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# Breast cancer's life or death threat

*Local television journalist relates her fight vs. disease*

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While showering one summer day in 1998, local television journalist Liz Hurley made a discovery that brought her face-to-face with a deadly disease.

In the privacy of her bathroom, Hurley further examined the discovery in a mirror — a lump in her left breast that left her shocked, concerned and anxious.

"I could see it. I could really feel it," she told members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club as she recalled her first reaction to the disease.

"I jumped back into the shower. It wasn't there a month before because I always check. It wasn't there six months ago because I had a completely clear mammogram."

But in a few days, doctors confirmed her fears.

"I found out it was nearly a 2 centimeter tumor, nearly an inch in size, and I had just turned 39," Hurley said.

"As more days passed, the scarier it got for me because I knew about lumps."

Hurley's own mother, at the age of 30 and with three children ages 6, 4 and newborn, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Five years later, she died.

But her family history did not paralyze Hurley with fear and despair. Rather, Hurley and her husband, former television journalist Dave Hargrove, spent two weeks researching her options and praying about what Hurley should do.

"I needed to know how angry this assailant was," she said. "When it comes to breast cancer, there are no guarantees. You really don't know ... There are many different choices (about what to do). You are not given an instruction manual when you get this diagnosis."

Hurley shared her story during the OCWC's October luncheon meeting. Her personal testimony was followed by a presentation on how to do monthly breast exams by Tameron Harvell, a certified breast health specialist at The Breast Center at Huntsville Hospital's Breast Center. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During her presentation, Hurley noted a number of staggering statistics. The first — in 2004, 563,000 Americans died of cancer.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MATTER OF AWARENESS**— Local television journalist Liz Hurley, second from left, dedicates a lot of her time to programs and events promoting breast cancer awareness, and raising funds for breast cancer prevention and research. She talked to members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club about her own experience with breast cancer. Attending with her was, third from left, Tameron Harvell, a certified breast health specialist at Huntsville Hospital's Breast Center. Following their presentation, Hurley and Harvell answered questions from several OCWC members, including, from left, president Chris Swart, first vice president Faye Wishik and honorary president Becky Pillsbury.

"Those are friends, relatives, co-workers," she said. "That's more individuals than have ever been killed in any (U.S.) war ever fought, combined ... Within the next decade, cancer will probably replace heart disease as the leading cause of death."

**In recognition of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Fox Army Health Center invites military beneficiaries to the Breast Cancer Screening Day scheduled for today 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 examinations 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.**

But, breast cancer statistics are even scarier than that for women. In 2005, more than 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Of those, 43,000 will die and more than 13,000 will be under age 40. Every 15 minutes, five women are diagnosed and one woman dies of breast cancer.

And the worst statistic — breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 35 and 54.

"No one is immune when it comes to breast cancer," she said. "If you have breasts, if you are getting older, if you are a woman, you can be diagnosed with breast cancer ... One in every three women will be diagnosed. It is not a pretty picture ... This is our war, our terror."

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# An open lane random survey

*Do you believe in ghosts?*

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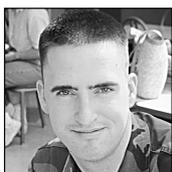


*Dale Steakley  
military dependent*

**"I don't believe in ghosts. I don't think they exist."**

*Sgt. Tim Hanlon  
Headquarters & Alpha*

**"I just can't believe in them."**



*Becky Martin  
retiree spouse*

**"I've never seen one, but I can't say they're not real. I don't know if I believe in them or not."**

*Jean Simon  
retiree spouse*

**"They're fun to read about, but most people don't believe in them. I don't."**



*Bob Hunt  
Public affairs specialist*



**"No. I believe what most people perceive as ghosts is a figment of their imagination. While there might be some unexplained phenomenon occurring, I can't explain it."**

## Letter to the Editor

### Stand up against domestic violence

Every October, we in the Redstone community join in the Army's Domestic Violence Prevention Month campaign. This effort is one of my command programs. In our own community, we see this campaign as a year-round commitment.

The Family Advocacy Program is tasked to conduct the Domestic Violence Prevention campaign. I want everyone in this community to take a stand against domestic violence.

I expect everyone to Stand Up and Speak Out against domestic violence.

Soldiers, do not put up with domestic violence.

Take action and report.

Accept no excuses.

Never ignore the signs of abuse.

Develop a strong community response.

Uphold the rights of victims.

Participate in prevention — do not be a bystander.

Whenever and wherever domestic violence occurs, it undermines our mission. Therefore, I call upon everyone in the Redstone community to take a stand against domestic violence and to join in our year-round mission of prevention.

**Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury**  
AMCOM and Redstone commander

### West Point accepting applications

Each year, approximately 150 regular Army Soldiers are offered admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point or the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Although some Soldiers are offered direct admission to West Point, the majority attend USMAPS. The prep school provides the appropriate academic, military and physical instruction to qualify and motivate Soldiers for admission to and graduation from West Point, and for commissioning as Army second lieutenants.

The prep school curriculum prepares Soldiers for success at West Point through an intensive curriculum focused on both English and mathematics. Interested Soldiers must be U.S. citizens, be unmarried, with no legal obligation to support dependents, be a high school graduate, not be 23 years old before July 1 of the year entering USMA (not be 22 before July 1 of the year entering the prep school), be of high moral character and have a sincere interest in attending West Point and becoming an Army officer.

Maj. Steven Isenhour, from the

West Point Admissions Office, will be at the Heiser Hall on Nov. 15 at 5:30 a.m. to give admissions brief to all Soldiers on the process of making application. Interested Soldiers should contact their chain of command and arrange for time to attend the briefing. All interested Soldiers are encouraged to attend regardless of high school academic performance.

This is a great opportunity for Soldiers who desire a first-rate college education and officer's commission. Soldiers who meet the aforementioned basic eligibility requirements, have achieved SAT scores greater than 1,050 or ACT composite score of 22 or higher, and achieved good grades in a college preparatory high school curriculum are especially encouraged to apply. All application requirements must be met by April 1, 2006 to be considered for an appointment to West Point or the prep school in July. Interested Soldiers should contact Isenhour to request an application by telephone DSN 688-5780 or (845) 938-5780 or e-mail tc2324@usma.edu. (West Point release)

### Boeing Huntsville receives top rating

The Boeing Huntsville facility has achieved the highest possible rating — Level 5 — on the Capability Maturity Model Integration scale.

"Achieving Level 5 is not something you can do overnight; it takes years of hard work and discipline," said Linda Hait, Boeing Huntsville site executive. "The key to this achievement was the commitment to process by our Boeing Huntsville employees."

The Huntsville site achieved the rating in four CMMI disciplines: systems engineering, software engineering, integrated product and process development and supplier selection management process.

CMMI, established by the Software Engineering Institute, is the national standard for benchmarking the commercial and defense industries' best practices for system engineering, software engineering, integrated product and process development, and supplier sourcing. A CMMI appraisal provides insight into a company's ability to execute on proposed projects, thereby reducing risk and required oversight by the customer.

The appraisal, conducted by Assess-IT Inc., evaluated an array of critical programs located at the site. Compliance required validation of generic and specific goals/practices used by the programs.

Boeing is the largest aerospace company in Alabama. Today, the work force of nearly 3,300 employees perform leading edge work on a broad array of key space and defense programs including the Ground-based Midcourse Defense, International Space Station, Delta Launch Vehicles, Avenger, Arrow and PAC-3 missile.

A unit of the Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a \$30.5 billion business. It provides network-centric system solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer and a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense and Department of Homeland Security; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in sustainment solutions and launch services. (Boeing release)

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# Getting to know you

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**Where do you call home?**  
Waterproof, La.

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

Being able to serve the Soldiers, making sure they have what they need at the right time and right place to accomplish their mission.

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

Socialize and watching Lifetime (Channel) movies.

**What are your goals?**

I want to retire and make sure my boys



(Timothy, 15, and Terrence, 13) get a good education.

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

Dallas Cowboys

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Oct. 13:** An individual was found to be in possession of a concealed weapon during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a DD Form 1805 and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

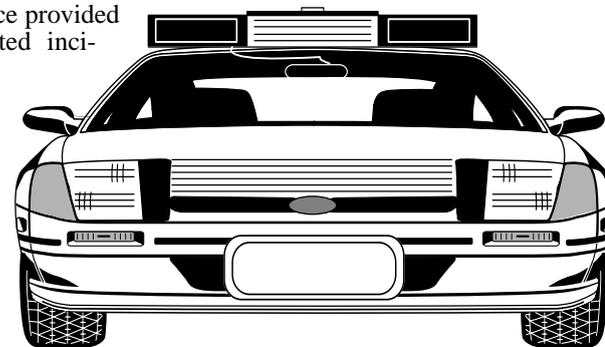
**Oct. 14:** An individual was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia during an inspection at Gate 9. She was issued a violation notice and released.

**Oct. 14:** An individual reported that he was being harassed at his place of employment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 16:** 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. 16:** An individual reported that someone entered his place of employment and removed an undetermined amount of money. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 17:** An individual reported that someone entered his place of employment and removed a government computer.



Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 18:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Oct. 19:** 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:** eight without injuries, one with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 8 speeding, 1 driving with a suspended/revoked license, 1 expired tags, 1 expired driver's license, 1 failure to judge distance, 1 illegal U-turn, 1 possession of a firearm.

## 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)

## Quote of the week

'Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing.'

— Wernher von Braun

## Wanted: CID special agents

The Army Criminal Investigation Command is responsible for investigating felony-level crime of Army interest and is headquartered on Fort Belvoir, Va. The Redstone Arsenal Criminal Investigation Division is screening and recruiting prospective applicants.

CID applicants must meet strict qualification standards. The minimum qualifications for a Soldier to become a special agent are to be 21 years old, have at least two years of military service and not more than 10, have a general technical score of at least 110, meet the Army physical fitness standards and be on active duty with a rank of specialist or higher. Applicants should also have two years or equivalent

of college, six months military police or one year of civilian police experience or no police experience but able to successfully complete a six-month internship with a CID unit.

After a demanding 15-week training course at the Army Military Police School, special agents spend their first year as apprentice agents and must agree to a service obligation upon completion of the CID Special Agent Course. Applicants are not accredited until successful completing the apprenticeship.

Those interested should contact special agent Patrick Jones at 876-9682 or special agent Felix Santiago at 876-2037 or visit building 3623. (CID release)

## ■ Ongoing fight against leading killer for middle-age women

### Cancer

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For Hurley, as well as others facing a fight against breast cancer, there are three methods of treatment known as "slash (surgery), burn (radiation) and poison (chemotherapy)."

"For every kind of breast cancer, there is a different kind of chemotherapy cocktail or radiation regiment," Hurley said.

"I had such an aggressive cancer that I had chemotherapy first, then a double mastectomy and then reconstructive surgery. I also had a complete hysterectomy because it has been found that female organs can be affected by breast cancer. I lost 28 body parts, and gained 35 pounds and a lot of knowledge about this disease."

