks for selected games  
this week in college football:

Florida at Alabama — **Florida**  
Texas Southern at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
South Carolina at Auburn — **Auburn**  
Air Force at Colorado State — **Air Force**  
Pittsburgh at Rutgers — **Rutgers**  
Florida Atlantic at Louisville — **Louisville**  
Virginia Tech at West Virginia — **Va. Tech**  
Connecticut at Army — **Army**  
Mississippi at Tennessee — **Tennessee**  
Navy at Duke — **Navy**  
Notre Dame at Purdue — **Purdue**  
Virginia at Maryland — **Virginia**  
Ball State at Boston College — **Boston College**  
Gardner-Webb at Furman — **Furman**  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alcorn State — **Alcorn**



Southeastern Louisiana at Tulane — **Tulane**  
Temple at Bowling Green — **Bowling Green**  
Southern Methodist at Marshall — **SMU**  
Oregon at Stanford — **Oregon**  
The Citadel at Western Carolina — **The Citadel**  
Delaware State at Hampton — **Hampton**  
Florida A&M at Florida International — **Fla. A&M**  
Southern Mississippi at East Carolina — **So. Miss.**  
Arizona at California — **California**  
Eastern Kentucky at Jacksonville State — **Jax**  
Houston at Tulsa — **Tulsa**  
Middle Tennessee at Vanderbilt — **Vandy**

New Mexico at TCU — **TCU**  
Rice at UAB — **UAB**  
Grambling at Prairie View A&M — **Grambling**  
Kansas at Texas Tech — **Texas Tech**  
Southern at Alabama State — **Bama State**  
Texas-El Paso at Memphis — **El Paso**  
Brigham Young at San Diego State — **BYU**  
Baylor at Texas A&M — **Texas A&M**  
Clemson at Wake Forest — **Clemson**  
Colorado at Oklahoma State — **Colorado**  
Iowa State at Nebraska — **Nebraska**  
Illinois at Iowa — **Iowa**  
Indiana at Wisconsin — **Wisconsin**  
Kansas State at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**  
LSU at Mississippi State — **LSU**  
Michigan at Michigan State — **Michigan**  
Minnesota at Penn State — **Minnesota**  
South Florida at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**  
Syracuse at Florida State — **FSU**  
Texas at Missouri — **Texas**  
UNLV at Wyoming — **Wyoming**  
Southern California at Arizona State — **USC**  
Utah at North Carolina — **Utah**  
Washington at UCLA — **UCLA**  
Washington State at Oregon State — **Oregon State**  
Boise State at Hawaii — **Boise**



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**RETURNING STAR**— Army punt/kick returner **Scott Wesley** ranked 40th in the nation last season in kickoff returns, averaging 23.1 yards.

## Army falls to Baylor in home opener

*Black Knights miss scoring opportunities*

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Shawn Bell completed 20 of 30 passes for 205 yards and one touchdown Sept. 17 to lead Baylor to a 20-10 win over Army, giving the Bears a 3-0 record for the first time since 1996.

Baylor has never lost to a service academy, having beaten Air Force and Army three times each.

Army (0-2) lost its ninth straight home opener. The Black Knights missed three field goals, failed on a fourth-down conversion at Baylor's 30 in the

first quarter, converted just seven of 17 third downs and surrendered 351 yards on defense.

Trent Shelton caught five passes for 84 yards for Baylor, and Paul Mosley had 16 carries for 77 yards and a TD reception.

Zac Dahman was 19-of-37 passing for 228 yards, one TD and two interceptions for the Black Knights in their first meeting with Baylor since 1979. Carlton Jones was held to 80 yards on 24 carries for Army after averaging 115 yards a game last year, 13th best in the country.

On its first drive, Baylor went 38 yards on nine plays to

set up a 39-yard field goal by Ryan Havens.

Havens kicked a 28-yard field goal with 16 seconds left in the first quarter after a 10-play drive stalled at the Army 10. Shelton hauled in a 40-yard reception from Bell to set up the score.

Army got on the board with 7:28 left in the half on a 49-yard field goal by Joe Riley. It was the longest made field goal for a Black Knight since the Navy game in 1994.

Baylor came right back, with Bell capping a 59-yard drive with a 7-yard TD pass to Mosley with 42 seconds remaining in the half to put the Bears up 13-3.

Riley missed a 56-yard field goal attempt as the clock ran out at the half.

Army put together a 59-yard drive on its second possession of the third quarter, but Riley's 47-yard field goal attempt sailed wide left.

Army threatened again with just over 12 minutes to play before Riley's foot failed again, that time on a 37-yard try.

Shaun Rochon's 10-yard TD run with 3:46 left sealed the win for the Bears.

