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# Relief fund wins on hockey night

Havoc jerseys auction  
nets \$14K donation

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The professional hockey game had ended but Military Appreciation Night was far from over Feb. 18 at the Von Braun Center.

The Huntsville Havoc auctioned off the special jerseys they'd worn in their 3-2 win over the Pee Dee Cyclones; and the auction proceeds went to Army Emergency Relief. A \$14,241 check will be presented at the 2006 AER campaign kickoff Thursday at 12:45 p.m. at Heiser Hall.

"Thank you for supporting the Huntsville Havoc and thank you for supporting Army Emergency Relief," Havoc president Keith Jeffries told the auction attendees at night's end.

AER campaign chairman Capt. Robert Hawley, the post veterinarian, was impressed by this act of support for the troops.

"Incredibly generous," he said. "That's a lot of money."

The annual fund-raising campaign is March 1 through May 15 with a \$150,000 goal. Last year's drive collected \$142,479 to surpass an \$85,000 goal.

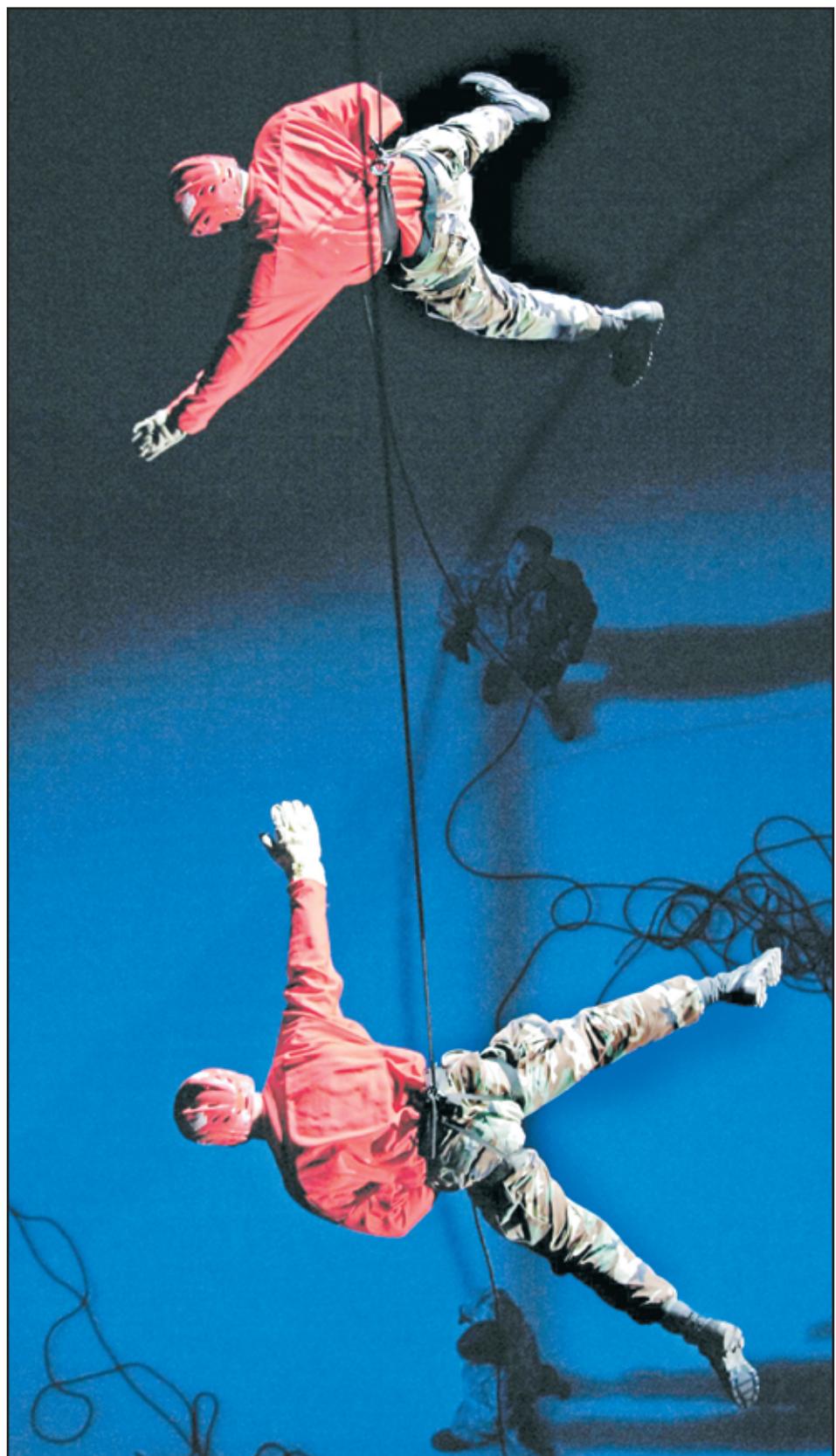
Army Emergency Relief provides no-interest loans and grants to active duty and retired military, National Guard and Reserve who are active under Title 10 for 30 days or more, and their qualifying family members for any emergency that

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CAMPAIGN TEAM**— Discussing the fund-raising drive are, from left, AER officer Kristi Foster, campaign co-chairman Sgt. Maj. Perry West and chairman Capt. Robert Hawley.



Bob Gathany/The Huntsville Times

**FROZEN SPECIAL**— Members of the 20th Special Forces rappel to the arena ice from the catwalk at the Von Braun Center during the Huntsville Havoc hockey team's Military Appreciation Night Feb. 18.

# An open lane random survey

How will you spend your income tax refund?

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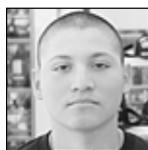
**Betty Showers**  
DoD civilian

**"I haven't filed yet, but if I do get a refund I want to spend it on something you wouldn't normally do. Pamper yourself and go shopping."**



**Pfc. Jimmy Navarro**  
Marine Corps Detachment

**"I'm getting married in November, so I'll spend it on my wedding."**



**Pfc. Chester Masters**  
Marine Corps Detachment

**"I'm not sure, but I'm thinking about getting a car."**



**Pvt. Joseph Crawford**  
Marine Corps Detachment

**"I just spent mine on a bunch of electronics. I got a PSP, a speaker system and some movies."**



# Letter to the Editor

## Confused by gate setup

**R**edstone has done a good job with the newly constructed checkpoint facility at Gate 3. However, it is not being used as it was designed.

The inbound road has two lanes and the facility has three "check stations." The bold new painted lines on the fresh asphalt define lanes that lead drivers to the two check stations closest to the building. The problem is that during heavy morning traffic, guards have a few cones set up a short distance in front of the check station nearest the building, blocking this check station. Traffic in the left lane headed for this check station is forced to shift a lane to the right. Meanwhile, traffic in the right lane has bold, new lines painted on the new asphalt guiding them to the check station straight ahead. Then there is a third check station to the right of this one, with a short lane that branches from the right lane.

The two outside check stations have been open lately, indicating that guards want both lanes of traffic jumping one lane to the outside from each lane they have been in as they approach the gate. Yet this is not communicated to drivers approaching the facility, and even if it were, the facility has very bold lines guiding drivers counter to how the guards want traffic to flow. The only communication used to guide drivers this direction is the few cones blocking the left lane which are not very visible from a distance, nor authoritative (compared to the new paint on the fresh asphalt), and the green lights indicating which gates are open.

There is nothing telling drivers in the right lane that they need to shift to the outside check station, hence, not all do. This setup confuses drivers, and if continued will cause accidents. Please either use this nice, new facility as it was designed and built, bringing traffic in as the lanes indicate – or repaint the lines to direct traffic to the desired check stations.

**Air Force Maj. Ken Sebek**  
DCMA Huntsville

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for allowing us to address your concerns about traffic routing at Gate 3 on Redstone Road. We have looked into the issues you addressed and determined that, on some mornings, traffic was being routed as you described. This was a result of an apparent miscommunication and steps have been taken to correct the situation. Motorists should be aware that the inside lane (the one closest to the gate building) is for visitors and using this lane for normal access, while authorized, could result in some people having to wait in line while a vehicle is being inspected. Personnel with normal access should try to use the middle lane to avoid the possible wait associated with our processing of visitors."*

# Commentary: Savings plan equals tax-free retirement

By Maj. **PATRICK A. SWAN**  
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**WASHINGTON** — Slogging it out each day in a combat zone has plenty of drawbacks, not the least of which is getting shot at routinely by the bad guys.

One of the good things a combat zone offers us is that our wages here are not subject to federal or state income taxes. That tax-exempt status adds a little bit more money to our paychecks.

Another good thing is that our Thrift Savings Plan contributions are tax-free as well. That adds a little bit more money to our future retirement checks.

For those who need a reminder, the Thrift Savings Plan is a voluntary retirement savings-and-investment plan. We pay no taxes on the money we save and earn through TSP until we withdraw them from our account. And we never pay any taxes on our TSP combat-zone savings (only on the earnings from those savings).

The rules have changed recently. You can start making contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan at any time during the year. It is strongly suggested that you start TSP before you enter a combat zone, but if you're in one NOW, get to a web site as soon as possible. You can start, change or stop contributions at any time by using the myPay web site ([www.mypay.dafasmil](http://www.mypay.dafasmil)). If the web is not available, there is still Form TSP-U-1 which is submitted to finance for processing.

This year, a servicemember

may contribute any percentage of their basic pay, incentive, special or bonus pay. This means if you want to contribute 100 percent of any extra pay you receive for hostile fire or special duty, you can do it under the TSP guidelines. (For details, visit the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov> or log onto <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.)

Taking a close look at what TSP offers us is important for a big reason:

One day this war will be over. Those of us who return home will serve out our military obligation and one day retire.

When we are less healthy and less able:

- We'll draw military pensions, for which we will pay tax.
- We'll draw civilian pensions, for which we will pay tax.
- We'll draw dollars from traditional Individual Retirement Accounts, for which we will pay tax.

But, when we draw from our TSP accounts, we won't pay tax on that portion we socked away while we served in the combat zone.

The more money we save now with TSP will mean more tax-free money in our old age when we are boring our grandchildren with tales of life in a combat zone in the great Global War on Terrorism.