During her fight against breast cancer, Hurley received much of her treatment at the breast cancer center at UAB hospital in Birmingham because there was not such a center in Huntsville at that time. She vowed to change that for other women, many who have no other option than to remain in Huntsville for their treatments.

Today, a glowing picture of health and a familiar face to many as an anchor and reporter with WAFF-48 TV, Hurley is dedicated to raising awareness of breast cancer prevention and raising funds for the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund.

With her help, Huntsville Hospital established the "Think Pink" hotline to

answer women's questions about breast cancer. That has evolved into the hospital's Breast Center, which has received donations from the Hurley fund to purchase newer and better breast cancer detection equipment. Huntsville now has a surgeon and oncologist, both located next to the breast center, who have dedicated their entire practices to the treatment of breast cancer.

Harvell and other specialists are now on staff at Huntsville Hospital to help breast cancer sufferers navigate the system once their diagnosis has been made. Among her duties, Harvell offers free instructions on how to perform monthly breast exams to any woman who asks for them. She can be reached at the Breast Center, 265-2293.

"We have raised a half million dollars in this community to fight breast cancer and it's all to help you," Hurley told the women at the luncheon.

"Any problems, any questions you have can now be answered at the local level. We now have a breast MRI here that is part of our arsenal against breast cancer."

Hurley urged the women at the OCWC luncheon to be aware of changes in their breasts, to do their own monthly breast exams and to get their annual mammogram.

"October is a special month because it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month," she said. "But we also need to be aware of this disease the other 11 months of the year."

# Promotion brings change in materiel management

*Chronister assumes post as IMMC exec director*

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A full auditorium of RDEC and AMCOM employees greeted Ronnie Chronister's appointment to the Senior Executive Service on Oct. 17. He became the executive director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

"All those that used to work for him should be very proud of what you did to help him along," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, said during the ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. "All of those who are going to work for him, you're in for a treat. You're in for an absolute treat. He's the type of man, the type of leader and the type of person that I would want to work for."

Chronister, who previously served as acting director of RDEC's Engineering Directorate, thanked family, friends, co-workers and mentors who were instrumental in his career. "I've been to a lot of these things: promotion ceremonies, change of charters, retirements and the one thing that you hear and the general alluded to it was it takes a lot of folks' support,



Photo by Kim Henry

**HAPPY TO SERVE—** Many employees came to congratulate Ronnie Chronister on his appointment to Senior Executive Service and being named executive director of Integrated Materiel Management Center.

nurturing, mentoring and caring for someone like me to get to the position that I am here today," he said.

"This is a big deal. Today is a big day," said Pillsbury, citing the fewer than 300 members of the Senior Executive Service in

the Army. Members of SES are among the top level of civil servants. "We promote people in the United States military not on what they've done, but on what they're going to do," he said. "I'm curious to see what Ronnie does because he's taking over an

organization that is on the top of its game right now."

Pillsbury said IMMC is going through big changes under the Life Cycle Management Command concept. "Well, it's going to take a strong leader to make sure that it continues to work as well as it has worked in the past. And I think we've got the right person."

In response to the change taking place in IMMC, Chronister said he is driven by challenge and the opportunity to have an impact.

"To the ladies and gentlemen of the IMMC, I can think of no other organization that has more of an impact on what we do, what the Soldiers do, than the IMMC and I've seen that," Chronister said. "As the general said things are changing. The world's changed, the Army's transforming, the command has changed and we will continue to evolve. What we have to do is make sure that we're supporting our customers and it might be in a little different way than we have in the past."

Chronister has a bachelor's in civil engineering from the University of Alabama and a master's in program management from the Naval Post Graduate School, where he graduated with distinction.

He and his wife, Susan, have three children: Kelly, 21, and

Keith and Kyle, both 14. Chronister said he felt his promotion was as much his wife's as it was his. "She has provided an overwhelming amount of support to me in my life," he said. "In my career she has supported everything that I have set out to do without question, without fail."

Pillsbury said he was impressed by the Chronister family. "It doesn't take long after you've met the Chronisters to know the strength of their family. All I hear about when I talk to Ronnie is about his great family. And boy after meeting them for just a few minutes it's absolutely true."

Chronister ended the ceremony on a spiritual note. "I am blessed. I'm blessed because of these folks here (family), because of my friends, the folks that I have worked with in the past and the folks that I'm going to have an opportunity to work with in the future," he said. "I want to quote a scripture that is very near and dear to me, it is Proverbs 3:5-6. It says, 'trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not unto your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.' He has directed my path here and I'm excited he has. It's an honor and I am very humble to stand before you here today as the director of the IMMC."

# Johnson urges team building as he departs IMA

## Installation Management Agency director completes assignment

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WASHINGTON — The Installation Management Agency said farewell in an Oct. 6 ceremony to outgoing director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson as he leaves IMA to take over as deputy chief of engineers and deputy commanding general of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Johnson, who thought of himself as the IMA quarterback, “passed the football” to IMA principal deputy director Philip Sakowitz in an Arlington, Va., ceremony hosted by Lt. Gen. David Barno, assistant chief of staff for installation management. Sakowitz will serve as acting director until incoming director Maj. Gen. Michael Rochelle assumes the post in late October.

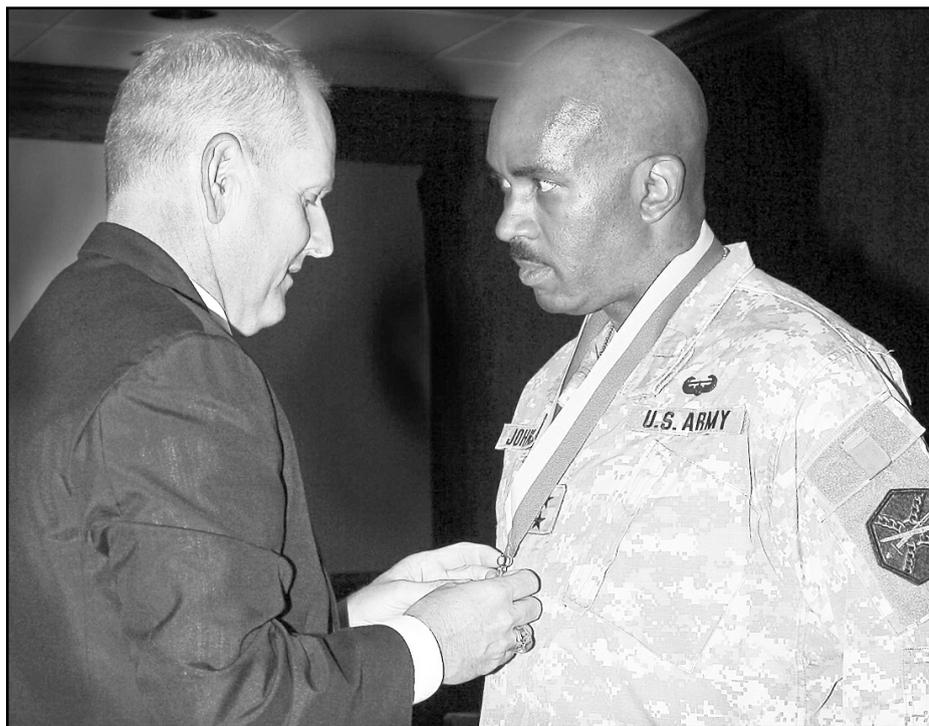
Johnson assumed the directorship of IMA Aug. 9, 2004, and leaves following a year that saw dramatic growth and promise for the future in IMA, despite being filled with the turbulence of changing times and sustaining an Army at war.

“Ron Johnson probably had the toughest two-star job in our Army during his 14 months here in IMA,” Barno said. “If you look at what we’ve asked him to do, leading 78,000 people across 110-plus installations, scattered literally across the globe, with increasing missions and decreasing people – that’s about as tough as sledding as you can get and he has done that magnificently well.

“We’ve got more folks under ... this organization than we have in just about any corps-level fighting force in the Army. That’s remarkable and the breadth and scope of your responsibilities is immense,” Barno continued.

The Army’s principal deputy assistant secretary for installations and environment, Geoffrey Prosch, talked about the short, but eventful, history of transforming installation management, the many responsibilities installations have, and enumerated the many IMA accomplishments of Johnson’s tenure.

“There’s no way we could have mobed and demobed 300,000 Soldiers in the last two or three years without IMA,” Prosch said. “There’s no way we could have cross-leveled all these critical parts



Courtesy photo

**STALWART HONOR—** Outgoing Installation Management Agency director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson receives the IMA Stalwart Award from principal deputy and acting director Philip Sakowitz. The Stalwart Award recognizes the highest level of commitment to the IMA mission.

through the CIS.

“The 101st Air Assault Division deployed to Iraq with the body armor of the 25th Infantry Division. In the old days we never would have had visibility of that,” Prosch said.

Prosch also attributed to IMA the promise of 90 percent funding for installations, the development of common standards for installation services, and the creation of the Installation Management Board of Directors, which brings the Army senior leadership together twice a year to discuss installation issues.

“This is hard — this is really hard,” Johnson said as he took the podium for his parting remarks. He spoke of the exhilaration of looking forward to a new assignment, but also of regret at work undone due to being called away early in his term. As he often has, Johnson used the framework of a true story to sum up the importance of what IMA does.

He told the story of Spc. Micheaux Sanders, who deployed to Iraq as a new recruit in 2003 and distinguished himself

when his tank unit responded to an Iraqi insurgent attack on a cavalry patrol. Sanders received the Silver Star for exposing himself to enemy attack, shooting until he ran out of ammunition and throwing rocks after that, despite being wounded in the shoulder. Johnson said Sanders, when asked why he fought so hard, replied that he fought to uphold the warrior ethos and because he wasn’t distracted by concerns for his family back home on an Army post.

“Why? Because he knew that you, all of us, the Army’s city mayors, were taking care of business,” Johnson said. “Remember, we support all the Spc. Sanders and all of the Soldiers around the world. If that doesn’t motivate you – if you’re not thinking about how you contribute to that Soldier’s ability to fight, then I encourage you to start doing so right now.”

Johnson was a tireless advocate for IMA’s mission of improving Soldiers’ well-being by standardizing the services on installations. He often cited the examples of corporate giants Home Depot and

McDonald’s, who meet customer expectations by offering the same predictable look and products everywhere in the world they are located, while still accounting for the variations made necessary by demographics or geography.

He was particularly passionate about Common Levels of Support, which for the first time quantifies the cost of running installations and shows what happens when funding lags. He credited CLS with providing the solid data to sell the Army leadership on funding installations to 90 percent of required funding levels. At the same time, he decided to hold implementation back a year to make sure it was right when fully deployed. And he actively pushed business process redesign and the Lean Six Sigma model to find efficiencies and improve processes.

Johnson compared the February decision to fund installations at 90 percent of base operations and 90 percent of facility maintenance and sustainment requirements to the Army College Fund in terms of significance to sustaining Army recruiting and retention.

