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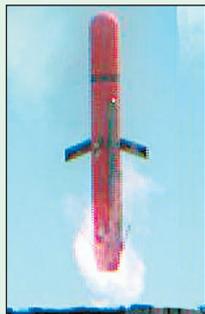
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Welcome to Redstone visitors

New facility opens at Rideout Gate 9

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Charles "Kip" Kiplinger looked at the red ribbon waiting to be cut in front of the Visitors Center. All the hard work that went into opening this \$1.3 million facility had come to fruition.

"It finally came together," said Kiplinger, acting chief of investigations in the Directorate of Emergency Services. "It turned out real good."

Representatives from the three partners in this effort — Redstone Garrison, City of Huntsville, and Marshall Space Flight Center — participated in a grand opening ceremony Jan. 18 in front of the building near Gate 9 on Rideout Road.

"This was a monumental effort between the Arsenal Garrison, Marshall Space Flight Center and the City of Huntsville," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said. Some 200,000 visitors come to Redstone each year.

By this December — after a 12-month plan to phase in Redstone's five access control points — all visitors will enter through Gate 9.

"It is about security on the Arsenal," Olshefski said. "It's



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DEDICATION— Cutting the ribbon for the Visitors Center are from left retired Col. Bob Devlin, Marshall Space Flight Center's Jim Carter, post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and Mayor Loretta Spencer.

all about keeping this place secure."

Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, director of emergency services, said the facility has six work stations using new MAX software. Redstone is the first Army post to use this visitor-control software program produced by Hunt Engineering Systems, based in Niceville, Fla.

Used at both the Visitors Center and the badging office, the MAX security portal is an Oracle-based, web-based system.

"You're able to work faster," Hunt Engineering marketing manager Karen McGouirk said. "We have a 99 percent up-time. So it's not a situation where you're waiting for the system to catch up."

Keith Hunt, president of Hunt Engineering, originally created the EZ portal. In response to the terrorist attacks

of Sept. 11, 2001, the MAX security system was created on top of the EZ portal.

The system was first produced for the Air Force starting at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Jim Carter, director of center operations at Marshall Space Flight Center, represented Marshall at the grand opening. "We have a lot of visitors, too," he said of Marshall's interest in the facility. "And we contribute to the funding. It's important to us to get people in (the Arsenal) so they can do their work."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LIGHT MOMENT— Sharing a laugh at the new facility are Mayor Loretta Spencer, Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and Marshall's Jim Carter.



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READY FOR CUSTOMERS— The Visitors Center is open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Gate 9 visitors. By the end of this year, all visitors will enter the Arsenal through Gate 9's joint visitor control center.

An open lane random survey

What do you think about the tax system?

By KELLEY LANE
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Terry Marshall
contractor



"I'm all for the flat tax. Then everybody is paying the same across the board."

Spc. John Wallace

"It depends on how much I get for my refund. When I see that then I'll know what I think about it."



Moe Tucker
DoD civilian

"I don't give it much thought. That's the system we have. Any system that meant paying less tax I would favor, of course, but other than that I don't think about it."

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Hendrix

"I think it should be a flat rate of 10 percent for everybody. People with more money would pay more than people with less money, as it should be. We would be out of a deficit in approximately two years, according to all those financial experts."



Quote of the week

'Keep away from small people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.'

— Mark Twain

Letter to the Editor

Take time to help save life

I would like for everyone to know how important it is to join the National Bone Marrow Registry. Thirteen years ago, I found out I needed a bone marrow transplant; but there was no one on the registry for me. My parents and relatives began having bone marrow drives to try and find someone to match me. We went to churches and colleges asking people to join the NBMR. It was at this time my great-aunt Jean Weisser got permission to have bone marrow drives at Redstone Arsenal. This gave me the opportunity to come to the base and meet Army people.

I have always loved getting to go onto Redstone Arsenal base. When I was a baby, my grandfather was in the Army and I would come to the base to watch him jump. I have also enjoyed opportunities to visit on special days and get to explore the different vehicles and equipment at Redstone Arsenal. However, the most special visit I got to make to the base involved a very important meeting; it was with General Pillsbury!

While I was there, General Pillsbury talked to me about what I would like to do when I grow up. I told him I would like to be a pilot. General Pillsbury shared with me a lot of information about different helicopters. The general was very friendly and made me

feel welcome in his office. I really liked it when he made my brother drop and do push-ups! I enjoyed listening to General Pillsbury discuss the importance of the Arsenal and the protection the people at Redstone Arsenal provide. General Pillsbury has further inspired me to work toward being in the military. I would like one day to have the opportunity to visit with him again.

There are a lot of ways to help people: talking to them, explaining things about your life, and for me, sharing bone marrow. So please, take the time, endure a tiny stick, and who knows, you may one day save a life in another way! I am so glad someone did this for me!

Cliff Myhan

Editor's note: Cliff is now 15 years old. Redstone Arsenal and the DoD Marrow Donor Center will hold a bone marrow drive Jan. 31 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. All active duty military, dependents, Defense Department civilians, National Guard and drilling Reserve ages 18-60 are eligible at no cost. For more information call Jean Weisser, a logistics management specialist in the JAMS Project Office, at 955-7424.

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Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?

I like working with and assisting Garrison employees with any personnel issues or concerns they might have.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like coaching basketball, soccer and T-ball. With my (10-and-under girls) soccer team this past year, I had an undefeated season. We won all 15 games.

What are your goals?

Well, I have a lot of goals. But right now I'm working on my New Year's resolution. So my goal is to start eating healthy and exercising to attain a healthy lifestyle.

What's your favorite type of music?

Smooth jazz, that's my favorite. But some R&B I like, and old school.

Gate 3 opening slated for Monday

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

With months of construction finally coming to an end, Gate 3 at Redstone Road will reopen at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30.

For all motorists who use Gate 2 on Buxton Road, it will close to traffic at 6 p.m. Friday. There will be signs placed at Gate 2 prior to the closure to remind all motorists of the gate switch on Monday morning.

Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, director of emergency services, initially expects minor delays when Gate 3 opens on Monday. "All construction necessary to accommodate traffic will be completed at this time," he said. "Delays will be due more to motorists getting used to the reconfigured gate."

The hours of Gate 3 will be Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on weekends and federal holidays. Visitors will be allowed to enter Redstone through Gate 3; however, in July they will be required to go through the Visitors Center at Gate 9. All visitors must provide a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration. Visitor vehicles will be searched.

For more information, call the Provost Marshal Office at 876-0762.

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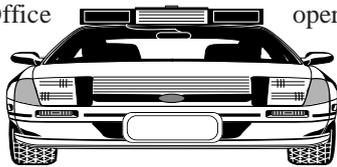
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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Jan. 14: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items, concealing them and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Further investigation revealed that the individual resisted arrest. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Jan. 15: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and with an open container during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued two violation notices and detained in the detention cell until his blood-alcohol content reached an acceptable level.



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operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Further investigation revealed that he was operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued two violation notices and detained in the detention cell until his blood-alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

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

Violation notices issued: 14 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 driving under the influence of alcohol, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 2 failure to yield right of way, 2 no proof of insurance, 1 following too close, 1 open container, 1 shoplifting.

Center contractor killed in Iraq

An Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employee died and another was injured Jan. 19 in Iraq.

Stephen Enright, 29, a British citizen of Devon, United Kingdom, worked for Armor Group of London, England — a subcontractor providing security to Environmental Chemical Corp. of Lakewood, Colo. He was killed when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device.

"Our condolences go out to the family," said Mike Stahl, chief of international operations, Ordnance and Explosives Directorate. "Our personnel are highly trained and experienced and are doing a superb job,

but it remains a very dangerous mission."

The incident is under investigation.

Huntsville Center is an Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Ordnance and Explosives. Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. To date, more than 293,000 tons of ammunition has been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq. *(Corps of Engineers release)*

Signs point to traffic clarification

The Directorate of Public Safety has received a request to clarify the traffic flow right-of-way at the intersection of Burose Road as it turns left (east) into the Sparkman Center complex at the entrance to the Sparkman Circle.

The issue reported to this office indicates possible confusion as to who has the right-of-way, either personnel traveling south and turning left into Sparkman Circle or those traveling north and turning right into Sparkman Circle. The Directorate of Public Safety has conducted a

vehicle traffic flow survey and concluded that personnel traveling north on Burose Road and exiting Burose Road into Sparkman Circle must yield the right-of-way to vehicles traveling south on Burose Road and turning left into Sparkman Circle who may travel into the far right-hand lane after or during their turn.

The yield sign was erected at this location in order to prevent both turning lanes (north and south) from having the right-of-way simultaneously during a green light for the turn lanes exiting Burose Road.

Family housing scheduled for renovations 2006-08

Group meets to discuss residents' wants, needs

BY LIRA FRYE

For the Rocket

If you reside in military family housing, or are eligible to be a housing resident, Redstone Arsenal Family Housing wants to hear from you.

Specifically, as part of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative, RAFH is developing a community development and management plan for family housing. That plan includes renovations and upgrades to housing as well as a new community center, basketball court and walking and bike trails. Before completing the plan, RAFH wants residents' thoughts about current housing, as well as suggestions for renovations and upgrades.

Organizers have scheduled a Focus Group meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Redstone Lanes bowling center. At the meeting, representatives from RAFH, including the Army's commercial partner

Hunt/Investment Builders Inc., will explain the upcoming changes at Redstone resulting from the privatization initiative. They'll also be looking to see what residents want.

"They're the people who are going to be living here," Fred Johnson, Hunt RCI program management director, said. "We want their input."

Housing Focus Group meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. Redstone Lanes

Renovations are scheduled to begin in late 2006 and continue through 2008. Families living in quarters today could be here to enjoy the upgrades. And if they're not, Johnson said they may see some of those same benefits and upgrades at their next post.

"They (Soldiers) do so much for us," Johnson said. "I want to make sure they get what they want, not what someone says they need."

For more information, call Johnson at 430-1517 or Russ Pearsall at 955-6366.



