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Freedom's road in Afghanistan

Construction project paved with danger

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They went to Afghanistan to build a road. But the mission of the Army Reserve Soldiers in Charlie Company, 926th Engineer Combat Battalion took several twists and turns along the way.

As the battalion's executive officer and a member of its advance party, Capt. Joe Mason helped lead the efforts of the battalion's 139 Soldiers, who assisted Afghani engineers in building two roads — one stretching from Tarin Khowt to Kandahar, and the other a road from Khowst to a Pakistani border checkpoint. The battalion accomplished its one-year mission and returned to Charlie Company headquarters in Huntsville in late February.



Courtesy photo

MAKING A DIFFERENCE— Members of Charlie Company, 926th Engineer Combat Battalion recently returned from a road-building mission in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. During their mission, they were ambushed and attacked. Capt. Joe Mason, the company's executive officer, is kneeling third from left.

"Before the road was built it could take a local truck two to three days to drive from Tarin Khowt to Kandahar. Now, they can do it in six hours on a two-lane road paved

with hot mix," said Mason, 30, who was promoted from first lieutenant to captain during his deployment.

In Afghanistan, roads mean freedom. Now, home with his wife, April, who has decorated their Five Points bungalow with patriotic ribbons and signs, Mason is proud to share the story of his battalion's commitment and dedication to helping rebuild Afghanistan's transportation infrastructure.

"Roads are lines of communications and that's what defeats the Taliban," Mason said. "In order for democracy to flourish you have to be able to transport commerce, materials and information from one village to another."

Because of the lack of good roads, the residents of many outlying villages are isolated from what is going on in the world and even in their own country.

"Some of the elders in outlying villages thought we were Russian," Mason said. "They didn't even know the Russians were gone from their country."

Keeping the Afghani people living in fear and removed from society, educational opportunities and economic possibilities allows the Taliban to grow in strength. So, it's not surprising that the battalion's road-building mission came under attack.

"We got rocketed some and we got mortared some, and hit with IEDs and ambushed," Mason said. "There's a small group of people — mostly remnants of the Taliban, hardliners — who are still attacking. And, you have the Al Qaida, which is operating out of other countries to support the Afghani insurgency.

"But, for the most part the reception was very favorable. The Muslims think building roads is a good thing. They are a good, genuine people who want us to help them."

The 926th began their mission in Afghanistan at Forward Operating Base Ripley. But they soon moved to an isolated location along the Tarin Khowt-Kandahar route, where they built Forward Operating Base Pacemaker in the desert.

Mason volunteered with Charlie Company after learning the mission's executive officer's position was available. The second-in-command position put Mason in charge of administration, operations, supply, personnel and day-to-day activities.

"It appealed to my sense of patriotism," Mason said. "The commander commands the company and the executive officer runs the company. It's not one of the more popular jobs as far as officers are concerned because it keeps you very busy."

But, Mason's job wasn't all management and daily operations. He also went on missions "outside the wire." And it was during these missions when Mason had contact with the enemy still lurking in Afghanistan's mountains.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TIME TOGETHER— Capt. Joe Mason is spending some time with his wife, April, after returning from a one-year deployment in Afghanistan with Charlie Company 926th. The couple married in November 2004, just a few months before his deployment. Mason has recently completed paperwork to join the active Army. He hopes to receive his new assignment in April.

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An open lane random survey

How do you feel about a foreign company being involved in U.S. port operations?

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Bob Baccus
contractor

"I'm totally against it. America should be owned and ran by Americans. Our operations should be by Americans. I support the president, but I'm totally against foreigners running our ports."



Cheryl Laney
contractor

"I don't think a foreign company should be manning our ports. That's waving the flag a little too far."

Roy Cain
contractor

"There are lots of foreign companies involved in business in the United States — as long as the government maintains control and monitors their operations."



Donn Cain
visitor

"It could be bad. It could be good. I'm not sure how I feel. It depends on who it is. I think that's what scares everybody — not knowing who they are and how much control they'll have."

Quote of the week

Being a good leader is just finding a bunch of people going in the same direction as you are and jumping in front of them!

— Willie Nelson

Letter to the Editor

Worker's building concerns

I would like to make a comment about those of us in the Security Assistance Management Directorate still located in buildings 7611, 7612 and 7613 and have a question. When those of us from St. Louis moved here eight years ago and saw our new quarters, we were astonished to see "nuclear warning" signs posted all around these old structures. When we complained, the signs were taken down! Oddly, there seems to have been an inordinate number of cancer cases connected with employees in these buildings over the years. This may be coincidence but I refer you back to the above statement.

Question: With all of the buildings on the Arsenal and most notably the "new ones" recently built and being built (some for folks not even here yet), why are we consistently ignored? It would take too much space to list all of the complaints/hazards surrounding our work areas (plumbing, electrical, mold and peeling paint by the vents, freezing temps requiring some of us to use heaters year-round) that we are subjected to day after day. A response from our Command Group would be kindly appreciated.

Debra S. Lively

Editor's note: Col. Bob English, AMCOM chief of staff, provided the following response. "First, let me address your concerns regarding the quality of buildings 7611, 7612 and 7613. I completely agree that these are some of the poorest quality facilities occupied by AMCOM organizations at Redstone. One of Maj. Gen. Pillsbury's top priorities has been, and continues to be, the relocation of the Security Assistance Management Directorate to quality facilities on the northern part of the installation, preferably in the Sparkman Complex. However, there is insufficient space available to do so at this time.

"Our Soldier Focused Logistics initiative will establish SFL teams for each weapon system product line and is currently under way. This effort will relocate a number of SAMD personnel to SFL teams in significantly better facilities and will allow remaining personnel to be consolidated into buildings 7612 and 7613 in April of this year. We will continue to explore other permanent solutions to relocating all SAMD personnel to a quality facility with the goal of doing so in the near future. In the meantime, the commanding general has asked the Redstone Garrison to ensure SAMD is provided essential utilities and a safe working environment and to make improvements to the existing facilities to the extent funds are available.

"Regarding your concerns over 'nuclear warning' signs, these buildings were originally constructed for administrative purposes and there are no records that they have ever been used otherwise. There are no records of any radioactive materials having been stored or used in these facilities. To ensure your safety, this past week personnel from the AMCOM and Garrison Safety Offices conducted surveys throughout each building measuring radiation levels both inside and outside and found them to be normal.

"I appreciate your patience and understanding as the Garrison and AMCOM work to address these and other facility related issues."

Getting to know you

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Name: Kerrie Washington

Job: Supply systems analyst (intern), Integrated Materiel Management Center

Where do you call home?
Hurtsboro, Ala. (Russell County)

What do you like about your job?

It's not a stressful environment. Everybody's pretty much laid back, pretty helpful whenever they can be.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Research. I'm about to purchase a puppy; so I've been researching animals, obedience training, things like that. And shopping.

What are your goals?

Get my promotions. Learn the systems around here. And go around to different areas to find out what other people do. Just get a broad overview.

What's your favorite type of music?