“The well-being and quality of life that you (the IMA work force) deliver in enhancing the facilities where our Soldiers live, work and play will be the edge that sustains this world-class, all-volunteer Army. It is your work alone that will cause other Americans to answer their call to duty,” Johnson said, echoing the theme of the Association of the U.S. Army convention that concluded the day before the departure ceremony.

“90-90 (funding for installations) is a huge decision and I encourage each and every one of you to use the very best judgment and professionalism in figuring out how to deliver to our people the very best without wasting a single dime,” Johnson said. “I’m encouraged by what we’ve done and I’m even more inspired by what you have yet to do.

“This is not really about Ron Johnson, this ceremony here today. It is indeed about the great service of a wonderful organization,” he said. “It is my belief that at sometime in the future — someone in the very near future as we look back at what we’ve done here with IMA, someone will say that this was the single most important decision that the Army made — to stand up this organization.”

# All aboard for Chattanooga field trip

*International students see natural wonders*

The International Military Student Office took seven international students and a family member to Chattanooga for a day trip Oct. 10. Students were from Jordan, Egypt, Philippines, Japan and Korea.

The first stop was to visit Ruby Falls. This popular attraction located deep inside Lookout Mountain has been visited by millions of visitors since its discovery in 1928. While on the tour, the students saw many geological features but the highlight was the 145-foot waterfall. This waterfall was named in honor of Ruby Lambert, wife of Leo Lambert, the man who formed a corporation for the purpose of opening the cave to the public.

The next stop was to visit Rock City. This attraction features many rock formations and lush gardens. Other highlights of this tour included a 90-foot waterfall, a 4,100-foot walking trail surrounded by natural and botanical wonders, a 180-foot long suspension bridge; and on "Lovers Leap," you can see seven states.

On the way home, the students stopped at the Unclaimed Baggage store where they had an opportunity to shop for things they had been unable to find in Huntsville.

The next Field Studies Program event will be an overnight trip to Atlanta Nov. 19-20. (*International Military Student Office release*)



Courtesy photo

**LOOKOUT BELOW—** Egyptian Capt. Ahmed El-Houty, left, and Jordanian Capt. Omar Al-Trad enjoy the scenic view from Lookout Mountain at Rock City Gardens.

# American lifestyle pleases Korean military student

A Korean soldier says he learned American etiquette during his ammunition training at Redstone.

Sgt. 1st Class Kwang Su Yoon took the Ammunition Specialist Course and Ammunition Basic NCO Course from April 25 through Oct. 14. He was assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

"It was good to be here and I enjoyed so much," he said.

He learned America is "a peaceful and free country." He plans to let the Republic of Korea Army know about the training he received and use what he learned in his work.

"Most memorable thing about my stay was my classmates," Yoon said. "They always helped me like an old friend. Sometimes they taught me America etiquette."

The International Military Student Office provides activities and trips for military students from other countries during their training. Yoon took many



Courtesy photo

**Sgt. 1st Class Kwang Su Yoon**

trips with IMSO and also many excursions himself.

"Great," he said of the office's assistance. "I appreciate that they help us."

# UNA student receives enlistment oath

*Regional commander conducts ceremony*

FLORENCE – James Thomas Rushen of Hartselle is thought to be the first University of North Alabama student to be sworn into the Army Control Group Reserve Officers Training Corps by the regional commander.

Col. Steven Corbett, the western region commander of the Army Cadet Command at Fort Lewis, Wash., gave the oath of office to the UNA freshman Oct. 18 in the Department of Military Offices as Col. Elisha Ballard, the 8th Brigade commander at Redstone Arsenal, watched

with Lt. Col. Michael Fennell, the Lion Battalion commander.

Rushen, who is majoring in environmental biology, enlisted in the ROTC program, which has been in existence at UNA since 1947.

Corbett said this event was only the third enlistment oath he has given in the region in his two-year term as commander. Fennell noted it was probably the first at UNA by a regional commander.

The low-key Rushen realized the significance. "I appreciate that a very high-ranking officer took time to swear me in. It is a big difference," he said.

He is the son of Jim and Donna Rushen of Hartselle. (*UNA release*)



Photo by Bill Jarnigan

**NEW CADET—** James Thomas Rushen, left, repeats the oath of enlistment given by Col. Steven Corbett, the western region commander of the Army Cadet Command at Fort Lewis, Wash.

# Morale and recreation director brings new perspective

*18 years of experience stateside and abroad*

By JULIE FREDERICK  
*For the Rocket*

Derrick Gould traveled a long route to become Redstone's director of morale welfare and recreation.

He arrived Aug. 28 from Mannheim, Germany where he also served as MWR director.

Gould said he is excited at the opportunity to work for Redstone's program and brings a different perspective from overseas. He sees himself as a new set of eyes, looking to improve the already exemplary professionalism and appearance of the MWR programs and facilities.

"We (he and his wife) heard Redstone had one of the premier MWR programs in the Army," Gould said. "I have found that to be very accurate, but that does not mean that we cannot get better. That's all I want to do, simply take it to the next level."

He has not had the time or opportunity to do any long-range planning for new events for MWR. Most of his days have been spent learning about the many programs that are in place. His first event experience at Redstone was holding this year's Oktoberfest, which he called a great success.

While no new programs are being established yet, he does have ideas for the future.

"One thing I want to expand upon is our relationship with the outside community," Gould said. "I want to open up the gates to more interaction with the Huntsville and Madison communities."

To achieve this goal he would eventually like to see our club memberships, bowling leagues and golf course possibly open up to outside organizations. However, to do that he wants to be certain that there is the time to handle all new projects efficiently and go through the proper channels. He is working on familiarizing himself with and improving current functions before taking on new projects.

Gould has a military family background — his father is retired military — and he has learned firsthand the positive effects MWR has on Soldiers and their families. While in high school in Munich, Germany, he made the decision to take on

a part-time job with MWR and has worked in some form of the organization ever since, both stateside and abroad. November will mark his 18th year serving the Army through MWR.

During his years of service, Gould has accumulated many experiences to bring to the MWR staff at Redstone that he feels will be beneficial. While stationed in Germany, he attended many of the redeployment and reintegration ceremonies. He will be able to use these experiences to remind his staff of the importance of their work for Soldiers and families.

"It is very humbling as a DoD civilian to see our Soldiers deploying, re-deploying, or coming home," Gould said. "To watch Soldiers get off buses and see their families for the first time in years or to meet a child for the first time really put it all in perspective, why I do what I do."

Gould wants to take what he learned from those experiences and pass that knowledge on to his staff. He feels that concentrating on those issues faced by Soldiers and their families benefit an MWR staff. He believes as the leader of this organization it is his job to keep front and center who they work for and why they do what they do.

"I have a job to do here," Gould said, "and I am going to do it well, and to do that the Soldiers and their families are first priority."

Gould and his wife, Hilary, have two daughters: Samantha, 10, and Daniela, 6. They have bought a house and hope to make Redstone Arsenal and the Huntsville community their permanent home.

"We had heard how nice it was here," Gould said, "everybody was singing the praises of Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal. My wife and I have found that, not only is it what it was described to be, but everything and everybody has exceeded our expectation, both Redstone and everything outside the gates. When I leave here I'm just 'Joe Citizen.' It's nice to see that the level of customer service and support is the same out there to the private citizen as it is (on Redstone)."

As for his status as director of MWR, Gould wants everyone to feel comfortable enough to bring their comments to him personally. He intends to always be approachable. "The best way to learn is to get the pulse of the community," he said.



Courtesy photo

**Derrick Gould**

# Free car wash boosts customer morale

By ANDREA MATTOX  
*MWR Sales and Marketing*

On Thursday, Oct. 6, Redstone Arsenal customers were treated — not tricked — to a Morale Welfare and Recreation Customer Appreciation Car Wash at building 3241 on Vincent Drive.

Patrons were allowed a free 10-minute car wash, free vacuum and fragrance. Patrons also enjoyed homemade chili, compliments of MWR Auto Skills manager Bill Woosley. Free soda was provided compliments of Buffalo Rock Pepsi.

An estimated 150 vehicles took advantage of the event which was held

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each quarter, MWR hosts this event to say "thank you" to its many loyal patrons who make MWR their first choice.

The next event is scheduled for mid-March. Please check the MWR e-happenings as well as the Redstone Rocket for dates and times.

The following patrons are authorized to use all MWR facilities on Redstone Arsenal: active duty military and family, retired military, reserve components, Army civilians, and contractors.

For more information on MWR facilities, please visit [redstonemwr.com](http://redstonemwr.com) or call Luanne Hardee, MWR Membership Office, at 830-9175.

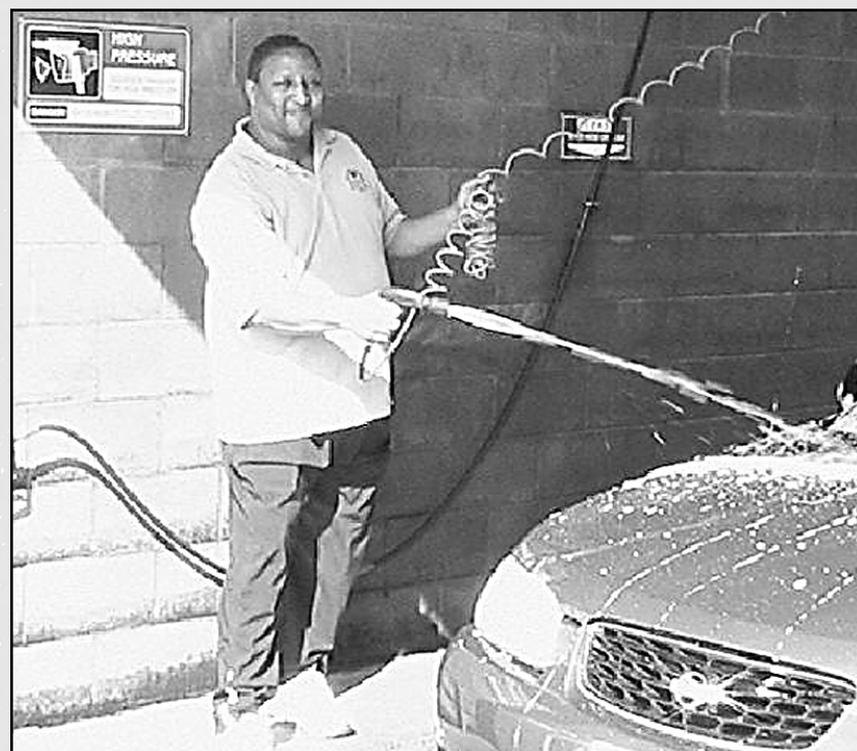


Photo by Andrea Mattox

**GOOD TO GO—** Paul Greene of the Garrison adds the final touches to his vehicle at the MWR Customer Appreciation Car Wash.

