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# Bringing together missile defense

Construction under way  
on Von Braun phase 2

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"Turning a little dirt" for a new facility on Redstone Arsenal is always a good rea-

son for a celebration. The dirt turned by Army and elected leaders Oct. 11 symbolized the next step in the construction of a multi-building complex that reflects the vision of one of the nation's leading scientists in missile development.

Calling it a good day for a celebration, Sen. Jeff Sessions told attendees at a groundbreaking ceremony for the second phase of the Von Braun Complex that the

new facility continues a commitment first made by Dr. Wernher von Braun and continued into the 21st century by President Bush.

"Wernher von Braun began an odyssey that brings us to today," Sessions said. "It was not an accident that in 2000 President Bush committed to deploy a national defense system. He made that a top priority."

It is only fitting that the Missile Defense Agency and its neighbor — the Space and Missile Defense Command — be located in a complex that reflects the nation's superiority in space and missile system development, said MDA director Lt. Gen. Henry Obering III.

Von Braun "pioneered steps into the world of ballistic missile and space flight. His work continues with our work to defend a nation against all ranges of missiles and all phases of flight," Obering said.

Obering thanked elected federal officials for their "tremendous support over the years, often in the face of severe criticism" and local officials such as Mayor Loretta Spencer for the hospitality and leadership shown to the growing number of military personnel and government employees who are based at Redstone Arsenal.

"This complex signifies a re-engineering of the Missile Defense Agency to bring together efforts as never before," Obering



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CELEBRATING NEW FACILITY**— AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury celebrates with Lt. Gen. Henry Obering III, director of the Missile Defense Agency, after "turning dirt" during the groundbreaking for the Missile Defense Agency Center at the Von Braun Complex.

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# Martin Road goes both ways always

Expansion project  
funded by state

Martin Road was one-way inbound on weekday mornings and one-way outbound on weekday afternoons for more than 40 years.

That changed last Thursday under a Martin Road widening project, courtesy of Alabama.

The state widened the portion from Patton Road out to Gate 1 as a gift to Redstone. This \$5.2 million state-funded effort, which started June 24, 2004, matched the previously-completed portion from the gate to Memorial Parkway. The two-mile section from Memorial Parkway to Gate 1 was finished in August 2002.

The section from the gate to Patton Road represents 1.338 miles.

Martin Road east is open from 5:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to midnight weekends and holidays.

Until last Thursday, it was one-way inbound from 5:30-8:15 a.m. and one-way outbound from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We and the city have been involved in that (reversing Martin Road) since 1962," traffic specialist Bobby Noles of the garrison's Directorate of Public Works said. "It's been a joint thing with the government and city of Huntsville."

Converting to one-way traffic had worked successfully —

no head-on collisions reported in four decades — but required two people to accomplish.

That isn't necessary now since the entire road is two way — two lanes in and two lanes out — all the time. The Alabama Department of Transportation completed this project which provides four lanes of traffic from Memorial Parkway in Huntsville to Rideout Road on Redstone. APAC was the construction contractor.

The section of Martin from Memorial Parkway to Whitesburg Drive will no longer be one way east or west bound. That section will have two-way traffic all the time. Vehicles will now only have one left turn and one right turn lane at Whitesburg Drive where in the past two left turn lanes were provided during the afternoon rush period.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**THING OF PAST**— Martin Road doesn't look like this anymore since it was widened to four lanes, two lanes in each direction, from Gate 1 to Patton Road.

# An open lane random survey

*How have you prepared for a natural disaster?*

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**Jerry Ellis**  
retiree

**"As fast as I could, I got my possessions together and got out of town. It's the best thing you can do. Be prepared always. Water, food and cash are the three things you have to have."**

**Mona Podhoro**  
Red Cross

**"Living in Key West, we made a box every year. We added to it. We had flashlights, batteries, everything we needed. We were ready to go."**



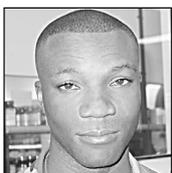
**Alice Dillie**  
Red Cross

**"We lived in Florida. We always kept flashlights available. When a hurricane was coming in, we always made sure we had bottled water. We filled our bath-**

**tubs up because you can use that water to flush your toilets and things like that. We made sure we had non-perishable items. If the electricity goes out, who knows when it will come back on. Also a battery-operated radio with the weather band is important. Keep things for the little kids to do, like coloring books, so you can keep them occupied."**

**Sgt. Clifford Harris**  
Headquarters & Alpha

**"I'm from Fort Worth, Texas. We keep all kinds of supplies in our basement. When we do have a warning, we all meet downstairs to wait it out."**



## Letter to the Editor

### Round three for yield sign

In the Sept. 14 and Oct. 12 editions of the *Rocket*, there were letters regarding the yield sign on Burose Road leading into the Sparkman complex. Last week I had someone approach me in the Sparkman parking lot regarding my driving in this same intersection. He told me that I had not observed the yield sign.

After this incident, I checked with the Alabama State Troopers as to who has the right away in this situation. Here are the results of the investigation:

There is a solid white line for cars traveling north and turning right from Burose Road into the Sparkman complex. Cars turning right are not to cross into the left lane to turn left onto Sparkman Circle until the line is no longer solid.

The yield sign is for cars turning right from Burose Road and then wanting to move to the left lane to turn left onto Sparkman Circle. Cars wanting to turn left onto Sparkman Circle should yield to cars in the left lane. The yield sign is not for cars turning right from Burose Road, staying in the right lane, and turning right onto Sparkman Circle. If this were the case, the yield sign would be on the side of Burose Road and not the access road where it is currently located.

Cars traveling south on Burose Road, turning left into the Sparkman complex, and wanting to turn right onto Sparkman Circle, are not to cross the solid white line that is the boundary between the right and left lanes coming from Burose Road. They must cross only when the line is no longer solid and the right lane is clear.

The State of Alabama Drivers Manual clearly states, and is illustrated with examples, that persons turning left should turn into the left most lane of the new direction, and then move to the next lane when clear.

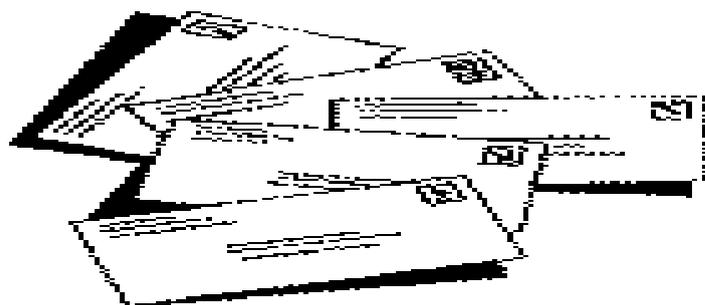
The problem lies when people traveling south on Burose Road and turning left into the Sparkman complex make a wide sweeping turn, usually due to a high rate of speed, and cross the solid white line and move into the right lane. This occurs mainly prior to 6:15 a.m. when the traffic light is flashing yellow in both north and south directions.

I hope the person who chased me down in the parking lot will spend as much time looking up State of Alabama driving laws as he did following me in the parking lot.

Name withheld by request

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# Corporations pledge to hire military spouses

*Manpower briefing on agenda Nov. 2*

The Defense Department has long been concerned about the barriers that military spouses face when seeking employment and how it affects retention of military personnel. As a result, DoD and Congress have engaged the nation's top employers to provide long-term solutions.

The Army Spouse Employment Partnership consists of 18 corporate (Fortune 500) and military partners who signed a Statement of Support pledging their best effort to increase employment opportunities for Army spouses. These organizations were selected based on their geographical proximity to Army installations and their ability to provide career-driven employment opportunities for spouses.

The corporate partners are eager to hire Army spouses. In the last year they have hired more than 2,500 military spouses. You can access the partners at [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com). Click on Work & Careers to explore employment opportunities, learn about job search techniques, resume writing tips and more.

Manpower officials have taken a strong interest in helping military spouses. They understand the challenges of a mobile lifestyle and how difficult it is to maintain a career track. They have employment opportunities in more than 1,100 U.S. locations and want to help spouses maintain their career momentum.

Next month, Manpower will conduct an information session to discuss employment opportunities and resume writing tips for military spouses. The session will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call Debra Jefferson at 876-5397 to register.

The Military Spouse Job Search web site ([www.msjs.org](http://www.msjs.org)) is an association page of the Department of Labor's America's Job Bank. This is another resource that connects military spouses not only to the ASEP, but to the thousands of registered AJB military spouse-friendly employers who are searching to fill their job openings every day. Submit your resumes and let the employers know you are a military spouse when you register.

The ASEP includes the following corporations: Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Army Career and Alumni Program, Army Community Service, Army Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management, Bell South Corporation, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Computer Sciences Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Defense Commissary Agency, Dell, The Home Depot, Hospital Corporation of America, Lockheed Martin, Manpower, Merck & Company, Sears Logistics Service Inc. and Sprint. (*Army Community Service release*)

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# Getting to know you

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**Where do you call home?**  
Tuscumbia

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

I like all of it. There's not one single thing about my job that don't I like, I like everything that I get to do here.