That pocket change could certainly come in handy then – by giving us the added means to purchase ice cream for those grandchildren burdened with listening to our war stories.

*Editor's note: Maj. Patrick Swan serves with the 204th MPAD.*

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## Quote of the week

**'T**here are so many dark corners out there. And probably not enough flashlights'

— **Bob Woodward**  
legendary journalist

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# Getting to know you

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

I like to run, lift weights, do jujitsu. And I like hanging out with my wife (Jessica) and son (Brendan, 3 months).

## What are your goals?

I guess my main goal right now is just to be the best father and husband I could be.

## What's your favorite type of music?

I guess probably rock 'n' roll.

**Name:** Joe Martin

**Job:** Recreation specialist, Morale Welfare and Recreation

**Where do you call home?**  
Huntsville

## What do you like about your job?

I like getting to meet people. Help people meet their fitness goals.

# Changes call on communications network at Redstone Arsenal

*Customers shouldn't notice any impact*

Some significant changes are coming in the way communications services are provided within the post boundaries of Redstone Arsenal, but the changes should be transparent to customers.

The Army is buying BellSouth's digital central office that currently serves more than 21,000 lines on Redstone Arsenal.

That means that the Army will own all elements of the communication network within the post boundaries; cables, switches, lines and the like. In the past, the Directorate of Information Management leased the equipment from BellSouth. Although BellSouth will continue to be the local service provider to the Arsenal, they'll only bring service to the point where BellSouth-owned communications facilities and equipment meet Army-owned communications facilities and equipment.

Customers don't need to do anything, nor should they see any

changes to their service – the provider for local and long distance service will not change, and in most cases, the billing won't change. What will change is that the Army will become responsible for maintaining and installing outside and indoor communications equipment. Service won't change except the technician doing the actual installation or repair will no longer be a BellSouth employee.

Although no telephone numbers on the Arsenal will change because of the switch, roughly 90 users at 106 and 108 Wynn Drive whose numbers began with 955 have changed to an 895 number and have moved to another BellSouth switch. Additionally their calls to 911 are now routed to the local Huntsville 911 answering point instead of the 911 answering point on the Arsenal.

The Army believes it can significantly cut costs by installing, upgrading, managing and maintaining telecommunications services with government-owned facilities.

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# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

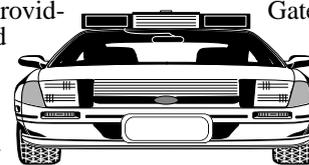
The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

**Feb. 16:** An individual reported that he was assaulted by another at the Post Exchange. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Feb. 17:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he was stopped for speeding. Further investigation revealed that he was driving under the influence of alcohol. He was issued three violation notices and placed in the detention cell until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

**Feb. 17:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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**Feb. 22:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he was stopped for criminal trespassing. Further

investigation revealed that he was driving under the influence and in possession of an open container. The passenger in the vehicle was charged with criminal trespassing and released to Madison County Sheriff's Department for a misdemeanor warrant. The driver was issued three 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:** 16 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 expired tag, 4 driving with a suspended driver's license, 2 driving under the influence, 1 failure to use seatbelt, 1 improper backing, 1 expired driver's license, 1 unleashed pet.

# Army's new helicopter designated ARH-70

The Army's newest Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter has been designated as the YRH-70A. The Mission Design Series was officially released by headquarters Air Force Materiel Command on Feb. 21.

The MDS is the official designation for Department of Defense aerospace vehicles. The status prefix "Y" indicates the ARH's current prototype status. "R" designates the ARH's basic mission of Reconnaissance. "H" represents the vehicle type of helicopter. "70" is the next sequential design number approved for the basic mission. The suffix "A" indicates the first model of this specific design.

The Army entered a contract with Bell Helicopter Textron on July 29, 2005 to build the ARH. The first four ARH System Development and Demonstration prototypes are being manufactured at Bell Helicopter's facility in Fort Worth, Texas. The ARH First Unit Equipped is scheduled for September 2008. The Army plans to buy 368 aircraft to replace the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior.

The Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter, which will commonly be known as the ARH-70, will retain its prototype status until it enters production in 2007. The ARH's popular name is still pending review and approval at the Army level.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Donor of year

Catelyne McCaulley, program support assistant for the AMCOM Ombudsman, has been recognized as a 2005 Donor of the Year for her generosity in Huntsville. She received a personal thank you card from a hospitalized Soldier for her support to the less fortunate. She also supports the American Cancer Society, Easter Seal and the Downtown Rescue Mission

## Community supports troops through relief fund

### Hockey

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results in a financial need. Examples include death or serious illness of an immediate family member, vehicle repair, utility or rent assistance.

"Almost a third of the assistance that is provided with grants here at Redstone is for widows and orphans," AER officer Kristi Foster said.

Last year 342 individuals in the Tennessee Valley area were served by AER. Some \$310,000 was provided in no-interest loans and grants.

Hawley mentioned a sergeant here from New Orleans who lost nearly everything in Hurricane Katrina and received a grant. "AER was just a godsend," Hawley said.

"Any loan that was given as a result of Hurricane Katrina was converted to a grant," Foster added.

AER's traditional motto is "Soldiers Helping Soldiers" but the civilian communi-

ty – individuals, organizations and so on – annually provide an outpouring of support through contributions and fund-raising events. The WilTech Singers from Williams Technology Middle School will perform during the kickoff.

"I tell people really this is the purest charity," Hawley said. "It's support of your troops. Troops supporting troops, and it's the community supporting troops. You're supporting those people who are already helping you."

Campaign co-chairman Sgt. Maj. Perry West, of 59th Ordnance Brigade, also served as co-chairman in 2002. Since then he has been to Korea, Fort Benning, Ga., and Iraq where he was deployed from 2004-05. He returned to Redstone in May 2005.

"AER is important because it helps raise money to assist Soldiers in need," West said. "People should give to AER because to me that's the best way to show appreciation to servicemembers for what they have done for our country."

"That is so true," Foster added. "By supporting our Soldiers, we all benefit."

# Varied career of fulfilled opportunities

## *Banville looking toward retirement*

By **KARI HAWKINS**  
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First, he was in the Air Force. Then, a musician, a Reservist, a civil servant teaching the Army's top Soldiers and a community volunteer.

Ed Banville's nearly 40 years of federal service proves that a government employee can have a varied career filled with opportunities and possibilities. Banville, 65, will retire March 31 from his post as manager of the Emergency Operations Center, Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, 59th Ordnance Brigade.

"My civil service career has been fruitful," he said. "It's been great helping 'green suitors' develop into leaders. It's rare to have a job in the military where, once out of uniform, you can still help 'green suitors' progress in their careers."

Those "green suitors" are the Soldiers and Marines who have attended classes taught by Banville at OMEMS. For many of them, Banville was a teacher of both technical and practical experience, a Soldier who has seen the results of war and has learned what it takes to be a leader both in the military and in life.

"One of the things about life, as you follow life's course, you make decisions along the way that affect your entire life," he said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SERVICE VETERAN— Ed Banville will retire March 31 with nearly 40 years of federal service. He holds a plaque representing the State President's Award from the Association of the U.S. Army, which salutes him for his leadership and sustained support to veterans organizations throughout Alabama.**

"If you are fortunate to make the right decisions in life, then you will have success. I've just been lucky that in my life I've made the right decisions. I'm still not a rich or wealthy man, but serving the Soldiers was always the best job I could have had. There's no amount of money you could pay me in exchange for the pride and honor I've felt working with Soldiers."

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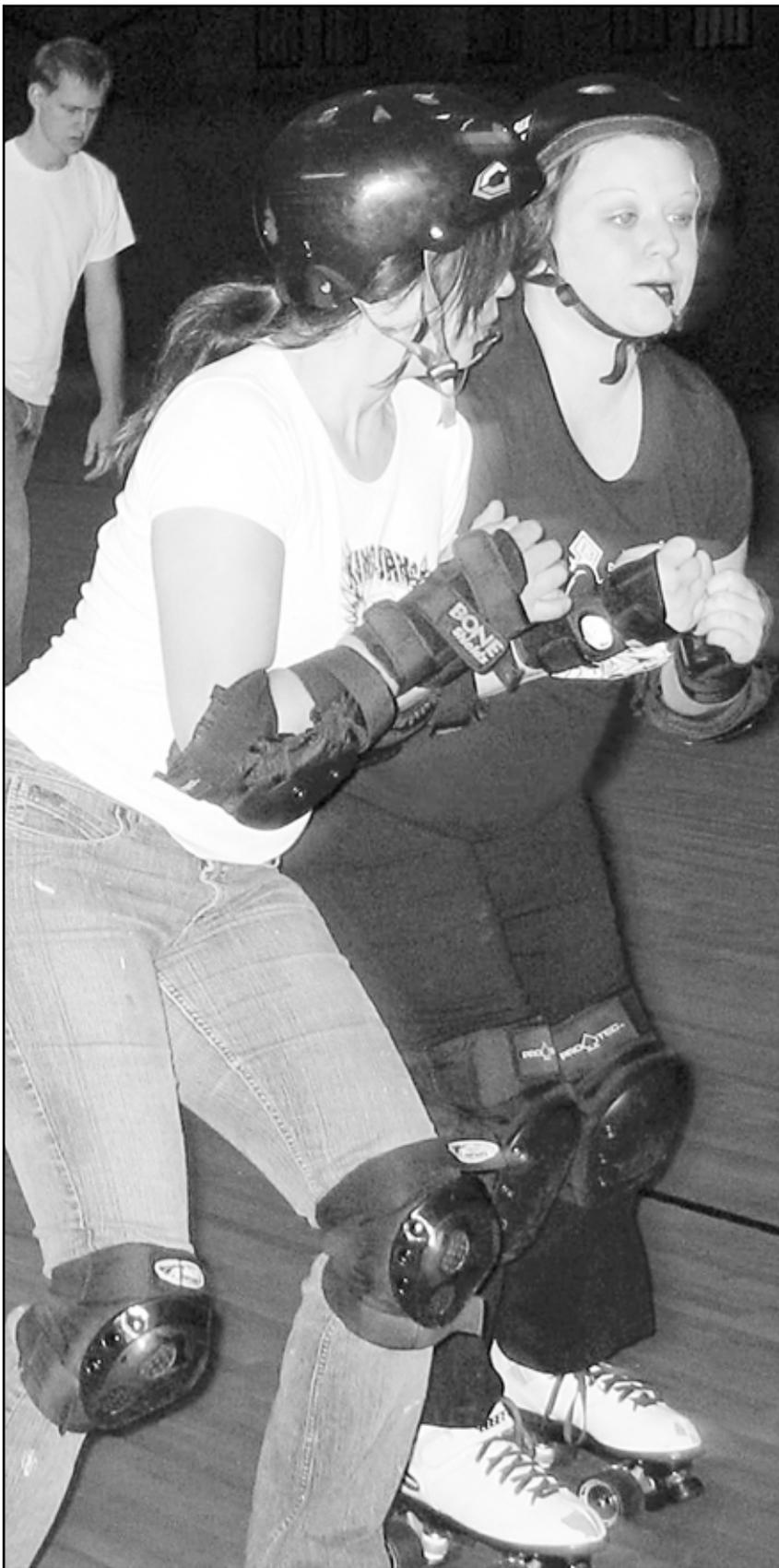