Gospel



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Technology expo

Mark Lubbat of CDW Government Inc., an information technology reseller, shows a laptop computer to Harden Wesley of the Corporate Information Center during the Redstone Arsenal Technology Expo on Feb. 27 at Diane Campbell Recreation Center.

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Letterkenny dedicates partnership with industry

Lockheed Martin joining depot

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Advancing the best efforts between military and industry, Letterkenny Army Depot commander Col. Bob Swenson joined with executives of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control to cut ribbons Feb. 14 signifying partnerships on both Javelin and TADS/PNVs.

The repair centers at Letterkenny will provide depot level repairs, retrofit and logistics support for the Javelin missile and command launch unit, as well as the TADS/PNVs targeting and pilotage systems and all support equipment. In addition to repair, the depot performs reset cleaning and maintenance on TADS/PNVs sensors returning from Southwest Asia.

The partnership will result in repair of Forward Looking Infrared and Operator Interface circuit card assemblies on the Javelin missile. Target Acquisition, Designation Sight/Pilot's Night Vision Sensor or TADS/PNVs is a subassembly of the Apache attack helicopter. Letterkenny provides on-site technicians and back shop support while Lockheed Martin brings program management, technical expertise, and supply chain management to this partnership.

Lt. Gen. William Mortensen, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command; Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, and Swenson joined with Ron Abbott, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin's Missile and Fire Control activity, Tom Simmons, vice president of Fire Control, and Tim Randich, senior manager of Fire Control Product Support, to cut the ribbons.

"Public-private partnerships are good for the taxpayer, good for Letterkenny and good for our Soldiers," Swenson said. "They combine the strengths of Letterkenny's technical specialists with the logistics and systems engineering expertise at Lockheed Martin. I look forward to working together with Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control."

Ron Abbott, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, praised the Letterkenny team. "Lockheed Martin is fortunate to achieve this critical partnership with the Shingo Award-winning Letterkenny depot," he said. "As the winner of America's premier public sector award for depot operations, Letterkenny epitomizes excellence in repair and re-manufacturing skills." (*Letterkenny release*)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Feb. 23: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended license during an inspection at Gate 3. He was issued a violation notice and released to a licensed driver.

Feb. 23: An individual was found to be a deserter when he turned himself into the Provost Marshal Office. He was processed and transferred to the Army Deserter Information Point.

Feb. 24: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 8. Further investigation revealed that she was in possession of stolen property, cocaine and drug paraphernalia. She was issued violation notices and detained until her blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

Feb. 25: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was

issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

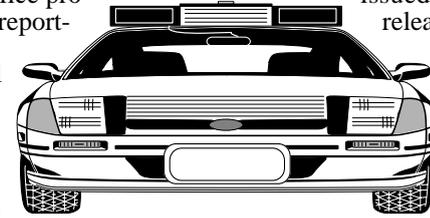
Feb. 27: An individual was found to be a deserter when he turned himself into the Provost Marshal Office. He was processed and transferred to the Army Deserter Information Point.

Feb. 27: An individual reported that someone removed a television from a supply closet. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

March 1: An individual reported that she was being harassed by telephone. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

Violation notices issued: 17 speeding, 2 driving with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license, 1 reckless driving, 1 expired tags, 1 parked in a handicapped space, 1 failure to stop, 1 failure to use seatbelt.



Hit-and-run driver strikes at Gate 3

Redstone police were looking for a Dodge truck that struck Gate 3 and left the scene after 2 a.m. Friday.

The gate, on Redstone Road, was closed at the time.

The collision damaged the chain-link portion of the gate which will have to be replaced, according to police supervisor Lt. Roger Triplett.

The driver if found could

face charges of damaging government property and leaving the scene of an accident.

Gate 3, recently renovated, was open on schedule Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tradition of Heroes on full display

If you know of Team Redstone employees, military and civilian, or their family members, who are serving this country in hostile areas or have served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Public Affairs Office wants to know.

"A Tradition of Heroes" display, located in the Sparkman Center, first floor, building 5300 and the Garrison building 4488 in the main lobby, honors Team Redstone employees and family members serving in hostile areas of the world. "A Tradition of Heroes" stands as a reminder that the everyday freedom Americans

enjoy was not won, and is not maintained, without service and sacrifice.

Submit their name, Team Redstone organization or unit, and where they served or are serving, along with a photograph (5-by-7 preferred) to the Public Affairs Office, AMSAM-PA, Attn: Erika Readus, building 5300, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898. Provide your contact information with your submission including a return address if you would like to have your photograph returned. Photographs can also be e-mailed to erika.readus@redstone.army.mil. For more information, call Readus at 876-5302.

Judge blocks new Defense personnel system

Pentagon planning to appeal ruling

By GERRY J. GILMORE
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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to appeal a recent federal court decision that stalled some labor-management provisions of the new National Security Personnel System, a senior Defense Department official said here March 1.

"Clearly, the department will be working with the Department of Justice on the appeal of that decision," DoD spokesman Bryan Whitman told Pentagon reporters.

U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan ruled Feb. 27 that proposed NSPS provisions would not protect civilian employees' ability to bargain collectively. The cited provisions involve labor relations, collective bargaining, independent third-party review, adverse actions and the National Security Labor Relations Board, DoD's proposed

internal labor relations panel, according to the court's 77-page decision.

In 2003, DoD began work to establish a new civilian personnel compensation and management process that rewards employees according to performance. Old civil service rules mostly tied employees' raises to an individual's length of service. In February 2005, the American Federation of Government Employees and a dozen other labor unions filed a lawsuit against the Defense Department over the establishment of the NSPS.

Defense Department officials believe the department needs to transform its 50-year-old civilian personnel system into one that's more capable and flexible in order to better meet 21st-century challenges, Whitman said. DoD and the Office of Personnel Management have worked together to create the NSPS, a personnel management process that'll eventually apply to more than 650,000 DoD civilian employees.



Photo by Erika Readus

LASTING TRIBUTE— "A Tradition of Heroes" display in building 4488 honors Redstone employees and family members serving in hostile areas of the world.

Singing praises for Army Emergency Relief

*Fund campaign
has kickoff*

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski gave a reminder to Soldiers during the Army Emergency Relief kickoff Thursday at Heiser Hall.

"If you all are wondering why you do what you do, you saw it right on that stage," he said, referring to the Wil-Tech Singers from Williams Technology Middle School. The children, wearing blue shirts, performed the national anthem and other songs for the event.

The military and civilian members of the Redstone community also received reminders about the importance of AER. The 2006 fund-raising campaign continues through May 15 with a \$150,000 goal and the slogan, "Supporting Our Troops."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GIFT APPRECIATED— Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski thanks Huntsville Havoc general manager Kevin Walker and group sales director Drew Carter for the \$14,241 check the professional hockey team presented to AER. This represents proceeds from the jerseys auction Feb. 18 at Military Appreciation Night.

"It's for you," Olshefski told the Soldiers. "Give to your own."