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

I spend as much time as I can with my 2-year-old son (Jackson) and my husband (Bradley) because I don't get that much time during the week.

**What are your goals?**

To get a house of our own. And just to



make it through my intern period here.

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

Auburn – but don't tell my husband.

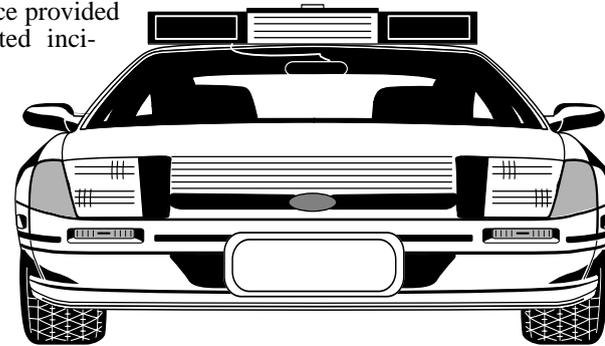
# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Oct. 9:** An individual reported that someone removed a set of keys from his desk. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 10:** An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 11:** An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by



the Provost Marshal Office.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 23 speeding, 3 parking violations, 1 driving with no license, 1 expired tags, 1 failure to judge proper distance, 1 improper backing.

# Shedding light on Halloween safety

It's that time again when children enjoy dressing up and roaming the neighborhoods in search of some of their favorite candy. Halloween trick-or-treating hours on post are 5:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31.

Here are some things you can do to help make this Halloween safer for everyone:

- Ensure pathways to your residence are well lit.
- Use clothing or a costume that

allows others to see your child from a safe distance (reflective markings or tape).

- Inspect your children's candy before they eat it.
- Make sure your child walks or rides around with other children and not alone.
- Adults are required to accompany and supervise young children.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't cut across lawns.
- Stay on sidewalks.
- Walk, don't run.
- Make sure costumes don't drag the ground.
- Drivers should drive slowly all evening.

The Directorate of Emergency Services will provide additional motor and walking patrols as available. (Garrison release)



Courtesy photo

## Little Ava

Ava Milenkovitch, 7 months, enjoys the activities at the annual PEO Missiles and Space Family Day held Thursday. She is the daughter of Kirsten and Andrew Milenkovitch and the granddaughter of Becky and Ray Lewis. Becky works for Joint Attack Munition Systems, PEO Missiles and Space; and Ray works for AMCOM G-3 (Operations).

## Quote of the week

‘Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.’

— Albert Einstein

# Cargo helicopters project manager shares top award

## Army PM of year credits teamwork

Col. Tim Crosby's initial reaction showed why he was named Project Manager of the Year.

He preferred to give the credit to his team – the members of the Cargo Helicopters Project Office. That was evident from his e-mail message to them after he was announced as an honoree at the 2005 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps annual awards ceremony Oct. 2 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Va.

"Ladies and gentlemen, tonight (Oct. 2) Rusty Weiger,

Ted Schmidt and I attended the annual Acquisition Corps awards ceremony, in Washington," Crosby wrote. "We were nominated in three categories: the entire team for our SFL (Soldier Focused Logistics) accomplishments, Ted Schmidt for Logistician of the Year, and me for PM of the Year.

"The one that was least deserving was the one selected ... me. I am humbled and honored but realize that I do very little and each of you are what make our office so successful. My selection is simply a reflection of the accomplishments and contributions that each and everyone of you have performed. Frankly and honestly, it should

read PMO of the year, not PM.

"I am proud of the award, the recognition it affords our office, and most proud of each of you and your accomplishments. Thanks for all you do. Congratulations to you all," he concluded.

Crosby, who entered the Army as a field artillery officer after graduating from The Citadel in 1979, has led the cargo helicopters project office since February 2002. During his tenure, CH-47F helicopter cost has been reduced 29 percent from \$42 million to \$30 million per unit. Reinvestment of this cost savings will allow the Army to procure the total CH-47F fleet requirement (495 vs. 300) without the need

for additional funding.

Paul Bogosian, program executive for aviation, congratulated Crosby for his award. Crosby was "cited specifically for his accomplishments in advancing Soldier Focused Logistics as the keystone of the Army's LCMC (Life Cycle Management Command) initiative," Bogosian said. "My congratulations to Tim for earning this distinctive honor and to the entire Cargo PMO for responding so successfully to his leadership."

The award ceremony was hosted by Claude Bolton Jr., the Army acquisition executive, and Lt. Gen. Joseph Yakovac, military deputy.



Courtesy photo

Col. Tim Crosby

# Van Rassen named product manager of year

Mike Van Rassen, program director of the Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar office, was named the Army Product Manager of the Year during the 2005 Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards Dinner.

The award was presented to Van Rassen by Claude Bolton Jr., the Army acquisition executive, and Lt. Gen. Joseph Yakovac, military deputy.

The ceremony Oct. 2 in Washington, D.C., recognizes the achievement of military and civilian leaders from government and industry.

The award cited Van Rassen's accomplishments in his previous assignment as the product manager for Air and Missile Defense Command and Control System, which consisted of the Forward Area Air Defense Command and Control system and the Air and Missile Defense Planning and Control system.

His leadership was especially critical in responding to an urgent materiel need statement, submitted by U.S. forces in Iraq that required a system to engage and destroy rockets and mortar rounds in flight. Van Rassen led the AMDCCS office in the integration, test and validation of Army and Navy systems into a Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar system able to detect and destroy rockets and mortars. To support this effort, Van Rassen defined and developed urgent modifications to both FAAD C2 and AMDPCS hardware and software, as well as to the Navy Phalanx weapons system.

At an Oct. 11 meeting at the C-RAM Program Office in Madison, Van Rassen credited his government and contractor team for meeting a critical capability required by the warfighter and said this team effort would save Soldiers' lives.

As he presented the Product Manager of the Year plaque to his team, he thanked them for their support, adding that their continued support will be required as the C-RAM system is fielded.

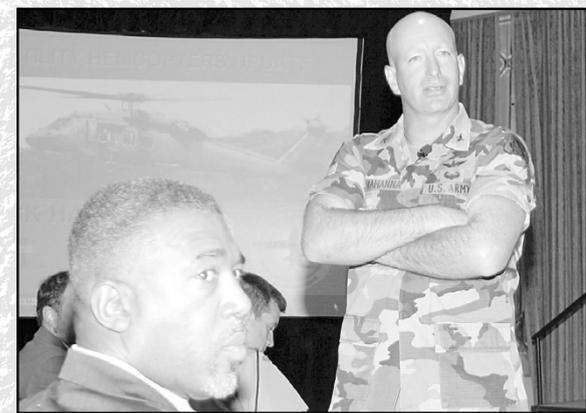
"This in more than a leader award, it speaks to endless dedication and loyalty of a highly competent and motivated team," Van Rassen said. "Each and every one of you can and should be proud of their contribution that brought this award to AMDCCS. And I thank you in behalf of the Soldiers who will use the C-RAM system."

Van Rassen is the third product manager from the TOCs/AMDCCS Project Office to receive the Product Manager of the Year in the last 10 years. He and his wife, Cindy, reside in Madison and have three children: Jessica, Alexandria and Jacob.



Courtesy photo

**HONOR SHARED**— Mike Van Rassen, right, presents the Product Manager of the Year plaque to Dennis Adomatis, his deputy.



Courtesy photo

## Helicopter discussion

Raymond Hayes and Col. Cory Mahanna respond to questions during the second annual Black Hawk International Users' Conference hosted by Utility Helicopters Project Office Sept. 27-29 in Dallas. Thirteen countries accepted the invitation including Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Brunei, Colombia, Israel, India, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

# Mentoring program open for applicants

The AMCOM commanding general approved the launch of the AMCOM People Empowering People Mentoring Program Pilot in June 2004.

Mentoring is an opportunity for the command to leverage its diverse strengths and professional development through mentoring relationships. The pilot program, Cycle I, kicked off with 12 mentoring relationships and Cycle II has nine mentoring relationships and will end on Nov. 11. Both cycles represented a cross-section of AMCOM organizations. The mentoring relationships ranged from GS-9 (mentees) to Senior Executive Service level (mentors), to include the deputy to the commanding general.

AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) announces Cycle III of the People Empowering People Mentoring Program. Cycle III will begin on Jan. 23 and will end July 21. The six-month mentoring cycle consists of a variety of educational and guided learning experiences to include mentor/mentee training, lunch and learns, inde-

pendent mentoring sessions, and a culminating capstone experience — a staff ride. Staff rides have a specific focus such as leadership, continuous improvement, or application of a specific technology.

Participants' feedback indicated the PEP mentoring program benefited the mentors and mentees in a variety of ways — from learning problem solving skills, exposure to the "big" picture, and professional development.