# High demand for flu shots

The annual flu immunizations which were scheduled Oct. 20-21 at Fox Army Health Center were postponed because of the overwhelming demand Oct. 19.

A three-day supply was basically used up in one day, according to Fox com-

mander Col. Robert Noback. Military members can still get their shots because of a reserve supply.

Another shipment is due later this month. For more information call Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext. 1026 or 1027.

# Preparation plus opportunity enables success



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**LESSON FROM EXPERIENCE**— Dr. W. Roy Grizzard, assistant secretary for the office of disability employment policy in the Department of Labor, describes the contribution of disabled employees.

## Department of Labor official promotes hiring of disabled

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People with disabilities just need preparation and opportunity to make good employees.

That was a key part of the message from Dr. W. Roy Grizzard, assistant secretary for the office of disability employment policy in the Department of Labor. He was guest speaker at the first Disability Employment Awareness Month luncheon Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

“If that person with a disability is appropriately accommodated, they bring far more abilities to the job than they do disability,” Grizzard said.

He was speaking from personal experience. Grizzard, 60, is legally blind and has a condition called retinitis pigmentosa, a hereditary progressive degenerative disease of the eye.

Employment of people with disabilities is important but shouldn't be out of charity; it should be to get the job done, according to Grizzard. “To do it for any other reason is disingenuous,” he said.

He described technology improvements and programs aimed at increasing employment opportunities for the dis-

abled, who represent 1-in-5 Americans.

“All disabilities are not significant ones,” he said. “If you live long enough, you can join me. I always tell people: Once you get over 40, your body starts to talk to you.”

After his talk, Grizzard received a standing ovation from the 137 attendees.

“You may be visually impaired, but there's nothing wrong with your vocal cords,” Darrell Brewer, deputy to the garrison commander, told him.

October is National Disability Awareness Month. The theme for this luncheon, which is to become an annual event, was: “Workers with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs Today.”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**VIDEO MESSAGE**— Attendees at the luncheon, sponsored by the Team Redstone People with Disabilities Council, watch a Department of Army video on disabled veterans titled “The Wounded Hero.”

## Dyslexia awareness resources should help educate parents

Maybe you've noticed your child is slow learning basic skills like talking.

He or she might have dyslexia, which can be accommodated when diagnosed.

October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month in the state of Alabama, as proclaimed by Gov. Bob Riley. Dyslexia affects from 10 to 20 percent of the population, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Individuals with dyslexia usually have difficulty with oral language, reading and written language.

Although their unique brain architecture and ‘unusual wiring’ makes reading, writing and spelling difficult, most people with dyslexia have gifts in areas controlled by the right hemisphere of the brain. The right side controls artistic skill, athletic ability, musical ability and mechanical ability, among other things.

Careers dyslexic people often enter include architecture, interior or exterior design, psychology and teaching, among others.

Resources that may be helpful to parents and their children include the Alabama Branch of the International Dyslexic Association. The association's web address is <http://www.interdys.org>.

Dyslexia testing, funded by Scottish Rite, is provided at no cost to parents by calling 539-1300.

To join a parent support group, contact Angie Hood via e-mail at [madisonlearningdifferences@yahoo.com](mailto:madisonlearningdifferences@yahoo.com). Hood, the group leader, annually has lunch-and-learn meetings with speakers who are professionals working with dyslexia. She also distributes by e-mail new dyslexia articles from the media. If there is enough interest, she may hold some meetings at Redstone.

# Former studio home to mysterious visitors

Just in time for Halloween ...  
building 4489's ghostly past

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A small, white building on Martin Road has an infamous past and uncertain future. Over the years many people have graced its walls, and may still be there in spirit.

Building 4489, currently known as Visual Information, is surrounded by a fence reminiscent of its past when it was used to store classified film. Those that have worked there say as long as they can remember the building was used for audiovisual purposes.

"This building in its heyday was all motion picture," videographer Eddie Smith said.

Light grids in the ceiling and double sealed doors are signs of what the building's original purpose was. "It was a fully functional film studio and it just evolved over time into video and photography," video lead Mike Malone said.

Buddy Roberts, the wireless communications manager for Marshall Space Flight Center, says the building was built as a video studio and used for processing motion picture film. He worked there in a variety of positions from 1960-92. During those days, 4489 was commonly referred to as the Motion Picture/TV Production Division.

As documented in a 1975-76 annual report, the Motion Picture/TV Production Division at Redstone carried out a mission of "writing, producing and furnishing copies of all motion picture/TV projects assigned to DARCOM (today's Army Materiel Command) under the DA Motion Picture/Television Production Program. This included the requirements from HQ DARCOM, DA staff agencies, major commands, and all subordinate commands. The DA program contained six categories of films: unit and individual training; R&D, test, and evaluation; public and command information; professional religious, professional medical, civilian personnel, and safety; recruiting; and special productions."

In addition to motion picture film, Roberts said there was also a chemist on staff to process both black and white and color film. At one point during the Vietnam War, he said they processed and printed more than 8 million feet of film for the Department of Army Special Photos Office, which rotated photographers into Vietnam for three-month tours out of their base in Hawaii. These photos were used to provide a historical record of the war for the Pentagon archives, which after review would be available to media and the public.

During his tenure Roberts said they processed, printed and edited aviation training and safety films during the Vietnam War and awareness films for the chaplain's office. "We did 10- to 25-minute training films for the whole Army," Roberts, 64, said. "We did 'true to life stories' for the chaplains, such as rape of women GIs."



Photo by Kim Henry

**HAROLD?— Some employees have seen a ghostly man in the hall of 4489 that resembles photographer Harold Garner.**

As for the studio, Roberts said they were used for news casting and other film projects. The division filmed many celebrities such as John Wayne and Bob Hope. Other celebrities came to Redstone and were filmed in the studio such as Darren McGavin, Barbara Bain and Peter Graves of "Mission Impossible," William Shatner, Mike Connors of "Mannix" and Alan Hale of "Gilligan's Island." Roberts said that Hale liked Redstone so much he stayed an extra three days to play golf.

The motion picture/TV production branch won several awards for various films during its time. For example in the 1970s, "Mr. Zodiac" – the Silver Screen Award from the U.S. Industrial Film Festival; "Hooks" – the Bronze Award from the Information Film Producers Association; "Make Fewer Motions," "Road Map to Less Effort," and "Take Fewer Steps" – the Industrial Management Film Society awards for first, second and third place; and "Aircraft Ground Safety" – Industrial Management Film Society Honorable Mention Trophy Award, according to the 1973-74 report of annual activities.

The days of film production are long gone, but those who work at 4489 say the people of that time may still be around.

Patricia Hollingsworth, presentation support lead, has worked in 4489 for five years. She said one morning after 9-11, she had gotten to the gate early to get to the commanding general's meeting at 6:30 a.m. On that morning she got through the gate pretty quick so she was at her office around 5 a.m.

"Of course all of the lights in the building were off mainly except for like one or two. I walked in the hallway to go to the bathroom and I looked down the hall toward the video area and I saw this man standing there. He was standing there with his hands on his hips and he was tall and skinny and I thought he was Harold, one of our photographers, because he is tall and skinny.

"I stood there and I looked at him for a minute and he didn't move and I thought if it's Harold he'll say something. Finally I said, 'Harold?' When I said that he turned and walked through the video door (which was closed)."

Hollingsworth said she thought it was the ghost, Joe she named him, who some had talked about before. Later that day, she said she asked Harold Garner what time he got in that morning just to be sure, and he said around 7 a.m.

Smith, who has worked at 4489 for 10 years, said there have been a few times he has heard or seen something he couldn't explain.

"I'm like the rest of the masses. I don't believe in ghosts but something happened," he said. "I don't believe in those things, but I heard something."

He recalled a time when they were doing a lot of off-site work after hours and would be at 4489 late at night. He said one night he was the only one in the building and saw someone cross the hall.

"It was around 11 p.m. I looked down the hall and saw him cross the hall and go into my office," Smith said. "When I got

down there I was the only one in the room." Smith said he thought the man looked like Harold, too, but Harold wasn't there.

On another night, Smith felt something strange. "We used to do a lot of long stuff — long dubs when everything was videotape and we'd get backlogged. It was nothing uncommon to put a mass dub on and let it run all night."

He said he was at the dub rack when he felt something behind him. "I was putting up equipment and felt more than just a draft, but a strong wind down the back of my neck. A strong wind, like a window fan running," Smith said. "When I moved I felt it again. There's no air conditioner vents straight over head. That room has its own air conditioning unit and you know when it is on — you hear it. It is very prominent."

The room with the dub equipment can be a little scary in itself. "When you have all the equipment in here on and the lights are off, this room gets really freaky. We often come in here with the lights off because some of the instruments are hard to read, you can't even read these down here with the lights on," Malone said.

Smith said one time when an employee brought their daughter to work she was even scared of the room. "She was wanting to play a video game. So I said we've got a little monitor in here I can hook you right up, you can play right here. I opened the door and she walked in and she didn't want to. She said, 'I just saw 'The Ring' and I'm not going in there.'"

Malone, who has worked in 4489 four years, also had an unexplained encounter. He said he came in early one morning before everyone else and was getting some equipment. "I heard somebody come into the room and felt someone looking at me. I just assumed it was Eddie or Alvin, our other videographer. I turned around and there was this tall, lanky, skinny guy who bolted out. I thought someone was in the building wrong so I went out chasing him, got out here in the hall and he was gone.

"I had the lights on. I saw a person I was convinced. The first thing that went through my mind when I turned around was it must be Eddie and when he started running I saw how tall and lanky he was I thought it was Harold, at first, then I thought 'what the heck is Harold doing running?' Malone said. "And I thought maybe something was wrong or someone was in here and not supposed to be and I went out there and he was gone. And Harold's truck wasn't here, Harold wasn't here. There was nobody in the building. I was here by myself."

No one can explain the mysterious man roaming the halls of 4489. Some say they've heard that a man died in the building, but no one could confirm that. One thing is for sure: The building has a long history of visitors.

Today the visual information building is home to presentation support, photography and video. Film is a word of the past; everything is digital.

If the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations are approved, the site of 4489 could become the future home of Army Materiel Command headquarters.

# Journalist shares stories of faith from the front line

*Religious writer Sara Horn records Middle East journey*

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Behind the statistics of war, there are always the Soldiers' stories. And those stories can be particularly inspiring when they come from Soldiers whose faith is tested as they put themselves on the front line to protect America and freedom.

So, in March 2003, while the media prepared to report on artillery firings, tank movements and other military maneuvers associated with the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, nationally acclaimed religious writer Sara Horn took a different approach. She wanted to report on the personal faith-based experiences of Soldiers facing warfare in the Middle East.

Her journey to tell the Soldiers' stories began on the Navy's USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier in the east Mediterranean Sea during the first days of war.

"While the mainstream media on board were covering operations and what was happening in the war effort, I was covering stories of Soldiers down below," Horn recalled in a telephone interview.