Army Emergency Relief provides no-interest loans and grants to active duty and retired military, National Guard and Reserve who are active



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN— Members of the Wil-Tech Singers from Williams Technology Middle School perform during the AER campaign kickoff.

under Title 10 for 30 days or more, and their qualifying family members for any emergency that results in a financial need. Examples include death or serious illness of an immediate family member, vehicle repair, utility or rent assistance.

"This is our charity," campaign chairman Capt. Robert Hawley, the post veterinarian, said.

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

est loans and grants.

Hawley mentioned a sergeant here from New Orleans who lost nearly everything in Hurricane Katrina and received a grant.

AER's traditional motto is "Soldiers Helping Soldiers" but the civilian community – individuals, organizations and so on – annually provides an outpouring of support through contributions and fund-raising events.

Last year's drive collected \$142,479 to surpass an \$85,000 goal.

Annual conference draws total Army family

Quality of life represents goal

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Small groups were meeting in various rooms at the Officers and Civilians Club. Their topics varied but the goal was the same.

They wanted to do their part to improve Redstone's quality of life.

The annual Redstone Arsenal Family Action Plan Conference, led by Army Community Service on Feb. 28 and March 1, drew representatives of the entire community. The approximately 100 participants included 50 delegates in seven work groups and subject matter experts.

"This process serves as a grassroots level to identify concerns and issues to improve the

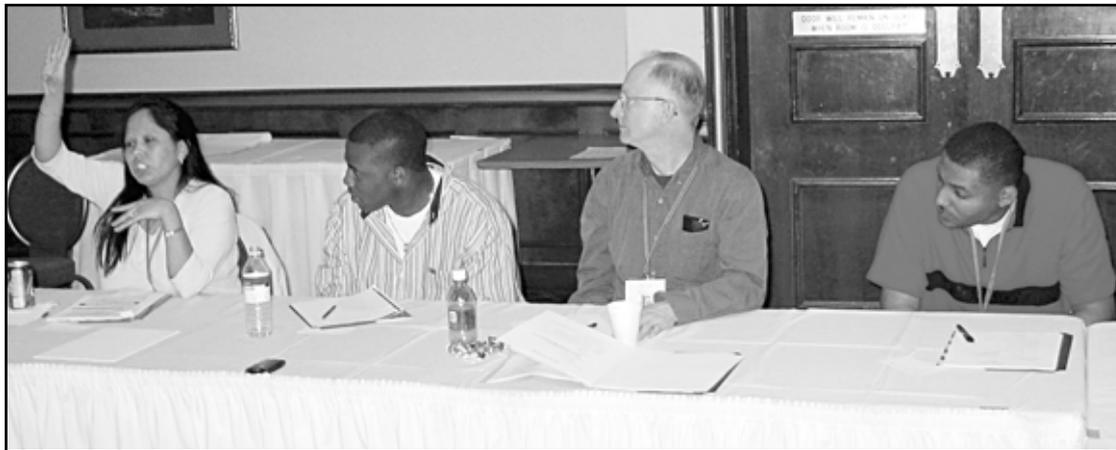


Photo by Skip Vaughn

RAISING ISSUE— From left Sgt. 1st Class Audrey Coe brings up a point in the MWR work group with fellow delegates Sgt. 1st Class Tremayne Frison, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Cantrell and Staff Sgt. Mark Thomas.

quality of life for all," ACS director Sue Paddock said. "And one thing I'm really impressed with this year is we made a concerted effort to involve the total

Army family in this process. So hopefully we'll be getting some issues that affect everybody."

The delegates included retirees, government civilians,

family members, and active duty and Reserve component members. Work groups discussing issues were Commissary and AAFES (Army and Air Force

Exchange Service); Employment; Family Housing and Facilities Maintenance; Medical and Dental; Morale Welfare and Recreation; Traffic, Transportation, Personnel Finance; and Youth Services.

Staff Sgt. Dan Wells of Headquarters & Alpha Company served in the Traffic, Transportation, Personnel Finance work group in his first AFAP conference.

"I think it's a vital process to helping make Redstone a better place for retirees and active duty and their families," he said.

Lisa Knapp of Humana Military Healthcare Services, for Tri-care at Fox Army Health Center, served as a subject matter expert in the Medical and Dental group.

"I think it's a very valuable process," she said, "in that the actual Army community can identify areas where they can effect positive change."



Photo by Adrian Baker

VACANCIES AVAILABLE— The 148-unit, Mini-Storage Facility is ready for business.

Recreation storage has its place

Post dedicates new service

By ADRIAN BAKER
MWR sales & marketing director

Morale Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation Mini-Storage facility is now open for use.

The Feb. 27 grand opening master of ceremonies was Col. John Olshefski, Garrison commander. The MWR Outdoor Recreation management staff was also on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony, ready to sign up new customers on the spot.

The ceremony dedicated a new service offered to all persons who work or live on Redstone Arsenal. The MWR

Outdoor Recreation storage units are located on Mauler Road, just south of the Post Exchange.

Operating hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Several types of storage units are available, including 5-by-10 units for \$40 per month, 10-by-10 units for \$50 per month, and 10-by-20 units for \$65 monthly. For more information, call 876-6854.

Father George honored for hurricane help

Catholic priest served with unit in New Orleans

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Father George will always remember what he did last fall.

Chaplain (Maj.) Jerzy Rzasowski, best known as Father George, served in the military's relief effort in New Orleans in September after Hurricane Katrina. He was assigned to the mortuary affairs company for Joint Task Force Katrina.

"The duty of my Soldiers was to search for and remove the bodies of Katrina victims," said the Catholic chaplain, who was called to this assignment by the Army chief of chaplains office. Members of all the armed services worked together in the hurricane relief effort.

Father George also helped with Catholic mass and counseling for the military units that

were there.

On Friday he received the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Joint Task Force Katrina Certificate of Achievement. Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Redstone and the Aviation and Missile Command, made the presentations.

"Your leadership, professionalism, creativity and innovation contributed immeasurably to the Joint Task Force commander's ability to effectively lead this unprecedented humanitarian relief effort," stated the certificate signed by Lt. Gen. Russel Honore, the Joint Task Force commander.

Father George described this task as emotional but fulfilling.

"My work was needed and it was a worthy cause and emotionally draining," he said. "Soldiers with whom I was working were exposed the most to this stress. And I'm glad I was there to help alleviate it a little bit."

Originally from Poland, he arrived at Redstone in September 2004 from Fort Campbell, Ky.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Father George

Exhibiting works for charitable cause

Annual art auction collects \$12K-plus

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An evening of art reaped a big paycheck for the charities supported by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

More than \$12,000 was raised by the "Touch of Manhattan" art auction fund-raiser Feb. 25 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The 34th annual event also included a silent auction of local crafts and services, and a live auction of four locally donated services — a cocktail party for 20 at the home of commanding Maj. Gen. Jim and Becky Pillsbury, a dinner party at the home of Brig. Gen. Mike and Gabriel Cannon, a luau at Brig. Gen. Bill and Marilyn Phillips' home, and a two-hour yard consultation by the Botanical Garden's Harvey Cotten auction.