Courtesy photo

Depot visit

Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., was visited Jan. 6 by Bernard Gajkowski, product manager for Aviation Group Support Equipment, Redstone Arsenal. Gajkowski and his team toured the maintenance facilities at Letterkenny and of special interest was the Power Generation Facility. The depot is working on repair to the Aviation Ground Power Unit for the Aviation and Missile Command. Standing in front of an aviation ground power unit at Letterkenny are from left Denise Mack, AGSE assistant product manager; Col. Robert Swenson, depot commander; and Gajkowski.

Six drill sergeants compete for best of best

59th Ordnance Brigade winner will advance to next level

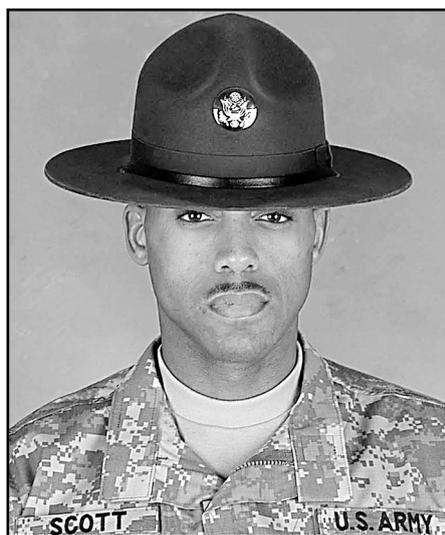
By Spc. ELIAMAR TRAPP
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The 59th Ordnance Brigade is gearing up for one of the most intense and fast paced competitions which will award someone the coveted title of Drill Sergeant of the Year.

From Jan. 30 through Feb. 3, the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School drill sergeants will be competing against each other for the title of 59th Ordnance Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Year. The winner will represent the 59th Ordnance Brigade, OMEMS and Redstone Arsenal at the Training and Doctrine Command

Competitor: Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence B. Scott, "Bravo Company Standing Tall, First to Fight, Last to Fall, Ready to Fight, Ready to Brawl, Bravo Company Kills Them All!"
B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone
Hometown: Rialto, Calif., and Lafayette, La.
Family: wife, Nannette and children, LJ, Jordaen and Nikki
Time on the trail: March 2004 to present
Time in service: 20 years

"I was selected by the Department of the Army to become a drill sergeant, but I let it be known that I had and have a strong desire to be a drill sergeant. I'm competing for the title of Drill Sergeant of the Year for the spirit of competition, to win and to help enhance the Drill Sergeant Program. I absolutely love to train Soldiers and to look out for their well being. Not to mention, I have the opportunity to mold Soldiers at the earliest stage in their military career. The most fulfilling part of my job is seeing the positive mental and physical transformations that take place in Soldiers. My Soldiers' welfare is my driving force. Being a drill sergeant is tough work; however, the satisfaction I get from taking care of Soldiers and working with my fellow drill sergeants makes it all worthwhile. As drill sergeants, we all display our own leadership style. Smart drill sergeants will take parts of other leadership styles and incorporate them into their own. Regardless of how much time in service or how many accomplishments you may have, there is always something to be learned from your battle buddy. With all this in mind, I want my Soldiers to leave the training environment with a sense of teamwork, accomplishment and a feeling of pride in being a Soldier in the U.S. Army. Drill sergeants are the foundation for everything Soldiers will learn while they are in the Army. The Soldier is our single most important asset, and as drill sergeants we are obligated to make that foundation as strong as possible." — Scott



Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence B. Scott

Drill Sergeant of the Year competition.

"The Drill Sergeant of the Year competition is an intense competition between the best of the 40 drill sergeants assigned to the 59th Ordnance Brigade," said Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle, command sergeant major of the 59th. "The Army was founded on the concept of winning wars. In keeping with the spirit of winning, we try and determine who the best of the best are within our midst. The competition also gives the drill sergeants another goal to strive for."

Throughout the weeklong event, the drill sergeants are tested on their rifle marksmanship skills, physical fitness, land navigation and leadership skills. They appear before a formal board and are evaluated on one out of six performance tasks and three out of nine modules. The 59th Ordnance Brigade has drill sergeants at Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Gordon, Ga., and Redstone Arsenal. Out of the three locations, six drill sergeants were chosen to compete for

the title.

"Drill sergeants are extremely important because they are the primary transformers of civilians to Soldiers. It is an awesome task," Battle said. "Drill sergeants take young Americans and transform them into American warriors by instilling in them discipline, military values and love of country, ultimately turning them into defenders of our good nation."

The event is open to the community and everyone is invited to attend the DSOY luncheon Feb. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The winner of the competition will be announced at the luncheon. Tickets are \$10 and a limited amount of them will be available for purchase at the door. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Warnie Stokes at 842-9794.

The following is an introduction to the six drill sergeants who will be competing for the title of OMEMS Drill Sergeant of the Year:

Competitor: Sgt. 1st Class Joel Avila, "Stealth Bombers!"
B Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Fort Gordon, Ga.
Hometown: Bronx, N.Y.
Time on the trail: February 2005 to present
Time in service: 9 years

"I volunteered to become a drill sergeant because I wanted to train Soldiers in a challenging environment. This position has challenged me in many ways. I'm a competitor in the drill sergeant of the year competition because I believe I could make positive contributions to the Drill Sergeant Program. The most fulfilling part about being a drill sergeant is having the ability to motivate Soldiers at any given time, be it 5 a.m. or 9 p.m. My driving force is that one e-mail or that one comment from a Soldier or their family members about how much of a better person their son or daughter has turned out to be because of their drill sergeants. It doesn't have to be me who trained the Soldier because the positive reaction reflects on whoever is wearing the hat at the time. When my Soldiers leave their current training environment I expect them to have learned discipline. Anything can be accomplished as long as a Soldier has self-discipline. The drill sergeant position is important because it is the first impression new recruits get of what the Army is all about. When recruits see a drill sergeant they should think readiness, strength and most importantly self-discipline." — Avila



Sgt. 1st Class Joel Avila

■ Drill sergeants take on each other for coveted title

Competitor: Staff Sgt. LaQuaine Bess, "Charlie Rocks!"
C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone
Hometown: Miami, Fla.
Family: wife, Brandi and son, LaQuaine
Time on the trail: Dec. 17 to present
Time in service: 8 years

"I volunteered to become a drill sergeant because I was looking for a challenge. The Drill Sergeant of the Year competition gives me the opportunity to set myself apart from the rest. The most fulfilling part of this job is seeing a well trained Soldier – a product of my efforts. My driving force is seeing my Soldiers succeed in their military career. When my Soldiers graduate and move on to their duty stations I want them to know and understand that hard work always pays off. As a private I didn't understand the intensity with which my drill sergeants focused on completing the mission. As a drill sergeant, I now understand that focusing on completing the mission is the most effective way to train Soldiers. Drill sergeants help build the required firm foundation Soldiers need when making the transition from civilians to Soldiers. As an NCO you don't always have the time to create that needed foundation, you can only build from it. This we'll defend!" — Bess



Staff Sgt. LaQuaine Bess

Competitor: Sgt. 1st Class Justin Hroblak, "Charlie Cougars!"
C Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade,
Fort Gordon, Ga.
Hometown: Van Nuys, Calif.
Time on the trail: December 2004 to present
Time in service: 12 years

"I became a drill sergeant to be one of 'the best of the best' and to possess the disciplined reputation drill sergeants are known for. I'm competing for the title of Drill Sergeant of the Year to challenge myself, display my abilities and represent my unit. The most fulfilling part of this job is when a Soldier says, 'Thank you for your leadership, drill sergeant.' My driving force is the dedication I take in never letting down a Soldier who is counting on me, and to continue to succeed in my military career. When my Soldiers leave the training environment, I expect to have taught them that they can be as successful as they want to be in their military career and that they need to know how to use all the available resources to solve any problem they may encounter. When I was a

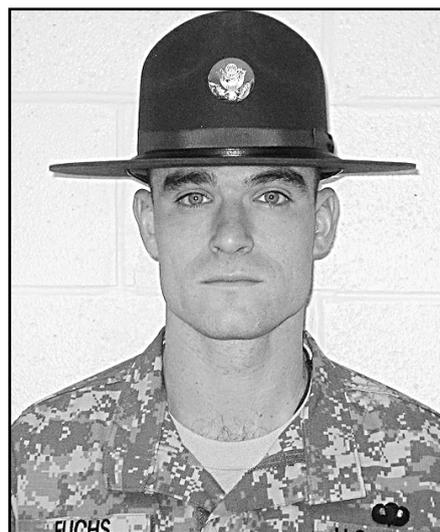


Sgt. 1st Class Justin Hroblak

Soldier in training, my drill sergeant was the one that all the other NCOs and drill sergeants went to for assistance. He was a true professional. The position of a drill sergeant is important because as a drill sergeant you are the one who instills the values and attributes Soldiers will possess the rest of the time in the Army." — Hroblak

Competitor: Staff Sgt. Scott C. Fuchs, "Charlie Rocks!"
C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone
Hometown: Nazareth, Pa.
Family: wife, Deanna, children, Amanda, Cody, Jared and Mathew
Time on the trail: Oct. 7, 2005 to present
Time in service: 9 years

"In the operational Army I have trained Soldiers on their jobs, taken them into combat and molded them into non-commissioned officers. I decided to take my skills to a new level and become a drill sergeant. As a drill sergeant I can train Soldiers before they go out to their units. The most fulfilling part of becoming a drill sergeant is knowing that I have a part in transforming civilians into Soldiers. Seeing