"I was interested in the stories of Christians dealing with being in the first week of war, about what God was doing in their lives. I wanted to put a face on the war."

Twenty of the Soldier stories she wrote from her time aboard the Harry S. Truman were printed — along with wartime photography taken by Jim Veneman — by the Baptist Press. These stories of faith plus others reaped from two trips to Iraq in 2003 are printed in the book "A Greater Freedom: Stories of Faith from Operation Iraqi Freedom." The book, published in November 2004, received recognition as a finalist for the 2005 Evangelical Christian Publishing Association's Gold Medallion Awards in the inspirational category.

Horn will talk about the Soldiers she met during those first few days of the war on Thursday, Nov. 3, at two meetings of the Protestant Women of the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel's Activity Room. Although this is a women's group, men are also invited to attend Horn's presentations. She will also conduct a book signing at the Post Exchange from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 3.

"This book is about how important faith is in the military," said Horn, who lives in Nashville with her husband, a Navy Reservist, and her 4-year-old son.

"I hope people will be encouraged and inspired by these stories. The individual stories from Soldiers show us how God has made a difference in their lives. God is teaching them or working in their life in a special way."

Horn was on the Harry S. Truman for 10 days to fulfill her assignment with the Baptist Press. But later, when she started working on the book with executive editor Oliver North, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel who is now an author, syndicated



Courtesy photo

**Sara Horn**

columnist and host of Fox's "War Stories," it was decided to add stories of faith from Soldiers fighting in ground-based operations.

During her second trip to Iraq in November 2003, Horn traveled to Baghdad, where she was embedded with a mobile public affairs detachment for 10 days. She interviewed Soldiers in an Army Reserve unit attached to the 1st Armored Division and an Army regiment in the 82nd Airborne 3rd Battalion Blue Falcons.

"My main source for Soldiers' stories were the chaplains," Horn said. "They would talk to me about what their ministry was and lead me to lay leaders who would refer us to the stories we were looking for. While we were there, we even got to meet with an Iraqi pastor who had started an evangelical church. We were able to visit with his family."

The Iraqi pastor described how his family recited Psalm 91 together as the American troops came into Baghdad. He described the sound of the Americans entering the city as "bells of freedom coming in because he knew the Saddam regime would be overtaken," Horn said.

The Iraqi pastor's story is included in the book as well as the story of a young Navy man baptized in a metal munitions container on the Truman, of a Navy aviator who prayed before flying night missions into Iraq, of a "grandmotherly" reservist who was like a mother to young Soldiers and of Army chaplain Eddie Cook, then with the 82nd Airborne, who saw the power of prayer with his own eyes.

The 82nd Airborne was stationed in Kuwait for training before the war when a terrible sandstorm blew up. It was threatening to blow a 50-man tent down. The men inside the tent, who were being tossed about, cried to the chaplain to pray. He prayed quietly to himself and the wind stopped.

"After that was over, he felt God was questioning him. He heard God ask 'Why didn't you pray out loud?'" Horn said.

"So, it happened again. This time, Eddie stepped out into the middle of the tent amid all the Soldiers and prayed a

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# Hurricane forces family to consider new home

*Guardsman resides on post until deciding on residence*

*Editor's note: Some 16 families representing nearly 70 family members took refuge at Redstone Lodging to escape the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Some have moved on while others still remain. Here is one story of a National Reserve guardsman and his family who are learning to cope in the aftermath of one of the nation's worst natural disasters.*

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Kayana Pittman packed only a few days worth of clothes when she was making plans to drive herself and three children north to Redstone Arsenal to visit her husband in late August.

At the time, weather forecasters were warning about the potential threat of Hurricane Katrina to Gulf Coast towns. But, Kayana had been through such warnings before and she was sure she would soon be back safely in her Gulfport, Miss., home.

Now, almost two months after the devastation Hurricane Katrina wrought throughout Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, Kayana and her husband, Mississippi Army National Guard Reservist Damien Pittman, and their children — 7-year-old Aljuna, 6-year-old Darius and 9-month-old Keari, have found a temporary home at Redstone Arsenal.

There is nothing to go back to in Gulfport.

Family is scattered in places like Atlanta, Houston, Arkansas, Tennessee and Florida. Their homes in Gulfport are either gone or severely damaged. The area is not safe for small children who could suffer long-lasting problems if they breathe the mold and mildew now growing in the homes still standing. Schools are closed, supplies are limited and jobs are scarce.

"They told us to evacuate," Kayana

recalled of those days before Hurricane Katrina. "Damien was here, so we came to visit. We left on Sunday (Aug. 28) and I thought we'd go back on Tuesday. I didn't think anything was going to happen. We came up for (hurricane) Dennis and nothing happened. But I always take these things serious."

Damien Pittman, a specialist with the National Guard's 1108th AVCRAD (Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot) based in Gulfport, has been in training since January at Redstone Arsenal to become an Apache helicopter systems technician.

When Kayana and the children arrived, the family stayed in Redstone Arsenal lodging. After a couple days, they moved off-post for a week and then returned to a cottage on the Arsenal, where they were joined by nieces, nephews, family friends, and Kayana's mother and brothers.

"At one time, we had 16 people here," Kayana said. "They stayed with us for a month."

All have found other places to live. Some have gone back to Gulfport.

"My mom has gone back to live with my grandfather. They are living in my grandfather's house that's not even a mile from the beach," Kayana said. "Living-wise, there is just nothing there. My grandfather's house isn't damaged much, but there is still a problem with mold."

Damien's mother, who stayed in Biloxi during the hurricane, lives in an apartment that is a two-minute walk from the beach. Her apartment building was relatively unharmed. But the only thing that remains of the apartment building next to it is a pile of bricks.

On Labor Day weekend, Kayana left her children with Damien and relatives and traveled to Gulfport with her friend and a younger brother. It was their first look at what the hurricane had left behind.

"I started to think maybe we couldn't go back after I saw what they were showing on television and heard the warnings to not go back," Kayana said.

"But I had to see for myself. On Labor

Day weekend, we took food, water and gas. We went down there, saw there was nothing, left the stuff we brought and came right back here."

There was nothing left of the mobile home the Pittman family had been renting.

It was after that trip when Kayana decided to enroll Aljuna and Darius in Williams Elementary School. Though they do have temporary shelter at Redstone lodging, the family is still not sure where they will eventually call home.

"Right now, everything is kind of in the wind," said Damien, who graduates from his technician course.

"I have a job there (Gulfport), but no where to live. I was supposed to replace other reservists at the base who were being deployed. But that's been put off because of the storm. Our base is loaded with out-of-state guardsmen who have come down to help with disaster relief."

But, Damien, who has also served four years in the Navy, has some options. He may enroll in another technician school or he could enter a 30-day activation program with the Mississippi National Guard.

"This is a chance for us to start over fresh," Kayana said.

"But I do miss home. I'm not use to living here. I don't know anything but Wal-Mart. Because of the mold, though, I don't want to take my baby or the kids back to the situation in Gulfport."

Aljuna, a second grader at Williams, and Darius, a first grader, both miss their



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**DOING A LITTLE HOMEWORK—** Seven-year-old Aljuna Pittman and 6-year-old Darius Pittman get some help with homework from their parents, National Guard Reservist Damien Pittman and Kayana Pittman while their little sister, 9-month-old Keari, tries to help mom. The family is staying in a Redstone Lodging cottage until they decide where they will live after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their Gulfport, Miss., home.

friends and the home they left behind in Gulfport. But they have made new friends and they like their teachers. Both love school and learning.

"My teacher is very nice," Aljuna said. "I like to learn about the weather."

"I like to race with my legs," Darius said, smiling. "I like P.E. I like going outside and I like computers."

The family is considering making a trip to Gulfport in a week or so to check on those family members who remain in the area. It will be the first time Aljuna, Darius and Keari have gone back home since leaving Aug. 28 for what they thought was a brief family visit at Redstone Arsenal.

# Army Field Band tour comes to Alabama

By JULIE FREDERICK  
For the Rocket

Since its inception in 1946, the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus have entertained around the world. And now they are coming to entertain Alabama.

The Army Field Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus will be making two performance stops in the south central portion of the state. The band's first stop will be Thursday in Montgomery at the Robert E. Lee High School Auditorium. The second performance is Friday in Dothan at the National Peanut Festival Rodeo Arena. Both performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free, and are required to attend the events.

The Concert Band, the oldest and largest of the Field Band's four performing components, is a 65-member instrumental ensemble. It will perform a variety of musical styles ranging from marches, overtures, and popular music to patriotic selections and instrumental solos.

The Soldiers' Chorus is a 29-member choral ensemble and the vocal complement of the U.S. Army Field Band of Washington, D.C. Its performances often include the music of Broadway, opera, barbershop quartet and Americana.

The U.S. Army Field Band generally travels more than 100 days annually.

For tickets or information on the Montgomery performance, call 301-677-6586; and for the Dothan performance, call 334-793-1818.



Courtesy photo

**LET THE MUSIC PLAY—** Army Field Band members concentrate on their fall 2004 selections. They'll visit Alabama this week.

## ■ Soldiers' wartime stories reflect power of faith

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simple, honest prayer asking God to protect them and keep them safe. And then the wind stopped. I heard story after story like this of how Soldiers saw the power of God."

While in Iraq, Horn met Iraqis who expressed their gratitude for American troops and their support for democracy in their country. She remembers two girls who she saw playing in front of a home that was destroyed by war.

"The kids in Iraq are their future," she said. "They have a chance to live in freedom whereas their parents are just figuring out what it means."

Horn would like to visit Iraq again to "see what is not being reported in the mainstream media ... There are still reports of great things happening and success. The stories of hope are there, they are just not being told. None of what has

happened would have been possible if we hadn't gone over there. Our military is really making a difference for Iraq and for freedom all over the world."

But instead of traveling back to Iraq, Horn is now concentrating on sharing the stories of Soldiers returning from war. She publishes the stories on her faith-based military news web site, [agreaterfreedom.com](http://agreaterfreedom.com), which reports positive military stories often missed by mainstream media.

"I really felt going to Iraq and telling the stories of the Soldiers was something God wanted me to do," she said.

"Ever since then, I've had a passion to tell the Soldier's story. This faith-based military web site is a place where people can read stories about what God is doing in the lives of military and their families ... Because of my experience, I now have a greater appreciation for what the military does and a greater understanding of what it means to step out in faith."

# Pair of Soldiers spare time for bowling

*Perfect game for relaxing*

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Capt. Adam Brink and Staff Sgt. Larry Marcum have found a perfect way to let off steam.

They bowl every chance they get. And they're pretty good at it, too.

Brink has a 231 average while Marcum rolls 230. In addition, Brink has bowled two 300 games at the post's new facility in a one-week span. This brought his total number of perfect games to five.

"My first one was in 1993. I had another one in 1994 and one March of 2005. Then there were the two here recently," Brink said.

Marcum also has a few moments of perfection under his belt – 10 to be exact, including six last year. Although he has yet to snag one at the new facility, he did have one at the former location just down the street.