Photo by Kelley Lane

**BLOCK ON—** Kristine Combs, right, takes a block from a teammate during practice.

# Derby girl on roll

*Intern competes in roller derby*

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Lots of people use a hobby to relieve the stress of the work week. Redstone has knitters, readers, gardeners and sports enthusiasts. Did you know we also have roller derby girls?

When this mild mannered intern isn't at her desk, Kristine Combs of Logistics Support Activity's Enterprise Integration Center is a member of Huntsville's all-female roller derby team, the Dixie Derby Girls.

The sport, made popular by 1970s television, is seeing a comeback nationwide – particularly with the ratings rise of the cable A&E Channel's show, *ROLLERGIRLS*. In fact, Combs credits the show with a recent surge of interest in joining the team from local women.

"We have girls who have typed 'roller derby' in their search engines because of watching the show and found us," Combs said. "But they do show a lot of bad things on *ROLLERGIRLS*, too, like illegal punches and stuff."

Combs herself is new to the sport. Having just moved to the area last fall, she was looking for a way to meet people and make some friends.

"I was online, on My Space. I was looking at events and I saw a recruitment party for roller derby. I just decided to go and sign up," she said. "It's a great way to get some exercise and take out your aggression. I've lost 15 pounds since I started."

The team belongs to the Women's Flat Track Derby Association, a national organization which handles regulatory matters much as any other sanctioned sporting association would. The Derby Girls members are proud of representing one of the smallest cities nationwide with its own derby league. Getting it up and running has had a few bumps in the road.

"We had some problems. We lost a rink and a coach," Combs said. "At one point we were skating outside in parking lots. But now we have a great rink. They're awesome."

Since they've ironed out the kinks, they are looking forward to the first bout of the season, scheduled for April. To ensure they are on top of their game, they practice twice a week at Roller Time, located on Arcadia Circle. The two-hour practice isn't about skating around in leisurely circles. These girls get physical. After an intense warmup, they spend the rest



Courtesy photo

**SAY CHEESE—** Members of the Dixie Derby Girls are gearing up for their 2006 season.

of their time skating drills, practicing falls and blocks, and even working on the best way to dodge or jump fallen players.

While some might think that women who play roller derby are of the more unsavory sort, Combs is quick to point out that such stereotypes simply aren't true. Most hold respectable jobs when they aren't in their helmets and pads. Many are wives and mothers whose children sit on the sidelines to cheer them on.

"Some girls are housewives, professors or hairdressers," Combs said. "One girl is working on her Ph.D. I'm working on my master's degree. You have an amazing mix of people in this sport."

Of course, part of the fun of roller derby is the element of show business. Team members sport such colorful monikers as Cherry Violence, Helda Grudge, Rollback Girl, Crystal Brawl and Coach Scare Bryant. Combs is known as Hell Razor on the track, a far cry from the bubbly young woman her co-workers know. However, she says roller derby has also been a way to bridge the generation gap with some of her older colleagues.

"Usually, people are intrigued," Combs said. "A lot of the people I work with remember roller derby from years ago. They ask 'Are you a jammer or a pivot? What are you?' I just laugh and ask 'How do you know all that?' It's been a great conversation starter."

She recommends any women who think they would like to give the sport a try check out a practice or find out more from the team web sites. The official site is at [www.dixiederbygirls.com](http://www.dixiederbygirls.com), but the team also maintains a site with lots of information at [www.myspace.com/dixiederbygirls](http://www.myspace.com/dixiederbygirls). Combs said don't let a little rust on your skates stop you.

"I hadn't skated since second grade before I got into this."

# Career

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Reared in Houston, Banville's federal service began in 1960 when, at age 21, he joined the Air Force. His father, a World War II Soldier, convinced Banville that the Air Force was the better service to join during wartime.

"I wanted to be a navigator," he said. "But I didn't have the skills at that time to be an officer and a navigator. So, I enlisted."

But, even Air Force men find themselves going to war. And in 1967, Banville started a four-year stint at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, where he served as a liaison on the flight line.

"My job was to ensure that the B-52s could take off for their bombing missions in Vietnam," he said. "At the last minute, I had to ensure they had all the supplies they needed. I had to resolve issues to make sure aircraft could fly. We worked six and seven day weeks, 12 to 14 hours a day."

Even though he wasn't in direct combat, the pressures of providing war support and his father's death led to his decision to leave the Air Force in 1971.

"I had no idea what was going on back at home. I was out of touch with the American sentiment toward the war," he said. "I remember hitchhiking back home in my uniform and people trying to hit me with their cars as I walked along the side of the road. I could actually see them move their cars toward me. I was told later that I needed to take off my uniform. So, I did."

Even with his uniform gone,

there was one thing from the Air Force that stayed with Banville – the enjoyment he got from entertaining the troops.

"I've always played music as a sideline," he said. "Even overseas, I was a drummer in a trio, and we would backup professional acts who came in to entertain the troops. I got to know a lot of pretty well known musicians."

So, from 1972-77, Banville entertained audiences along the West Coast, and in Las Vegas and Reno, as the drummer in a professional nine-piece touring band. It was during these years that he met his wife, Carol Kaye.

"Our agent kept telling us we needed a woman in the band to get better jobs and more money," he said. "I fought it initially because a girl with a bunch of guys can cause jealousies and add expenses. But, when I saw her, I thought 'a woman that looks that good and sings that good ... I'll hire her.'"

They worked together for two years and married.

"Then, I realized I needed to settle down," Banville said. "I wasn't getting famous or rich, and we were dragging her children all over the country."

Banville wanted to pursue a civil service job. But there was a federal hiring freeze.

"The only way to get into civil service was to take a dramatic reduction in pay and join as a Reservist and wear a uniform," he said.

Joining the Army Reserves, he said, was the best career decision he ever made. He first worked as a technician in Great Falls, Mont., and then as an

instructor at the Army Reserve Readiness Training Center at Fort McCoy, Wis.

"In six years, I went from a specialist to a master sergeant to a warrant officer," Banville said. "I left and came to Huntsville when the Reserve Component office here at the school needed someone who understood how the Reserve Component worked. After being reared in the South, the ice and cold were getting to me. So, I came here. It was one of the best decisions I ever made in my life."

Working as an instructor with the 3392nd U.S. Army Reserves School, Banville traveled across North Alabama to train troops. During the years, he served with three training departments and three directorates, and had several different teaching jobs with the school.

"I taught logistics above the wholesale level," he said. "I primarily trained pre-command courses, officer advance courses, warrant officer advance courses and senior NCO courses. I taught a course for civilians in foreign offices that explored how the Army supports its armies all around the world. And I taught a whole series of management courses."

During those years, he also earned his bachelor's degree in adult education from Athens State, and became a master instructor. He estimates that 3,000 to 5,000 Soldiers went through his courses.

"I hope they learned enough about leadership skills to survive in combat. I hope they know how to train their troops so they all survive in combat," Banville said.

"Once they finish school

here, many go directly to support roles on the front line. I hope we give them enough skills to survive."

During his time at Redstone Arsenal, Banville has been active in community activities, most of which provide support for the military. He served as president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition for 10 years and was instrumental in planning the annual Veterans Day Parade and activities. He has also been the exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge.

Banville has been involved with planning Huntsville's Memorial Day activities, Patriot's Day activities and the Liberty of Lights Parade. He helped bring the traveling Vietnam War memorial wall and the Blue Angels air show to Huntsville, and coordinated the memorial service in 2000 for Vietnam veteran Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Laney, whose remains were found after 33 years. He is now helping with plans for building a 21st Century War Memorial in Veterans Park.

"I couldn't have done all the things I did without the latitude and support I got from my leaders at the school and garrison," he said.

He retired from the Reserves in 2000, but continued his civil service career at OMEMS. In 2001, Banville became the school's outreach officer, a recruiting position that took advantage of his many connections as a community volunteer to promote the Army and the school.

But, Sept. 11, 2001, changed all those plans. His job immediately shifted to supporting the war effort as manager of the

Emergency Operations Center. Banville is responsible for finding manpower, training teams, resources and equipment from the school that can support requests from overseas.

In his position, Banville sees the sacrifices that OMEMS students make to fulfill the Army's commitment to the war against terrorism. It is much like the sacrifices he saw Soldiers make during the Vietnam War. And, it is because of those sacrifices that he plans to continue to be involved in retirement with community programs that recognize the military.

"Doing these things is my way of giving back," Banville said. "I feel I never really served the (Vietnam) war the way I should have. Maybe I should have been a Vietnam combat Soldier. Maybe I haven't done my fair share."

"I saw the plane loads of Soldiers come back to the hangars in Guam. I know the agony the Soldiers and their families have gone through. I always felt I didn't do enough, and I need to do more to fill that void. This is my obligation."

Banville's retirement will be filled with plenty of things for him to do. Besides spending time at home in Lacey's Spring and enjoying a growing family of six children, 31 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, he will also be busy working in his karaoke business, and helping manage his wife's girl band "Bama Babz" and his granddaughter Sheena Robinson's promising singing career.