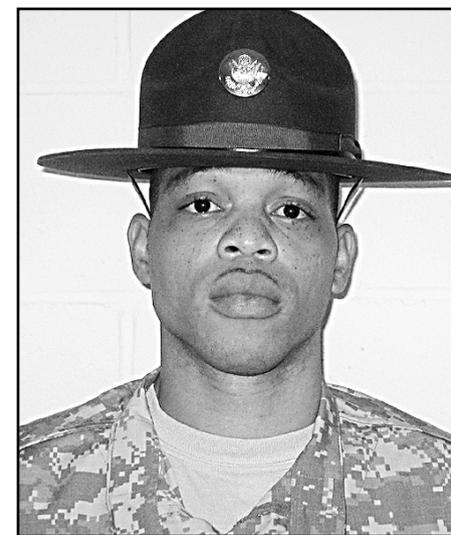


Staff Sgt. Scott C. Fuchs

motivated Soldiers who are proud to be in the U.S. Army is my driving force. When my Soldiers leave this training environment I expect the training they received to be so ingrained into their brain that they react instinctively when it comes time for them to use that training. When I was here for Advanced Individual Training as a young Soldier, my drill sergeant used to constantly have in-rank inspections. That always kept me on my toes with my boots and uniforms because we never knew when he would decide to do one before we went to school. To this day I maintain the same high standards that are expected from a Soldier. This position is very important because we are the first people Soldiers see when they enter the Army. We are their first impression. As drill sergeants we need to show the discipline and courage necessary to be in the military." — Fuchs

Competitor: Staff Sgt. Antonio Sanders, "Bravo Company Standing Tall, First to Fight, Last to Fall, Ready to Fight, Ready to Brawl, Bravo Company Kills Them All!"
B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone
Hometown: Prichard, Ala.
Family: Hanim Sanders
Time on the trail: From October 2005 to present
Time in service: 10.5 years

"I was selected by the Department of the Army to become a drill sergeant. I always felt that I could be a great help to Soldiers' transition from civilian to warrior. I volunteered to compete in the Drill Sergeant of the Year competition to gain experience and compete against my peers. I believe this job to be fulfilling because drill sergeants are the trainers of tomorrow's heroes. The desire to train Soldiers is my driving force. As a young Soldier, I remember my drill sergeants being relentless, very fair and they created an environment for Soldiers to excel in with minimum supervision. When my Soldiers leave the training environment, I expect them to become leaders and the ultimate weapons in combat. The position of a drill sergeant is important because we are the foundation of a Soldier's transformation from civilian to warrior." — Sanders



Staff Sgt. Antonio Sanders

Future combat system counting on non-line of sight

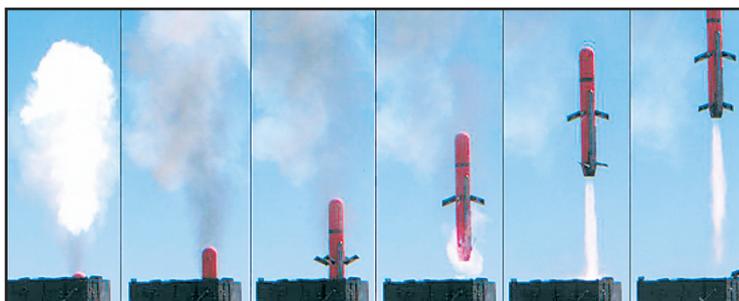
Launch project adds to arsenal

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

In math terms, Redstone could be called a home for rocket scientists who can add and subtract with the best. But put down the slide rule for a second, and take a look at the Non-Line of Sight Project Office.

In that 42-member office, the sum of the total parts is one Non-Line of Sight Launch System. And NLOS represents one part of the Future Combat System, which has 18 individual systems.

Make sense?
“In the DARPA days – by default — we were known as the proverbial ‘missiles in a box,’” non-line of sight project manager Col. Doug Dever said. “But now we have come into our own as a key FCS contributing technology. “Although the network is the FCS backbone, all the systems in the FCS system of systems architecture will work together to support each other. Also, it is interesting to note that we work for



Courtesy photo

PRECISE ATTACK— With a 40-kilometer or 25-mile range, the Precision Attack Munition has a dual-mode seeker and features automated target recognition to attack armored as well as command and control targets.

Brig. Gen. (Mike) Cannon in the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, while our funding comes from Maj. Gen. (Charles) Cartwright, the FCS PM.”

The NLOS project office has Raytheon and Lockheed Martin as major subcontractors.

“We have the best of both worlds in the missile industry,” Dever said. “They have combined to a Limited Liability Company and have the key managers we need to meet our challenging schedule of being ready

for deployment to the current force’s Experimental Brigade Combat Team in fiscal 2008. We have the best and the brightest from both sides working on our weapon systems; it’s a very good thing.”

Lockheed is working on the NLOS Loitering Attack Munition, while Raytheon is working on the Precision Attack Munition. The NLOS Container Launch Unit, with 15 ready-to-launch missiles, and the Computer Communication System — the brains of the box — round out the ele-

ments in the project’s acquisition strategy.

“NLOS is completely platform independent,” Dever said. “Plus it will be unattended and capable of hitting moving targets in a full circle of 360 degrees. Our seeker will actually go out and look for moving targets, which is a true leap-ahead technology for the Field Artillery and the Army’s modular brigade design.”

As the Loitering Attack Munition is executing its attack mission (out to a range of 70 kilometers or 43.4 miles), it can also provide reconnaissance and intelligence data to identify additional potential targets.

The LAM loiter time is greater at shorter ranges; and it will operate in all weather environments.

“Although, the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicle is our planned FCS carrier, we can be transported by helicopters or other air and ground transportation assets,” Dever said. “After we roll off of a C-130, we can be ready to execute a mission in 30 minutes.

“The Army needs NLOS-LS right now. We established a joint project office, with a memoran-

dum of agreement signed by the Army and the Navy. The Navy plans to use NLOS-LS on its littoral combat ships. This commitment of resources across services means that we can purchase greater quantities of munitions at a lower cost per unit. That’s good for us, FCS and the Navy.”

Although there is one master Future Combat System operational requirements document, NLOS Launch System specific requirements are listed in an annex to this narrative.

“This is new thinking,” Dever said. “This system of systems approach to an entire program is unique, from documentation to fielding of full-up systems. This is a huge mission and a huge responsibility, with everything being driven by FCS.

“The good thing today is that we have demonstrated that the NLOS-LS has full connectivity to the current force through the use of Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System. We have shown that our system is fully compliant with the current force requirements and positioned for a seamless’ transition to the FCS equipment force.”

Moving on after a hearty career in Marine Corps

Detachment first sergeant wore uniform with pride

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Twenty-one years ago, 1st Sgt. Harold Hardee was a teenager looking for direction, a promising career, positive influences and a little adventure.

He found it in the Marine Corps.

Raised in the small town of MacClenny, Fla., Hardee was influenced by the military at a young age. His father had served in the Air Force and then worked as a Florida highway patrolman. He also had a cousin in the Marines.

So, Hardee enlisted at the age of 17 and, on Dec. 19, 1984, he reported for boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C. Last week, Hardee's career with the Marines came to an end at a retirement ceremony on Redstone Arsenal. He retired as the highest ranked enlisted Marine serving the Marine Corps Detachment.

"The best thing about being a Marine is the Marines, and having the opportunity to interact and mentor and work with the best of the best every day," the 39-year-old Hardee said.

"I never regretted any duty station or job or rank. I always got to go where I wanted to go. The Marine Corps took care of me and my family. The best thing was putting the uniform on every day and working with the Marines."

At the beginning of his career, Hardee trained as an aviation electronics technician and worked on KC-130 electrical systems. He went through a



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROUD FAMILY— Members of 1st Sgt. Harold Hardee's family attend his retirement ceremony. With Hardee, from left, are his wife, LuAnne, who works for MWR membership services; his son, Garrett, a junior at Bob Jones High School; and his parents, Barbara and Harold Hardee, who recently moved to Madison County from their hometown in Florida. Hardee and his family plan to remain in the Huntsville/Madison County area.

series of promotions that included time as a drill instructor, Marine combat instructor, an aviation electrical systems instructor and troop handler, and non-commissioned officer in charge of the Avionics Division at the MCAS Futenma at Okinawa, Japan. His career also included deployments to Australia, Korea, Guam and Thailand.

In 1988, Hardee served at Ft. Worth, Texas, as the chief of the Avionics Division, Quality Assurance and Maintenance Department. He was re-assigned as the detachment first sergeant of the Marine Corps Detachment at Redstone Arsenal in 2002.

Hardee's work as first sergeant has involved overseeing a staff of about 30 and an ever-changing group of 50 to 100 Marines who come to Redstone Arsenal for a six-week course as members of the Ammunition

Technician Corps. His responsibilities included administrative matters, including promotions; everyday operations, such as duty rosters, physical training and military skills; and training classes on mentoring and leadership.

"As the top enlisted Marine at Redstone Arsenal, you are the Marine representative," Hardee said. "When I go to meetings, I speak for the Corps, I speak for the detachment. I am the senior enlisted adviser to the commanding officer (Capt. Timothy Collins)."

The Marine Corps Detachment reports to the Marine Corps Training Command in Quantico, Va., and the 59th Ordnance Brigade at Redstone Arsenal.

"It's been an honor serving here with the Army," Hardee said. "The Army has treated us like we are part of the team. The

Army treats us like equals, and that's important to us."

During his years in the Marine Corps, Hardee has seen the military improve at both professional and personal levels.

"We've always been the best at what we do. We pride ourselves on doing more with less," Hardee said. "But we are getting better and better every day with more training and education. Being in the Marines is like being in a big family that keeps getting better."

His most challenging time as a Marine came during his service as a drill instructor at the Recruit Depot in Parris Island.

"Being a drill instructor was the most drilling thing I faced in my career," he recalled. "It was definitely the most challenging and rewarding tour I ever did. To be only 23 years old and to be in charge of other Marines, that's a lot of responsibility. But, by far, this assignment at Redstone Arsenal has been the best."

Young people considering a career in the Marine Corps should remember that their honor and sense of duty are the most important things they can offer the military.

"Marines are model citizens. They should set examples for all Americans to follow," he said. "They should set an example for the way all young people in this country should act."

Hardee received the Meritorious Medal during his retirement ceremony.

"He's a great man, a great American," Collins said during the ceremony.