"I bowl mostly in Hartselle at Family Lanes," he said. "That's where I live. I've never bowled a league in here."

Brink, 59th Ordnance Brigade S-4 office, and Marcum, 59th Ordnance Brigade S-3 office, both came to love the sport long before arriving here.

"After the first Gulf War I started bowling," Marcum said. "I was looking for something fun to do and went into a bowling center."

He has stayed with it for the fun of the game and because it is something he can share with his family.

"It's something I can do with my wife, Patty," Marcum said. "My son, Patrick, is 18 years old. He likes to think he knows more than me. My 12-year-old daughter, Kristen, just has fun. She doesn't care about the scoring."

Marcum has also found that bowling can be a lucrative pastime.



Photo by Kelley Lane

**LET'S ROLL— Staff Sgt. Larry Marcum, seated, and Capt. Adam Brink discuss lane conditions at Redstone Lanes.**

"I made the down payment on my house with money I made bowling," he said. "Before I came back to the service that's how I paid my rent."

He also acknowledges that bowling doesn't always get a lot of respect in the sporting community. He says that is underserved.

"It's a 16-pound ball. I can throw it 17 miles an hour and hit a dime at 20 feet, 10 times in a row. If that's not athletic, I don't know what is," he said.

Brink took up bowling at age 4, playing with his family. Seeing the toll long-term commitment to a sport can take on the body, he decided that he would stick with it.

"I chose bowling because it's a lifetime

activity. I come from a family of athletes who all have bad knees and can't play their sports anymore," Brink said. "Bowling is something you're never too old to do."

Brink now enjoys bowling with his family as well. He and his wife, Helena,

can be found bowling with their 2-year-old son, Logan, who has completed three full games of his own.

The pair bowl together in the Huntsville All-Star league off post on Thursdays. Back issues have forced Brink to scale his play back to seven games a week, down from his usual 20. Marcum spends all the time he can involved in the sport. He coaches the Saturday morning youth bowling league at his home alley in Hartselle. He collects bowling balls. He runs an online proshop, ballgenie.com, out of his home, too.

"I sell the best ball cleaner in the world," he quipped. "That's what I attribute all my success to – and Adam's."

Both hope to make the All-Army team and are working toward that goal together. They want to eventually be a part of Team USA.

The two differ good-naturedly on their opinions of what it takes to bowl a perfect game.

"It takes luck," Brink said. "A good bowler will get a couple, but a lucky bowler gets more."

"I think it's practice – if you give yourself a chance to strike every time and you bowl enough games, eventually it's going to line up and you're going to get 300s," Marcum said, laughing. "He's lucky and I'm good."

They do, however, agree that you don't have to be a good bowler to enjoy it.

"Just have fun with it," Marcum said.

"If you're not having fun, you shouldn't do it," Brink said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Powerful car*

The No. 17 DeWalt race car proves popular during a visit Oct. 19 at the Garrison building 4488 parking lot. Government contractor Grainger Industrial Supply, a distributor of DeWalt power tools, arranged the stop to show workers the retired vehicle which could be raced again if needed by NASCAR driver Matt Kenseth.



Photo by Tami James

## *Pilot pumpkin*

This was among the entries in the "Pumpkin Creation Contest" at WestWind Corporation, located near Redstone Arsenal and the Huntsville International Airport. The company provides systems integration solutions for Defense Department aviation assets.

# Reutilization functions to stay in government

## Cost comparison supports decision

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The Defense Logistics Agency has announced the final decision on the public-private competition for warehousing functions at 68 Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service sites in the United States, including Hawaii. The decision by the DLA Administrative Appeal Authority confirms the selection of the government's Most Efficient Organization proposal.

The tentative decision to retain the functions in-house rather than award to a private sector company was announced June 30. The tentative decision was made after a detailed public-private competition indicated it was more cost effective for the competed functions to be retained by the government than to be converted to contract performance.

Locally, there will be some impact for customers served by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at Redstone. The degree is uncertain since the current procedures will continue until July 2006, according to Don Olsen, the Garrison's logistics director. Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., will become the central

DRMO site for Redstone.

The DLA Administrative Appeal Authority received and considered appeals of the tentative cost comparison decision from GENCO Infrastructure Solutions Inc., Resource Consultants Inc., the DRMS MEO and employees at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Selfridge, Army National Guard Base, Mount Clemens, Mich.

All appeals were filed with the DLA Administrative Appeal Authority by Aug. 17. After a thorough review of the issues appealed, the Appeal Authority stated that the appeals did not identify sufficient problems with the challenged issues such that the tentative cost comparison decision might be considered unsupported or in error. The Appeal Authority determined that the tentative cost comparison decision is correct, and has issued a final determination showing that the cost comparison favors government performance.

To be eligible for consideration, an appeal must identify noncompliance with requirements and procedures set forth in OMB Circular A-76, the guidance governing the public-private competition, or specific items entered on the cost comparison form.

The projected five-year gross savings resulting from this decision is \$45.4 mil-

lion, or a 47.9 percent reduction of the costs associated with the warehousing functions currently performed at the DRMS sites. The competed functions are currently being performed by approximately 300 federal and contractor employees. Implementation of the MEO's proposal will result in warehousing operations being consolidated to 18 sites.

A complete listing of competed, reduced operations, and consolidated sites is available at [www.dla.mil/public\\_info/drmsA76.pdf](http://www.dla.mil/public_info/drmsA76.pdf). Other DRMS services such as hazardous and scrap property disposal are not expected to be diminished or directly affected by the warehouse consolidation.

The announcement is the result of a public/private competition using the guidelines of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 (Revised 1999), "Performance of Commercial Activities" (A-76). DRMS announced these functions were undergoing an A-76 study Oct. 9, 2001.

The A-76 competition process is the prescribed method for deciding whether to retain recurring, commercial activities within the government or contract them out to the private sector. It also is a fair and effective tool for achieving the savings and efficiencies needed to continue

to provide affordable and reliable disposal support.

The DRMS mission involves disposal of excess property, including hazardous materials, received from the military services, with the highest emphasis placed on protecting the public and maintaining full environmental compliance. Property is first offered for reutilization within the Department of Defense, transfer to other federal agencies or donation to state and local governments and other qualified organizations. Additionally, DRMS manages the DoD surplus property sales program. Excess property that is not reutilized, transferred or donated may be sold to the public as surplus. DRMS has a worldwide presence within DoD, with disposal specialists in 15 foreign countries, the U.S. Territory of Guam and 39 states.

DRMS, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, has its headquarters in Battle Creek, Mich. DLA provides supply support, and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations. (*Defense Logistics Agency release*)

# Reference files just a click away at technical library

## Electronic resources worth researching

By ELIZABETH LLOYD  
RSIC reference librarian

Among the many electronic resources available through the Redstone Scientific Information Center, one of the most popular is the Jane's database collection.

Jane's is an international publication which provides defense news/analysis and describes military systems, aircraft and equipment worldwide. The RSIC library provides full-text electronic access to many of the Jane's publications, with emphasis on those that support research being done at Redstone.

The electronic collection includes Jane's Defense Equipment Library, which features titles such as "Unmanned Aerial

Vehicles" and "Target and Underwater Warfare Systems." The collection also includes the Defense Magazine Library, with full-text of "Jane's Defense Weekly," "Missiles & Rockets" and "Jane's Defense Industry." Other individual titles available are the "Space Directory" and "Helicopter Markets and Systems." Jane's topics cover a wide range of military subjects, including aero-engines, armor and artillery, infantry weapons and military communications.

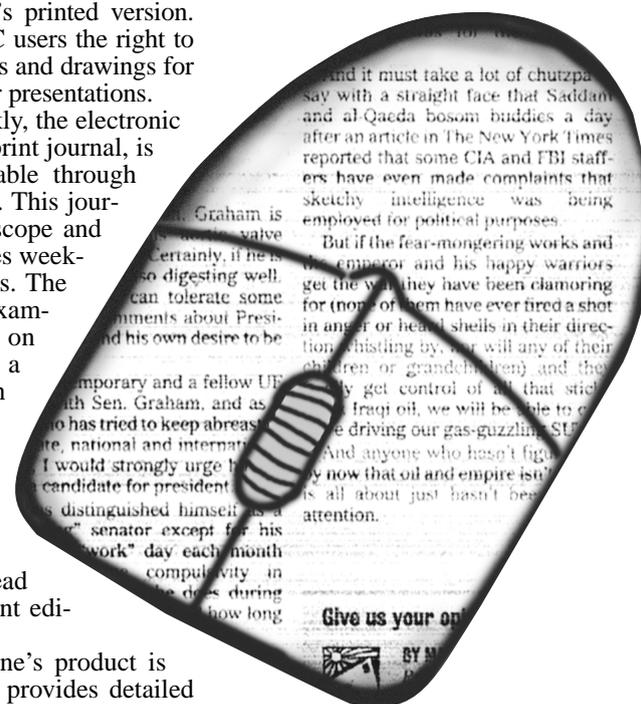
Probably the most well-known Jane's publication is "All the World's Aircraft," which provides technical detail on over 950 civil and military aircraft currently being produced by more than 550 companies. Its key contents are fixed and rotary aircraft, lighter than air, air-launched missiles and a new section on propeller technology. The database includes photographs and line drawings of the aircraft, similar to

those provided in Jane's printed version. Jane's has granted RSIC users the right to export these photographs and drawings for briefing charts and other presentations.

Jane's Defense Weekly, the electronic version of the popular print journal, is another resource available through Jane's Online Research. This journal is international in scope and provides full-text articles weekly on a variety of topics. The most recent issue, for example, included articles on Air Force flight testing, a country briefing on Spain's defense policy, and a new RAF training unit. Each week the current issue of Defense Weekly is available on the Jane's site, where it can be read just like the current print edition of the journal.

Another valuable Jane's product is Jane's Avionics, which provides detailed information about aviation electronic equipment. Among the topics covered are military display and targeting systems, night vision goggles, infrared systems and cockpit layouts. All of the Jane's online resources include illustrations and diagrams similar to those available in the print version of Jane's books.

Accessing the Jane's databases is simple for all registered RSIC customers. First log on to the online catalog at <https://rsic.redstone.army.mil>, then access the Jane's database by clicking on the Knowledge Portal. Next select Jane's



Online from the database list. Once inside the database you can perform a Quick Search, Advanced Search or an Image Search. If you would like to search only a specific publication, such as Defense Weekly or the Space Directory, select the title from the subscription services list. Anyone not registered at RSIC should call the library at 876-5195 for information on how to register. Registration is open to all Team Redstone employees and their contractors in the local area.

# Military family trio serves in Iraq

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BASE CAPE ADDER, (ALI BASE), Iraq — Following his Navy father's military lead, Sgt. Major David Murphy understands and welcomes service to his country, but having his son and brother serve in Iraq at the same time is both comforting and disturbing.