What happens in a mentoring relationship can have a profound and lasting impact. The process of creating effective learning relationships through mentoring challenges everyone to think about what they might become. Be a part of shaping AMCOM's future — sign up as a mentor or mentee during the application acceptance period. Call Jackie Timme, mentoring program manager, AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) at 876-6061 for more information or visit the G-1 (HR) web site at [https://ams8.redstone.army.mil:4443/hrd/hrdd-ba.hrd\\_home](https://ams8.redstone.army.mil:4443/hrd/hrdd-ba.hrd_home). (Human Resources release)

# Russian plane makes flying fun

*Flying Activity member enjoys taking his Yak-52 for spin*

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A smart little 1966 Piper Cherokee sits in the hangar rented by pilot Richard Kruczek at Huntsville International Airport's Signature Aviation.

But the pride and joy of this 42-year-old pilot is not the Piper, known for its comfortable and quiet flight. Rather, it's the yellow-nosed Russian Yak-52 that dominates not only the hangar, but also Kruczek's flight agenda.

When Kruczek wants to "spread his wings" he opts for the Yak, a simply designed propeller-driven warfighter known for its aerobatic ability and high-speed maneuverability. Once used mostly as a trainer for Soviet pilots, Yaks are now popular with American pilots who enjoy the thrill of speed, sharp turns and aerial somersaults.

"The Piper is a fun, little plane, but it can't do loops and rolls. It's not designed for acrobatics," Kruczek said.

"In the Yak, you have plus seven and minus five Gs. You lean and bank into turns. At 60 degrees of bank you have 2Gs. At 80 degrees you have 5Gs. And, in a loop you have 3Gs."

As a member of the Redstone Flying Activity, Kruczek's Yak recently made an appearance at the activity's open house. It is the only Yak owned by an activity member.

Flying a Yak or his Piper or any airplane is a dream come true for Kruczek, who left the Army in 1996 as a major with 13 years of active duty. His last assignment was at Redstone Arsenal as deputy project manager for the IBAS project.

"Flying was something I wanted to do my whole life," said Kruczek, who now owns a real estate and mortgage brokerage company in Madison. "I always wanted to fly and I finally got into a financial situation where I could afford it."

Kruczek has had his pilot's license for a year. He learned how to fly from flying activity instructor Sonny Morea, a retired NASA employee with 8,000 flying hours.

Purchasing the Piper was an easy choice for a pilot who wanted to fly quite frequently to destinations such as Birmingham, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and just about every small airport within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. Flying is a hobby that costs about \$3,600 a year for the average 40-hour-a-year pilot (that's about \$90 an hour to fly). But, Kruczek is no average pilot.

"If you fly 150 hours or more a year, you should own your own plane," he said. "I've accumulated about 500 hours in one year of flying. That's about 10 years of experience for the average pilot."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CONTROLS IN RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH—** Every piece of equipment in the Yak-52 owned by Richard Kruczek is Russian-made, except for the air speed indicator and the altimeter, which are both U.S. made. Kruczek's Yak-52, manufactured in 1987, is the equivalent of the U.S. Air Force T34 trainer.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**INSIDE THE COCKPIT—** Yak-52 owner Richard Kruczek sits in the warfighter's cockpit. The plane is highly responsive to the pilot, who steers it with a stick, and who can carry one passenger in the cockpit behind him.

Once in flying circles, Kruczek quickly became friends with pilots from other local airports. At Moon Town Airport in northeast Madison County, he met Gordie Seuell, a Vietnam-era F4 fighter pilot who participates in the airport's fly-in activities the first Saturday of each month.

"Gordie took me for a ride in his Yak," Kruczek said. "I was in the back of the plane, and it was the most fun thing I've ever done in my life."

Four months ago, Kruczek became the owner of his own Yak, manufactured in Romania in 1987 and used in the Soviet/Russian Air Force from 1987-91. Every piece of equipment on Kruczek's Yak is Russian, except for the air speed indicator and the altimeter, which are both U.S. made.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PILOT'S PRIDE—** Richard Kruczek, a former major, purchased his Russian Yak-52 four months ago. The two-seater, dual control airplane, once used as a trainer plane for members of the Soviet/Russian Air Force, is known for its aerobatic ability and high-speed maneuverability.

"It was in the Soviet Air Force as a Russian trainer," Kruczek said. "It is equivalent to a T34 (U.S. Air Force trainer). It's an entry level trainer for pilots in the military."

There are about 1,700 Yaks in the world, with 250 of those in the U.S. About 15 are in Alabama, with five at Moon Town and Kruczek's Yak flying out of Huntsville International Airport and the Redstone Airfield.

In 1989, when the Communist wall fell, the cash-strapped Russian government sold a lot of military equipment, including tanks, jeeps, trucks and airplanes. In 1991, Yaks started coming into the U.S.

"Now, it is pretty easy to find them," Kruczek said. "You can find them on four or five sites on the Internet. Even eBay sells them."

Kruczek bought his Yak from a pilot in Beaumont, Texas. The plane was flown to Wetumpka, Ala., where it was checked by a dealer who specializes in Yaks. It was then delivered to Kruczek at Moon Town Airport.

The Yak is often attractive to pilots not only because of its abilities but also because of its price. A Yak can be purchased for about \$75,000 while an American plane with similar capabilities would sell for \$200,000.

"There is no airplane made by U.S. manufacturers that can come close to the Yak for the money," Kruczek said.

"The Yak is designed and built to handle a lot more stress. You can fly a Yak at 200 miles an hour and turn it, pulling 4Gs. If you try that in a Piper, you would crash. The difference between flying a Yak and a Piper is the difference between driving a NASCAR and a Pinto. It also sounds really loud like a NASCAR because it has a lot of power. You get a lot of bang for the buck."

The Yak's engine starts by shooting a blast of air into the cylinders to get it to turn over. A Piper climbs at 500 feet a minute while a Yak climbs at 2,500 feet a minute. Pipers are flown between 110 and 140 mph while Yaks are flown at 170-250 mph. Yak's have an inverted fuel system that allows the plane to fly inverted for up to two minutes before running out of gas.

The Yak also comes with easy maintenance.

"These are extremely simple machines," Kruczek said. "They are built by Russians to be worked on by peasants. Everything – starting the engine and operating the landing gears, flaps and brakes – is controlled by air pressure. No matter what the temperature, even 50 degrees below zero, the air pressure is the same. And the fighter does have redundant systems so if one system fails there is another. It's a very safe airplane."

But their muscle can also make a Yak dangerous in untrained hands. Although Kruczek has about 75 hours of flying time in his Yak and can easily fly it under normal flying conditions, he is still taking lessons from Seuell, a certified flight instructor, on handling the plane through acrobatics.

"It is scary," Kruczek said. "The effect of the plane's speed can throw you into the back of your seat. The stick is extremely responsive."

The pilot and passenger are also open to the environment around them, with only a Plexiglas canopy overhead.

Seuell and Kruczek often practice the plane's aerobatics in the air space above the Harvest/Monrovia area, which is cleared for aerobatic maneuvers. Once Kruczek gets prolific at aerobatic flying, he wants to fly in local air shows and fund-raisers.

# Annual celebration gives taste of Hispanic heritage

*Ordnance brigade commander encourages military service*

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Do you know the difference between 'Hispanic' and 'Latino'?

Those who attended the 2005 Hispanic Heritage Month observance Thursday at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center received a lesson on the difference between the two terms along with a lunch which included a variety of dishes from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain and many other Hispanic and Latin American countries.

For the record, the U.S. Census Bureau classifies Hispanics as Americans who trace their ancestry back to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America, Dominican Republic and other Spanish cultures, regardless of race. The term 'Hispanic' is usually used by Cubans, Puerto Ricans and other Caribbean people who consider their cultural heritage linked to Spain. 'Latino' is generally used by descendants of Latin America, including Mexico, Central America and South



Photo by Spc. Eliamar Trapp

**KEEP SERVING— Col. Jose Enriquez, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander, speaks on the importance of helping fellow Hispanic and Latino Soldiers stay in the military.**

America. 'Chicano' is generally used by people of Mexican ancestry wishing to distinguish their heritage from those of other Latin American countries. The term Mexican American is becoming a popular replacement.

Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized by a presidential proclamation and is observed annually from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. This year's theme, Hispanic Americans: Strong and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric, "pays tribute to the many achievements Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make to

our national culture," said Adriano Vasquez, Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity representative. "The Hispanic population stands out as one of the strongest culturally influential groups in our nation."

The guest speaker for the event was Col. Jose Enriquez, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander. A Camden, N.J., native with a Puerto Rican background, he spoke of the importance of helping fellow Hispanic and Latino Soldiers stay in the military.

"Our culture causes us to want to leave the service," Enriquez said. "Because of our strong family ties we get out and go close to home. We have to overcome that. We need more (Hispanic) command sergeant majors, warrant officers and commissioned officers to include general officers. We have to coach, mentor and teach our fellow Soldiers that are coming up through the ranks. Sooner or later I'll have to retire and someone's going to have to take my place."