"One-third to one-fourth of his life has been given to the Marine Corps. He wouldn't have been able to do that without the support of his family and friends ... He's had a major impact on this detachment and the Arsenal

and thousands of Soldiers have been inspired by his career."

Speaking to the Marines in formation at the ceremony, Hardee said "You stand for honor, you stand for courage, you stand for commitment ... My time among your illustrious ranks has come to an end. It's time to step aside and let others do great things."

Hardee chose to retire rather than seek a promotion to sergeant major because the promotion would have meant a move to another post. He and his family want to remain in Huntsville. His wife, LuAnne, works for Morale Welfare and Recreation membership services at the Arsenal; and his son, Garrett, is a junior at Bob Jones High School in Madison and is planning on attending the University of Alabama. Hardee's parents have also moved from Florida to Madison County in the past year.

"Most of the places I've lived as a Marine have been places centered around the base," he said. "Most of those towns wouldn't exist without an arsenal. The economy is just so much better here in Huntsville than anywhere else I've been while in the Marine Corps."

Hardee's retirement has introduced him to a new career. He is now the sales manager at Suzuki of Huntsville at Driving 2000.

"My time in the Marine Corps has helped me with my organizational skills," he said. "My experience with mentoring, setting a good example, developing teamwork and motivating others to reach their goals have all been carried right over into this new job."

Hardee's responsibilities at the Marine Corps Detachment have been assumed by 1st Sgt. Orlanda Grimsley.

Higher limits extended in VA home loan program

WASHINGTON — America's veterans and their families now have a greater chance to make their dreams of home ownership a reality. Thanks to an increase in the Department of Veterans Affairs home loan guaranty limit.

Effective Jan. 1, changes in the loan guaranty limits mean veterans are able to get no-down payment loans up to \$417,000. The previous ceiling was \$359,650.

"For more than 60 years, VA has assisted our veterans to become home owners," R. James Nicholson, secretary of veterans affairs, said. "This increase is another example of our commitment to ensure VA benefits keep pace with the needs of our veterans in today's housing market."

The Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004 tied increases in the VA guaranty to increases in the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's conforming loan limit. When this limit increases, VA guaranty limits also go up, allowing VA to keep pace with rising home values.

VA-guaranteed home loans are made by banks and mortgage companies to veterans, servicemembers and reservists. With VA guaranteeing a portion of the loan, veterans can receive a competitive interest rate without making a down payment, making it easier to buy a home.

More information about VA home loan benefits is available on the web at <http://www.homeloans.va.gov> or by calling 1-800-827-1000. (Veterans Affairs release)

Veterans to get insurance dividends from VA

WASHINGTON — More than 1.2 million veterans nationwide are in line to receive \$414 million in annual insurance dividends over the coming year, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The dividend payments from VA will be sent to an estimated 1,239,600 policyholders on the anniversary date of their policies. Sent automatically through different payment options, the specific dividend amount will vary based on the age of the veteran, the type of insurance, and the length of time the policy has been in force.

Dividends are paid each year to veterans holding certain government life insurance policies and who served between 1917 and 1956.

The dividends are drawn from the earnings on the trust fund into which veterans have paid insurance premiums over the years, and are linked to returns on investments in U.S. government securities.

World War II veterans comprise the largest group receiving 2006 insurance dividend payments. One million veterans holding National Service Life Insurance ("V") policies are expected to receive total payments of \$322.6 million.

Another 45,000 World War II era veterans with Veterans Reopened Insurance ("J", "JR" and "JS") policies will share a dividend of \$11.4 million.

Over 186,000 Korean War era veterans who have maintained Veterans Special Life Insurance ("RS" and "W") policies can expect to receive dividends totaling \$79.1 million.

Dividends totaling \$1.2 million will be paid to 8,600 veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance ("K") policies, which are held by veterans who served between World War I and 1940.

VA administers a wide range of additional life insurance programs that provide comprehensive coverage and security for veterans and their families while not paying a direct annual dividend. They include special life insurance for disabled veterans, home mortgage life insurance coverage, and the widely utilized Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance programs.

Veterans who have questions about their policy may call the VA Insurance toll-free number at 1-800-669-8477; by e-mail to VAinsurance@vba.va.gov, or on the Internet at www.insurance.va.gov. (Veterans Affairs release)

Teledyne Brown attains goal for hazardous waste disposal

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. announced Jan. 18 that the company reached a major milestone when one-third of the Chemical Agent Identification Sets stored at Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas were destroyed. There were more than 5,000 CAIS awaiting destruction at Pine Bluff.

Teledyne Brown has been operating the Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project's Rapid Response System, a mobile, on-site system used to destroy hazardous chemicals, at Pine Bluff since August. The Rapid Response System safely identifies and neutralizes the CAIS, once used by the Army for chemical warfare agency identification and decontamination training.

"Achieving this milestone without any accidents is a reflection of the quality of work our team is performing," Teledyne Brown president Jim Link said. "We are pleased to partner with the Army to help them achieve their goals of safe and prompt disposal of chemical agents."

The Army is destroying the obsolete training sets at various locations across the United States. Teledyne Brown has operated the Rapid Response System in Utah and Alaska since 1995 without a lost time injury or illness. (Teledyne Brown release)

Researcher rewarded for software program

Weekend hobby has niche at work

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Many people have hobbies, some pet project to tinker with on the weekends. Ray Sells is no different; however, his little project is having a big impact at work.

He designed a software program to streamline computer modeling and simulation.

"In year 2000 I started, as an independent project, doing some things with C++. I like to do things on my own as sort of a weekend hobby-shop experiment," Sells, vice president of advanced technology for DESE Research, said.

Sells is co-located both off and on post. When he's not at DESE's Wynn Drive location, he can be found in building 5400 in support of the Research Development and Engineering Center.

Known as C++ Model Developer, or CMD, the program is designed to help engineers translate equations on paper into working computer models for testing and development, a very time-consuming endeavor if done manually.

"Computers have gotten faster and faster. They're more complex, but it's still relative-



Photo by Kelley Lane

STAYING BUSY— Ray Sells, vice president of advanced technology for DESE Research, can usually be found near a computer, whether at work or home.

ly difficult to write simulations. A lot of the ways we write simulations now haven't changed a whole lot in the last several years. What we're attempting to do with this is build a software toolset that makes writing simulations easier," Sells said.

The program works with object-oriented models. This allows individual components to be isolated and examined independent from other parts. Besides allowing for greater precision, it also means that engineers do not have to duplicate parts when creating new models that use some of the same components.

"Once someone builds a model for the simulation, you can take that same computer model and have other engineers use it," Sells said. "We're providing a software erector-set."

Sells sees CMD as a step toward the future of modeling. In order to encourage others in the simulation community to try it out, make suggestions and continue to build on its basic design, Sells and DESE have opted to designate the program as Open Source Code. This means that not only is it available at no cost to users, but they are encouraged to change or add on to the program to suit their needs. Why would a company and a creator send an idea that is potentially profitable out into the world without a price tag? Sells said because it is what's best for the program and the industrial community.

"We basically gave it away for free with the hopes that people would begin using it," he said. "As they use it maybe they will see a way to make it better and add to it. Then they offer that to the community. Everybody benefits."

CMD has gotten a warm reception so far. It has had a hand in testing and missile development.

"With the compact kinetic energy missile program, which is a flight test program, the prime contractor Lockheed Missiles and Space Company was in need of a C++ simulation environment," Sells said. "They adopted what I had built because it was provided to the government as open source code on that program. That became the simulation used by

the prime contractor to support flight test activities on that program."

Two offices within Research Development and Engineering Center are already using it. The Applied Sensors Guidance and Electronics Directorate, and System Simulation and Development Directorate have partnered with Sells and DESE to even put together a class on the program, taught on Redstone.

"George Snyder, deputy director of the ASGE directorate, said 'Let's take CMD, provide funds to document it, teach a course in it and distribute it to the community.' George Sanders at SSDD was also key in getting CMD adopted," Sells said. "Things have really skyrocketed since then. We put together a U.S. government technical report describing the tool. We've got a two-day course we've taught on four different occasions on the Arsenal - three times within the RDEC and once at NASA."

In recognition of the effort and long-term vision of what started as weekend busywork, Sells has been awarded the William A. Davis Technical Excellence Award by DESE Research. It is an internal award for significant technical achievement and contribution, named for the former director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in the 1970s. The award is presented only when deemed appropriate. Sells is the fourth recipient in seven years.

"It's not something they give out every year," Sells said. "That makes it all the more special to me to be recognized."

Senior executives receive top award



Dr. James Bradas



Billy Walker

Three members of Team Redstone received the President's Rank Award during a Pentagon ceremony Friday.

Dr. Richard Amos, deputy to the commanding general at the Aviation and Missile Command, and two members of the Research Development and Engineering Center, Billy Walker and Dr. James Bradas, were among the honorees.

"Each year, the president recognizes and celebrates a small group of career Senior Executives with the President's Rank Award for exceptional long-term accomplishments," Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command, said in an e-mail.

"It is with distinct pleasure that I announce this year's AMC's recipients of the prestigious 2005 Presidential Rank Awards. Please join me in congratulating the following Meritorious Rank Award recipients from within our Senior Executive Service: Kathryn Szymanski (AMC headquarters), Victor Ferlise (Communications Electronics Command), Dr. Richard Amos (AMCOM), Dr. James Bradas (RDEC), Edward Thomas (CECOM), Herbert Meiselman (Natick Soldier Center) and Billy Walker (RDEC).

"It is a great honor and well deserved acknowledgment of their significant personal and professional accomplishments," Griffin added.

Daniel Mehney of Tank Automotive Command was also a 2005 SES Presidential Rank Award winner.



Dr. Richard Amos

Youth art winners advance to regional

The Boys and Girls Club Fine Arts Exhibit was held Dec. 27-30 at the Youth Center. Children from School Age Services and Youth Services participated in the contest. Both programs are members of the Boys and Girls Club.