Corey Anderson grabbed a 13-yard TD reception with 45 seconds left for Army. (*Associated Press*)

# Framework in place for family housing program

*Private companies to serve community*

The Army announced Sept. 20 its selection of Redstone Army Family Housing, LLC, to develop the community development and management plan for Redstone Arsenal as part of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative.

Under the RCI Program, the Army plans to privatize family housing at 45 installations, over 83,000 family housing units, located throughout the United States.

RAFH will work with the Army to develop the CDMP, which will serve as the blueprint for the Army's residential communities at Redstone Arsenal. Preparation of the CDMP is expected to take about six months. Following acceptance of the CDMP by the Army and review by the Department of Defense, Office of Management and Budget, and Congress, implementation of the CDMP is expected to begin in November 2006.

RCI will improve, in a relatively short period of time, the quality of life for Soldiers and families assigned to Redstone Arsenal. Over the anticipated 50-year term all family housing will be rehabilitated. In addition, RCI will bring a new community center and other ancillary facilities and amenities to meet family housing needs at Redstone Arsenal. The

overall family housing appearance and function within the Redstone Arsenal installation will weave the natural and constructed environments together as a planned community.

The Army is committed to improving family housing as a means of sustaining the quality of life. This will be accomplished through an increased Basic Allowance for Housing, traditional Military Construction, and the Residential Communities Initiative family housing privatization program. Through the RCI program, the Army engages with private sector firms in public-private partnerships to manage, construct, renovate, maintain and operate family housing. The RCI program is a critical part of the Army's plan to alleviate housing shortages, rapidly improve the condition of existing housing, and sustain quality communities over the 50-year life of these projects.

Redstone Army Family Housing, LLC, consists of two partners, Hunt ELP Ltd. and Investment Builders Inc., both of which are headquartered in El Paso, Texas. The partners have worked together on private sector housing developments and one Military Housing Privatization Initiative project. The Army's partnership with Redstone Army Family Housing, LLC, will result in adequate, comfortable and safe homes to promote a sense of well-being necessary to allow Soldiers to focus on their missions. *(Army release)*



Courtesy photo

## *Compliance award*

**Col. Ed Mullin, Cruise Missile Defense Systems project manager, presents a Certificate of Compliance to Analytical Services Inc. chief executive officer Irma Tuder in a ceremony Sept. 21. ASI operates the Maintenance Operations Procedures and Prototype Shop in building 3777. A CMDS product assurance audit team performed an audit of the shop and found its operations meet international quality standards. From left are ASI quality management representative Murray Hillman, Mullin, Tuder and Ronnie Helton, ASI MOPP Shop operations manager.**

# Fraternity steps out with new chapter

By CHRIS ROBINSON

*For the Rocket*

Members of the newly formed Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. have received their official charter.

This chapter consists of civil service and contractor personnel located on Redstone Arsenal. Joseph T. Williams, 7th district representative, conducted the charter ceremony Aug. 19 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The welcome and chapter history were given by Alonzo McGhee, basileus of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter, along with a commitment to partner as mentors to

Terry Heights Elementary.

The formation of the new chapter is expected to enhance the presence of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. for the north Alabama region. There were several friends, family and members from other chapters on the state and local level in attendance.

The mission of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter is to accomplish the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. internationally-mandated programs. The goal is to establish mutual business partnerships with local businesses to provide scholarships, mentorship and enrichment programs for the youth and conduct social action activities aimed at uplifting the community.

# Keeping the faith by spreading the word

Wife of retired colonel helps edit inspirational book

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Being a military wife can lead to a lot of opportunities for change.

For Jennifer Devlin, her background as the wife of retired Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin – along with her deep faith in God — led to a life-changing experience as the co-editor, collaborator and military liaison for the military edition of the popular “God Answers Prayers” series.

“God Answers Prayers – Military Edition,” which has recently been published, is the third in a series of books based on true stories of faith authored by Allison Bottke with Cheryl Hutchings as a co-editor. The military edition also lists Devlin’s name on the front cover as a co-editor.

That’s a big change for a military wife who has no previous publishing experience. Devlin’s love of writing led her to attend a Christian writer’s conference in New Mexico last year. There she met Bottke.

“It was just a God thing,” Devlin recalled. “I was at the right lunch table at the right time.”

She also had the right credentials. With her 13 years of marriage to a military offi-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SHARING STORIES— Tonie Welch and Jennifer Devlin read through true stories of faith that are included in “God Answers Prayers — Military Edition.” Devlin was the co-editor, collaborator and military liaison for the book.**

cer, Devlin had a network of friends who were willing to contribute to a book that would combine their experiences in the military with their faith. She also knew how to contact military officials whose faith stories would be good additions to the book.

The result: Devlin not only co-edited the book, she also wrote one of the stories in the collection of faith experiences and

retold the stories of other military personnel who shared their faith experiences with her. Devlin also recruited other military wives to submit their faith stories.