Following his speech, Enriquez presented the awards for an essay writing competition and a cultural display contest sponsored by Team Redstone. Staff Sgt. Michael Ortiz, of Missile Systems Training Department, won the essay writing competition; and the Soldiers of B Com-

pany, 832nd Ordnance Battalion won for their display of various Hispanic and Latin countries.

"These ethnic observances are educational and raise awareness," said Master Sgt. Tuynuykua Jackson, NCO-in-charge of the 59th Ordnance Brigade Equal Opportunity Office. "Not just for the Hispanic community but for (everyone). Team Redstone really came through in putting this together and we had a great turnout."

Chief Warrant Officer Orville Wilson, an instructor and writer with MSTD, said the event was "very educational and had a lot of good information on the Hispanic culture."

"This is a good way to get people to remember where they came from," he said. "But most importantly, it's a way to get us all to remember we're all Americans."

The food sampled during the event was donated by the Redstone personnel of Hispanic and Latin descent. Among the dishes were two roasted pigs, chicken empanadas, Mexican enchiladas, Cuban black beans, coconut rice from Panama, flan, Peruvian potato salad and different rice dishes including arroz con gandules.

# Letterkenny depot wins prize for business processes

*Lean manufacturing produces savings*

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Letterkenny Army Depot has received this year's Shingo Prize Public Sector Silver Recipient award.

Letterkenny is the only Army depot to compete successfully in the first-ever Shingo Prize competition to recognize public sector lean manufacturers. The award recognizes the depot's lean applications to the Army's Patriot missile system.

The depot won the award for "demonstrated achievement in implementing lean systems in support of the maintenance, repair and overhaul of equipment for the U.S. warfighter." The Public Sector Prize recognizes entities in the United States that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in manufacturing/MRO and the supporting business processes leading to outstanding quality, cost, delivery and business/financial results.

Depot commander Col. Robert Swenson and six depot employees were present at the ceremony Oct. 5 in Portsmouth. Swenson accepted the award on behalf of the employees of Letterkenny. He saluted the depot and its work force.

"Not every work force in an organization as large as Letterkenny would so readily accept change," he said. "I salute each employee along with the depot unions for having the foresight to embrace lean. Every employee will have an opportunity to serve on a lean team and more than half of you already have. Today's



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**FIRST RATE**— Letterkenny commander Col. Robert Swenson celebrates the Shingo Prize receipt with Secretary of the Army Frances J. Harvey at the Association of the U.S. Army convention in Washington, D.C.

recognition is not a conclusion. It is really just a beginning as the depot continues to find ways to work smarter and more efficiently through the application of lean techniques."

The Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, administered by the College of Business, Utah State University, recognizes Public Sector manufacturing/MRO entities operating in the United

States. This is the first time that public sector entities were included in Shingo recognition.

"It is clear that lean transformation has been embraced by the depots of the Department of Defense," said Ross Robson, executive director of the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing. "Noteworthy was significant reduction in the number of flow days in MRO which contributed to reduced costs, enhanced quality and on-time delivery. Everyone benefits from lean transformation — the war fighter, the taxpayer and national security."

Letterkenny is the Army's premier overhaul facility for tactical missiles and air defense systems. Employing nearly 2,800 people, its mission has grown to include the maintenance repair and overhaul of Biological Detection Systems, Soldier Support Systems, Power Generation Units, Armor Kits, Humvees and a variety of tactical vehicles for Special Operations. The "capability-based depot" has tripled its workload in the last three years while returning \$21.5 million to customers. Letterkenny has employed lean concepts to obtain a 99 percent customer satisfaction rate, the highest on-time-delivery rate in the Army, and to reduce its accident rate by 50 percent.

Other public service winners were Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Ga.; Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Hill Air Force Base, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah. (*Letterkenny Army Depot release*)

# Missile defense technology used for hurricane relief

## Antenna goes up in Katrina wake

When hurricane Katrina left the communications infrastructure of the Gulf coast in shambles, a few hundred people in southern Mississippi learned how technology in north Alabama can be a lifeline.

For several years a team of SRS Technologies engineers led by Paul Gierow has built deployable space structures for spaceborne communications and power. Using his expertise in this field, a license from SRS, support from the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, and a lot of creativity, Gierow conceived of and produced an inflatable antenna.

GATR Technologies, Gierow's company named for the Ground Antenna Transmit/Receive, focuses on developing products through the Missile Defense Agency's Small Business Innovative Research program. The program funds small businesses to engage in missile defense-related research.

After it became apparent that Katrina would affect the coast's communications infrastructure, personnel working with the White House Communications Agency contacted Gierow and asked if he could provide 200 antennas for the recovery effort. Gierow had only three antennas in development and was able to provide only one serviceable antenna on short notice.

Working with Sen. Jeff Sessions' office and at the request of GMD, MDA authorized \$50,000 of SBIR funding to initiate the effort. Space and Missile Defense Command, the executing agent of this contract, acted quickly to supply the funding. GATR immediately mobilized with SRS to contribute its 2.5-meter production prototype antenna for the Red Cross.

A week after the storm hit, Gierow delivered the antenna to a Woolmarket, Miss., elementary school near Biloxi being called home by 89 evacuees. In about an hour, he erected the lightweight antenna, pointed it at a satellite, and began

to provide the only Internet connection available in Harrison County. For days, this 24-hour connection was the only contact hundreds of displaced Mississippians had with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Gierow and Scott McMichael, a Huntsville city employee that traveled with him to Mississippi, helped more than 250 families request federal assistance.

All that's required to set up the 2.5 meter antenna system is to pound four stakes into the ground, inflate the antenna ball, connect the electronic equipment, and point the inflatable antenna at a satellite.

The antenna's transmit and receive signal passes from the satellite to a modem to a wireless router and finally to a computer, in this case a laptop. The entire system is Internet Protocol-based. It's lightweight, easily transported, and doesn't use much power — in contrast with comparable fixed satellite dish systems that weigh tons, are not easily moved and require a major power source.

"The technology is designed just for this," Aaron Corder, GMD, said, referring to disaster relief. "It's for critical temporary infrastructure replacement, which allows time for permanent solutions to be worked."

In addition to providing evacuees with access to FEMA forms, the system had other uses in the storm-ravaged area. Medical doctors used it to prepare assessment reports, a CBS Radio affiliate out of Los Angeles broadcast a program, Red Cross volunteers from Spain e-mailed their families, a woman evacuee who was rescued from being buried underneath her home e-mailed a Soldier in Iraq with the good news that she was injured but alive, and an elderly man located a new assisted-living home in Jackson, Miss. Once again, research that has great potential in missile defense development resulted in a spin-off technology that has great promise to improve the lives of Americans. *(Ground-Based Midcourse Defense release)*



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**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?—** Paul Gierow, an engineer with SRS Technologies, sets up an inflatable antenna outside an elementary school in Woolmarket, Miss.

# Corps of Engineers worker receives top acquisition award

*Huntsville Center division chief began her career as summer hire*

By DEBRA VALINE  
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Huntsville Engineering and Support Center's chief of Acquisition Services Division received a high-level recognition in the acquisition field Oct. 2.

Sharon Butler received the Army Acquisition Excellence Award in the category of Transforming the Way We Do Business at an event that recognized the accomplishments of the acquisition work force's most extraordinary members and the teams they lead.

The Army Acquisition Excellence Award recognizes an Army acquisition work force individual or team whose performance and contributions set them apart from their peers. The nominees work at all levels, from senior management to newly hired interns. The award directly reflects the outstanding achievements in support of the Soldier and the Army's transformation efforts.

"We honored some of the outstanding men and women – military and civilian – of the Army Acquisition Corps and the greater Army acquisition, logistics and technology work force," said Army acquisition executive Claude Bolton Jr., who hosted the event. "As a community, we are facing some of our greatest challenges. We are serving a nation at war and a military force that is transforming while fighting. It is clear that we have charted the right course – increasing capability, flexibility and sustainability – and that we

must maintain the tremendous momentum we have built. With great challenges come great opportunities for success.

"Our courageous men and women in uniform display unrelenting tenacity, steadfast purpose, quiet confidence and selfless heroism," he observed. "Let us continue to work hard and work together to ensure their decisive victory and safe return. They face threats that change – quite literally – overnight, and their success in meeting these challenges rests squarely on our collective shoulders."

Army Acquisition Support Center director Craig Spisak presided over the Washington event as master of ceremonies.

"Sharon Butler is truly transforming the way we do business within the Army and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through innovative thinking, proactive risk taking and exemplary leadership," said J.R. Richardson, director of contracting, Huntsville Center, who nominated Butler for the award. "Her leadership and non-traditional contracting approach for award of contracts for construction of missile facilities for National Missile Defense at Fort Greely, Alaska; the TEAM task order for the Energy Savings and Performance Contracting Program at Fort Bragg, N.C.; and the privatization of the water/wastewater system at Fort Irwin, Calif., are to be commended."