The artwork submitted included drawings, pastels, watercolors, collages, and simple sculptures. Judges were Adrian Baker, director of MWR sales and marketing; Rich Lehman of Boise Office Products; and Erika Readus of AMCOM Public Affairs.

The winners in the 9-and-under category included Nikki Nielson and Bryajah

Bins. The winners in the 10-11 age group were Jasmine Jones, Brittany Beier, Taylor Nulk and Lawrence Scott. Winners in the 13-15 age group were Carston Culbertson, Danielle Neupert and Cassandra Ortiz.

Winning entries will be sent to the Boys and Girls Club Southeast Region to compete with members of other clubs at the regional level.

Children who participate in the event learn to develop creative skills and are able to share their work with their families and community. The fine arts exhibit is an annual event. *(Child and Youth Services release)*



By Carolyn Taylor
FIRST ROUND— Erika Readus of AMCOM Public Affairs and Rich Lehman of Boise Office Products judge the fine arts exhibit Dec. 30 at the Youth Center.

Senior executive retires from Missile Defense Agency

Tom Devanney retired Jan. 6 after six years as a government senior executive. Brig. Gen. Keith McNamara, deputy director of the Missile Defense Agency, presided over the ceremony at Redstone.

Devanney received a letter of congratulations and appreciation from President Bush, a commendation from Gov. Bob Riley, a Proclamation of appreciation from the City of Delta Junction, Alaska, and the Missile Defense Agency Career Achievement Award from Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry Obering III, MDA director, among other recognitions.

He entered the Senior Executive Service in October 1999. He served first as the deputy program manager for national missile defense, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, and later as the deputy program director and acting program director for Ground-Based Midcourse Defense, Missile Defense Agency. Managing a joint service organization spread across 12 time zones and executing an annual budget at times in excess of \$3 billion per year, Devanney was the key civilian leader responsible for development, test, site activation, manufacture, and fielding of NMD, and later of the GMD element of the Ballistic Missile Defense System.

During his tenure, GMD advanced from early prototype components to a fielded integrated system providing — for the first time — a capability of defending the entire nation against hostile attack by intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Eight emplaced interceptors are at the 800-acre Missile Defense Complex at Fort Greely, Alaska, and two additional interceptors at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. Sensors and radars are located from Shemya Island, Alaska, in the western Aleutians, to Fylingdales in the United Kingdom. The system is connected by a fire control loop of 20,000 miles of fiber optic cables and nine satellite communications links, and with fire control nodes manned by trained Soldiers at Fort Greely and Shriever Air Force Base, Colo.

Most recently, working with a team of experts and advisers, Devanney led the effort that returned GMD to flight testing Dec. 13 with a successful interceptor flight from the Reagan Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Prior to this most recent service, Devanney completed more than 35 years of military and private sector missile system experience. As an Army officer, he played a leading role in the development, test, acquisition and operation of all currently fielded Army missile systems. He served as deputy program executive officer for Army tactical missiles and as the TOW project. He served in the Pentagon as chief of missiles and air defense systems, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Department of the Army.



Courtesy photo

BEST REGARDS— Brig. Gen. Keith McNamara, deputy director of the Missile Defense Agency, makes a presentation to Tom Devanney, retiring senior executive.

Devanney participated in the Army's Training-with-Industry program as an engineer with the McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics Company in Huntington Beach, Calif. He served at the then Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, as a research and development coordinator and taught at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., as an instructor and later assistant professor of electrical engineering. He served tours in Germany and Korea with Hawk air defense artillery units and in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division Airmobile. Upon retiring from the Army in 1994 as a colonel, Devanney entered the private sector with Alliant Techsystems Inc., Hopkins, Minn. He held several key positions, culminating as director of the warheads and munitions business segment.

Devanney received the 2004 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives. He was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, the Missile Defense Agency Director's Special Achievement Award, and the Missile Defense Agency Director's Career Achievement Award. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, three awards of the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and several foreign decorations.

He and his wife, Christa, reside in Huntsville. Their daughter, Katharina Devanney Weber, a 1992 graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences and a 1998 graduate of Case Western University Law School, resides in Akron, Ohio, and is an assistant prosecutor in Medina County. Their son, Thomas Devanney, a 2002 graduate of Auburn University, is a graduate student in physics at Auburn. (*Missile Defense Agency release*)

Engineer leaves lasting impression

Avenger engineer
retires after 43 years

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After four decades of work, Bob Jervis, the supervisory general engineer for Avenger, is saying goodbye.

"Under Civil Service Retirement System, you max out at 42 years. My goal was to max out," he said. Under CSRS individuals are eligible for optional retirement at age 55 with 30 years of service, age 60 with 20 years of service or age 62 with five years of service.

Many from his current office will miss him.

"With Bob, in particular, I can send him to attend any meeting and never be concerned that he wouldn't represent the project office well. His technical expertise is unquestioned," Len Gibbs, assistant project manager for Stinger based systems, said.

Jervis said he will miss the people most. "I enjoy working. I have worked a bunch of places and people have always been extremely nice," he said. "I will miss the people and the routine of getting up every morning and coming in to work."

The Decatur native has worked since he was 16, minus the four years he attended Auburn University. After completing school, Jervis got married on Christmas Eve. It wasn't long after that he received a telegram from President Kennedy to enter the Army.

"In March 1962 I was drafted as an engineer in environmental testing," he said. "It was during the Cuban Missile Crisis, which was a very tense period; we were on 24-hour alerts."

After his two years in the Army, Jervis started working for Marshall Space Flight Center. During his time at Marshall, Jervis saw the test stand (off of Martin Road) in construction and completed, the first Saturn V firing and the first full duration of all five engines of Saturn V.

"The first time we fired, we fired twice on the same day. We waited until 5 p.m. when most people had left for the day," he said. "I had the headset on and somebody said, 'Birds a burst' so we stopped it. I can still hear it in my head today, just as clear today as it was then." He said after some adjustments, they were able to fire the engine a second time.

Jervis worked for industry for a short time after Marshall and then returned to Redstone working for the Army. He spent the next 18 years at the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity as a mechanical engineer. He

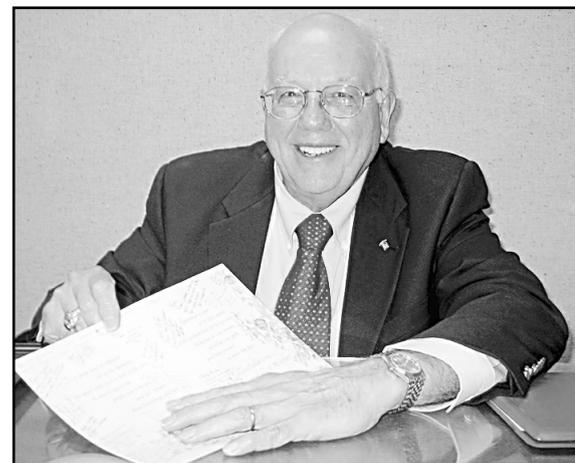


Photo by Kim Henry

FAREWELL CARD— Bob Jervis, retired Avenger lead engineer, was happy to get goodbye notes from his colleagues in the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office.

helped move the headquarters to Redstone from Frankfurt Arsenal in Pennsylvania.

After TMDE, Jervis worked as a supervisory engineer on several systems including the nuclear-capable Pershing system, the Tacit Rainbow national program, the Brilliant Anti-Tank submunition, ground targets and finally the Avenger air defense system.

"Bob has been the lead Avenger engineer for nearly 10 years. In that time Avenger, which was no longer in production, restarted fire unit system production for a foreign military sales customer," Gibbs said. "The system also underwent two major modifications, which Bob was the lead in the design effort. He has worked all issues with restart of system production, and design, development and fielding of the modifications."

As for life after work, Jervis plans to play golf, spend time with family and return to school. "I have registered at Calhoun Community College for some electronics courses," he said. "I'm not really trying to get a degree, just to keep my mind fresh and active." Jervis said community college classes are free for senior citizens; all he has to pay for is books and fees.

Jervis and his wife, Adah, have two daughters, Leigh and Susan, and two granddaughters, Amanda and Chandler. There is only one thing Jervis has been doing longer than work — singing. He has been a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church choir since 1948. Now three generations are in the choir — including his daughter Leigh and granddaughter Chandler.

His advice to those just starting out in their career: "Be honest at what you do, give eight hours of work for eight hours of pay," Jervis said. "Understand you are working for a boss and he signs your appraisal — you want to do what he asks you to do. You get paid the same amount whether you do it once or five times."

Historian sees Dr. King as modern prophet

*Education Center
has remembrance*

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History professor Raymond Nabors was recalling the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NEVER FORGET— History professor Raymond Nabors speaks during a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance lunch at the Education Center.

He told about how King grew up and entered the ministry, became famous during the Montgomery bus boycott and changed the course of American history as a civil rights leader. And he told about King's prophetic speech in Memphis in April 1968.

"On April 3, 1968, he delivered my favorite speech ('I've been to the mountaintop')," Nabors said during a King remembrance lunch Thursday at the Education Center.

In that speech, King said he might not get to the promised land with his listeners but he had been to the mountaintop. Nabors drew a correlation with the biblical prophet Joshua who reported to Moses about the promised land while other scouts saw only the obstacles.

"Dr. King is a man much like Joshua, a man of courage and vision who challenged us to enter the promised land," said Nabors, a professor of history at Columbia College and Calhoun Community College and a human resources specialist at the Aviation and Missile Command.

King was killed by an assassin's bullet in Memphis on April 4, 1968, the day after his speech.

Commanding general thanks local veterans

North Alabama coalition presents annual awards

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"We're at war with an enemy that wants to kill you," Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury reminded the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition last week.

Pillsbury delivered remarks during the coalition's awards and recognition

reception Wednesday night at American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue.

He recognized Redstone for its efforts in the Global War on Terrorism and the servicemembers who have fought and died. He also recognized the veterans of past conflicts.

"You set the standards," Pillsbury told the veterans. "You have allowed us to be free. You have served this nation and I honor you for that service."