During "Touch of Manhattan," auctioneer Alan Rodstein of Ross Galleries of Holbrook, N.Y., presented about 150 pieces, including works by Andrew Wyeth, Rembrandt, Thomas Kinkade, Salvador Dali, Norman Rockwell and Henrich Hoffman along with memorabilia from the Beatles, Jimmy Buffett and Katherine Hepburn. With each piece, Rodstein introduced the audience of about 250 to stories about the artist and their art subjects.

The evening's events were organized by co-chairs Lynn Carden and Patti Fitzgerald with the help of Debra Rodriguez, Natalie Taylor and several other OCWC volunteers.

Contributors to the Silent Auction included Harrison Brothers Hardware, Surin of Thailand, Burritt on the Mountain, Salon 8, Steinmart, Young at Heart



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PRESENTING ART— Art auctioneer Alan Rodstein of Ross Galleries presents each piece of art at "Touch of Manhattan" with a story about the artist or the subjects in the work.

Dolls, Relax 20, Jessica Cummings for Mary Kay, Cabala's, Huntsville Stars, Post Exchange, Catbird Seat Garden Center, Rose Wolf, The County Cottage of Gurley, TGI Friday's, Photography by Jim & Frieda, Sci-Quest, Community Ballet Assoc., Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, Dunagan, Yates & Alison, Early Works Museum Complex, Botanical Gardens, Southern Adventures, U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Donny's Diamond Gallery, Defense Acquisition Inc., Huntsville Aerospace Marketing Assoc., GEICO Insurance, Huntsville Museum of Art, Enlisted Spouses Club, Premier Designs High Fashion Jewelry, Courtney's Candles, Defense Energy Space Environment, Woody Anderson Ford, Fudgey Nut, and individuals Ann Cain, Lisa Loew, Evelyn Teats, Cathy Hays, Everett Carter, Rod Roddy, Harvey Cotten and Wendy Thomas.

Funds raised from the auction will be distributed to various charities through OCWC's Welfare Committee. In the past, the committee has donated funds to Army Community Service, Army Distaff Foundation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Alabama, Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound, Crisis Services of North Alabama, Madison County Special Olympics and Redstone Chapel Holiday Food Sharing Program.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FIRST IMPRESSION— Kathy Sullivan, wife of retired Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, looks over art pieces before the bidding begins at "Touch of Manhattan."

Publication branch reduces excess documents

Lean event trims fat

By JOHN HALEY and VERONICA WINSTON
For the Rocket

Frequently New Year's resolutions are made regarding cutting the fat, but rarely are the resolutions actually kept. Mary Haga, chief of the Maintenance Support Division in Integrated Materiel Management Center, can point to a team that really took the phrase "Lean and mean" to a new level of fitness.

The Publication Services Branch, led by Teresa Harrison, conducted a "5S Kaizen" of its vault in December and removed more than three tons of obsolete and excess inventory documents. It also identified more than 1,300 pounds of bulky negatives for destruction.

The branch is responsible for maintaining, updating and dispersing Army

publications to its customers as requested. The 5S Kaizen was phase two of a Value Mapping Stream conducted by the team in July. During the VSM, team members identified several ways to improve customer service while employing more efficient ways to conduct business on a daily basis.

Tasks were identified, responsibility assigned and target dates for completion were set. It was no longer business as usual. The 5S event was a result of one of the many status meetings held by the group and the AMCOM Lean office. The scope of this 5S event included the vault room, eight Lektrievers and related work stations.

Lektrievers are computer-controlled automated filing cabinets. Thanks to the reduction in excess inventory, the branch has been able to remove five of them altogether — freeing up nearly 300 square feet of floor space for four work stations.

The Kaizen event was no easy task. As

part of the process, the Publication team conducted a wall-to-wall inventory of the vault. The vault contains 1,064 bins for storing documents. Though most bins had most of what they should have had, nearly every bin had some kind of inconsistency between the real world (bins) and the virtual world (Publications Tracking System data base). Every bin was reconciled with the PTS system as team members updated the automated data base to reflect the bins contents. The team developed and implemented a sustainment standard to ensure the vault's contents and PTS will remain in sync. Each time a bin's document contents changes, it will be recorded in PTS within one business day.

Editor's note: John Haley works in the Office of Continuing Improvement; and Veronica Winston works in the Publication Services Branch.



Photo by John Haley

AROUND BIN— Kim Turner and Dale Lowe of the Publication Services Branch reconcile bin contents with the Publications Tracking System.

Communications upgrade connected for testing

Standard solution for campus networks

After more than two years of planning and construction, the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program project is gearing up to put all the hard work to the test.

Systems Acceptance Testing of the multi-year, \$33 million program for upgrades to optical fiber and copper cable voice/data network infrastructure at Redstone Arsenal begins in March. As a result, Redstone will be an extension of the DoD/Army global information gird.

I3MP will provide the communications, computing and network defense infrastructure on the installation supporting common user services as well as classified communications for priority C2 users. The Army's I3MP architecture will be the standard solution for Campus

Area Networks.

The I3MP effort was initiated approximately three years ago to modernize the current communications structure significantly impacting the war fighter's ability to obtain secure access to critical information. A great deal of hard work has been accomplished by a collection of efforts (Voice/data/cable/long-haul gateway/Enterprise Management) that updates the core enterprise information.

Approximately 444 man-holes/hand holes with 45 miles of concrete encased conduit, and approximately 225 miles of new fiber has been installed to enhance the Army's force protection of communication services. To support this infrastructure 13 area distribution nodes have been installed in designated buildings throughout the Arsenal.

I3MP is a synchronization tool for major Army automation and communications programs.

The underlying goal is to standardize the Information Technology equipment requirements while creating an infrastructure flexible enough to meet the increasing present and future Information Technology requirements to support advanced digital equipment, and upgrades to Defense Global Information Grid gateways.

New technologies are being employed to reduce the cost of the infrastructure, support mobile users and reduce the various networks on the installation. I3MP capabilities, in support of the continued implementation of Army Knowledge Management, will ensure worldwide, high-speed data connectivity at Redstone providing faster response time for end-users accessing information from resources on the network.

During the second week of March, the Garrison's Directorate of Information Management will begin Phase 1 migra-

tion from the existing Campus Area Network to the new I3MP infrastructure. Phase 1 will include the cutover of approximately 30 buildings throughout Redstone.

The DOIM team will coordinate with the Redstone community to minimize any system outages necessary to accommodate the migration to the new cable

structure and equipment. The directorate will begin contacting organizational representatives for coordination and provide detailed briefings of the proposed plan per request. Organizational representatives may direct questions to DOIM contacts John Smith at 955-6704 or Leon Coleman 876-5948. (Garrison release)

Flight test deemed success

ORLANDO, Fla. — Lockheed Martin on Feb. 28 conducted a successful ground-launched medium-range guided test vehicle flight of the "Hellfire Junior" missile it is offering for the government's Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II requirement.