And, he will continue to give back to the Soldiers who have given so much for their country.

## ■ Communications network making switch in service

# Phones

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Redstone is the last of the major Army installations in the United States to make this type of transition.

A few dates to remember:

- March 15 – DOIM will stop accepting telephone work orders. Requests received by March 15 involving large volumes of work will not be processed if BellSouth is unable to complete the project before April 7.

- April 8-26 – A service order freeze for all changes, additions, moves, new service, etc on the Arsenal will be in

effect. There will be no orders worked through BellSouth at this time. This includes local service and carrier orders.

- April 22 – BellSouth will cut the switch. During this time, there will be a short disruption of service for all lines served by this central office. During the short service disruption, security alarms may be activated because service has been broken.

- April 25 – BellSouth and DOIM will participate in an acceptance walkthrough. When the switch and all support facilities are shown to perform as they should, DOIM will accept them and will begin all maintenance and servicing.

- May 1 – DOIM will begin accepting work orders using a new Telephone Man-

agement System. Training and instructions on the TMS automated process will be provided to organizational Telecommunication Control Officers.

Because of the complexity of the project, BellSouth and the Directorate of Information Management are working closely with the goal of having as few service disruptions as possible.

For minor problems during and after the transition, call the Help Desk at 876-2291. For service orders involving adds, moves and changes, customers must contact their organization's Telecommunication Control Officer. Following the transition, service orders will not be accepted from any office or individual other than the appointed TCO for that organization.

# Regional director wants to share her experience

*Career-culminating job represents helping Acquisition work force*

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Maybe this was a classic case of “middle child syndrome.” At the very least, it was sibling rivalry.

Shirley Hornaday, the middle of five children, joined the Air Force in 1973 out of competition with her older sister, Linda, who wanted to join but couldn’t for medical reasons. Hornaday served four years as a communication specialist before leaving the Air Force and going to college.

She’s worked in industry and, for the past 20 years, as an Army civilian. She wants to use her experience to help other members of the Acquisition Corps.

Hornaday is the regional director of the Southern and Western Regions for the Acquisition Support Center. In November she succeeded Maxine Maples, who retired last August.

“For me it kind of brings together all the things I’ve done in my career. I’ve worked several different jobs and stuff,” Hornaday said. “Now I can provide advice to the Acquisition work force



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ROLE MODEL—** Shirley Hornaday, regional director for the Acquisition Support Center, says she wants to use her experience and education to be a role model for other members of the Acquisition work force.

based on my experiences in contracting and the program offices.”

The Acquisition Support Center, based at Fort Belvoir, Va., executes the policies that were derived from the Defense Acquisition Work Force Improvement

Act. It ensures that the Acquisition work force is current with the latest regulations regarding certification and Acquisition Corps membership.

There are more than 18,000 Acquisition civilians in the 20 states within the

Southern and Western regions. Hornaday has five Acquisition career managers and two student aides in the Southern region, and three ACMs and one student aide in the Western region.

“I’d like for the Acquisition work force (in these regions) to realize their full potential and become the best Acquisition work force in the Army,” she said. “Huntsville historically has provided a lot of support to the Acquisition programs and has also had a lot of people participate in these programs. And I’d like to see those numbers increase and that we provide the best possible Acquisition leaders and best products to the Soldier.”

The Acquisition programs include for example the competitive development group and the senior service college. Hornaday emphasizes a new program called supervisory outreach. Its goal is to reach the 3,000 supervisors within the two regions and train them to counsel their employees on the Defense Acquisition Work Force Improvement Act to ensure those workers get certified in their career fields.

“Of course the bottom line of what we all do is providing the best equipment to the Soldiers – the best equipment, the best weapon systems,” Hornaday said.

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# Huntsville Center earns kudos for hurricane relief

## Housing team procured furniture for families

By BECKY PROAPS  
For the Rocket

The Professional Housing Management Association recognized Huntsville Center's unaccompanied military personnel housing team at the annual professional development seminar Feb. 3 in San Diego. The team's program manager, Alicia Allen, received an appreciation plaque presented by PHMA president Michael Shelton.

Team members are Katrina Pope, Jay Clark, Sue Werner, Katherine Atkins, Alicia Allen, Beatrice Hill, Heather Holder, Larry McIntosh, Debbie Bogema, Jane Davis and Marcus Searles.

The association recognized the team for exemplary efforts to procure furniture for families affected by Hurricane Katrina who were living in government leased housing at Fort Polk, La. The team's efforts made possible the procurement and delivery of entire houses of furniture in less than four weeks, ensuring families living in homes with nothing more than twin beds were provided furnishings for use while in the Fort Polk housing.

"One of the most important things the Corps of Engineers



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**TEAM AWARD— Alicia Allen, program manager for the unaccompanied military personnel housing team, receives an appreciation plaque from PHMA president Michael Shelton. Looking on is Donald Prosch, principal deputy assistant of the Army, Installations and Environment.**

does is helping those who have been affected by events such as floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters," said Katherine Atkins, contract specialist in the Acquisition Support Division of the Directorate of Contracting. "Although the UPH team is primarily responsible for furniture for unaccompanied personnel, the team happily and efficiently did what had to be done to ensure that these families had furniture. These Soldiers were deploying from Iraq, not knowing what they

would find when they reached Louisiana. Knowing that we were doing something that would help make their lives easier or better is one of those things that make our jobs worthwhile."

Team members also received coins from Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Hood, Texas, during the UPH portion of the Army day meetings at PHMA.

The mission of PHMA is to contribute toward better quality housing for military members and their families by continuously raising the level of proficiency and professionalism within the military services' housing profession through improved communications and networking, education and training, certification and professional recognition.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, supports very specialized missions that require unique technical expertise in programs that are generally national or very broad in scope. The center supports tasks that require a centralized management structure, integrated facilities or systems that cross geographic division boundaries and tasks that require commonality, standardization, multiple-site adaptation or technology transfers.

■ Competitive middle child grows into career manager

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She grew up in Orlando, Fla., competing against boys because she was always tall for her age (she stands 6-foot). Mostly it was track in junior high. After graduating from Apopka High in 1970, she served in the Air Force from 1973-77 in Alamogordo, N.M., and Peru, Ind. She earned a bachelor's in journalism from Central Florida in 1981 and a master's in business from Florida Institute of Technology in 1984.

Hornaday, 53, was a technical writer for Martin Marietta in Orlando from 1981-84. She came to Huntsville in 1984 and worked until 1986 as a technical writer/editor for McCormick & Dodge, which developed software for payroll and personnel systems for major corporations. Her government career began in 1986 as a cost price analyst at the Acquisition Center at Redstone. She was an administrative contracting officer with the Korea Contracting Agency in Pusan, Korea, from 1992-94 before returning to the Acquisition Center.

She was a contract specialist at Weapon Systems Management Directorate from 1996-97. In 1997 she was picked up under the competitive development group – the first such group of its kind – and assigned to the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Project Office as a program analyst. She was chief of the review and analysis division at THAAD from 1998-2002. She was a component integrator at Ground-based Mid-course Defense Joint Program Office for a little over three years before moving to her current office less than a mile away on Wynn Drive.

Her husband, Jim, is a retired colonel who served as deputy director of the Acquisition Center before retiring in 1999. She has two stepdaughters: Stacy Rodgers, 32, of Dallas, Texas, and Jaime Hornaday, 30, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

She likes to read and travel and does pilates for exercise.

"I want this job to be a culmination of my whole career and something I can be really proud of when I do retire in 2012," Hornaday said. "I really want to take what I've learned and apply it so other people can benefit."

# Black History Month focuses on community

*Alabama A&M president values extended family*

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Alabama A&M University president Dr. Robert Jennings emphasized commu-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**NATIONAL ANTHEM—** An estimated 350 people attend the Black History Month program in Morris Auditorium.

nity during Team Redstone's Black History Month program Thursday at Marshall Space Flight Center.

"We need to return to the extended family concept," he told the estimated 350 attendees at Morris Auditorium. "We need community organizations to help us return to the greater good."

The theme was, "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions."

The Alabama A&M University Choir was among the participants.

In support of Black History Month, Team Redstone sponsored an essay writing contest and a static display contest. There were 10 entries in the display contest and four in the essay contest.

Display contest trophies were awarded to the Commissary, first place; Bravo Company, second place; and Headquarters & Headquarters Company Garrison and the NCO Academy, which tied for third place.

Essay contest winners, who received plaques and MWR gift certificates, included Spc. Maria Schofield of HHC Garrison, first place; Dr. Marilyn Lewis-Alim of Marshall Space Flight Center, second place; and Pvt. Jamie Blankenship of Charlie Company, third place.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GUEST SPEAKER—** Dr. Robert Jennings, the 10th president of Alabama A&M University, addresses Team Redstone's celebration.

# Executive volunteers for hurricane relief mission

Mississippi native helps home state

By DEBRA VALINE  
For the Rocket

Some engineers just can't seem to get enough work. Jim Cox, Huntsville Center's chief of business management, volunteered to spend almost two months at Biloxi, Miss., helping to rebuild the region from Hattiesburg to Gulfport following the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina when it came ashore Aug. 29, 2005.

For Cox, who started his career at Huntsville Center in 1996 when he arrived from Camp Zama, Japan, to be the director of the Chemical Demilitarization Directorate, the deployment seems to bring his career full circle.

Cox said the only other time he has deployed in response to a disaster was when he was an intern with the Corps of Engineers in 1975. He was sent to Panama City, Fla., following Hurricane Eloise in 1975.

"Back then it wasn't a volunteer thing," Cox said. "If you were an intern, you had to go to



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**KATRINA'S WRATH— St. Paul Catholic School, in Pass Christian, Miss., near where Hurricane Katrina came ashore Aug. 29, 2005, is just one of 303 schools located in nine different counties of the Gulf Coast region of Mississippi to be damaged or destroyed in the hurricane.**

clean up following a hurricane." This time around, he was the resident engineer on one of the two contracts managed by the Vicksburg District to install temporary public structures (double-wide trailers).

The Starkville, Miss., native volunteered for the assignment because he wanted to help the people of his home state.