The coalition presented awards to organizations for supporting its activities during the past year. The *Redstone Rocket* and *The Huntsville Times* were

among the recipients.

Retired Col. Tom Brown was honored as coalition Veteran of the Year for 2005.

"Let me tell you," Brown said emphatically. "I will accept this award only as a representative of all of you."

Coalition officers for fiscal 2006 include president Joe Fitzgerald, executive vice president Sam Liburdi, vice president for finance Bill Meiers, vice president for membership Chuck Park, vice president for military affairs John Perry, treasurer Joe Paddock and secretary David Carney.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RECOGNITION— *Redstone Rocket* reporter Kari Hawkins receives an award from veterans coalition secretary David Carney for her coverage of Operation Christmas Bear. Looking on at left is Dick Snow, who also accepted an award.

Huntsville center awards contract for electronic security systems

The Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, has awarded 10 Indefinite-Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts totaling \$500 million to contractors in Huntsville; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Summerville, S.C.; Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Reston, Va.; and Herndon, Va.

Businesses receiving the contracts are Cirrus Technology Inc., SEI Group Inc., Government Technical Services LLC, and Johnson Controls Bldg Sys LLC, all of Huntsville; LVW Electronics of Colorado Springs; Infotec Systems Corporation and Infotec

Systems Corporation (Small Business) of Summerville; Northrop Grumman Technical Services Inc. of Herndon; and Siemens Government Services of Reston; and Williams Electric Company Inc. of Ft. Walton Beach.

Five contracts valued at \$300 million went to unrestricted business; five additional contracts valued at \$200 million went to restricted businesses. The contracts have a one-year base from the date of contract award with four one-year option awards.

Under the contracts, the businesses are to develop and maintain electronic security systems

that will provide physical security for facilities and personnel of the Army and other government agencies. Electronic security systems include intrusion detection sensors, closed-circuit television, access-control systems and command and control systems.

An indefinite-quantity contract provides for an indefinite quantity, within stated limits, of supplies or services during a fixed period used to acquire supplies or services when the exact times or exact quantities of future deliveries are not known at the time of the contract award.

The contracts — awarded

between Nov. 23 and Jan. 4 — went to both large and small businesses. The government reserved the right to make staggered awards within 90 days of the initial award.

Services under the contracts will include, but are not limited to, development of equipment installation engineering plans; providing hardware and software; system testing and checkout; performing facility modification and construction required to support equipment installation; providing security and force protection measures; interfacing with and installing new

data transmission equipment; determining compatibility of new equipment with existing systems; preparing system and component documentation; providing operation and maintenance manuals; providing ESS training; warranting systems; maintaining and servicing systems; operating and monitoring systems; preparing after-action and other reports; and providing as-built installation drawings. Work will be performed at locations in the continental United States and overseas on a task order basis. (*Corps of Engineers release*)

Preseason basketball tournament proves challenging for Charlie

Wolfpack splits first two games

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The defending post champion had an early test in the preseason basketball tournament.

Charlie Company found itself in a tight battle against Bravo in the tournament's first game Jan. 18 at Pagano Gym. The Wolfpack held a 27-24 edge at halftime.

Charlie went on to win 52-46.

"Towards the end of the second half, we started pressuring the ball and we caused a couple of turnovers," Wolfpack player/coach Chelsie Stokes said.

Leading the way was forward LaQuaine Bess with 10 points. The rest of Charlie's starting five included Stokes at forward, center Billy Clark, guard David Hooks and point guard Dennis Boerstler.

Other members of the Wolfpack include Cleophis Frazier, Benson Pace, Jeremy Burris, Reginald Galvin and Damontae Griffin.

Joel Divis scored 11 points for the Bulldogs.

In other first-round games Jan. 18, the 326th Chemical Company def. NCO Academy 53-49 and MEDDAC won by forfeit over HHC 59th.

On Jan. 19 the Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 47-43, 326th Chemical def. Charlie 44-37 and NCO Academy def. Bravo 34-30. The final is slated Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. at Pagano Gym.

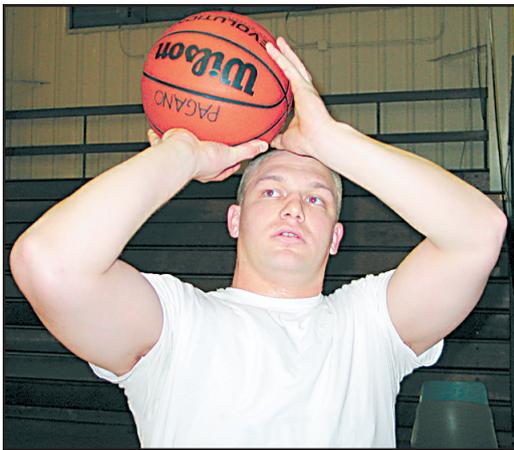


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LET'S PLAY— Matthew Alekseunas of MEDDAC warms up for the preseason.

Volunteering for Huntsville Havoc hot seat

Cline serves as goal judge at professional hockey games

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During hockey season, Dick Cline spends many a night on the "hot seat."

In the midst of a cool arena of screaming fans and determined players, Cline sits in a boxed seat just off the ice behind the goalie, watching the goal and waiting for the puck to cross over the red line for a score.

It may be considered one of the best seats at the rink. But, for Cline, it is the goal judge's place of duty and honor — sometimes cheered, other times booed, depending on which team is scoring.

Cline, a logistics specialist in the THAAD Project Office, volunteers his time to serve as a goal judge at Huntsville Havoc home games. He is one of several Army civilian and contractor employees who donate their time to the city's successful professional hockey program.

"They are lifesavers to us," said Ashley Balch, assistant general manager for Huntsville Havoc. "To have these guys like Dick who will volunteer their time for basically a meal helps us provide professional hockey in Huntsville. Dick is one of those volunteers who we know will always be here."

The 57-year-old former Marine is also one of those volunteers who doesn't mind the pressure that can come from an unpopular call from the goal judge. His seat is on the end of the rink where alcoholic beverages are served and, consequently, fans can get rowdy at times.

"I sit there stonefaced," he said. "I have my earplugs in, but I can still hear any fighting or yelling that is going on. From the time the puck crosses the line and it is on my side of the rink, I start watching the goal."

During periods one and three, Cline watches over the goal of the opposing team. If the puck goes in and he presses the red light, it is a score for the Huntsville Havoc. During period two,

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he watches over the Havoc's goal, so if a puck goes in and he turns on the red light, it is a score for the opposing team.

"Many times after the end of the first period, someone will say to me 'I want to see the light on this period,'" Cline said. "But, during the second period, the home team is always on my side. If my light goes on during the second period, the bad guys have scored."

Regardless of who he turns the light on for, Cline knows there are fans in the arena who are angry and disappointed. The intensity of feelings can be particularly evident when the call is controversial. "I watch to see if the whole puck crossed the line," he said. "The whole puck has to cross the line to score."

During a recent home game against the Knoxville Ice Bears, a Havoc player hit the puck into the scoring area about midway through the third period. To the crowd, it looked like the player had made a goal. But, Cline knew he didn't.

"They started taking the clothes off the goalie and they found the puck in his knee pad," Cline said. "Knoxville won that game. When something like that happens, you can almost see the swing go from one team to the other."

Cline started working as a goal judge for the Huntsville Havoc at the Von Braun Center about two years ago after a volunteer stint as a goal judge at the Silver Stick Tournament sponsored by the Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association. He also



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WORK JACKET— Dick Cline, a logistics specialist in THAAD Project Office, spends his free time wearing the jacket of a Huntsville Havoc official. Cline volunteers as a goal judge at the Havoc's home games. It is a job that keeps him busy on weekends throughout the October to March hockey season.

works as a goal judge for the University of Alabama-Huntsville Chargers. Sometimes he works the penalty box.

"The penalty box is much easier because you only have to pay attention the last five seconds of a player's penalty time," Cline said.

"When you are a goal judge, you have the best seat in the house when all the players are at the other end of the rink. But when they are on your side of the rink, you have to keep your eye on the goal because you never know when the puck is going to ricochet off a skate or something and end up in the goal."

There are times, though, when the puck travels so fast or there is so much confusion amid the players around the goal that even Cline doesn't see the puck go across the line and into the goal.

"I may not see a puck go in, but if I see (the goalie's) water bottle go flying, then I know there has been a score," Cline said. "That happened recently and the puck was found stuck between the goal's net and pipe."

Cline isn't the only official calling the shots. A referee and two linemen skate the ice, watching for penalties and goals. They blow their whistle and their arms go up in the air when they see the puck go in the goal. There have been two times this season when Cline's light hasn't been in sync with the referee's calls.

"You're always nervous doing this job because you are sitting there with your hand on the light switch waiting for the second when you can flip on the light," Cline said. "You are staring so hard that your eyes can play tricks on you. If you hit that light at the wrong time, there are going to be a lot of disappointed fans. If you don't hit it at the right time, well, it can be embarrassing."

The situation can be particularly stressful, Cline said, during the end-of-season tournament play "because everyone is watching you."

Cline and his wife, Jean, who works for CAS, have volunteered all their 37 years of marriage. Cline kept the clock and stats for high school basketball games, and he was a referee for football and basketball games when he served in the Marines. He's also worked with volunteer fire departments in Indiana, Virginia, Missouri and California. When his two children were growing up, Cline vol-

unteered for his son's Boy Scout troop, and both he and his wife were band boosters.

When the couple moved to Huntsville in 1997 from St. Louis, they started attending local hockey games. With both children grown – son Scott, 26, is a captain in the Air Force, and daughter Amy, 25, works for Regions Bank in Birmingham – the Clines had a lot of free time to attend the games.

Soon, a Lockheed Martin contract employee who Cline worked with asked him to keep statistics for the Huntsville Channel Cats. He continued to keep statistics for the Channel Cats and the Tornadoes until two years ago when he took over as a goal judge for the Havoc.

"This is a great volunteer job," said Cline, who is proud of the Southern Professional Hockey League jacket that he wears as a Havoc official.