Son Zach, 25, is a Soldier with the 5th Special Forces Group, 60 miles north of Baghdad, in what is called Camp Anaconda. Father and son have only been able to spend four brief hours together since Zach arrived in country 60 days ago.

"Zach graduated from college with a degree in computer information management, but he wanted to take advantage of the college incentives offered by the Army and have a bit of adventure too," said his dad proudly. "He is definitely getting the education of a lifetime here. Growing up in the Midwest, this is a real eye opener to find people out there who carry guns and don't have the best of intentions toward you.

"I'm concerned about him, but it helps me to understand the situation better being here, than if I was home. I'm confident in his ability to handle himself as the Army trained him well," said the Soldier who has served 27 years.

Murphy's younger brother, Tim, is with the Indiana National Guard, stationed close by at Base Camp Cedar, as a transportation specialist. Tim is often on the road so they have only managed to steal a few hours together since Murphy arrived in this camp a month ago. Tim has been in Iraq since January, and will return to his wife and four children in November.

In addition to his son and brother, Murphy has 62 troops in the 416th Engineering Section he is responsible for back in Chicago.

A sergeant major is the senior non-



**FOLLOWING FOOTSTEPS**— Sgt. Maj. David Murphy spends a few hours with son Zach Murphy. Father and son are both deployed to Iraq.

commissioned officer in a unit and his role is to assist the commander by handling matters of discipline, morale, mentoring and molding recruits into engineering Soldiers.

In Iraq, he is working with Soldiers and civilians of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region South. The engineering aspects of the job are right up his lane. He feels right at home in the field and spends a lot of time at construction sites where the Corps is building schools, hospitals, clinics, roads, bridges, water

treatment, waste treatment, police stations and oil production facilities.

Although language barriers and security issues make construction challenging, he finds it easier to communicate with Iraqis even though they use different words, because construction language supersedes all vocal communication.

"I've had 33 years of construction experience in one form or another from hospitals, colleges, power generation plants to small construction jobs. In my civilian job at Johnson Controls, I manage

construction projects," Murphy said. "That makes this job an easy transition from being a Soldier to working with people who do construction — it parallels what the Army Corps of Engineers does."

Although Murphy currently serves as an engineer, he may as well wear the recruiter badge as well. Oldest brother of six and father of four, he was instrumental in enlisting his brother Tim and three of his sons into the Army.

Oldest son, Jeremiah, 30, is in the Illinois National Guard, has a degree in construction management and served an apprenticeship in Local 137 Pipefitters Union.

"We could really use his talents over here with the oil refineries and oil distribution projects, but I'm not sure what his mother — my wife, would say if I encouraged him to come to Iraq as well," Murphy said.

Second son, 27-year-old Brandon, was previously in the Army and youngest son Vincent, 23, just graduated from college this spring.

"I feel strongly about commitment and have always enjoyed serving in uniform. I heard it at home too, because my dad served in the Navy during World War II," Murphy said. "I am proud to be a contributor and do my part. I feel it is necessary and my way to preserve the safety of my family and my country."

He admits that it is a strain on his family, especially his wife Maribeth.

"She has to do all the honey-do list by herself now," as he breaks into a grin, but adds, "I'm going home in a couple of weeks for a break and I'm guessing she'll have a list ready for me."

The commitment to serve is obviously a shared family value that Murphy and his family take seriously.

*Editor's note: Suzanne Fournier is the public affairs officer for the Gulf Region Southern District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Iraq.*

## National security requires 'eternal vigilance'

*Jefferson's guidance remains relevant*

On Oct. 5, the nation learned that Leandro Aragoncillo, a 46-year-old former Marine, has been charged with supplying classified documents to political figures in the Philippines. Aragoncillo had worked for 31 months with the vice presidential security detail starting in 1999 and was working as an FBI intelligence analyst in Fort Monmouth, N.J., at the time of the alleged espionage scandal. This recent news story clearly demonstrates the potential for sensitive classified information to be placed in the hands of allies or adversaries.

According to "Espionage Cases: 1975-2004" published by the Defense Personnel Security Research Center, the U.S. government has arrested 156 people involved in spying against the government in the past 29 years. Of these 156 arrests, only 35 of those arrested were agents of a foreign government. The remaining 121 individuals, nearly 80 percent of those arrested, were U.S. government employees or servicemen.

Furthermore, "The Annual Report to Congress on Foreign Economic Collection and Industrial Espionage-2004" states that the top four technology areas most targeted for espionage are information technology, sensors, aeronautics and electronics.

Research, development and acquisition of advanced defense technologies, such as those previously cited, employ a significant segment of the Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal work force, making the region highly susceptible to the risk of espionage. The anticipated relocation of Army Materiel Command, Space and Missile Defense Command headquarters and Missile Defense Agency to Redstone Arsenal significantly increases the opportunity for those interested in exploiting sensitive and classified information.

Protecting government programs and weapons systems is vital to our national security. Thomas Jefferson once said, "The price of freedom is eternal

vigilance." This has never been more true than today. Security awareness is the responsibility of every individual — regardless of their position. There are a number of things each of us can do to minimize the risk of information leaks.

Every person must be able to recognize the indicators of espionage. Many times we dismiss early indications based upon our belief that espionage does not happen in our community. Some of the common indicators include frequent, unreported unofficial travel overseas; unexplained affluence; excessive voluntary overtime; attempts to expand access to information; frequent and voluminous reproduction of documents; and indi-

cations of emotional, mental or nervous disorders.

If you notice any of these indicators, it is important to report your observations. Reporting suspect behaviors and incidents is key to detection and deterrence. Often people fail to report suspicious activities because they are not certain who to notify. The following entities are appropriate reporting channels: 902nd Military Intelligence Group at 313-5186 or 457-9631 after duty hours, your local security manager and your supervisor.

Remember, you are the first line of defense against security failure. Awareness today for a secure tomorrow. (AMCOM G-2, *Intelligence and Security release*)

# Charlie Company defense meets last-minute challenge

*Wolfpack stops 326th Chemical with interception return for TD*

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Preseason flag-football champion Charlie Company was on the verge of losing its season opener Oct. 17 to a team that had missed the preseason tournament.

Clinging to a two-point lead, the Wolfpack saw the 326th Chemical Company drive to a first down on the Charlie 5-yard line with 39 seconds left. Two incomplete passes later, it was third down with 31 seconds remaining.

The Charlie defense delivered on the next play.

Wolfpack defensive lineman LaQuaine Bess deflected quarterback Samuel Davis' pass into the arms of defensive end Billy Clark. And Clark rumbled 75 yards to the 326th end zone for a touchdown to seal the win.

Charlie beat the 326th Chemical 16-6 on the troop field off Patton Road.

"Same way we always do it," Wolfpack defensive coach Chelsie Stokes said. "We've got pretty good speed on defense.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HOT PURSUIT—** 326th defensive lineman Eddie Bryan, right, pursues Charlie tailback Louis Baldwin in the first half.

"We try to keep them contained, keep them from scoring. Basic stuff."

The Wolfpack needed to dig deep when the 326th took the ball on downs at the Charlie 35 with 1:16 left. A penalty advanced the Dragons to the Charlie 30. Two plays later, Davis completed a 20-

yard pass to Kenneth Sharp for a first-and-goal at the 5.

That's where Bess and Clark decided the issue.

"It was just natural instincts, play on the ball," Bess said of his pass deflection. "Just remaining disciplined."

Catching his breath after the game, Clark described his "huge" interception return.

"I just saw the ball and I caught it," he said. "Ran as fast as I could."

Bess, who plays quarterback on offense, connected with tailback Louis Baldwin for the two-point conversion

pass and the secure 16-6 lead with 10 seconds left.

Davis, the 326th coach, pointed out this was the Dragons' first game because they missed the tournament.

"We'll chalk that up to first-game jitters," he said of the outcome. "We can only get better."

Dragons defensive/offensive lineman Eddie Bryan had similar thoughts. "I think we did pretty good against Charlie Company, the preseason champs," he said.

Charlie opened the scoring when Bess threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Cainan Mullins at 4:24 in the first half. He connected with Baldwin for two points and an 8-0 halftime lead.

Davis pulled the Dragons within 8-6 with his 1-yard run at 3:51 in the second half, but his two-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

Won-loss records entering this week were: MEDDAC (2-0), Charlie (2-1), Headquarters & Alpha (1-1), HHC 59th (1-1), 326th Chemical (1-1), NCO Academy (1-1), Bravo (1-2) and Marines (0-2).

Here are last week's results:

• **Oct. 17** — Charlie def. 326th Chemical 16-6, MEDDAC def. NCO Academy 19-18 and Bravo def. Marines 22-12.

• **Oct. 18** — Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 37-12, 326th Chemical def. Bravo 20-6 and NCO Academy def. Charlie 19-13.

• **Oct. 20** — MEDDAC def. Headquarters & Alpha 14-8, Charlie def. Bravo 28-6 and HHC 59th def. Marines 21-13.

## Special Olympic equestrian team seeks members

The Redstone Arsenal community is actively involved with Special Olympics year-round. On Oct. 25, some 350 Redstone Soldiers and other volunteers escorted Special Olympic athletes during track and field events at Milton Frank Stadium. Now we have an opportunity to start an equestrian Special Olympic riding team at our stables on Redstone Arsenal.

A training session will be offered Saturday for interested Special Olympic coaches and horse handlers. The training session will be conducted a short distance south of the Tennessee River in Union Grove.

Would you like to get involved in the Alabama Equestrian Special Olympics? Do you enjoy the outdoors, spending some of your free time to improve the quality of life for others? Then this community service activity can be fun for you and your family.

Special Olympic equestrian coaches and horse handlers are needed in Madison County to work with our athletes during their 45-minute riding lesson inside a horse arena. Special Olympic equestrian

coaches are trained to provide these athletes with the necessary skills to perform at different levels depending on their abilities. Horse handlers walk beside the horse and rider to ensure their safety during the lesson. Horse handlers are there to give confidence to the rider and assist when required. Most times the horse handlers remain silent and allow the rider to follow instructions from the Special Olympic equestrian coach. They train and compete at the local and state equestrian Special Olympic events.

Getting started is easy. Attend and observe an actual training session with equestrian coaches Linda and Craig Sumner, equestrian horse handlers Joni and Scott Haas and Alabama equestrian Special Olympic director Diana Moore. We believe there are Special Olympic athletes whose families have access to Redstone Arsenal that would be interested in joining the Redstone Arsenal team.

For more information and directions call Natalie Taylor, Exceptional Family Member Program manager, at 876-5397. (Army Community Service release)

# Contract awarded for unmanned aerial vehicles

AeroVironment Inc. has received an eight-month low rate initial production contract estimated at \$3.1 million for its Raven B small unmanned aerial vehicle.

The Program Executive Office for Aviation, in conjunction with the Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Command, made the selection as a key component of the Army's aviation strategy.

This contract award helps accelerate the integration of small unmanned aerial vehicle systems into the force. Brigade and company commanders should soon have a greater ability to shape over-the-hill operations with their own dedicated unmanned aerial vehicles.