The test was conducted on

the C-72 test range at Eglin Air Force Base. The established objectives for the GTV flight were to demonstrate safe launch and separation characteristics, stable flight and performance of the seeker de-roll bearing assembly and the semi-active laser guidance. (Lockheed Martin release)

Web abuse can entangle government computers

*'For official use'
means just that*

The simple definition of the Internet is, "An electronic network providing access to millions of resources worldwide." Because computers only do what they are told to do, resources also include you, the Soldier, your co-workers, neighbors, sons, daughters, grandchildren, sisters and brothers. Unfortunately, not everyone has your best interest or your safety at heart. To make the Internet safer for you, your co-workers, the Soldier and everyone else, the Garrison seeks your help and assistance.

Since the beginning of the computer age, users have asked what are they allowed and not allowed to do with a government computer. Every year that question gets more important and critical because of the nature of work, the continued widespread use of computers in the workplace, and the amount of malicious activity directed against government computers.

The DoD Regulation 5500.7-R (Ethics), Chapter 2, Section 3, paragraphs 2-301 to 2-303 give general guidelines on what can and cannot be done. This includes government owned telephones, facsimile machines, electronic mail, Internet systems, and commercial systems when use is paid for by the government will be for official use and authorized purposes only. The Redstone Policy No. 25-8, "Personal Use of Federal Communications Resources," provides the same guidelines as the DoD regulation. The Redstone Policy No. 25-9, "Internet Use," gives more specific guidance on the use of computers. All of these provide users with a baseline in determining what they are allowed and not allowed to do.

In brief, Redstone computer users can use government owned computers to accomplish official business and personal affairs, as long as they follow the guidelines.

Guidelines

- Do not overburden the communication system (such as may be the case with

broadcasts and group mailings).

- Are of reasonable duration and frequency, and whenever possible, made during the DoD employee's personal time such as after duty hours or lunch periods.

- Do not adversely affect the performance of official duties by the DoD employee or the DoD employee's organization.

- Users must use government owned laptops or computers when dialing into the Redstone Arsenal Network.

Prohibited activities include

- Chat – AOL/Yahoo/MSN Instant Messenger (includes running messenger in the background while you check your personal e-mail), ICQ, IRC, web based chats, etc. The only authorized chat is on Army Knowledge Online.

- Games – Downloading games or playing games on Internet, from places such as AOL/Yahoo/MSN games, any game web site and "fantasy" games.

- Inappropriate web sites — Includes pornography, hate/racism and gambling.

- Personal business – Conducting

personal business includes maintaining personal and business web sites, bulletin boards, chat rooms, list servers, online auctions and any other type of activity that you are reimbursed for.

- Unauthorized software – Downloading and installing software that has not been approved by your IASO and the installation IAM. This includes screen-savers, third-party toolbars (such as Hot bar), software utilities, patches (other than from original vendor or DA/DoD web site), games and movies.

The aforementioned guidance is to protect government data. Because of the nature of Redstone Arsenal, any loss of data here could very well mean loss of Soldiers' lives. If you obtain a Trojan on your computer that allows a hacker to completely control your system, that could lead to them taking over other systems, possibly stealing research and development data and selling it to a foreign country, which could then use that data to create countermeasures against U.S. weapons. (*Directorate of Information Management release*)

Joint approach plugged for air and missile defense

General Dodgen supports multi-service systems

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Amidst the "Congratulations" and "Thank Yous" for a job well done at the first-ever Joint Integrated Air & Missile Defense Summit, an Army general said that time will tell how effective the summit will be within the defense industry.

Speaking to the summit's luncheon crowd of more than 300 at the Von Braun Center, Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command and the Joint Functional Component Command-Integrated Missile Defense, said "the proof is in what we do here on out, the proof is what we do in the next year."

Dodgen was referring to the depth of system integration that all the services will continue to experience as the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines continue to share weapon systems and mission expertise.

"There is a vision of jointness, of developing joint capabilities ... Our Soldiers have faith we will work together to equip them so they can come back to

the kind of lifestyle they want to live," he said.

"With whatever system we develop, the capabilities are turned over to young men and women who will use the system and take it to another level" in the defense of freedom.

To reach the maximum value of military systems, there has to be integration among the services and the contractors who support the military.

"There is joint collaboration that goes on in a war zone," Dodgen said. "A senior secretary (at the Pentagon) told me we're much more of a joint force in the war zone than we are in our processes in the Pentagon. I told him it could be worse, it could be the other way around."

The Navy, Marines, Air Force and Army are now talking together in ways that will improve all their capabilities. But the need continues for more collaboration, and it needs to start at the top.

"I'm not an any sensor, any shooter guy," Dodgen said. "I'm an any solution all together guy ... We need to go across services to get the information we need and then we need to walk the path together."

Though conferences are good for developing new ideas for new systems, Dodgen said the mili-



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LUNCHEON GREETINGS— Retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, director of Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space Huntsville Operations, welcomes John Rogers of Northrop Grumman to the Joint Integrated Air & Missile Defense Summit Luncheon at the Von Braun Center. At left is Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, program executive officer for missiles and space.

tary is not willing to give up on tested technology just to try something new.

"We are not in a position in any service to forget our legacy," he said. "Systems like the Patriot will be with us for 20 years."

Yet, some old ways of doing business must change to have the kind of collaborative environment that the military wants. The longtime practice of corporations profiting from proprietary information will have to change.

"We need a different incentive to get programs together with your business neighbor sitting next to you," Dodgen told contractors.

"We don't want any proprietary systems ... we need to focus on capabilities across all services."

Referring to his deployment during Desert Storm in the early '90s, Dodgen said he didn't shoot at all targets he was instructed to shoot at by his core commander because "I realized if I shot down

an American I would cause more damage than if I shot down half the Iraqi army."

Today's battlefield is much more complicated than what Dodgen faced in Desert Storm and the risk of losing American lives in friendly fire can increase if "we are not totally integrated."

Sponsors for the JIAMD luncheon included Applied Data Trends, Aerojet, Applied Research Associates Inc., Analytical Services Inc., Avion, BAE Systems, Boeing, Booz Allen Hamilton, Brown International Corp., CACI, CAS System Solutions, COLSA Corp., CSC, Davidson Technologies Inc., DB, DESE Research Inc., Digital Fusion, Dynetics, EPS, Gallium Visual Systems Inc., General Dynamics, Gray Research Inc., Harvest Moon Productions Inc., InfoSurv, JBM, L3 Communications, Lockheed Martin, ManTech International Corp., Miltec, Morgan Research Corp., Madison Research Corp., Northrop Grumman, PeopleTec, Quantum Research International, Raytheon, RSAE Inc., SAIC, Sparta, Snyder Technical Services, T3, Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc., Teledyne Solutions Inc., University of Alabama-Huntsville, Westar, Who's Who in Huntsville Technology and Wyle Laboratories.

New award puts first sergeants first

Association of U.S. Army starts 1st Sgt. Ordway honor

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With his Huntsville descendants looking on, the historical figure of 1st Sgt. John Ordway of the Lewis & Clark Expedition became the symbol for a new award that will be presented to one of the Army's unsung heroes.

The 1st Sergeant John Ordway Leadership Award was unveiled last week by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army at a press conference at downtown Huntsville's Heritage Club. The award will be presented annually to first sergeants in the local components of the Army, Army Reserve and National Guard who do the most to support their Soldiers and the families of Soldiers.