"I am honored — first to be nominated and I am just delighted about winning the award," Butler said. "I had no idea I had been nominated. I am thankful that the management here allows me to be creative and innovative. Everyone from the director to the commander supported me when



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**PRESENTATION— Sharon Butler of Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, receives her award from Army acquisition executive Claude Bolton Jr., right, and military deputy Lt. Gen. Joseph Yakovac.**

issues came up that required me to take risks and make decisions that were out of the ordinary."

Butler started working for the Corps of Engineers as a summer hire at age 16.

"When I was in college I continued to work in what would be considered a STEP position now," Butler said. "At that time I was studying nursing, but I found that it takes a very special person to be a nurse, so I switched majors to accounting."

She entered the nursing program at Alabama A&M University. After completing the two-year program at A&M, she transferred to the University of Alabama-Huntsville to finish her degree.

"I changed my major to accounting because my grandmother had been sick with cancer," Butler said. "She was in the

hospital and there was nothing I could do to help her. I realized I could not be a nurse because I could not emotionally divorce myself from the situation."

In 1980, the corps did not have a co-op program for accounting. Former contracting directors Jim Reynolds and Ray Aldridge talked to Butler about contracting. From that start, Butler has continued to rise through the ranks to her current position.

"I have worked on almost all of the programs at the center at some point during my career," Butler said. "I like challenges, I like the people and I love coming up with solutions to problems. Our purpose is equipping and caring for the warfighters and their families. That mission is extremely important to me.

"I have a wonderful team that works with me," Butler said. "I could not have achieved this without the support of the team. The corps is like my family — I've been with them all my life! We have so many different types of projects here. You never get bored."

"Sharon (Butler) has a talent for unraveling complex situations, cutting away complicating or needless details, and helping everyone see the path forward," said Dawn Scott, the administrative officer in the Directorate of Contracting. "Her approach pulls people together and helps each person envision his or her role in the solution, then move forward as a team to accomplish what many would deem unachievable. We are blessed to have Sharon on our team. Her 'can-do' spirit and positive attitude are infectious."

# Disabilities awareness event opens eyes

*Blindfolded participants walk across intersection*

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Members of the group assembled at a downtown intersection took turns donning a blindfold before crossing the street with the help of an escort.

This was an eye-opening experience to show them how a sightless person feels when taking the same steps while relying on sounds, a cane and maybe a guide dog.

"Wow, that's scary," Rick Gray, a general supply specialist with Integrated Materiel Management Center, said after finishing his trip. His escorts were blind worker Curtis Tucker and Tucker's guide dog, Faith.

The National Federation for the Blind sponsored the White Cane Day event Thursday at the corner of Clinton and Jefferson streets. Participants included the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and Redstone Arsenal's Individuals with Disabilities committee. October is Disabilities Awareness Month.

"You've got to pay attention," Tucker, a senior human resources specialist at Civilian Personnel Operations Center, said of how he crosses streets. "When there's a lot of background noise, it's more difficult to pick up on the sounds and everything. But that's the main thing, you've got to listen. And you always wait until you hear a change in the flow of traffic."

Tucker, 52, has worked with the government since 1993 and arrived at Redstone from his native Louisville, Ky., in 1997. Legally blind since birth, he lost his sight in 1995. He serves as president of both the local American Council of the Blind and the Alabama Guide Dog Users Group.

"We wanted to raise awareness and educate peo-

ple regarding blindness and disabilities," he said of the white cane event.

"This has been a learning experience for me," Gray said.

Clarenza Clark, individuals with disabilities manager in the garrison's Equal Employment Opportunity Office, had a similar viewpoint. "I felt lost, coming across the street without my eyes," she said.

Serving as an escort was Loris Gregory, an orientation and mobility specialist in the Decatur office of Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. Madison County commissioner Bob Harrison was among those she helped cross the street.

During most years since 1964, the president has proclaimed Oct. 15 as White Cane Safety Day.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**COMMISSIONER'S TURN—** Madison County commissioner Bob Harrison puts on a blindfold at the corner of Clinton and Jefferson streets.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SHOWING THE WAY—** Curtis Tucker and his guide dog, Faith, help blindfolded Rick Gray cross a downtown intersection during the White Cane Day event to raise awareness about blindness and disabilities.

## Disabilities awareness focus of national observance

*Redstone luncheon slated Thursday*

By CAROLYN MANDERS and JONATHAN GREEN  
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"People with disabilities are a vital part of America's work force — they are important to our country's future economic success," secretary of labor Elaine Chao said when announcing the official theme for October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The theme, "Workers with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs Today," will be used by private sector, federal, state and local governments, and advocacy organizations to plan events and programs that showcase the abilities and skills of cit-



File photo

**Dr. W. Roy Grizzard Jr.**

izens, employees and job candidates who have disabilities.

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the electric light bulb, phonograph and motion-picture projector, and holder of more U.S. patents than any other inventor, was hearing disabled from child-

hood due to scarlet fever. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the second person to set foot on the moon, was diagnosed with a mental disability yet advanced to the top of his chosen profession. He not only landed the Apollo Lunar Module with Neil Armstrong in 1969, he also piloted the Gemini 12 space flight in 1966. Max Cleland overcame the loss of both legs and an arm due to wounds during combat in Vietnam to become the head of the Veterans Administration and then was elected to the U.S. Senate from Georgia.

Team Redstone's participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month includes a luncheon Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. The scheduled speaker is Dr. W. Roy Grizzard Jr., assistant secretary of labor for

disability employment policy. The Office of Disability Employment Policy is the nation's first assistant secretary-level office specifically addressing policies that impact the employment of people with disabilities. Collaborating with other Labor Department agencies — the Employment and Training Administration and the Civil Rights Center — ODEP has developed methods, including a disability checklist, to make the 3,500 One-Stop Career Centers nationwide better serve people with disabilities.

Grizzard is responsible for advising the secretary of labor on issues related to the employment of people with disabilities. He works with all agencies within the Department of Labor to provide leadership in the department's efforts to increase

employment opportunities for adults and youth with disabilities. Grizzard serves on the Board of Directors for Prevent Blindness of Virginia. He is a former board member of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, where he was chairman of the Research Committee. Grizzard earned his doctor of education degree from Nova Southeastern University.

Ticket cost for this event is \$12. For more information and ticket purchase, call Demetria Cruz of AMCOM 876-9718, Carolyn Manders of MSIC 313-7254, Clarenza Clark of Garrison 313-2825, Allan Day of NASA 544-4079 and Johnetta Graves of SMDC 955-4008. For special accommodations call Allan Day, NASA EEO Office, 544-4079.

# Program to help you save on health care

By MELBA MOODY  
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Fox Army Health Center will help pay your health insurance deductible. Interested? Read on.

Most likely your insurance plan has a deductible that has to be met before the plan begins paying your medical bills. If you are a military beneficiary eligible for care at Fox and also have insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mail Handlers, or some other health insurance carrier, you have a great benefit available to you.

The Third Party Collections Program was established by Public Law 101-510 (10 U.S. Code 1095). Under this program the law directs and obligates military treatment facilities to bill private insurance companies for the costs of medical care provided to patients who have other health insurance. This includes outpatient clinic visits, prescriptions, radiology and laboratory tests requested by external providers.

This program only applies to active duty family members, retirees and their family members who have other insurance besides Tricare.

Participation in the program allows us to help you meet your deductibles without

any out-of-pocket expense to you. When we file claims with your insurance carrier, the amount billed will be applied toward your deductible. You will not be billed for any costs that we cannot collect from your insurance carrier. Your insurance rates will not rise because of this program.

We pay your deductible and the money we collect from your insurance carrier is used to enhance patient care through the purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment, supplies and renovations at Fox Army Health Center. This is a rare win/win situation for you in the health care arena.

You can help with this program by telling us if you have health insurance other than Tricare. When you come in for a visit bring your insurance identification card and check to be sure we have accurate information. Update your insurance information yearly or when your coverage changes.

The Patient Administration Division will update your information at their reception window located next to room 1E-18 on the first floor.

For more information or questions call the uniform business office manager at 955-8888, ext. 1610.

*Editor's note: Melba Moody is public affairs officer at Fox Army Health Center.*

# Get your shot at flu immunization

All military beneficiaries, active duty and dependents, military retirees and dependents, age 13 or over, who are "high priority," can get their flu shot today through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fox Army Health Center.

The following high priority groups, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, are recommended to get their shots before Oct. 24: persons over age 65, ages 2-64 with chronic health conditions, children 6-23 months, pregnant women, health-care personnel who provide direct patient care, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children under 6 months, and residents of long-term care facilities.

Flu shots for ages 6 months through 12 years will be given in the Immunization Clinic at Fox Army Health Center on Oct. 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31 and Nov. 2 and 4 from 2-4 p.m. No prescription is needed.