The Raven B system provides combatant commanders a reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition, and battle damage assessment capability against defended areas in close proximity to friendly forces.

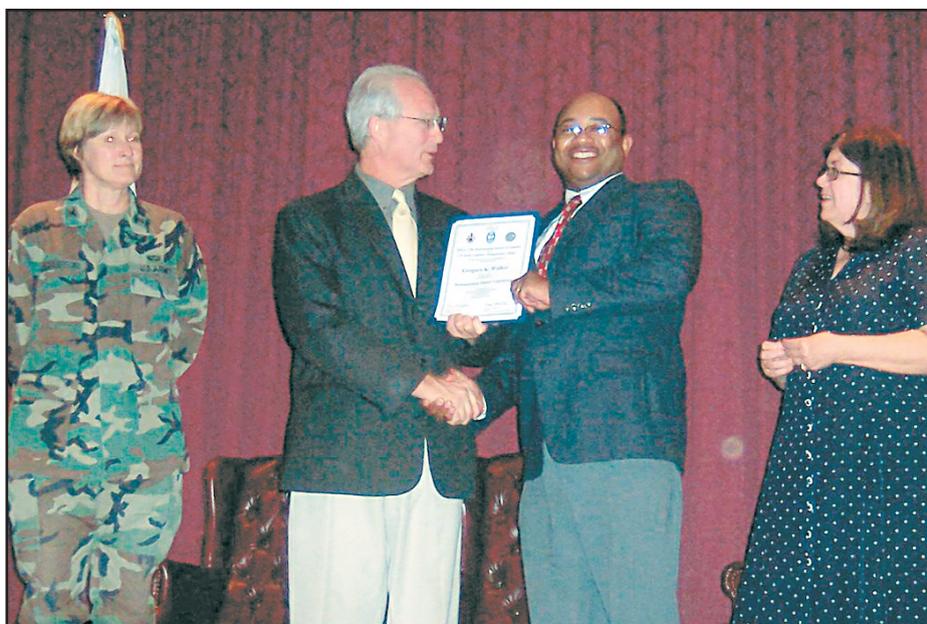
This enhanced capability also provides Army tactical commanders with improved situational awareness, to permit maneuver forces to move to points of tactical advantage with greater speed and precision, avoiding enemy strengths, and then combining the effects of direct and indirect fires to seize and retain terrain or destroy enemy forces.

Raven B also provides maneuver commanders superior situational awareness for improved wide-area target acquisition and tracking of high value targets to conduct both shaping and decisive operations with increased lethality. Raven Bs will provide a day/night, adverse weather, multi-sensor collection system with improved connectivity to joint forces that provides real-time battle information that cannot be observed from standoff airborne sensor systems, ground collection systems and scouts.



Courtesy photo

**HARK THE RAVEN**— The Raven B small unmanned aerial vehicle is deemed a key component of the Army's aviation strategy.



Courtesy photo

## *Logistics honoree*

Gregory Walker, a logistics management specialist with the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is among 29 Army logisticians awarded the new Demonstrated Logistician Designation in a ceremony Oct. 18 at Fort Lee, Va. They participated in a pilot program between the Army Logistics Management College and the International Society of Logistics.

## Letterkenny and Boeing pledge working relationship

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Letterkenny Army Depot and Boeing Logistics Support System, St. Louis, have signed a measure agreeing to develop a closer working relationship for the purpose of identifying potential business opportunities “utilizing the parties’ individual strengths.”

Col. Robert Swenson, Letterkenny commander, and Mark Bass, Boeing vice president, Army support programs, logistics support systems, penned a Pledge of Commitment agreeing to work together to “identify logistics support opportunities that are mutually beneficial, potential working relationships that allow the parties to maintain core skills, identify means to improve efficiencies through the effective use of resources, and demonstrate acquisition reform that provides best value to all.”

Letterkenny is the Army's designated Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Air Defense and Tactical Missile Ground Support Equipment Systems. Boeing has proven capabilities implementing performance based logistics concepts through innovative supply chain management practices. Letterkenny overhauls the Boeing-built Avenger, the Army's premier line-of-sight, mobile, shoot-on-the-move, air defense system. Avenger is a key element of the U. S. armed forces air defense architecture and was deployed during Operation Desert Storm.

The relationship is in support of Letterkenny's multi-year business plans and Boeing's Vision 2016 Growth Strategy. The relationship could lead to enhanced quality of repairs and provide “best value” solutions for potential customers. (Letterkenny release)



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**WORK PACT**— Mark Bass, Boeing vice president, Army systems programs, logistics support systems, and Col. Robert Swenson, Letterkenny commander, sign a memorandum of understanding.

# Mission ensures missing Soldiers accounted for

*Multi-service command has worldwide duties*

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“I would like everyone to know, that our nation is keeping its promise to bring home every American POW/MIA no matter how long it takes,” said Brig. Gen. Michael Flowers, JPAC commander and Tampa, Fla., native.

The people keeping that promise are from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and they are tasked to account for approximately 88,000 missing military from past conflicts.

JPAC, headquartered at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, is joined from a merger of the 30-year-old U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, and the 11-year-old Joint Task Force-Full Accounting.

CIL, JPAC’s predecessor, is known for identifying Arlington cemetery’s ‘Vietnam unknown.’ Seven years ago, after careful mitochondrial DNA comparison and forensic examination, Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie became the face behind Arlington cemetery’s ‘Vietnam unknown’ who was one of the, “American Soldiers known but to God.”

Hundreds more military have been accounted-for since by the now joined unit, JPAC, and have been returned to their families.

JPAC is the nation’s only joint unit whose mission it is to search for and recover America’s missing military. From the Tibetan mountains to the Cambodian jungles, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, Navy and civilian personnel search for military missing from the Persian Gulf War to World War II.

“People need to know that there are men that didn’t come home. Those wars are over, but for the family members, (waiting for loved ones to come home), it is never really over,” said one of JPAC’s Army mortuary affairs specialists, Sgt. Tamara Gross.

The JPAC veteran of almost three years is assigned to one of JPAC’s 18 teams that deploy worldwide on search and recovery missions. Gross, who is from La Puente, Calif. said, “There are a lot of people, civilians and military alike, who don’t know about JPAC.”

Approximately \$46 million is devoted to the scope of JPAC which covers five main areas: government negotiations, investigations, search and recovery operations, analysis and identi-



**HOME COMING—** Members of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command are tasked to account for approximately 88,000 missing military from past conflicts.

Courtesy photo

fications.

JPAC experts interface with international governments to ensure missions are carried out within safe parameters. Meanwhile, JPAC investigative teams survey sites and documents to generate case leads on missing personnel while finding the most up-to-date information. Search and recovery operations use the information gathered by the investigative teams to set up excavation sites.

At the sites, grids are set up to mark off areas where there may be artifacts or remains. JPAC teams of 10 to 14 members sift through ounces of soil at a time in the search. Recovered items are returned to JPAC’s identification laboratory for analysis in an effort to link what could be remains or artifacts to a missing servicemember.

Sgt. Avery Green is a JPAC recovery team member and mortuary affairs specialist. He said that while recovering a World War II site in Burma, his team

recovered dog tags.

“There is joy (when teams recover items), but there’s also a sense of urgency,” Green said. “We think, ‘If we found this there must be more here, so we have to work harder to find it. There’s somebody here to bring home.’”

Green, from New London, Conn., said serving in JPAC is an honor.

“Working at JPAC seems surreal to me because my dad served in Vietnam as a ‘specialist four.’ He has since retired as a, ‘sergeant first class,’ but to go places and do recovery missions where he lost friends is very rewarding for me,” Green said.

The mission is also rewarding for search and recovery team leader Capt. David Emmons a Havelock, N.C., native. Emmons, whose missions sometimes take him and his team to the scorching 120 degree-heat of Vietnam said, “‘Recovery Team Leader’ is the coolest job to have.”

Emmons said he loves working with the troops, seeing how other military branches work and learning from JPAC’s civilian anthropologists.

Every assignment is a great mission, said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Slankard, team noncommissioned officer in-charge and mortuary affairs specialist. On a recovery mission to Cambodia, Slankard’s team unearthed part of a missing pilot’s class ring. While at another mission in Laos, his team found a captain’s rank.

To the team member who found the rank, Slankard said, “Do you realize that before you, the last person to touch this was the pilot over 30 years ago?”

Sgt. 1st Class David DeNard, is a JPAC explosive ordnance disposal technician. DeNard, an Ewa Beach, Hawaii, resident, is one of the EOD technicians whose job entails locating and mitigating UXO hazards on recovery sites, a common concern on missions. He said that

JPAC moves mountains to make identifications happen.

“We won’t leave anyone behind,” DeNard said, “and we are the only country in the world that makes that promise.”

JPAC staff relentlessly needle away at their mission: to link names to the 88,000 unaccounted-for military.

Military still missing include 78,000 from World War II, 8,100 from the Korean War, 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War and one servicemember from the Gulf War.

Jonnie Webb, JPAC senior adviser, said, “With the DNA technology and the other forensic techniques that are being developed now in our laboratory, it will be highly unlikely that we will ever have another unknown to place in the tomb of the unknown.

“I think that says a lot about the work that we do and about how our country cares about our fallen of those who defended this great country.”



## 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 Friday 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.

### Bowling band

The band Five O'Clock Charlie will perform at the Redstone Lanes bowling center lounge Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Redstone Lanes is in building 3424, just inside Gate 10. For more information, call 876-6634.



## 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 [\[summit.amsc.to/Home.htm\]\(http://summit.amsc.to/Home.htm\).](http://terrain-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### 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 more information, call Cindy Van Rassen 955-5717.

### Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today 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 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.

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### **Civilian deployment**

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

### **Surplus sales**

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

### **Thrift shop**

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. The shop 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.

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

### **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

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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.

## Chapel services

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

## 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.

## Dining out

Cruise Missile Defense Systems project

manager Col. Edward Mullin invites all former CMDS/SHORAD employees to the annual CMDS Dining Out on Friday 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Breast cancer screening

Fox Army Health Center offers Breast Cancer Screening Day for military beneficiaries today 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.

## 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.

## Halloween party

The Firehouse Pub, building 114 on Hankins Road, will hold a Halloween party Friday. 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.

## 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 Officers and Civilians Club. For tickets call Christa Devaney 881-0033.

## 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 opportunities 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.

## Latin party

Sabor Latino invites you to "The Halloween Party Latin Style" Saturday 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.

## Aviation scholarships

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America is sponsoring two Aviation Challenge 2006 Scholarships in conjunction with the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Children and grandchildren (between the ages of 9/attending or completed fourth grade and 18, not started college) of individuals who are Tennessee Valley AAAA Chapter members by Dec. 31, 2005 will be eligible to compete for the scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded in the form of certificates for use during 2006. Applications for scholarships and membership and more information on Tennessee Valley AAAA Aviation Challenge Scholarship