"We always take an interest in the community wherever we live. This is our way of giving back. Jean comes to most of the games with me and sometimes she will work the penalty box."

When she's not helping with a game, Jean sits under the Canadian flag in section 24, where she can do needlepoint and watch the game.

"This gets us out of the house. It gives us something to do," Cline said. "Right now, it's dead time for NASCAR."

Editor's note: The Huntsville Havoc will take the home ice again Feb. 2 at 7:05 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Other games are slated for Feb. 4, 16, 17 and 18, 23 and 26, and March 9, 11 and 14. Tournament playoff games will be announced at a later date. For more information on the Havoc, check out its web site at <http://www.huntsvillehavoc.com>.

Sports & Recreation

Bowling benefit

Junior Achievement's 21st annual Bowl-A-Thon is Feb. 11-12 at five local bowling centers (Madison Bowling Center Inc., AMF Parkway Lanes, AMF Pin Palace, Plamor Lanes and Redstone Lanes). Last year more than 40 companies and 700 bowlers participated in the weekend fundraiser. Each bowler pays a \$12 registration fee that covers the cost of bowling three games, shoes, a T-shirt and a door prize ticket. For more information, call 533-4661.

Women's bowling tournament

Huntsville Women's Bowling Association will hold its 46th annual championship tournament Feb. 18-19 and Feb. 25-26 at Redstone Lanes. Entry deadline is Feb. 1. Fees are \$64 per team, \$32 doubles, \$16 singles, \$3 AE handicap and \$5 AE scratch. For an entry form, stop by Redstone Lanes at building 3424. For information call Christal Howard of Morale Welfare and Recreation 876-2073.

Monrovia umpires

Monrovia Umpires Association is recruiting for baseball and softball umpires to call games at Phillips Park in Monrovia. You must be at least age 17 by April 1. For more information, e-mail Ron Rohan at rawhide@knology.net.

Conferences & Meetings

Fleet Reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Toastmasters

Tennessee Valley Toastmasters meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Radisson Inn, 8721 Highway 20 West, Madison. For information call 876-8706 or e-mail amy.donlin@us.army.mil.

Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. New members are always welcome. Child care reimbursement is available to members. For more information, call Jean Mulcahy 881-7024.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 in the Officers and Civilians Club. Cindy Maloney, from the Huntsville Airport Authority, is the scheduled speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

Air defenders

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold a luncheon Feb. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Col. Lloyd

McDaniels, project manager for Integrated Air and Missile Defense, PEO Missiles and Space. Cost is \$11 for members, \$15 non-members. RSVP Janett Beasley 837-5282, ext. 1524, by noon Thursday.

Parents committee

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Committee will meet Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance - five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to provide your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

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 information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, 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 have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-8710 or Chief Warrant Officer Robert Smith 955-9722.

Civilian deployment

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

Help wanted

The Thrift Shop is looking for an assistant manager for 15-plus hours per week. Application/job description can be picked up at the shop during business hours. Turn in applications by Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. For more information, call Penny 881-6992.

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales

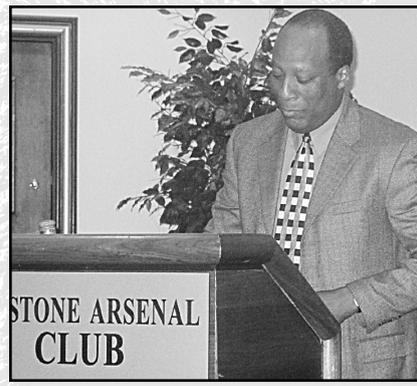


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Professionals meeting

Jerry Mitchell, from the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, speaks at the Jan. 17 meeting of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, Redstone Arsenal Chapter. Chapter president Jackie Kenner presented him a certificate of appreciation.

web site. Go to www.gsaauctions.gov, search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. The shop is accepting winter clothing/items through Feb. 16. "Join us Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10-2; all TSP winter clothing will be 50 percent off," a prepared release said. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

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.

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. 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.

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 application procedures will be available at the Tennessee Valley AAAA chapter Christmas social as well as on the TVC web site at www.tennvalleyquad-a.org/scholarships.html. Applications are due Jan. 31 in accordance with the instructions on the application. For more information call Tom Harrison, chapter vice president for scholarships, 882-6709.

Weather closings

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: radio - WAHR, 99.1 FM; WDRM, 102 FM; WEKR, 1240 AM; WEUP, 1600 AM; WGSV, 1270 AM; WJAB, 90.9 FM; WLRH, 89.3 FM; WRAB, 1380 AM; WRSA, 97 FM; WTKI, 1450 AM; WVNN, 770 AM; WWIC, 1050 AM; WZYP, 104.3 FM; television - WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures: You can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement, or you can click the button for adverse weather alert/information on the Team Redstone Internet site (<http://www.redstone.army.mil>), click on links and then Adverse Weather, the AMCOM Portal Intranet site (<https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/>), click on Adverse Weather under Key Sites; or the AMCOM Internet site (<http://www.amcom.redstone.army.mil>), click on Adverse Weather.

Volunteer opportunities

There are many benefits to volunteering. One is to make a difference, and at Army Community Service you can do that by giving your time to help Soldiers, family members and retirees. But you can also help yourself by gaining skills and teamwork experience, boosting your self-confidence in the workplace, and gathering job experience to put in that otherwise blank spot on your resume. ACS has different programs that need volunteers as assistants. The hours and days are flexible and child care is free while you are volunteering. No experience necessary. Be a part of the ACS team. Call Phyllis Cox 876-5397.

Tax assistance volunteers

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is a free service helping servicemembers on active duty, military retirees, and their dependents prepare and file federal, state and local tax returns each year. Last year's center was a major success, with more than 3,000 returns prepared, resulting in over \$2 million in refunds. The center is accepting volunteers for the upcoming 2006 tax season. Scheduling will be flexible and volunteers are needed in both the tax preparation and front desk operations areas. No prior experience is necessary, because comprehensive training will be provided. This is an opportunity for the community to give back to servicemembers and their families. To volunteer or for more information, call Capt. Daniel Papajcik 313-5724 or Randy Duff 420-3223.

Scholarship program

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers announces its annual scholarship program for ASMC members and their immediate families. This scholarship is open to high school seniors, undergraduates and those working on graduate programs. The application can be found at <http://www.asmcnline.org/national/nationalawards.shtml> or you may call Judy Smith 876-6163 or Debie O'Neal 876-2671. Application deadline is Feb. 28. Packages may be mailed to AMCOM, Attn: AMSAM-RM-FD, Judy Smith, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898 or taken to Smith in building 5300, third floor, work station 53B062.

Young apprentices

The Department of Defense initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school and college students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is pairing the students with university and professional engineering mentors. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are U.S. citizens and 15 years old by the beginning of the program June 5. The apprentice program is divided into periods of 8, 10 and 12 weeks. Both programs are fast-paced and require disciplined professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers gain additional experience by serving as mentors for first time

students, and providing guidance through interactive research processes. The points of contact for applications are senior counselors at all public, private, and parochial high school and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Garrison include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31. If the student is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the high school senior counselor or college placement service, call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Julie Lumpkins 313-4834.

Drill sergeant of year

The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, 59th Ordnance Brigade, will host its 2006 Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition from Jan. 30 through Feb. 3. The winner will be selected to represent Redstone Arsenal and OMEMS at the Training and Doctrine Command 2006 Drill Sergeant of the Year competition. The TRADOC competition will take place at Fort Monroe, Va., from June 20-24. There will be a DSOY luncheon to announce the OMEMS winner at the Officers and Civilians Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 3. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Warnie Stokes 842-9794.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is accepting scholarship applications for dependent children of active duty and retired Soldiers for the 2006-07 school year. Scholarship applications can be found at the AER web site www.aerhq.org. Applications will be accepted through March 1. For more information, call Kristi Foster of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Night of jazz

Tickets are available now for A Mid-Winter's Night of Jazz at The Ledges, Feb. 18 from 6-10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Huntsville High Band program. "A superb lineup of jazz musicians and elegant dining in the beautiful ballroom of The Ledges will provide an exciting and memorable evening for all," a prepared release said. "A silent auction will also be held featuring jewelry, artwork, a catered barbecue party, and other unique items." Tickets include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and door prize entry; cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$75 per person and will be limited to the first 150. For tickets call Kathy Wachs 955-8722 or Janice Lowther 883-9163.



Training seminar

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its 11th annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," Feb. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Huntsville Marriott. Keynote speakers will be Alyce Hartley and Bonnie Powell from UAB HRM Training. Afternoon workshop topics include Working Professionally with Personalities, Resume Building, Excel, Powerpoint Presentations, and "Who's in the Driver's Seat of

Your Career Development?" A Dillard's fashion show will also be included with the luncheon and continental breakfast and snacks will be provided to attendees. The course is in TIPS by the course number PPE, and vendor name is IAAP. Tuition fees are \$125 and student rates are \$50. You do not have to be in the administrative career field to attend this training event. To register call Rob Archer 313-8137.

Flu vaccine

Fox Army Health Center's Preventive Medicine Service has received more flu vaccine. For beneficiaries 13 years old and older, flu immunizations will be available in the PM clinic at Fox Army Health Center on Monday through Friday in the afternoon from 1-4 (while supplies last). Beneficiaries include active duty military personnel, military retirees, dependents, and current federal (DoD) civilian employees (No contractors or retired DoD civilian personnel.) Influenza vaccination is mandatory for all active duty military personnel and reservists who are on active duty for 30 days or more from Oct. 1, 2005 through March 31. For children under 13, call the Fox immunization clinic 955-8888 ext.1238.



Job fair

The 2006 Job Fair will be held Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500. This event is open to all authorized patrons including transitioning personnel, retirees, reservists, National Guard and military family members in the surrounding communities. The job fair will provide an opportunity to meet with many local employers in one location to discuss employment and present résumés. For more information, call Debra Jefferson of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$750 annual scholarships to a local high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is March 31. For more information or a scholarship application, call Jackie Kenner 876-8131 or Hilary Marshall 313-1349.