"I also have relatives in the

area who were displaced by the hurricane," Cox said. "I have an 87-year-old aunt who lived in a FEMA trailer while her house was being repaired. She's back in her house now. I have another cousin who lives about a block off the beach. He had a new two-story house, but now the first floor is completely gone. He is not back in his house yet."

Hurricane Katrina caused

## Engineer named civilian suggester of year

Dickson's design saves \$10 million

A Redstone electronics engineer saved the government \$10 million with his suggestion to improve existing design tools and libraries for an Army program.

Jerry Dickson, of the Research Development and Engineering Center, was announced as the Department of the Army 2005 Civilian Suggester of the Year.

Dickson led a design effort to overcome a technical roadblock that endangered a \$250 million program.

His efforts resulted in a new drop-in-power amplifier module for the successful completion of the ongoing \$250 million continuing development contract and upcoming flight test program of the Brilliant Anti-Tank pre-planned product improvement. The BAT P3I is used as a homing device on a specific target's acoustic, thermal and millimeter wave radar signatures. Dickson also developed the necessary manufacturing processes and techniques to ensure successful delivery of the amplifier module.

He successfully completed delivery of 86 fully tested and qualified power amplifier modules on schedule and did it at nearly \$1 million under cost.

"I was completely surprised by the selection," Dickson said. "It was a team endeavor from start to finish. Personnel from Fort Monmouth (N. J.) supported me un-relentlessly as did my contracting officer. Perhaps the thing that I am proudest of is the support that I got from the project office ... they stuck with me all the way."

Dickson has 18 years of civil service with the government, and four years of military



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab  
**Jerry Dickson**

experience. He has three U.S. patents and authored more than 40 publications and technical reports.

He has performed pioneering work in the application of pseudo-morphic high electron mobility transistors low noise amplifiers, image reject mixers, and power amplifiers. Dickson developed the first active W-band receiver that employed a low noise amplifier with an image rejection mixer and the first W-band MMIC power amplifier module. He conceived and implemented a manufacturing

technology project that saved the Longbow Program more than \$40 million on the RF transmitter and receiver.

He graduated with honors with a bachelor's in electrical engineering from Memphis State University. Dickson is attending the University of Alabama-Huntsville, working on his master's in aeronautical engineering with a concentration in missile systems engineering.

RDEC is part of the Research Development and Engineering Command headquartered in Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. RDECOM gets technology out of the laboratories and puts it into the hands of war fighters as quickly as possible. RDECOM manages eight laboratories and research, development and engineering centers and nine international technology centers. RDECOM has more than 17,000 military, civilian and direct contractor personnel, and is responsible for 75 percent of the Army's science and technology objectives.

*Editor's note: Trinace Johnson, public affairs specialist at RDECOM at Aberdeen Proving Ground, compiled this release.*

## Special cleanup awards go to Huntsville Center

By BECKY PROAPS  
For the Rocket

Two Huntsville Center employees received Special Environmental Cleanup Awards Jan. 31 for their efforts with military munitions.

Addison Davis IV, the deputy assistant secretary of the Army (environmental, safety and occupational health), presented Carol Youkey, the chief of the Military Munitions Center of Expertise at the Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville Center, and James Manthey, program manager for Military Munitions Center of Expertise, with the awards at the 2006 Army Environmental Cleanup Workshop held Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 in San Antonio.

Youkey was recognized for her outstanding leadership and management of the Center of Expertise and for providing timely policy and technical support for the Formerly Used Defense Sites Program. Her program management and technical skills were major factors in the successful execution of the \$90 million military munitions portion for the work plan.

"This award was given to me on behalf of all the work the Center of Expertise does in support of the FUDS program, so although I was the recipient of the award, it

the small, camper-style FEMA trailers. The temporary residential housing was really a FEMA mission, but the Corps was supporting them, Cox said.

The temporary public structures helped bring a sense of stability and normalcy to the communities. The Corps delivered a place for these communities to begin again. In the face of the worst disaster in American history and responding to the needs of Mississippi, the Corps executed the fastest, most reasonable procurement action available.

"These temporary public structures are supposed to be used for two to four years," said the Mississippi State graduate. "Some of the schools on the coast were completely destroyed so they had to combine schools, which increased the number of classrooms needed.

"Some of the schools reopened in October 2005 in the trailers we installed," Cox said. "All the schools we provided classrooms to were reopened by the end of November 2005. We continued to supplement schools that needed more space. We met all requests submitted to FEMA for public buildings from Hattiesburg south."

was really in recognition of the work the dozen or so of us in the Center of Expertise have done," Youkey said.

Manthey was recognized for his support on the development of the Military Response Sites Prioritization Protocol – a tool that prioritizes sites for cleanup based on risk due to the effect of remaining military munitions.

"I am a member of the DoD Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol Workgroup," Manthey said. "The workgroup is composed of members from the Marines, Army, USACE, Air Force and Navy and was led by personnel from the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense (Installations and Environment) Environmental Management Office. As part of the workgroup, I helped modify old procedures, as well as develop new procedures to construct the MRSPP.

"The workgroup developed the procedures that will be used to prioritize all the sites that may contain military munitions and their constituents within the Military Munitions Response Program category element with the DoD Environmental Restoration Program. MMRP primarily includes former training ranges on FUDS, BRAC and on active installations."

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# International students tour Magic City

## *Field studies program goes to Birmingham*

The International Military Student Office took two students to visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and Ave Maria Grotto on Feb. 17. Students were from Egypt and Taiwan.

The first place they visited was the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in downtown Birmingham. Normally tours of this facility are self guided. For this trip, the IMSO office had arranged a guided tour of this facility with the head of the education department. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute documents the struggle of black citizens in Birmingham to become full participants in the city's government and business community. The institute provides the world a forum for reflection, study and dialogue on matters related to civil rights. The two international students said they enjoyed this tour and asked many questions.

After touring the institute, they visited the Kelly Ingram Park located across the street. This four-acre park served as the staging area for civil and social unrest that erupted in Birmingham and across the



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**SNAPSHOT— Egyptian Capt. Ahmed El-Houty and Taiwanese Capt. Hao-Ming Chen visit the “Police Dog Attack” sculpture in Kelly Ingram Park in downtown Birmingham.**

world in the 1960s and is named to honor Birmingham fireman Kelly Ingram, the first sailor in the Navy killed in World War I.

The last place they visited was the Ave Marie Grotto known throughout the world as “Jerusalem in Miniature.” This landscaped four-acre park was designed to provide a natural setting for the 125 miniature reproductions and shrines. (*International Military Student Office release*)

# Lending a helping hand to disabled veterans

*New group tries to ease transition for war wounded*

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Soon after the beginning of the nation's war against terrorism, Becky Pillsbury joined her husband, Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, then stationed in Germany, to visit Soldiers wounded on the battlefields of Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq.

On visits to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Europe and, later, to Walter Reed Medical Center in the Washington, D.C. area, the couple would spend time talking to the Soldiers, letting them use their cell phone to call their families and encouraging them in their recovery. They would listen to Soldier stories of courage and bravery, and determination to return to their units on the front lines.

But what amazed Becky Pillsbury the most on these visits was the large number of Soldiers she met from two very different parts of the U.S.

"Most of the National Guard and Reservists deployed in the war were from Alabama and Pennsylvania," she recalled.

Today, as the wife of Redstone Arsenal's commander, Becky Pillsbury is proud of the Alabama Soldiers who have fought in the Middle East and other combat theaters around the world. But she is also concerned about those severely wounded Alabama veterans who return home to face new challenges as they learn to live with their war-related disabilities.

"What we have found is the military does an excellent job of taking care of the severely wounded," she said. "And many of these Soldiers are surviving thanks to the wonderful medical care they're getting."

"If they are treated successfully, they are returned to their units. If they need further treatment, they are sent to one of three Army hospitals in the U.S. where they are treated and evaluated to determine if they can continue in their military service. But what about those disabled veterans who decide, for whatever reason, to leave the military?"

Medical retirees — those Soldiers who are at least 30 percent disabled — can obtain Veterans Affairs services to help them in their rehabilitation. But some



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab  
**Becky Pillsbury**

drop out of the system, trying to pick up the pieces of their lives on their own. Others don't take advantage of all the services available to them.

"We have a new generation of wounded Soldiers who are very young," Pillsbury said. "To meet the needs of the disabled, 22-year-old Soldier, for instance, the Army has had to develop better prosthesis for a more active veteran."

"These Soldiers want a lifestyle that fits what they did before they gave their country so much. They want to go back to work. They want to be contributing members of their community. They want to take care of their families."

And this is where Pillsbury and a handful of community volunteers want to make a difference. Through a newly formed organization called Still Serving Veterans, Alabama's disabled veterans can receive one-on-one, long-term counseling to help transition back into a productive, meaningful life.

But the organization is facing two challenges — one, getting the funding to make the program work and, two, finding the disabled veterans who would benefit from the organization's services.

"Our city is so active in its support of the military," said Joe Ritch, a local attorney who is helping to establish Still Serving Veterans. "It is only natural for us to support those who have served our country. We hope to get a lot of corporate support. We are also working to obtain grant funds for this new program."

## Sources of support

Organizers of Still Serving Veterans strongly believe funding sources will be found once local corporations know about the group's efforts and under-

stand the need to support disabled veterans.

"When disabled Soldiers leave Walter Reed or the military, they suddenly realize how hard it can be to get back to a normal life," Ritch said. "They have to contend with trauma, mental issues, the post traumatic stress syndrome. Sometimes they don't seek help. Other times they get frustrated trying to find the resources they need. A lot of times they may be eligible for services, but they don't know where to go to get the services or they get easily frustrated when they do reach out for help."

Ritch grew up around the Vietnam War. He saw how many veterans felt abandoned by their country and their government. He said there are Vietnam veterans who are still suffering because they didn't get the services they needed.

"We don't want today's disabled veterans to feel abandoned by the system," he said. "We want to offer them a strong support organization that can give them the right care and the right support, and be there for them for the long term."