Flu shots will be available to the public at large after Oct. 24. View the list of locations/dates/times via the Internet at <http://www.redstone.amedd.army.mil/>.

Community immunization days

include the following:

- Oct. 26 — Women during the Breast Cancer Screening Fair at Fox Army Health Center, second floor, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Oct. 27 — Garrison building 4488 from 9 a.m. to noon.

- Oct. 28 — Corps of Engineers, Wynn Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon.

- Nov. 3 — CPO Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Nov. 10 — SMDC Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Nov. 19 — Post Exchange from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information call Preventive Medicine Services at 955-8888, ext. 1026 or 1027.





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## Thumbs up

International student Staff Sgt. Raul Tomada from the Philippines shows his approval while attending the Ammunition Specialist Course from July 25 to Oct. 13.

### ■ Ground broken for new resident at Von Braun Complex

## Construction

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said. "We are building and expanding the center of gravity for missile defense. The work we do here is critical to providing the defenses we need."

The new facility, which will consolidate MDA employees who are now located in multiple leased spaces outside Redstone Arsenal, will enhance MDA security and force protection.

Set for completion in May 2007, the 234,000-square-foot building has a construction value of more than \$38 million with Turner Universal Construction Co. as the design-build contractor. It will be home to nearly 1,000 MDA employees and contractor support personnel, and contain administrative office space, conferencing space, video-teleconference rooms, classified processing areas, break rooms and other general administrative-type support space.

The Phase II building, which will be known as the Missile Defense Agency Center (building 5222) and SMDC building 5220, are part of a complex that will include six administrative buildings, a cafeteria, a central auditorium and a central utility plant. The complex will eventually house about 5,200 military personnel, and government employees and contractors.

"That building is a first class building," Sessions said, pointing to the SMDC facility. "This one will be also. It reflects the commitment of a great nation against most sophisticated weapons. It further solidifies commitments to developing leadership roles in missiles and space" at Redstone Arsenal.

Sessions said he and Sen. Richard Shelby along with Congressman Bud Cramer are already thinking about the complex's third phase. While Sessions is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and chairman of the Armed Services Strategic Subcommittee, Shelby is a member of the Senate's Appropriations Committee and Cramer is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

"A facility like this doesn't happen unless it's authorized," Cramer said. "If it's authorized and not appropriated, it

can't be built either. Sen. Shelby considers this his baby. He leads this delegation on the appropriations side. Sen. Sessions leads it on the authorization side. We take our issues very seriously."

Pledging to be a part of more groundbreakings at Redstone Arsenal, Cramer told the audience that Alabama's "congressional delegation is second to none in working to make sure this state's assets are understood by this country."

Redstone Arsenal is home to "the kind of technology and defense capabilities that this country expects to have," Cramer said, adding the new facility gives MDA employees "the environment to work in that you deserve."

In the battle against the enemy, the new MDA facility at the Von Braun Complex is a major asset in protecting U.S. technology, said AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury.

"The bad guys want to get the technology to hurt us even worse on our home station," he said. "Having the vision to see that is to be commended. It's about making our nation safer."

Naming MDA locations – Washington, Colorado, Alaska, California, Kwajalin Atoll and other places around the world – Obering said "we will not fail in our mission. Thanks for your support of our mission."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**COMPLEX ISSUES—** Congressman Bud Cramer, center, and Sen. Jeff Sessions, right, listen as AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury discusses Army concerns following the groundbreaking for the Missile Defense Agency Center.

# Unit players ready for flag duty

Flag football season  
kicks off this week

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The troop field off Patton Road is busy for the next few weeks.

Unit-level flag football opened Oct. 17 and the season continues through Nov. 15. Games are played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6, 7 and 8.

Charlie Company enters as the favorite after winning the preseason tournament Sept. 12-16. The Wolfpack beat Headquarters & Alpha 22-12 in the final.

"We're going in with a positive attitude," Charlie linebacker Barry Brown said. "We've got a strong team."

The eight teams include Charlie, MEDDAC, Marines, HHC 59th, Headquarters & Alpha, Bravo, NCO Academy and 326th Chemical.

The postseason tournament is scheduled to start Nov. 16.

Here's the season schedule:

● **Oct. 20** – Charlie vs. Bravo at 6 p.m., Marines vs. HHC 59th at 7 and MEDDAC vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 8.

● **Oct. 24** – MEDDAC vs. Marines at 6, NCO Academy vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7 and 326th Chemical vs. HHC 59th at 8.

● **Oct. 25** – Bravo vs. HHC 59th at 6, Charlie vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7 and NCO Academy vs. Marines at 8.

● **Oct. 27** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. Marines at 6, 326th Chemical vs. MEDDAC at 7 and Charlie vs. HHC 59th at 8.

● **Oct. 31** – NCO Academy vs. 326th Chemical at 6, Charlie vs. Marines at 7 and Bravo vs. MEDDAC at 8.

● **Nov. 1** – HHC 59th vs. MEDDAC at 6, Bravo vs. NCO Academy at 7 and Headquarters & Alpha vs. 326th Chemical at 8.

● **Nov. 3** – Marines vs. 326th Chemical at 6, Charlie vs. MEDDAC at 7 and HHC 59th vs. NCO Academy at 8.

● **Nov. 7** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. Bravo at 6, Charlie vs. HHC 59th at 7 and MEDDAC vs. Marines at 8.

● **Nov. 8** – HHC 59th vs. MEDDAC at 6, Bravo vs. NCO Academy at 7 and



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**MARINES AFIELD—** The Marines adjust their flags before playing Charlie Company in the preseason opener Sept. 12 which they lost 20-18 to the eventual preseason champion.

Headquarters & Alpha vs. 326th Chemical at 8.

● **Nov. 10** – Charlie vs. Marines at 6, NCO Academy vs. 326th Chemical at 7 and Headquarters & Alpha vs. Bravo at 8.

● **Nov. 14** – Marines vs. HHC 59th at 6, Headquarters & Alpha vs. NCO Academy at 7 and Charlie vs. MEDDAC at 8.

● **Nov. 15** – 326th Chemical vs. Bravo at 6.

# Louisiana State gets nod over Auburn

*LSU picked to win  
battle of Tigers*

By SKIP VAUGHN

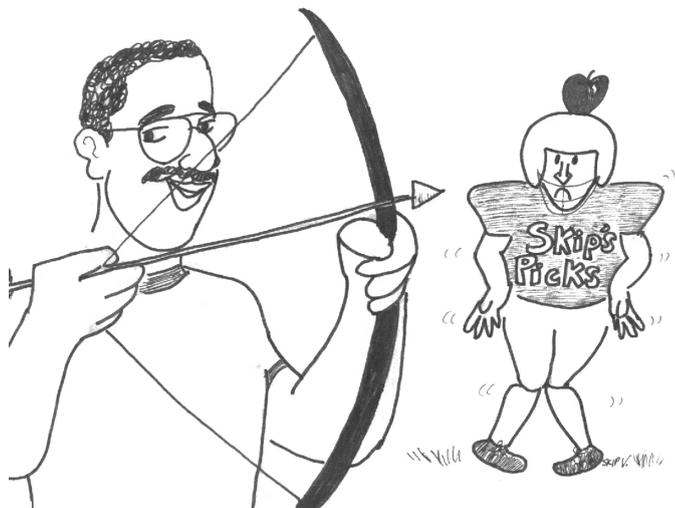
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Skip's Picks were 312-114 for 73 percent seven weeks into the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

Auburn at LSU — **LSU**  
Tennessee at Alabama — **Bama**  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
Arkansas at Georgia — **Georgia**  
Kentucky at Mississippi — **Ole Miss**  
Houston at Mississippi State — **Miss. State**  
Florida International at Troy — **Troy**  
Army at Akron — **Army**  
Navy at Rice — **Rice**  
TCU at Air Force — **TCU**  
Virginia Tech at Maryland — **Va. Tech**  
Southern Mississippi at UAB — **So. Miss.**  
Georgia Tech at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**  
Michigan at Iowa — **Michigan**  
Northwestern at Michigan State — **Mich. State**  
Ohio State at Indiana — **Ohio State**  
Syracuse at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**  
Virginia at North Carolina — **N.C.**  
Nebraska at Missouri — **Nebraska**  
Temple at Clemson — **Clemson**  
East Carolina at Memphis — **East Carolina**  
Elon at Furman — **Furman**  
Oklahoma State at Iowa State — **Okla. State**  
South Carolina State at Hampton — **Hampton**

Texas A&M at Kansas State — **Texas A&M**  
Brigham Young at Notre Dame — **ND**  
Southern Methodist at Tulsa — **Tulsa**  
Texas Southern at Mississippi Valley State — **Miss. Valley**  
Wyoming at Colorado State — **Colo. State**  
The Citadel at Georgia Southern — **Ga. Southern**  
Florida State at Duke — **FSU**  
North Carolina State at Wake Forest — **N.C. State**  
Purdue at Wisconsin — **Wisconsin**  
Rutgers at Connecticut — **Rutgers**  
Texas Tech at Texas — **Texas**  
Southern California at Washington — **USC**  
Vanderbilt at South Carolina — **S.C.**  
Alcorn State at Southern — **Alcorn State**  
Arizona State at Stanford — **Ariz. State**