Parents' night out

Parents' Night Out is the third Saturday of every month. "We'll watch your kids so you take that much needed rest," a prepared release said. Reservations can be made by calling the Child Development Center 876-7952. This program is open to the entire Redstone community. Fees for E-4 and below are \$10 per child. For all others, cost is \$15 per child. A 10 percent multiple child reduction will be given. Evening snack will be provided. Note: the March Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, March 17 so that parents can attend the Comedy Review at the Officers and

Civilians Club; call 830-2582 for Comedy Review details.

Swing dance

Huntsville Swing Dance Society will have a swing dance featuring The Blue Savoy Combo, playing swing, blues and jazz, Saturday at Knights of Columbus Hall, 3053 Leeman Ferry Road. Free swing lesson at 7:15 p.m.; and the band plays from 8-11. Admission is \$12, and \$10 for HSDS members, military and students with ID. For information visit www.huntsvilleswingdance.org.

Contracting seminar

National Contract Management Association presents National Education Seminar 2006, "Contract Negotiations," Feb. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 5903 University Drive. This highly interactive event covers the skills, tools and best practices of contract negotiations for both buyers and sellers. Attendance will earn .7 CEU or 7 CLP and each attendee will receive a copy of best-selling author Gregory A. Garrett's newest book "Contract Negotiations: Skills, Tools, and Best Practices." For more information, visit www.ncmahsv.org or call Denise Pelham 468-6016.

Visitor center

The Joint Visitor Control Center on Ride-out Road, north of Gate 9, is now open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Its phone numbers are reception counter 876-1110, 876-1114 or fax 876-1521.

Art exhibit

The Huntsville Museum of Art has an exhibition through Feb. 12 of the work of Maxfield Parrish, a renowned American artist in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Wachovia presents "Maxfield Parrish - Master of Make-Believe" at the museum, 300 Church St. south. For ticket information and museum hours, call 535-4350.

Welfare fund requests

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club distributes funds each year to a variety of requesting organizations. OCWC welfare request forms will be available via the Internet at ocwcwelfare@knology.net or at the Army Community Service at P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808. The request deadline is Feb. 28. The 2005-06 Welfare Committee will not consider requests after the deadline. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

Musical arts

Lee High School Lyric Theatre is presenting Rogers and Hammerstein's musical "South Pacific." Evening performances are Feb. 10-11 and 16-18. A matinee performance will be presented Feb. 12 with special discounts for veterans and active duty military. Cost is adults \$12, students/seniors \$10; and Thursday nights, veterans and military in uniform, \$8. Group rates are available. For information call Shelby Holland 859-2563.

Art auction benefit

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present the 34th annual Art Exhibition

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and Auction on Feb. 25 at the Officers and Civilians Club. There will also be a silent Craft and Service Auction with the preview starting at 5:30 p.m. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. This year's theme will be a "Touch of Manhattan." Ross Galleries, from Holbrook, N.Y., will provide the artwork. Tickets are \$10 per person with proceeds going to support community activities for military and civilian families. For ticket information, call Patti Fitzgerald 797-6015.

Women newcomers

Women who are new to the Huntsville area are invited to participate in a 13-week "Moving On After Moving In" class at Whitesburg Baptist Church on Tuesday mornings from 9-11:30 beginning Jan. 31. This is a biblical and practical group study and support group that is open to all women who are going through the transition and adjustment of moving, using the book "After the Boxes are Unpacked" by Susan Miller. Topics to be covered will include "Letting Go," "Starting Over" and "Moving Ahead." Debbie Cornelius, a retired military wife who has moved 16 times, will teach the class. For more information or to sign up for the class, call Cornelius 539-3867.

Veterans forum

A Veterans Forum and Health Fair will be held 1-5 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Bill Harris Arena, Alabama State Fairgrounds, 2331 Bessemer Road in Birmingham. This event is sponsored by the Alabama American Legion. If you have questions that should be presented at the forum, call (334) 361-6929.

Comedy club

The Officers and Civilians Club will hold its first Comedy Review on March 24 at 6 p.m. in the ballroom. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets will be available starting Feb. 1 at the Sparkman Cafeteria, the Officers and Civilians Club, Redstone Lanes, and the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. For more information, call 830-2582.

CFC applications

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit charitable human health and welfare organizations wanting to receive contributions. Under federal law, the applicant must be a 501 (c) (3) organization. The open period for accepting applications is March 13 through April 13. CFC manages the collection and disbursements of donations from military and federal employees in Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan counties, as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. For more information or to obtain an application, call Melinda Seigler, CFC director, at 536-0745, ext. 108 or the CFC office 876-9143. You may also download the application with instructions at <http://cfc.redstone.army.mil>.

Women's health awareness

Feb. 3 is National Wear Red Day, a day when Americans nationwide will take women's health to heart by wearing red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness. More women die of heart disease than all cancers combined, yet

only 20 percent of women identify heart disease as the greatest health problem facing women today and most fail to make the connection between its risk factors and their personal risk of developing heart disease. National Wear Red Day is an annual event held on the first Friday in February. On this day, women and men across the country will wear red to unite in the national movement to give women a personal and urgent wakeup call about their risk of heart disease. Everyone can participate by showing off a favorite red dress, shirt, tie, or by wearing the Red Dress Pin (available at www.hearttruth.gov).

Join this national effort by wearing red Feb. 3, and encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to do the same. For ideas and tools to help you participate in National Wear Red Day or to order a Red Dress Pin, visit www.hearttruth.gov.

Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation scheduled Feb. 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will

receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. "If you have already attended a Newcomers' Orientation or you were reassigned to a new unit at Redstone Arsenal, please disregard this notice," a prepared release said. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at ACS, 876-5397.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
AS OF 19 Jan 06																			
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK06997393	Systems Accountant	25-Jan-06	SMDC	GS-0510	13	13	74,621 - 97,003				X	X	X	X					
SCBK06996148	Interdisciplinary, General Engr, Physical Scientist, Oper Research Analyst	26-Jan-06	SMDC	GS-0801, 1301,1515	12	13	62,751 - 97,003			X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK06996148D	Interdisciplinary, General Engr, Physical Scientist, Oper Research Analyst	26-Jan-06	SMDC	GS-0801, 1301,1515	12	13	62,751 - 97,003								X				X
SCBK06025230	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Jan-06	MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-0346	11	11	52,355 - 68,066		X										
WTST06037691	Intelligence Specialist (I&TS)	26-Jan-06	AMC- Intelligence & Security Dir	GG-0132	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05033702	General Engineer	27-Jan-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988	X	X					X	X				X
SCBK05033702D	General Engineer	27-Jan-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	85,656 - 130,988									X			X
SCBK05000821	General Engineer	27-Jan-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	72,486 - 94,229				X								
SCBK05030975	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Jan-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK05047303	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Jan-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X		X				X	X			X
SCBK06014227	Program Analyst	27-Jan-06	Acq Supp Center	GS-0343	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X								X	X		X
SCBK05061649	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Jan-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X		X				X	X			X
SCBK05046511	Program Analyst	27-Jan-06	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	60,955 - 79,238	X											
SCBK06052988	Budget Analyst	27-Jan-06	USAOMEMS	GS-0560	11	11	52,355 - 68,066	X								X	X		X
SCBK06080898	Management & Prgm Assistant	30-Jan-06	Garrison	GS-0344	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X										
SCBK06053110	Training Instructor	31-Jan-06	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X						X	X			X
SCBK06991126	Supervisory Program Analyst	31-Jan-06	Acq Supp Center	NH-0343	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X				X	X	X				X
SCBK06962466	Program Mgmt Ofcr	31-Jan-06	Acq Supp Center	NH-0340	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05883126	Aerospace Engineer	1-Feb-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229	X	X					X	X	X			X
SCBK05883126D	Aerospace Engineer	1-Feb-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	60,955 - 94,229									X			X
SCBK06018433	IT Specialist (APPSW)	1-Feb-06	MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-2210	12	12	60,896 - 79,162		X										
SCBK06055177	Electronics Engr	1-Feb-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003			X	X	X	X	X	X				X
SCBK06055177D	Electronics Engr	1-Feb-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003												X
SCBK06029943	Management Assistant (OA)	2-Feb-06	AMC- Command Group	NK-0344	3	3	39,177 - 61,945	X											
SCBK05609747	Equipment Specialist (Aircrafts & Electronics)	3-Feb-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238				X								X
SCBK05990462	Equipment Specialist (Aircrafts)	3-Feb-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238				X								X
SCBK05971612	Equipment Specialist (General)	3-Feb-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,221 - 79,238				X								X
SCBK06018910	Lead General Engr	4-Feb-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06018910D	Lead General Engr	4-Feb-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838												X
WTST06020793	Supervisory General Engr	16-Feb-06	Assistant Sec of the Army, PEO,SIM,TRNG & Instrumentation	GG-0801	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK050126	Lifeguard	15-May-06	Recreation Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.SOPM.GOV																			
SCBK06996148D	Interdisciplinary, General Engr, Physical Scientist, Oper Research Analyst	26-Jan-06	SMDC	GS-0801, 1301,1515	12	13	62,751 - 97,003									X			X
WTST06037691	Intelligence Specialist (I&TS)	26-Jan-06	AMC- Intelligence & Security Dir	GG-0132	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK05033702D	General Engineer	27-Jan-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	14	15	85,656 - 130,988									X			X
SCBK0668451D1	Air Traffic Cntrl Spec (Terminal)	30-Jan-06	SMDC	GS-2152	11	11	58811 - 76,454									X			X
SCBK05883126D	Aerospace Engineer	1-Feb-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	12	13	60,955 - 94,229											X	X
WTST06020793	Supervisory General Engr	16-Feb-06	Assistant Sec of the Army, PEO,SIM,TRNG & Instrumentation	GG-0801	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																			
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																			
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																			
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil , search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for more information.																			