"The first sergeant is not just the leader. He's the mom and dad, the person you go to with questions or when there is a problem, the person who holds the unit together and, in a combat situation, the person who



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GIFT FROM AUSA— John Ordway IV and his father, Fred Ordway, look at an AUSA coin given to the 7-year-old at a press conference to announce the establishment of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award by the Association of the U.S. Army. The award will recognize first sergeants who support their Soldiers and Soldier families.

really holds the unit together," said Command Sgt. Maj. Russell Quinn of Alabama National Guard 142nd Signal Brigade.

"This award will take off. The first sergeant gets very little recognition, but they seek very

little recognition."

Quinn and other Soldiers at the press conference agree it's time to recognize the first sergeants of the Army. Among those Soldiers were Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerecht of the Garrison and Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry of the Army Reserve's 4/108th Chemical Battalion.

They were joined by Ordway descendants, including Fred Ordway and John Ordway IV; Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer; and AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville Chapter president Emily Vandiver and vice president of National Guard Affairs retired Sgt. 1st Class David Carney.

"This award is all about taking care of Soldiers and their families," Carney said.

The commanders of all Army components within the jurisdiction of the Redstone-Huntsville AUSA chapter will be responsible for announcing the competition, and distributing and collecting nomination packets. The local Alabama jurisdiction of the chapter is defined as north of Pickens, Green, Tuscaloosa, Bibb, Shelby, Talladega, Clay and Randolph counties in Alabama and including the Tennessee

counties of Franklin, Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marshall and Moore counties.

The Army officers were pleased to see all local components of the Army included in the award recognition.

"It's an Army of One," said Quinn, who just returned from a deployment in Iraq.

"And, once we go into combat there is no such thing as National Guard, Reserves and Army. We are all brothers and sisters" fighting in the Global War on Terrorism.

When deciding to create an award to recognize first sergeants, AUSA wanted to name it after a figure in American history, Vandiver said. Award organizers chose 1st Sgt. Ordway because he was the typical first sergeant – doing a lot of work on the Lewis & Clark Expedition west of the Mississippi River from 1803-06 and keeping a daily journal of the expedition, but receiving very little recognition for his efforts.

"We wanted to choose a leader, a mentor that would represent a group of NCOs that don't get a lot of recognition," Perry said. "First sergeants are the backbone of the Army. They do a lot of work, and 1st Sgt. Ordway is an excellent

example of that."

But, Ordway was chosen as the symbol for the local award by a group that didn't at first recognize his Huntsville connection.

"Little did we know we had the fourth John Ordway living in Huntsville," Vandiver said.

John Ordway IV, 7, attends first grade at Monte Sano Elementary. He is the great-great-great-great grandson of 1st Sgt. Ordway.

"We're very proud to be here and participate in this," said John's father, Fred Ordway. "This is a real surprise for us in a way."

Brandishing a journal of the Lewis & Clark Expedition that was published in 1916, Fred Ordway said without his ancestor's chronicles of the expedition "a lot of history literally would have gone down the river."

The Ordways came to Huntsville in 1955 when Fred Ordway Sr., a direct descendent and the grandfather of John Ordway IV, moved here to work with Dr. Wernher von Braun to put man on the moon. Fred Ordway Sr. is a nationally known author.

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Special Olympians strike gold for sportsmanship

*Bowlers, volunteers
take home prize*

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The Special Olympics Bowling Tournament gets bigger and better every year. So much so that this year it had to be spilt into two separate days, one for children and one for adults. Regardless of the numbers, its success can be measured in only one way – the width of the smiles. By that measurement, both days were an unequalled triumph.

In previous years, the tournament was a single day event, with children bowling in the morning and adults taking the lanes after lunch. Event growth made that schedule impractical this year.

“The athletes have a set time they have to be back,” Natalie Taylor, Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member coordinator, said. “With that and trying to feed our volunteers lunch in between, it just was too much.”

To ensure that everyone had the best experience possible, organizers broke the event down into two different days. The children’s tournament was held Feb. 23



Photo by Kelley Lane

MAYBE, MAYBE NOT— Ludia Garcia and Staff Sgt. Thomas Jackson wait that agonizing moment before the ball hits the pins.

from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the adult tournament Feb. 27. Some 121 children and 98 adults participated. Fortunately, there was plenty of support to spread across the days from teachers, parents and volunteers, including 40 Soldiers from Redstone.

“I’m glad everyone was able to be with us,” Taylor said. “With BRAC moving units, we’re excited that we have another opportunity to give our best to these kids and adults. We’re proud of these Soldiers being here. The athletes really love it.”

Soldiers are a staple of area Special Olympics events, lending their strength both physically and emotionally to the inspirational athletes. While their job is strictly voluntary, it is not thankless.

“We love it,” Staff Sgt. Myron Gurganious of Bravo Company said. “This is what we’re supposed to do – come out and help the public. I’m proud to serve my Soldiers and my community with an opportunity to do something like this.”

Although the bowling tournament is a good time for the athletes, it’s not all fun and games. It is an actual competition.

“We have scorekeepers,” Taylor said. “All the rules are in place. They even use the foul lights.”

Top scorers from both days will advance to the state level competition, where they have a shot at being a part of the national team which will travel on to Shanghai, China to compete in the World Summer Games on Oct. 10-19, 2007.

In 2003, local athlete Esther Wilson made the cut and the trip to Dublin, Ireland for the international competition. She was

a participant in the largest sporting event of 2003 – surpassing the Super Bowl and World Series. In addition to bringing home the sixth place trophy, she had the chance to mingle with a few big name Special Olympics’ supporters before a celebratory trip to the magic kingdom.

“I went to Ireland for two weeks,” Wilson said. “I met Nelson Mandela, Muhammad Ali, Arnold Schwarzenegger and U2. I was in a Disney World parade.”

Even for those who do not advance, the tournaments are exciting and meaningful, said Bob Jones High teacher Charlene Sandford.

“This is my seventh year,” Sandford said. “Special Olympics are a very important part of my students’ lives. We take it very seriously. My students are true athletes. It’s all about good sportsmanship and giving your best.”

First-time attendees are not immune to the thrill of the day, either. Sharon Olshefski, wife of Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski, was happy to lend a hand and a smile. This was her first time at Special Olympics.

“There is a tremendous team of volunteers at work here to make this all happen. I don’t know how they do it,” Olshefski said. “It’s so wonderful. Look at all these smiling faces.”

Road

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The first incident took place just a few months into his tour when Mason went on a reconnaissance mission with three Soldiers and an interpreter.

"We had our front end blown off our Hummer," Mason recalled. "The enemy had buried a 122-meter artillery shell in the road. It was wired to a detonator and they had run copper wire up to a firing position on the ridge-line. They used a light switch and nine-volt battery to flip the switch and set off the shell."

Mason believes the stealth of the Hummer built by AM General saved his life and the lives of the Soldiers with him. While parts of the Hummer flew several feet in the explosion, all the Soldiers walked away with only minor bumps and bruises.