Fresno State at Idaho — **Fresno**  
La.-Lafayette at Middle Tennessee — **MTSU**  
Grambling at Jackson State — **Grambling**  
Hawaii at San Jose State — **San Jose**  
Tulane at Central Florida — **Tulane**  
Western Carolina at Chattanooga — **Chattanooga**  
Boise State at Utah State — **Boise State**  
Baylor at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**  
Buffalo at Toledo — **Toledo**  
Jacksonville State at Tennessee State — **Jax**  
Kansas at Colorado — **Colorado**  
Louisville at Cincinnati — **Louisville**  
Oregon at Arizona — **Oregon**  
Oregon State at UCLA — **UCLA**  
Penn State at Illinois — **Penn State**  
Utah at UNLV — **Utah**  
West Virginia at South Florida — **W.Va.**  
Marshall at Texas-El Paso — **Texas-El Paso**  
Washington State at California — **Calif.**



## Sports & Recreation

### Golf league

The Acquisition Center Golf League is open to anyone (men and women) who is authorized to play golf at Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call John Vile 955-7614.

### Monday night football

The entire Redstone community is invited to the Firehouse Pub each Monday night for NFL Monday night football. Doors open at 4 p.m. for game prep and pre-

game rivalry. Free hot dogs, hamburgers and other foods with beverage purchase. Watch the game on the big screen television. For more information, call 842-0748 or 830-2582.

### Youth basketball

Youth sports is registering Redstone community youth ages 5-17 for basketball. Practice begins the week of Nov. 14; and registration ends Nov. 4. Volunteer coaches are needed for this league. For more information or to register, stop by the CYS Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, or call 313-2177.

### Tailgate party

A tailgate party is in store for Right Arm Night from 4-7 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Officers and Civilians Club. All Redstone Arsenal personnel are welcome. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. For information call the post command sergeant major office 876-1874.

### Golf tournament

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is sponsoring a golf tournament in conjunction with their annual Symposium on Government Acquisition on Nov. 1 at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail River Course at Hampton Cove. Shotgun start is 8:30 a.m. Cost for the event is \$35 (\$20 for FBA members). Amenities include greens and cart fees, range balls and a catered lunch. Awards and prizes will be given to the team winners, closest to the pin and long drive. Make checks payable to the North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association c/o Margaret Simmons, 134 Leathertree Lane, Madison, AL 35758. For reservations or more information, call Brian Toland 881-1659.

### Halloween run

The LCMC Halloween Run is Oct. 28 at 7 a.m. in front of building 5300 at the Sparkman Center perimeter road. The AMCOM chief of staff and command sergeant major will lead the two laps (two miles) walk or run at 10-minute pace. All AMCOM (LCMC) military and civilian employees are encouraged to participate. Organization teams are welcome. Costumes are encouraged for the best costume contest.



## 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.

### Terrain summit

The Alabama Modeling & Simulation Council, in conjunction with the Advanced Prototyping Engineering and eXperimentation Lab of the System Simulation and Development Directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center and the Simulations and Analysis Directorate of the Future Warfare Center, will host the 2005 Huntsville Terrain Summit Nov. 7-8. This event will include guest speakers from both government and industry as well as product demonstration from vendors. The keynote speaker is Mark Phillips, the research and development lead for the new Joint Advanced Training Technologies Laboratory-Joint National Training Capability. For more information, visit the Terrain Summit web site <http://terrainsummit.amsc.to/Home.htm>.

### Acquisition conference

The 33rd Symposium on Government Acquisition and the annual Eastern Briefing Conference sponsored by the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will be held Nov. 2-3 at the Huntsville Marriott. The conference is open for all Acquisition professionals and offers a wide range of acquisition topics and speakers from both the private and public sector. Cost for attending both days is \$325. For further information, call Cindy Van Rassen 955-5717.

### Parent advisory committee

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Committee will meet Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance - 5 points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees.

### Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Capt. Daniel Papajcik, Redstone Arsenal Legal Office, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The

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Photo by Ryan McGill

## Painting around

With Halloween coming up soon, the pumpkin-painting entertainment at the PEO's Family Day event Thursday drew a large number of eager artists. Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space family members were also treated to a military working dog demonstration, as well as Javelin and TOW missile firings.

# Rocket Announcements

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.cpolar.army.mil](http://www.cpolar.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.gsauctions.gov](http://www.gsauctions.gov), search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

from 9-1. The shop is accepting winter clothing/items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. "Join us Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10-2 for some great bargains," a prepared release said. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 881-6992.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist mili-

tary 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.

## 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.

## Merit awards

The rising cost of higher education is a growing concern; and the Officer and Civilian Women's Club can aid their members in this endeavor through the OCWC Merit Awards Program. Applicants for merit awards must be a member, spouse of a member, or the dependent of an OCWC member in good standing as of Oct. 18, 2005. Merit awards are based on the applicant's scholastic achievements, citizenship and sincere desire to pursue higher education. Application categories are as follows: high school seniors, undergraduates, graduates and member/spouse. Applicants must live within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen and have no prior felony

arrests or convictions. The application deadline for merit award consideration is Feb. 3, 2006. Previous winners may compete in succeeding years, but may only win once in each category. In addition, students receiving full scholarships (defined as a scholarship that covers tuition, books and related expenses) are not eligible to apply for a merit award. Applications will be available at OCWC monthly luncheons. For more information, call merit award chairperson Sharon Samuelson 880-1594.

## Women's club membership

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. For OCWC membership information, call Chris Swart 955-6703.

## ID cards

Due to identification card issuing equipment upgrade, the ID card section will be closed all day Oct. 24. There will be no ID card or DEERS operations performed. Also, because the server will be down, none of the remote sites will be operational. The Military Personnel Division apologizes for the inconvenience, and should be up and running again at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 25.

## Disability awareness month

The Team Redstone People with Disabilities Council will sponsor the first Disability Awareness Month Luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is assistant secretary for disability employment policy, W. Roy Grizzard Jr. of the Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. Tickets are \$12. For tickets call Demetria Cruz, AMCOM, 876-9718; Sonja Rice, Corps of Engineers, 895-1575; Carolyn Manders, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, 313-7254; Clarenza Clark, Garrison, 313-2825; Allan Day, Marshall Space Flight Center, 544-4079;

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and Johnetta Graves, Space and Missile Defense Command, 955-4008. For special accommodations, call Allan Day of MSFC Equal Employment Opportunity Office 544-4079.

## Dining out

Cruise Missile Defense Systems project manager Col. Edward Mullin invites all former CMDMS/SHORAD employees to the annual CMDMS Dining Out on Oct. 28 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$34 per person. For more information call Maj. Jason Shepard 842-6035, Kim Collins 842-0504 or Bonnie Coleman 876-4927.

## Air defenders

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association invites all active and retired ADA officers, members and friends of ADAA to the annual Saint Barbara's Day Awards Dinner and Dance on Nov. 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Brig. Gen. Robert Lennox, commander of Air Defense Artillery Center and School. The cocktail period begins at 6 p.m. with a pay-as-you-go bar. Dinner is served at 7:15; and dancing follows dinner. Appropriate dress for the military is the Army blue uniform with bow tie, for civilians tuxedo or business suit, and for the ladies evening or cocktail dress. Cost is \$30 per person for members and their guests or \$60 per couple; and for non-members \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Payment options are either by check payable to ADAA RSA/HSV Alabama Chapter or by credit

card against the RSA Club Card Account. Payment must be received by noon Oct. 25. No cancellations will be accepted after Oct. 28. Phone or e-mail your reservation by Oct. 21 to Sue Acuff 726-1251, fax 726-1456, and e-mail sue.acuff@tdytsi.com. Mail reservations to ADAA RSA/HSV Alabama Chapter, P.O. Box 8321, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808.



Photo by Wendy Turney

## Employee of quarter

**Intelligence assistant May Beasley is the third Employee of the Quarter in the G-2 (Intelligence and Security).**

## Community volunteers

What is a volunteer? It is a person who gives their time and talent to a worthwhile group or cause, believes they can make a difference and are willing to prove it. Army Community Service programs serve Soldiers, family members and retirees. ACS needs volunteers and has the following volunteer administrative opportunities: Exceptional Family Member Program assistant coordinator, Army Emergency Relief office assistant, Family Advocacy Program assistant, Financial Readiness Program assistant, Deployment/Mobilization Program assistant, Relocation Assistance Program assistant, Employment Readiness Office assistant, Coupon assistant, Quality of Life Program assistant, and Front Desk receptionist. Volunteer as little or as much as you want. No experience is needed. For information call Phyllis Cox, volunteer manager, 876-5397.