## Finding veterans

While community volunteers work the funding side of the new organization, Pillsbury is concentrating on educating the public and disabled veterans about the services Still Serving Veterans can provide. Her main goal is to find the disabled veterans who have served on or since Sept. 11, 2001, and who could benefit from the organization.

"We know in Alabama there are over 3,000 wounded Soldiers who have been sent back home," she said.

"They could have suffered minor or severe injuries, we don't know. Because of the Privacy Act, these Soldiers have to contact the VA for services. If they don't go through the VA or if they choose to use a private physician, then we've lost them. In the first two rotations of the war, we didn't keep records of these Soldiers. Now, we want to find them. Our biggest challenge is trying to get in touch with these Soldiers, and provide support to them and their whole family."

Still Serving Veterans plans to offer disabled veterans a range of services, from job training and education to family and emotional support. It is working with Covenant Community Affiliated Partners, which includes educational institutions, corporations and businesses, state agencies, community organizations, hospitals and military agencies, to provide a holistic approach to assisting the disabled veteran and their family.

The beauty of this organization, Pillsbury said, is that it will meet disabled veterans where they are in their transition. If a veteran wants to pursue an engineering career, then Still Serving Veterans will locate an engineer mentor who they can job shadow and assist the veteran in returning to college to pursue an engineering degree. If a disabled veteran needs help finding a home that is wheelchair accessible, Still Serving Veterans will work with them to locate a home or renovate their existing home. If a military family needs to access certain resources, then Still Serving Veterans will assist them in finding the type of resources they need.

"Our disabled veterans are used to taking care of other people," Pillsbury said. "These are some of the brightest young men and women serving our country. They are experiencing a variety of feelings and emotions. I would hope they'd reach out to us. But, as we saw with our Vietnam vets, they don't always reach out."

For that reason, Still Serving Veterans is also exploring ways to get information to the families of disabled veterans.

"Sometimes reality doesn't sink in until a couple of months down the road when the disabled veteran can't find a job or just can't get back into the kind of work they left," Pillsbury said. "If someone in the family holds on to our brochure, then hopefully they will give us a call so that we can help them. Once they see that we don't want to give them a hand out, but a hand up, they may be more willing to reach out to us. We want to be an advocate for them."

## Individual services

Still Serving Veterans won't duplicate the services of the VA or other organizations assisting Soldiers and veterans. But it is hoped the new organization can improve the lives of disabled veterans by offering services on a more one-on-one level.

"The VA has a huge case load and they are doing absolutely the best they can," Pillsbury said. "Our goal is to have a counselor for every five to 10 veterans and their families. We will be there for them when they need us and as long as they need us."

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## Still Serving Veterans sets goals

Still Serving Veterans wants to "bridge the gap" between existing support services and the individual needs of disabled veterans to ensure the veteran's future success in society. They plan to do this by:

- Empowering disabled veterans processing through the North Alabama VA system by helping them set long-term career goals. These veterans will be counseled, coached and guided in achieving these career goals.
- Enabling disabled veterans who completed the transition process within Alabama by conducting follow-up surveys on services they've received. These veterans will be screened and counseled as to further services needed.
- Validate and verify the Medical Accommodation Process of the disabled veteran with the assistance of experienced case managers.

- Conduct a needs assessment and action plan for each disabled veteran and their family.
- Create alternative solutions for disabled veterans while also supporting existing veteran service systems.
- Develop synergy with national DoD-sponsored organizations that provide additional transition options for disabled veterans and their families.
- Assist disabled veterans and/or their spouses with education, employment, housing and transportation modifications as needed for their disability.

For more information on Still Serving Veterans, visit its web site at [www.stillservingveterans.org](http://www.stillservingveterans.org). Or contact the organization at 866-SSV-4MIL (866-778-4645) or [Becky@stillservingveterans.org](mailto:Becky@stillservingveterans.org).

# Black-belt teams chop defects at Tobyhanna

## Depot workers apply process improvements

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — “The Six Black Belts” is not the title of a new karate-themed action movie.

Instead, it is the number of depot personnel learning and helping to apply Six Sigma techniques to reduce defects and improve processes in shops and offices across the depot.

Six Sigma is a disciplined, process-focused methodology that complements the depot’s existing Lean initiatives. It incorporates a customer-focused philosophy, statistical measures of process quality, and defined problem-solving techniques, says Jim Bochicchio, one of the six engineers moving toward Six Sigma black belt certification.

Joining him are Don Engel, Jennifer Godusky, James Waters, Mark Viola and Bob Young, who is receiving Master Black Belt Training through an Army Materiel Command program. The other five are training through the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center.

“Our continuous improvement process is Lean Six Sigma, which capitalizes on the strengths and synergy of both methodologies,” Robert Katulka, director of Productivity Improvement and Innovation,



Photo by Anthony Medici

**SHIFT WORK—** Therese Paxton, electronics mechanic, Firefinder Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate, wires a phase shifter as Jennifer Godusky observes.

said. “Lean looks to remove non-value added steps from processes, while Six Sigma is used for detailed analysis and to identify root causes of process variability.”

Sigma is a statistical measure of dispersion, or variability, in a process. Six Sigma is a measure of an extremely low percent-

age (0.00034 percent) of defects. As variability declines, so do defects, and the depot is better able to meet customers’ expectations, Bochicchio said.

The black belts work with teams of subject matter experts to address process and defect issues. Black belts bring their analytical training to the teams, while subject matter experts bring technical experience and training to the project.

The process typically includes creating a process map, collecting data, and using Six Sigma statistical tools to analyze the data and develop solutions through a collaborative team effort.

As part of the black belt training and certification process, each black belt works with technicians and other personnel on projects that reduce defects and variables and improve quality.

One of Godusky’s projects evaluated antenna test and repair on the AN/TPQ-36 Firefinder System. Working with shop personnel, the black belt team implemented a standardized test and repair procedure that has improved process yields from 12 to 54 percent in the Near Field Probe. Yield is defined as a percentage of met commitments (total of defect free events) over the total number of opportunities.

“Six Sigma data collection and analysis helped us find several process improvements in the repair of the Q36 antenna,” Joe McCafferty, chief of Firefinder Components Division, said. “We’ve addressed problems with spacers, the linear array, antenna re-facing and phase shifters as causes of failures that were occurring.”

Engel’s team is working on reducing Line Replaceable Unit failures in AN/TRC-170 shelters. The team developed a data sheet to capture failures. The team then analyzed the data and identified those LRUs with highest failure rate and technicians were interviewed to determine possible causes for the failures. The project goal is to reduce the failure rate by 50 percent, which would also reduce the shelter’s Repair Cycle Time.

The investigation has resulted in use of a mock-up shelter to test selected components, development of a course to train personnel on troubleshooting High Power Amplifiers and other improvements. Data collection and analysis are continuing. Initial results are promising with significant failure reductions in both the receiving and transmitting modems.

Bochicchio worked with a team looking at production order errors as they impacted workload in the Tactical Radio Branch. At the time, there was no clear

process to adjust workload requirements for radios that are part of other systems repaired in other cost centers. As a result of the Six Sigma analysis, a new process was established that more clearly defines available workload and increases the branch’s capacity by half a work year. It couldn’t have been done as effectively without the Six Sigma techniques he is learning.

“Staying focused on the data gets us to the root cause, and the ‘improve’ and ‘control’ phases ensure the improvements are valid,” Bochicchio said.

Viola, chief of the Process Engineering Division, will work to reduce administrative errors on documentation moving between the depot and the Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna. The project is in its initial stages.

Viola likes the reliability of Six Sigma problem-solving techniques. “It’s not uncommon to just take a stab in the dark to solve a process variation,” he said. “Six Sigma offers a systematic approach to identifying the root cause of the problem and leads to more reliable improvements.”

One of Waters’ teams is looking at warranty returns on the RT-859A component of the AN/APX-72 Identification Friend or Foe Transponders. Following data collection and analysis, the team is moving to the improvement phase of the project. Improvements may include using alternate packing material and determining if warning labels should be attached to shipping containers.

As a master black belt, Young received the same training as his five peers. His training through AMC adds creative problem solving, certification as an ISO 9000 lead auditor, ethics, psychometric measures and instructor certification. As a master black belt, Young will travel frequently to instruct in various aspects of Six Sigma.

The black belts’ initial projects are part of their training and certification process that started in October 2004. As they complete their certification, black belts will begin to apply their Six Sigma expertise on new projects across the depot.

Tobyhanna Army Depot is the Defense Department’s largest center for the repair, overhaul and fabrication of a wide variety of electronics systems and components, from tactical field radios to the ground terminals for the defense satellite communications network. Tobyhanna’s missions support all branches of the armed forces.

About 4,400 personnel are employed at Tobyhanna, which is located in the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. (Tobyhanna release)

## Disabled veterans have new friend in organization

### Veterans

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Bryan Dodson, president and CEO of Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, which provides services to people with disabilities, said there is a need for a strong support organization to serve disabled veterans.

“There is now a pretty comprehensive array of services offered to veterans,” he said. “But some veterans have frustration with the VA system that is in place. Some don’t fully understand how to use the VA system of services.

“To have advocates and case managers to help veterans access services that are here is certainly a good idea and something that would be very beneficial to veterans ... The State of Alabama has an excellent system to help people with disabilities return to work. No matter how much we publicize it, people don’t know how to access services. Case managers who understand the system can help veterans through the process so that every veteran doesn’t have to learn by trial and error.”

Yet, Dodson worries that funding will be hard to come by to support the programs offered by Still Serving Veterans.

“I’ve been with this organization for 25 years, and there are many, many needs of disabled people in this community, including disabled veterans, and not enough money,” he said.

“The system serving vets today is like many other systems. Are they ideal? No. Is society willing to pay for an ideal situation? No. You would think we, as a

nation, could do a better job caring for these folks who have defended our freedoms. But when it comes to money, sometimes society is not willing to do so.”

But, Still Serving Veterans has taken some major steps toward being an established organization. The group has won the support and backing of Gov. Bob Riley, Association of the U.S. Army, and the local U.S. legislative delegation, and is working with the Army’s Wounded Warrior program. It has a web site and phone number, and members are working to publicize the program through a brochure they plan to distribute through major military hospitals.

“We want to reach them before we lose track with them,” Pillsbury said. “It is best if we contact them before they leave the military.”