In another incident, the battalion accidentally uncovered a minefield in the middle of the road when the blade of a bulldozer hit an antitank mine, miraculously cutting it in half before it could explode. In all, six mines were discovered and blown up safely.

The first direct contact the 926th had with insurgents came May 20 when Soldiers on a mission with Mason were ambushed. One of the vehicles in the platoon-sized element had a flat tire and, while most of the element stopped to wait on the repair, an Afghani and an American vehicle at the front line continued along the road.

"I was just about to walk back to my radio to ask the convoy commander what was going on when I saw a gray puff of smoke and heard the low, rumbling sound of a bomb and noise chatter on the radio," Mason said. "The Afghani vehicle, which was a Russian truck, was struck and sustained damage to the drive shaft."

Four Afghani soldiers were wounded in the attack. While

waiting for medical help, other Afghani soldiers went up a nearby ridgeline and engaged in a 30-minute firefight with insurgents. They brought back three prisoners.

"They all had mirrors in their pockets that they used to flash communications to each other," Mason said. "They told us they could take us to the bomb maker. It was the beginning of a firefight that lasted about three hours."

While Mason and most of the Soldiers stayed to secure the area and wait for a flat bed truck to remove the Afghani vehicle, about one-third of the U.S. forces went with the three prisoners into a nearby village.

"The locals were agitated," Mason said. "They thought we were there for retaliation. They were throwing their weapons down in a well. We never did find the bomb maker."

"I was on a hill where I could see what was going on in the village and south of the village. It was almost dark. Then, I saw a flash, and I again heard the bomb and the radio chatter. I could see flashes from ridgelines. It was a relatively coordinated ambush."

Air support was called in. Two Army Apache attack helicopters, a British Harrier and an Air Force A10 Warthog assisted the element with an air strike that ended the firefight.

"The Soldiers performed very well," Mason said. "We only had 28 days to train at Camp Attentary before we went to Afghanistan. But, they listened to orders, assaulted when required to and didn't question orders. Everyone was scared, but no one showed it. We finished that battle with only four Afghani wounded and no coalition casualties."

Things quieted down in the area as the Soldiers went about the business of building a road through the desert. Two platoons of vertical construction Soldiers (those assigned to build structures, such as latrines and chapels) also took

on around-the-clock security responsibilities.

Yet, the Soldiers were reminded of the dangers of serving in Afghanistan toward the end of their tour as they were completing the road from Khowst to a Pakistani border checkpoint. A vehicle filled with explosives blew up at the checkpoint, killing several Afghani soldiers and locals.

"Our Soldiers had to respond," Mason said. "We maintained security and called in Medevac. The Soldiers performed like hardened combat veterans. They responded to pretty intense situations and did very well."

While war efforts in Iraq get front-page coverage, Mason said Afghanistan is still a hotbed of Taliban resistance.

"We're still at war there," Mason said. "It's safer because the resistance isn't as organized. These people have been invaded

over and over and over again by the Greeks, Persians, Huns, Mongols and all these different warrior peoples. But they've never been conquered. Afghanistan has a pretty primitive army, but they're effective and proud."

The Soldiers of the 926th did see signs of change as they got to know the Afghani people and conducted humanitarian work among the villages, including giving out writing pens to school-age children.

"They're not going to change overnight," Mason said. "They have thousands of years of culture. Surprisingly, though, they are open to ideas and want to develop along lines of western theology."

For Mason, the position with Charlie Company was a return to the battlefield.

Mason was working as a deputy sheriff in Georgia when he first mobilized for the Global

War on Terrorism in early 2003, volunteering to join the Alpha Company, 926th Engineer Combat Battalion out of Decatur. The unit's one-year deployment in Kuwait involved providing facilities support and maintenance at camps where Soldiers were stationed before going into Iraq and when returning.

During that tour, Mason met his future wife, April, who was also with Alpha Company.

"From the first time I saw her, I knew she was the one," Mason said.

"We have a lot of the same political beliefs and religious beliefs," April Mason said. "I think that kind of drew us together."

But the Reserves frowns on romance in wartime. So, the couple remained good friends until returning in April 2004, when they began seriously dating. They married in November 2004, just before Mason started preparations for his second tour. Their marriage brought an end to April's military career.

"My eight years was up and I thought being an Army spouse was enough," she said. "We want to have children so we didn't want to take the risk of my deployment."

Although the couple is together again, they are making plans for their next move. Mason has volunteered for active military and expects his orders in April.

"I come from a military family. I went to a military school," he said. "This is what I need to do. There's a lot of important things going on in this world right now. And, I feel compelled to be a part of that. This is a noble profession. This is what I'm trained for. I want to continue to serve with other fine patriots."

April Mason supports her husband's commitment to the military and the country.

"My husband has a calling for this," she said. "I'm proud of him. He's very ambitious and good at what he does. He's a good leader. This is what he's supposed to do. I can't fight that. He's doing what he believes in."



Courtesy photo

DAMAGE DONE— There's not much left of the front end of this Hummer that Capt. Joe Mason and three other Soldiers of Charlie Company 926th and an interpreter were traveling in when it ran over a wire that tripped an explosive. The incident happened during the first few months Mason was in Afghanistan.

Space Camp mission awaits winning entries



Photo by Skip Vaughn

UPLIFTING EXHIBIT— Trying a spacewalk simulator at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center are, from left, Cathy Hays, MWR community activities coordinator; Phyllis Montgomery and Mary Bissell, co-chairmen of the Space Camp Scholarship Committee. Not pictured is co-chairman Gabriel Cannon.

Military youngsters can win free trip

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Youngsters in the military community have a chance each year to win a free trip to Space Camp.

Bob Jones High senior Siobhan O'Reilly is a past winner who enjoyed the experience.

"I liked it so much I started babysitting and I paid for myself to go," she said. "I've gone five times now."

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.

"It's an opportunity that children all over the world would love to have," Cathy Hays, MWR community activities coordinator, said.

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 application, 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.

"It's a way to develop those interests at an early age," Hays said.

The winners will attend their camp June 11-16 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

O'Reilly, 17, won a trip to Space Camp in 2000. She subsequently attended Space Academy twice and Advanced Space Academy twice.

"I loved it," said the daughter of Brig. Gen. Patrick and Judy O'Reilly. "Honestly it was a great place to make friends

from all over the nation; I still keep in touch with some of them. And it got me hooked (on space); I want to do something with NASA now."

She plans to major in biomedical science next year at Auburn University and is interested in a career in researching health care for astronauts on long-duration missions.

Applications for the Space Camp scholarships 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.

Group to recognize Soldier who 'holds unit together'

Award

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Huntsville-Redstone AUSA president Vandiver hopes the local award will eventually grow into a national recognition program.

"This is something our whole city, county and AUSA chapter can be proud of leading," she said.

Gerecht agreed such an award could become a nationwide program because it recognizes good Soldiers who are making a difference in the Army.

"The first sergeant does most of the organizing, planning, mobilizing and motivating," Gerecht said. "The first ser-

geant makes sure the unit is together, that the mission is focused. The focus is right, here, because this award is going to honor good people who are doing great things."