“The book is a lot like the ‘Chicken Soup for the Soul’ series in that it contains many stories of faith and hope from people who serve in the military and from those who love them,” Devlin said.

“Through their stories they share how God has impacted their lives in a positive way.”

Devlin’s story in the book is called “Beautiful.” It is about a local Korean woman active in the Protestant Women of the Chapel who died while still in the prime of life and the struggle her friends had in coming to terms with her untimely death.

“The story is about ‘How do we pray for someone we love who is dying?’” Devlin said. “The answered prayer is not always the easy answer, but it is God’s will. Seeing our friend’s love for the Lord and her family spoke to us. God answered our prayer because she is not suffering anymore. God answers our prayers in his time and in his way.”

Other stories by local residents include “Daily Prayers for Survival” by retired Col. Norman “Dutch” Holland as told to Devlin. Local military wives whose stories were included in the book are Toinette Welch, who wrote “God Is Our Landlord, and Wendy Fil, who wrote “Divine Assignments.”

“Many from post have their stories in this book,” Devlin said. “All the stories in the book make God’s word real to us and help us to know God better. They tell us how God works in the lives of military families.”

When approached about the book, it was hard for Welch to understand why it was important to share her faith through a published book.

“At first it felt kind of odd because I don’t want to use what God has done in my life as personal profit,” Welch said. “But, God’s power is in our testimony. We magnify the Lord when we tell the details of what he has done in our lives.”

Stories for the book were chosen from among hundreds of stories that were submitted.

“As the co-editor, I helped Allison compile the stories,” Devlin said. “We read through them and were able to narrow them down to 100 stories while trying

to get a good combination of all the services and different time periods in our history. Then the publisher narrowed it down to 50. It’s been a great project. We had overwhelming response.”

Devlin is hoping this won’t be her only venture into publishing. She has recently authored a 12-week Bible study class on Christ-like living that publishers are interested in. Devlin, the Southeast regional coordinator for PWOC, strongly believes God wants her to pursue her publishing efforts.

“This is not a calculated career path,” she said. “This is about obedience to God. Allison didn’t know if I could write. She was stepping out in faith when she asked me to join her in this book. And, God laid this Bible study concept on my heart and I was obedient to write it.”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Equal opportunity workshop

Administrative judge Clarence Bell of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission speaks during the Army Materiel Command EEO workshop Sept. 19-22 at Alabama A&M University.



## Sports & Recreation

### 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.

### Bowler opening

One bowler is needed to bowl Wednesday evenings at 5:45. The team is sponsored by American Legion Post 237, so the bowler must be a member or be eligible to become a member of the American Legion. If interested, call retired Sgt. 1st Class Paul Eickholt 876-2525.

### Hockey bus trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a trip to Nashville to catch the St. Louis Blues vs. Nashville Predators hockey game Nov. 12. The game starts at 7 p.m. and the bus will leave Redstone Arsenal at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person and includes a game ticket, transportation, and snacks and beverages on the bus. This trip is open to all Team Redstone members and their families. However, children must be chaperoned. The bus will return to Huntsville immediately after the game. If you are interested in attending this game, you must get your name on the priority list by e-mailing your contact and ticket request information to Robert Olson at robert.olson@peoavn.redstone.army.mil. Payment in full must be received by Oct. 14.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Security awareness week

The G2s for Aviation and Missile Command, Space and Missile Defense Command, in addition to NASA Security, are sponsoring Security Awareness Week from Nov. 14-18. The training offered will satisfy the mandatory annual Department of Army security awareness training requirement for participating organizations. The projected participants in the Security Awareness Week include AMCOM, SMDC, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, PEO Aviation, the Research Development and Engineering Center and NASA. Each of these organizations will have specific times throughout the week to attend training sessions in Bob Jones Auditorium. The purpose of the Security Awareness Week is to promote security awareness in the Redstone community through a series of

events that will inform and educate in a manner that will interest, entertain and have a solid impact on the community. For information on the schedule, call Doug Lee 313-5783.

### Federal retirees

National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet for breakfast Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Senior Center cafeteria on Drake Avenue. Cost is \$5. State Rep. Sue Schmitz is scheduled speaker. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

### Women's club

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club luncheon is Oct. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Liz Hurley, award winning broadcast journalist, is to tell "The Biggest Story of My Life." A breast cancer survivor who received extensive chemotherapy and underwent a double mastectomy, Hurley established the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund to create awareness about breast cancer, to purchase equipment for breast cancer diagnosis and to fund breast cancer research projects. Additionally, she works privately with breast cancer patients, supporting them in their fight against the disease. Thousands of women are now better informed about breast health issues, thanks to Hurley's efforts. Reservations for the luncheon are required by Oct. 13. Membership in the Officer and Civilian Women's Club is offered to spouses, adult family members and former spouses who hold a valid ID card of active duty officers, retired, deceased officers and federal government employees grade GS-9 and above (includes Reserve and National Guard Components); and active duty and retired officers and federal government employees grade GS-9 and above and non-appropriated fund equivalent. Call Chris Swart 955-6703 for more information about the luncheon or membership in OCWC.