## Carpool wanted

Carpool wanted from Scottsboro, Dutton, Section or Woodville. Interested non-smokers may call (256) 259-2164.

## Quarterly retirement event

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate. If you would like to participate, call Sgt. 1st Class Kimball 876-2819. Deadline for signing up to participate is Nov. 21.

## Bilingual trainer

A small non-profit organization based in Huntsville is seeking bilingual, Spanish speaking trainers for a part-time, once a week evening for four hours a week at \$20 per hour to work with Hispanic families. The funding for this program is through a grant awarded by the state's Unified Prevention Systems. Minimal education requirement is college degree, BS or BA, bilingual Spanish/English. Compensation for a group trainer is 3-5 hours per week at \$20 per hour. If interested call Ms. Eisler 885-1976 or e-mail leisler@earthlink.net.

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## Breast cancer screening

Fox Army Health Center offers Breast Cancer Screening Day for military beneficiaries Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the old Surgery Clinic. No appointments are needed, just walk in. A provider will perform breast examination and refer patients for a mammogram as needed. (Most will be scheduled at a later date.) Other screenings, such as blood pressure and bone density, will be offered the same day. For more information call 955-8888, ext. 1100.

## Army families

Army Family Team Building will hold instructor training sessions Oct. 24-27 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call 842-8375 to enroll or register for the free childcare by Oct. 20. Dinner will be provided nightly.

## Communication society

Huntsville-North Alabama Society for Technical Communication will hold its annual membership luncheon Oct. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 126 at the University Center on the UAH campus. Local consultant Dr. Timothy White is to speak on successful interviewing techniques for managers and job seekers alike. For more information, e-mail Jeff Cox at jcox@carlson.com. This event is co-sponsored by the University of Alabama-Huntsville English Department.

## Environmental update

Redstone Arsenal will hold a public meeting and poster session to inform the public about its efforts to clean up old hazardous waste sites Oct. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the Whitesburg Baptist Center, 7300 Whitesburg Drive. For information call Lira Frye 955-9173.

## Reserve branch picnic

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its fall picnic Saturday at noon in Hartselle at the Sparkman Civic Center in the walking area at pavilion 1. A board of directors meeting starts at 11 a.m. For information call Gene Aittala (256) 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

## Education week luncheon

American Education Week luncheon is Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Von Braun Center East Hall. Tickets are \$18 each, \$175 per table. For tickets call Liz Bowden 533-7387 or the Education Center 876-9761.

## Logistics award ceremony

The 2005 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award Luncheon/Ceremony is Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The final day to purchase tickets (\$14) is Oct. 31. For information call Kathy White of Integrated Materiel Management Center 876-1757.

## Redstone homes tour

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is sponsoring a Holiday Tour of Homes on Dec. 1 from 5-9 p.m. The tour, in conjunction with MWR and AAFES, will also feature a "Christkindl Markt" in the parking lot of the Post Exchange. The tour and Markt are open to the public. Tickets for the event are \$10 and will be available at Parisians Parkway Place and the Offi-

cers and Civilians Club. For tickets call Christa Devanney 881-0033.

## Halloween party

The Firehouse Pub, building 114 on Hankins Road, will hold a Halloween party Oct. 28. Karaoke will start at 7 p.m.; and there will be a costume contest at 9 as well as door prize drawings all night. This event is open to the entire Redstone community and their guests. For more information, call 830-2582.

## Military spouse employment

Manpower understands the challenges of a mobile lifestyle and how difficult it is for military spouses to maintain a career track. They have employment opportuni-

ties in more than 1,100 U.S. locations and want to help spouses maintain career momentum. Manpower will discuss employment opportunities and resume writing tips for military spouses Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. To register call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

## Overseas travel

The chief of staff of the Army has identified the need for specific requirements for all outside continental U.S. travelers, recognizing that all are at risk of terrorist activities. Every OCONUS traveler (military, Army civilian and contractor) should go to the Personnel Recovery Program web site at <http://prp.redstone.army.mil>,

complete those items that pertain to your travel, including CIVTRACKS or SPOT registration, ISOPREP Card and receive your country specific briefing from your servicing Force Protection Office. If there are any questions about these requirements, call AMCOM deployment officer Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082.

## Latin party

SaborLatino invites you to "The Halloween Party Latin Style" Oct. 29 at 10 p.m. at Club Ozz, 1204 Posey St., with disc jockey Signey Hernandez. Cover charge is \$8 for age 21 and up, \$10 for ages 19-20 and \$5 for military with ID. For information call 783-5756.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																													
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SCBK05855613	Program Integrator	19-Oct-05	Acq Support Center	NH-0301	6	6	60,955 - 94,229	X	X																												
SCBK05793454DR	Physical Therapy Assistant	19-Oct-05	MEDDAC	GS-0636	5	5	27,742 - 36,069																														
SCBK05871066	Management Analyst	20-Oct-05	Garrison	GS-0343	12	12	42,034 - 54,641	X	X																												
SCBK05884423	Secretary	20-Oct-05	AMCOM-IMMC	GS-0318	9	9	42,034 - 54,641	X	X																												
SCBK05879590	Logistics Mgmt. Spec.	21-Oct-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X																													
SCBK05612050R	Police Officer	21-Oct-05	Garrison	GS-0083	6	6	30,923 - 40,201	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK05879574	Logistics Mgmt. Spec.	21-Oct-05	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X																												
SCBK05874434	Construction Mgmt Spec	23-Oct-05	Eng & Support Ctr	GS-0301	11	11	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK05874434D	Construction Mgmt Spec	23-Oct-05	Eng & Support Ctr	GS-0301	2	2	72,486 - 94,229																														
SCBK05891496	Protocol Specialist	24-Oct-05	AMCOM-SGS	GS-0301	13	13	50,858 - 66,115	X																													
SCBK05856669	Safety & Occupational Health Manager	24-Oct-05	Garrison	GS-0018	5	5	72,486 - 94,229	X																													
SCBK05772819	Operations Research Analyst	24-Oct-05	THAAD	GS-1515	7/7G	12	34,363 - 79,238	X																													
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SCBK05878213	Inspector	25-Oct-05	AMCOM-IGR	NH-1801	12	12	27,742 - 66,115			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK05874286	Lead Security Guard	25-Oct-05	Garrison	GS-0085	5	5	30,923 - 40,201	X	X																												
NEAL05842032	General Engineer	26-Oct-05	PEO C3T	NH-0801	11	11	85,656 - 130,988					X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK057881299	Program Integrator	26-Oct-05	PEO C3T	GS-0301	6	6	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK057881299D	Program Inspector	26-Oct-05	PEO C3T	GS-0301	12	12	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
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SCBK05872820	Deputy Project/Product Manager	26-Oct-05	Acq Support Center	NH-0340	11	11	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK05872820D	Deputy Project/Product Manager	26-Oct-05	Acq Support Center	NH-0340	7	11	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK05880517	Logistics Mgmt. Spec.	26-Oct-05	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X																													
SCBK05900630	Administrative Support Assistant	26-Oct-05	USAOMEMS	GS-0303	5	5	27,742 - 36,069	X	X	X																											
WTST05833322	Intelligence Specialist (I&TS)	26-Oct-05	AMC-Intel Surity Dir	GG-0132	13	13	72,486 - 94,229																														
CF05-451	Youth Ed & Sup Services (YESS) Director	26-Oct-05	Garrison	NF-1701	4	4	42,000 - 55,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCEG05869503	Flight Test Pilot	26-Oct-05	ATTC	GS-2181	13	14	72,035 - 110,662			X				X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK05852458	Logistics Mgmt. Spec.	27-Oct-05	AMC - Integration & Support	GS-0346	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X																													
SCBK05793454R	Physical Therapy Assistant	27-Oct-05	MEDDAC	GS-0636	5	5	27,742 - 36,069					X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
SCBK05778696	General Engineer	28-Oct-05	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	85,656 - 111,355	X	X																												
SCBK05778696	Contract Specialist	28-Oct-05	Eng & Support Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	34,363 - 66,115	X	X																												
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SCBK05867815	Equal Employment Manager	7-Nov-05	Garrison	GS-0260	3	3	85,656 - 111,355	X																													
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SCBK05874434D	Construction Mgmt Spec	23-Oct-05	Eng & Support Ctr	GS-0301	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK057881299D	Program Integrator	26-Oct-05	PEO C3T	GS-0301	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05872820D	Deputy Project/Product Manager	26-Oct-05	Acq Support Center	NH-0340	14	15	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEAL05842032D	General Engineer	26-Oct-05	PEO, C3T	NH-0801	14	15	85,656 - 130,988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST05833322	Intelligence Specialist (I&TS)	26-Oct-05	AMC-Intel Surity Dir	GG-0132	13	13	72,486 - 94,229	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05883139D	Materials Engineer	28-Dec-05	AMRDEC	DB-0806	12	13	60,955 - 94,229	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 serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)
- 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.

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

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