### Place to start

Pillsbury hopes to make Huntsville a “community of excellence” for services offered to disabled veterans. Once Still Serving Veterans is making a difference in the lives of Alabama’s disabled veterans, she and Ritch hope to see the organization grow into a national effort.

“There are over 20,000 Soldiers – Reserves and National Guard – that train out at Redstone Arsenal,” Ritch said.

“We are the largest city in North Alabama and we have the largest military base in the state. We also have the best corporate and community support for the military that you can find anywhere. Put all those together and you can see why Huntsville is a good place to start an organization like Still Serving Veterans.”

## Huntsville Center workers receive honors

### Awards

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“Manthey was very instrumental in getting the tool put together,” Youkey said. “In fact I doubt they could have ever finished this without him. They really needed the input of an organization that has done this work or has a lot of experience doing the work. He was very vital in bringing that to a conclusion.”

“Being a member of the MRSP Workgroup was intense at times,” Manthey said. “It was difficult at the best of

times, given the broad range of diverse interests of the different services. I have a great sense of accomplishment for being involved in the process that resulted in a prioritization method that each of the services in DoD can accept as well as the stakeholders.”

The Military Munitions Center of Expertise, in the Ordnance and Explosives Directorate, supports the Army Corps of Engineers Military Munitions Response Program and other munitions-related operations in reducing the human health and environmental risk associated with munitions and explosives of concern.

# 326th Chemical bounces back against Marines

*Defensive pressure creates turnovers*

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The Marines basketball team started fast against unbeaten 326th Chemical Company.

Five minutes into the game, the Marines led 10-4 so the 326th called timeout. It was a different ballgame after that.

The 326th stormed to a 37-17 halftime lead and beat the Marines 66-34 on Feb. 22 at Pagano Gym. The 326th improved to 6-0 while the Marines fell to 2-4.

"We got two guards in there and we just put a lot of pressure on the ball, created a lot of turnovers," 326th coach Greg Miller said.

Louis Baldwin and Joseph Cook were the two guards who disrupted the Marines' offense. When the 326th called timeout at 14:46, Baldwin was already in the game and Cook came off the bench.

The 326th went up 15-14 on Miguel Smith's layup at 10:09 and never looked back. Smith finished with 29 points, Derrick Davis had 15 and Michael Gola added 10.

"Number 15 (Smith), he's a shooter," Marines coach Matthew Fitch said. "He killed us. And they had some speed and they were hitting 3s. And I think that's what hurt us.

"We had some sloppy plays, not hustling. And that hurt us. Hopefully, we can bounce back next game."

The Marines were led by Damian Cason with 12 points.

In the night's first game, Headquarters & Alpha beat HHC 59th 45-28. Mark Thomas had nine points, Draper Hollier and Vincent Henderson had eight apiece and Jerry Ingram had seven for the Gators (4-3).

Steve Rickard scored 14 points for HHC 59th (0-7).

Defending champion Charlie Company (6-2) won by forfeit over NCO Academy (2-4) in the nightcap.

Thursday's results included: Bravo def. 10th Mountain Division 39-12, MEDDAC def. Charlie 55-47 and 326th Chemical def. Headquarters & Alpha 41-39.

League standings entering this week were: **Eastern Conference** — Charlie (6-2), MEDDAC (5-2), Headquarters & Alpha (4-3) and HHC 59th (0-7). **Western Conference** — 326th Chemical (7-0), NCO Academy (2-4), Marines (2-4), Bravo (2-4) and 10th Mountain Division (1-5).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GETTING DEFENSIVE**— The 326th's Miguel Smith goes over the Marines' Damian Cason (23) and Timothy Freeman (22) for a defensive rebound in the 326th's 66-34 win.

## Sports & Recreation

### 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, call Ron Rohan 722-0874 or e-mail rawhide@knology.net.

### Babe Ruth baseball

Huntsville Babe Ruth League will be holding registrations for the 2006 Summer Season on March 4, 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Players ages 13 to 18 as of April 30, 2006 are invited; and 12-year-olds are eligible to sign up as well. Registration forms will be accepted after March 18 on an individual basis. HBRL boundaries are the Huntsville city limits and players may choose the park they want to play in. The registration fee is \$70, and a birth certificate is required for all players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply as well. Contact your park representative for registration location. The Babe Ruth parks and their primary contacts are: Central Division (Braham Springs), Bud Gambrell 564-5612; Northern Division (Mastin Lake), Dewayne Friend 830-7077; Southern Division (Sandhurst), Tim Harrison 544-3180; and Eastern Division (Optimist Park), Ken Farnell kfarnell@knology.net.

### Little league

Youth Sports is registering youth ages 5-

12 for little league baseball until March 3. The \$45 registration fee includes the uniform, plus the \$18 central registration fee if not already paid. To register stop by Child and Youth Services' Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road with a copy of the child's birth certificate and a current sports physical if not already on file. For more information, call 313-2177 or 876-3704.

## Conferences & Meetings

### 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.

### Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet Thursday night at 7 at Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Gregory H. Allison, space systems engineer and executive vice president of the National Space Society, is to speak on "Human Destiny - Space or Extinction."

This meeting is free and open to the public. A social at Shoney's restaurant will follow. For more information, e-mail europa59@hotmail.com.

### Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Users Group will feature Rod Rakes speaking on the latest developments from the 2006 Consumer Electronics Show and from the Association of PC User Groups. This meeting will be March 11 from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Avenue. The Internet/Windows SIG will be combined with the regular business/program meeting. Meetings are open to visitors. For more information, call 883-9601.

### Civil War buffs

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet 6:30 p.m. March 9 at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Kent Wright, a local naval history buff, is to speak on "Naval Warfare in the West," where "blue water" navy meets "brown water" navy. The meeting is free. Chicken dinner is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. Call 858-6191.

## 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

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and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

## Surplus sales

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

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. "The Thrift Shop is currently accepting spring clothing/items; please, no sleeveless or shorts," a prepared release said. "During the week of March 7-9, all profits from TSP tickets will be given to Army Emergency Relief. So come in, find some bargains and help AER." The shop will be open for sales Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

## Welfare requests

The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. Please include your federal tax exemption number, point of contact, telephone num-

ber, the amount requested and the specific use of this donation. The deadline for requests is March 31. Requests can be delivered or mailed to: Thrift Shop, Attn: Mary McCarthy, welfare chairperson; building 3209, Hercules Road; Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

## 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.

## Space Camp scholarships

The Army Community Service Volunteer Committee announces the Space Camp, Space Academy, and Aviation Challenge Scholarship Program for 2006, open to active and retired military family members. Children of Guard and Reserve members having served on active duty from March 17, 2005 to March 17, 2006 are also eligible. Applicants must reside within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal, present a copy of their military ID card (or military orders) – along with their completed appli-

cation, and a handwritten one-to-two page essay titled, "Why I want to attend Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge." Children must complete grades 4-6 for Space Camp, grades 7-8 for Space Academy and grades 7-9 to be eligible for Aviation Challenge. Applications should be available at the Post Exchange, local schools and Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, and must be returned by noon March 17 to ACS. Previous winners are not eligible. For more information, call 876-5041.

## 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.

## 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; WTKL, 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 pro-

vide 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.

## 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.

## AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is accepting

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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](http://www.aerhq.org). Applications will be accepted through today. For more information, call Kristi Foster 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

Child and Youth Services' monthly Parents' Night Out has been moved to Friday night, March 24, so parents can attend Comedy Club at the Officers and Civilians Club. "Drop off your kids at a well staffed, accredited, affordable (as low as \$10 per child for lower enlisted military) MWR child care center during the show," a prepared release said. Call 876-3704 for Parents' Night Out registration.

### Garden plots

All personnel desiring garden plots for the 2006 planting season should contact the

Family Housing office, building 3207 on Hercules Road, during a prescribed schedule. Priorities have been established to better serve all interested personnel. The procedures for requesting and assigning garden plots are as follows: First priority – Active duty military must request their plots through March 6. Second priority – Retired military must request their plots March 1-15. Third priority – DoD civilians must make their request March 16-31. If there are plots left over, assignments will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. The 2006 planting season must be utilized at Vincent Drive (Area 1) and Wesson Circle (Area 2). There are 54 garden plots available at Vincent and 58 plots available at Wesson. Due to the limited number of plots available, only one plot will be assigned per family until March 31. For more information, call Ms. Scott 876-7144 or Mr. Pearson 876-6666.

### 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 should be available 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>.

### Johnson High reunion

Plans are under way for Johnson High School's Class of 1976, 30-year reunion. The scheduled dates are June 30 to July 2. If you are interested in attending the class reunion, visit the web site <http://www.joj76.org> for more information.

### Alcorn scholarship

The Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University announces its 2006 William E. James Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship award will be for the fall 2006/spring 2007 school year. The TVA-ASU William E. James Scholarship will be awarded to a student based on merit and/or need regardless of race, sex, creed or religious preferences. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a prospective Alcorn State University student. Application for scholarship must arrive at the following address by March 14: Tennessee Valley Alumni-Alcorn State University, Attn: Scholarship committee, P.O. Box 5413, Huntsville, AL 35814. Scholarship applications can be obtained from your local high school senior counselor, your local church youth ministry program coordinator, or by calling Sam King 722-1074 or Melvin Mayo 721-9336.

### AER book sale

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief is April 24-28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sparkman Center building 5300, on the first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304. Donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotapes are welcome through April 26. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-5743 to arrange delivery and pickup of those items.



Courtesy photo

## Contract fulfilled

Janice Yarbrough retired Feb. 3 as a senior contract specialist after 41 years and eight months at the Acquisition Center.

### Quarterly retirements

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is March 23 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate. If you would like to participate, call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-2819. Deadline for signing up is Friday. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled June 22.

### Children's story time

There's a special book place just for children at the Post Library; and every Wednesday at 10 a.m. interactive stories are read to young children. After story time the children may stay to play in the children's room where Ling Ling the panda sits at their little red table. Children of any age may come – the story time is especially designed for babies and then on up through kindergarten. The aim is to help children fall in love with books and libraries at a very young age. The library is in building 3323 on Redeye Road. For more information, call Ms. Elizabeth 876-4741.