### Resource managers

American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its monthly luncheon Oct. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Personal Growth Center. Barbara Leiby, DCSRM G-8, is to speak on resource management issues. Cost is \$10 for members, \$11 non-members. Reservations are due by noon Oct. 5. For information call Kim Jean 876-3033 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

### Engineer society

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will host a monthly luncheon Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bevill Center on the campus of University of Alabama-Huntsville. Scheduled speaker is Dr. John Christy, director of the Earth Systems Science Center at UAH. Cost is \$17. For reservations call Virginia Nickelson 319-0137, ext. 8474 by noon Oct. 3.

### Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club meets the second Thursday of the month and its next get together is Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room in the Challenger Club. Child care reimbursement is provided to members. For more information, call Jean Mulcahy 881-7024.



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

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

### Civilian deployment

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

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. The shop is accepting winter clothing/items. It will be open Oct. 1 from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Surplus sales

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

### Motorcycle safety course

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:huntsville.center@erau.edu). Embry-Riddle is now offering a master of science in management program on Redstone Arsenal.

**Hispanic festival**

The Alabama Hispanic Association invites everyone to its biggest cultural event of the year, the seventh annual Hispanic Community Festival, Saturday 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](http://www.alabahispanicassociation.org) or call president Margaret Rotger (256) 325-8464 or 325-4242.

**After-festival party**

SaborLatino invites you to "The Hispanic Festival After Party" Saturday 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Club Ozz, 1204 Posey St., with disc jockey Signey Hernandez. Cover charge is \$8 for age 21 and up, \$10 for 18-20. You must have a valid picture ID. For information, call hostess SaborLatino 783-5756.

**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.

**Flying open house**

Redstone Flying Activity will hold an open house Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Mini flying lessons with a certified flight instructor are \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. There will also be aviation videos, simulators and free food and drinks. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 880-9495 or 876-0237.

**Postwide garage sale**

Morale Welfare and Recreation will hold a postwide garage sale Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon at the south end of the Post Exchange parking lot. Permits to sell items may be purchased for \$7 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 (corner of Patton Road and Aerobee Road). All items being sold must be personally owned or used. Sellers must be in place by 7:45 the morning of the sale. No vendors will be allowed. For more information or official guidelines, call 876-4531 or 876-5492.

**Newcomers' orientation**

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service newcomers' orientation Oct. 4 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned to Redstone Arsenal. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

**Veterinary clinic**

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct clinics this evening from 4-7. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk-in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia tests and

microchip identification will also be available for pets. For more information, call the facility 876-2441.

**Education week**

American Education Week is Nov. 13-19. The local American Education Week Committee will sponsor the annual American Education Week luncheon Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Von Braun Center East Hall. Theme for this year's event is "A Strong America Starts With Great Public Schools." Army theme is "Education Anywhere - Anytime - Helping Soldiers Achieve." This year 23 area educators will be recognized including Teachers of the Year awardees, Soldiers from Redstone Arsenal, Golden Apple Teacher honorees (sponsored by The Huntsville Times), and the Toyota International Teacher Program and Alfa Teacher of the Month awardees. Tickets for the luncheon are \$18 per person and \$175 for a table of eight. Tickets must be purchased in advance; and deadline for purchase is Nov. 9. For ticket purchases, make checks payable and mail to the following: American Education Week Committee, P.O. Box 42, 7000 Adventist Blvd., Huntsville, AL 35896 or call Liz Bowden of Virginia College 533-7387. For more information call the Directorate of Human Resources, Garrison, Army Education Center, 876-6435. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**Missing employees**

About 1,500 Veterans Administration employees (included in a total of about 4,000 federal employees) are missing

from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. "We know displaced residents have gone to locations across the country, so we'd be grateful for your help in publicizing this toll-free number," a prepared release said. Employees should call 1-888-766-2474 as soon as possible to provide their name, position title, location and contact number. Defense Commissary Agency is searching for 34 missing employees from New Orleans, Keesler and Gulfport stores. These missing employees should call the DeCA helpline (toll-free) 1-877-925-6655 or commercial (210) 925-1109 (password: 1109) or e-mail [Katrina.Help@deca.mil](mailto:Katrina.Help@deca.mil).

**Calhoun registration**

Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension is doing pre-registration through Oct. 11 for classes beginning Oct. 17. For more information, call 876-7431.

**Chapel services**

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: 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.

**Merit awards**

The rising cost of higher education is a growing concern; and the Officer and Civilian Women's Club can aid their

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