### Pancake day

The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville is hosting its 29th annual Pancake Day on Saturday

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from 6 a.m. to noon at the Huntsville High School Cafeteria. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee will be served. Tickets at the door are \$6 per person or \$5 in advance. Call Charlie Urban 683-2047 for advance tickets and information. The Kiwanis Club sponsors community youth projects and appreciates your support.

### Warrant officer scholarship

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present its annual \$1,000 scholarship award for 2006. Applications will be accepted from the children (natural and adopted), dependent stepchildren under age 21 (seniors in high school or currently enrolled college freshmen), and spouses of members of the active, National Guard, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians/contractors in the Tennessee Valley. Deadline to submit packet is May 1. To download a packet and application form, visit [www.redstonewarrants.com](http://www.redstonewarrants.com).

### Latin dance

SaborLatino invites you to "The Latin Ambiance Dance" Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Club Ozz, 1204 Posey St. Charge is \$8 for ages 21 and up; you must have a valid picture ID. For information call hostess SaborLatino 783-5756.

### Hispanic association

The Alabama Hispanic Association will present its Latin dance event of the spring, "Salsa Picante (Hot Sauce)," Saturday night at 8 at the Senior Center auditorium, 2200 Drake Ave. A free Merengue and Salsa group dance lesson will be given 8-9 p.m. Admission is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Advance tickets are available until Friday at La Michoacana Grocery Store, 2007 University Drive (phone 532-0266). For information on AHA, visit the web site [www.alabamahispanicassociation.org](http://www.alabamahispanicassociation.org) or call president Margaret Rotger 325-4242.

### Aviation scholarships

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Army Aviation Association of America awards scholarships and interest-free loans annually to members of AAAA and their spouses, unmarried siblings, unmarried children, and unmarried grandchildren of current and deceased members. In 2005, 17 Scholarships worth \$29,500 were awarded based on Tennessee Valley participation, affiliation and matching fund activi-

ty. May 1 is the deadline for 2006 scholarship applications. The member's effective date of AAAA membership must be on or before May 1, 2005 for 2006 applications unless the member is deceased. The one-year requirement for all uniformed active duty, Army Reserve and Army National Guard members is automatically waived. Some scholarships are specifically reserved for enlisted, warrant officer, company grade, and Army civilian members. The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university or selected for fall entry as an undergraduate or graduate. Applicants who will attend a service academy are ineligible for a grant or loan. No recipient can hold concurrent AAAA scholarships. For more information, see the AAAA web site <http://www.quad-a.org/>, Scholarship link, or call Tom Harrison, Tennessee Valley Chapter vice president for scholarships, 319-0100.

### Engineering office

Millennium Engineering and Integration Company has opened an office in Huntsville. MEI Company is a privately held, employee owned, small business with capability to meet requirements such as systems engineering, integration, test and evaluation, sensor systems, software development and program engineering management. Its corporate headquarters is in Arlington, Va.

### Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives for March include: March 9 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400. March 10 – from 7:30-12:30 at Army offices on Wynn Drive, 7-noon at Corps of Engineers and 7-12:30 at building 4545. March 17 – from 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316. March 23 – from 7-12:30 at building 4488. March 30 – from 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220, 7-12:30 at Sparkman Center and 7-12:30 at building 7613 (bus will be parked in front of 7612).

### Test week 2006

The OSD Defense Test Resource Management Center, in cooperation with the International Test and Evaluation Association, announces Test Week 2006 will be held June 5-9 at the Von Braun Center. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, exhibit information and registration information can be found on the web site [www.testweek.org](http://www.testweek.org). This conference is also listed in TIP, ven-

dor: Westar Corporation. For information call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

### Short courses

In conjunction with Test Week, two short courses, "Practical Applications of M&S to Transformation" and "Interoperability Certification and Training Process," will be taught June 5. Both courses are in TIP, vendor: Westar Corporation, or the registration information is on the web site [www.testweek.org](http://www.testweek.org). For information call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

### Dissertation award

The International Society of Logistics and the Logistics Education Foundation announce the 2006 Dissertation Proposal Award Competition for Promising Research in System Design for Reliability, Maintainability and Supportability; Logistics Systems and Maintenance; Business Logistics; and

Supply Chain Management. The 2006 SOLE Dissertation Award provides a \$3,000 grant to a Ph.D. candidate and recognition by the society through publication of an article in the SOLE "Logistics Spectrum" based on the completed dissertation. The money will be distributed as follows: \$2,000 presented at the annual symposium Aug. 15-17, \$500 upon receipt by SOLE of a bound copy of the completed dissertation, \$500 upon acceptance of a minimum 1,500-word article by the "Logistics Spectrum" of a summary of the dissertation. Applications and supporting documentation are due April 7. The contact is Martha C. Cooper, professor of marketing and logistics, Max M. College of Business at Ohio State University, 514 FH, 2100 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43210-1144; phone 614-292-5716, fax 614-292-0879 and e-mail [cooper.7@osu.edu](mailto:cooper.7@osu.edu). The application materials can be accessed at [http://fisher.osu.edu/~cooper\\_7/](http://fisher.osu.edu/~cooper_7/).



Photo by Spc. Eliamar Trapp

## School visit

Pvt. Christopher Harris of Bravo Company explains time constants and transient waveforms during Computerized Basic Electronics Training to Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, right, commander of the Combined Arms Support Command, and Col. Jose Enriquez, commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade. Stevenson, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Aubain, CASCOM command sergeant major, visited the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, 59th Ordnance Brigade Feb. 15, to be briefed on the changes that have taken place at OMEMS since Stevenson's time as the Chief of Ordnance from 2000-03. Stevenson visited the Electronics Technology Training Department, Missile Systems Training Department, and observed demonstrations at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal range and the Hazardous Devices School.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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SCBK06145927	Cataloging Spec	1-Mar-06	Garrison	GS-2050	11	11	52,355 - 68,066		X										X
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SCBK06135313	Logistics Mgmt Spec	1-Mar-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X											
SCBK06147467	Logistics Mgmt Spec	1-Mar-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK06142646	Supervisory Logistics Mgmt Spec	1-Mar-06	IMMC	NH-0346	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X										
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SCNAFBK06012	Child & Youth Prgm Associate (Tech Lab)	1-Mar-06	Child & Youth Services	NF-0303	3	3	20,060 - 57,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06086447	Supervisory Industrial Engr	2-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0896	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X										
SCBK06086447D	Supervisory Industrial Engr	2-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0896	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06092187	Lead Aerospace Engr	2-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06092187D	Lead Aerospace Engr	2-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEAL06137611	Supervisory Special Project Ofcr	2-Mar-06	PEO C3T, Prgm Exec Ofcr	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X					X		X		X	
SCBK06074947	Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Geologist, Physical Scientist	3-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-0810,0819,1350,1301	11	12	52,335 - 81,572		X		X			X		X		X	
SCBK06074947D	Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Geologist, Physical Scientist	3-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-0810,0819,1350,1301	11	12	52,335 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06138752	Oper Research Analyst	3-Mar-06	LOGSA	GS-1515	13	13	74,621 - 97,003				X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK06138752D	Oper Research Analyst	3-Mar-06	LOGSA	GS-1515	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06149953	Administrative Support Assistant (O/A)	3-Mar-06	AMC- Lead Integration Supp Ofc	GS-0303	7	7	35,375 - 45,985		X										
SCBK06143406	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Mar-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK06025388	Architect, Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Mech Engr, Electrical Engr, Chem Engr	5-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-0808,0810,0819,0830,0850,0893	12	13	62,751 - 97,003		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06159751	Prgm Supp Assistant	6-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	28,559 - 41,383		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06165225	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Mar-06	IMMC	GS-0346	7	11	35,375 - 68,066	X											
SCBK06086433	Secretary (OA)	9-Mar-06	Acq Supp Ctr, THAAD Project Ofc	NK-0318	2	2	28,559 - 45,985		X										
SCBK06156477	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Mar-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X											
SCBK06140044	Aerospace Engr	10-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06140044D	Aerospace Engr	10-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06145182	Lead General Engr	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X										
SCBK06145182D	Lead General Engr	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06117093	General Engineer	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06117093D	General Engineer	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06124711	Electronics Engr	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06124711D	Electronics Engr	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06164183	Aerospace Engr	15-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06164183D	Aerospace Engr	15-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06156304	Lead General Engr	16-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06135422	Lead Chemist	17-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-1320	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06135422D	Lead Chemist	17-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-1320	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06035387	Business Mgmt Ofcr	17-Mar-06	AMC- Acq Ctr	NH-1101	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06035387D	Business Mgmt Ofcr	17-Mar-06	AMC- Acq Ctr	NH-1101	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK0646215R	Project Mgmt Spec	18-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-0301	7	9	35,375 - 56,258		X										
SCBK060145112	Supervisory International Prgm Mgmt Spec	20-Mar-06	AMC- Security Assistance & Mgmt Dir	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838			X	X			X		X	X		X
SCBK060145112D	Supervisory International Prgm Mgmt Spec	20-Mar-06	AMC- Security Assistance & Mgmt Dir	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838									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
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.S.OPM.GOV</b>																			
SCBK06086447D	Supervisory Industrial Engr	2-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0896	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06092187D	Lead Aerospace Engr	2-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06074947D	Civil Engr	3-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-0810	11	12	52,335 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06074947D	Environmental Engr	3-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-0819	11	12	52,335 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06074947D	Geologist	3-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-1350	11	12	52,335 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06074947D	Physical Scientist	3-Mar-06	Corps of Engs Huntsville	GS-1301	11	12	52,335 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06138752D	Oper Research Analyst	3-Mar-06	LOGSA	GS-1515	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06140044D	Aerospace Engr	10-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06145182D	Lead General Engr	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06124711D	Electronics Engr	11-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06164183D	Aerospace Engr	15-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06156304D	Lead General Engr	16-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06135422D	Lead Chemist	17-Mar-06	AMRDEC	DB-1320	14	15	88,178 - 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 documenting 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 documenting 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 documenting 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 documenting service required)

**V** - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).

**U** - All U.S. citizens

**NOTE:** If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

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

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