Competition for the 2006 award will begin immediately and the winners will be presented at an AUSA event in Huntsville on June 14, the birthday of the Army.

Candidates must submit an essay, letter of recommendation, a letter from a Soldier or subordinate and a list of achievements. The winners will be selected by a committee consisting of Carney, Gerecht, Perry, Quinn and retired Col. Bryan Dodson, AUSA's vice president of Reserve affairs. For more information on the award, contact Carney at 829-0324 or david.r.carney@us.army.mil

Eighteen Soldiers arrive in February

The Garrison provided the following list of 18 Soldiers who arrived at Redstone units during February:

- 1st Sgt. Thomas Dobbin, Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School; Col. Michael James Bonner, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas; Capt. Michael Barker, Headquarters & Alpha; Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Luis Garciaaponte, Headquarters & Alpha; Maj. Bruce Alan Lloyd, THAAD Project Office; Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Stephen Bean, Headquarters & Alpha; Sgt. Nicole Morford, Headquarters &

- Alpha; Sgt. Evan Rode, Headquarters & Alpha; Sgt. Juan Rodriguez, Headquarters & Alpha

- Spc. Steven Butler, Headquarters & Alpha; Spc. Adrian Kendrick, Headquarters & Alpha; Spc. Paul Lewis, Headquarters & Alpha; Spc. Robert Mann, Headquarters & Alpha; Spc. William Meade, Headquarters & Alpha; Spc. Teandra Woods, Headquarters & Alpha; Staff Sgt. Anthony Ray Mills, Headquarters & Alpha; Staff Sgt. Leonard Parks, Headquarters & Alpha; and Staff Sgt. Yancy Ray Windham, Headquarters & Alpha.



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Hot topic

The Fire Museum of Memphis was part of a field studies program trip Feb. 25-26 by the International Military Student Office. The international students heard about fire prevention and the history of fires and firefighting in Memphis. From left are Capt. Hao-Ming Chen of Taiwan, Capt. Ahmed El-Houty of Egypt and Capt. Ahmed Al-Zahrani of Saudi Arabia.

NCO Academy team gives lesson in patience

Late rally passes test

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The NCO Academy basketball team didn't panic when trailing the Marines on March 1.

Its patience paid off in the second half. Down 23-20 at halftime, the NCO Academy rallied to beat the Marines 53-51 at Pagano Gym. The academy improved to 3-5 while the Marines fell to 3-5.

"We really just passed the ball around, made extra passes," NCO Academy point guard Delbert Francis said. "We also crashed the boards."

The key was "just keeping our composure and staying focused," he said. He scored 16 points, James Godine had 15 and Chris Fischer added 10.

The Marines' Damian Cason, who had a game-high 22, missed a 3-pointer at the

buzzer. Christopher McNally had 10 points. "We just weren't playing as hard toward the end," Cason said. "Took the early lead and we just relaxed."

Here are last week's results:
Feb. 27 — 326th Chemical def. HHC 59th 61-34, Bravo def. NCO Academy 40-37 and Marines won by forfeit over 10th Mountain Division.

March 1 — NCO Academy def. Marines 53-51, Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over 10th Mountain Division and Bravo Company def. MEDDAC 50-41.

March 2 — Charlie def. Headquarters & Alpha 35-31, Bravo def. NCO Academy 42-34 and MEDDAC def. HHC 59th 34-27.

League standings entering this week were:
Eastern Conference — Charlie (7-2), MEDDAC (6-3), Headquarters & Alpha (5-4) and HHC 59th (0-9). **Western Conference** — 326th Chemical (8-0), Bravo (5-4), Marines (3-5), NCO Academy (3-6) and 10th Mountain Division (1-7). The 10th Mountain Division has withdrawn from the league because of mission requirements. The postseason tournament is scheduled to begin March 13.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHARPSHOOTER— NCO Academy's Delbert Francis scores 16 points in a 53-51 win over the Marines.



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.

Amateur softball night

The Alabama Amateur Softball Association has formed a partnership with the Huntsville Stars, the Double-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. June 16 has been designated as ASA Night. This special night is targeted at all ASA registered teams, adult and youth, in the area. The Huntsville Stars have set up a discount package for teams. This event will include an appearance by Kelly Kretschman, Olympic gold medalist in softball, as well as fireworks that will be held after the baseball game at Joe Davis Stadium.

Babe Ruth baseball

Huntsville Babe Ruth League will be holding registrations for the 2006 Summer Season on March 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 the 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.

Bicycle safety

Road I Course, from the League of American Bicyclists, is recommended for adults and children over 14. "This initial course is perfect for all cyclists who wish to gain a full understanding of how to operate a bicycle in a variety of situations," a prepared release said. "The class includes learning how to perform a bicycle safety check, basic maintenance like fixing a flat, interactive discussion, on-bike skills practice and student manual." It will be held March 22 from 7-9 p.m., March 24 from 7-9 p.m. and March 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at Safety City, 2221 Drake Ave. The \$50 course fee is due at signup. Spring City Cycling Club members receive a \$5 discount. AlaBike members receive a \$10 discount. Registration deadline is March 15. Registration forms can be found at http://www.bike-league.org/educenter/Road_I_Registration.pdf. For more information call David L. Stone, league cycling instructor for

League of American Bicyclists, (256) 348-6414.

Golf league

The OMMCS Golf League will have its 2006 season second meeting March 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the Golf Course clubhouse. At least three vacancies exist from the league's 20-team roster. For more information, call Dean Anderson 313-3477 or Dave Parker 313-4196.

Globetrotters tickets

Discount coupons for the March 15 Harlem Globetrotters game are available at the Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama office at 906 Bob Wallace Ave., Suite D-2. Contact the office at 533-4661 for directions. The coupon entitles the holder to a \$4 discount off ticket prices; and for each coupon used, the local Junior Achievement office receives \$1.

Youth fitness

Youth Sports is conducting a fitness program for ages 12-18 from now through May 17 at the Youth Center. The program includes strength training, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility and education. It meets Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each week. There is no program fee, but central registration fee of \$18 will apply, if not already enrolled at CYS Central Registration. For more information, call 313-3699.

Golf bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a golf trip to the Dancing Rabbit Golf Course at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss. This three-day trip will depart May 19 at around 6 a.m. and return May 21 about 8 p.m. There will be two 18-hole tournaments held on the two Dancing Rabbit courses (the Oaks and the Azaleas). The Callaway Handicap system will be used in each tournament to make the events competitive regardless of an individual's handicap. Cost for this trip is \$225 per person based upon double occupancy. Included in this rate is two nights stay at the Pearl River Resort, bus fare, green fees and shared cart for two rounds of golf, awards, and snacks and beverages on the bus. A non-golfing spouse fee is available at \$125. For reservations, e-mail Bob Olson at bob.olson@amrdec.army.mil. A \$125 per person deposit is due by March 31, and final payment will be due by May

12. Space is limited so make your reservation today.



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.

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 is Saturday 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. Thursday 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.

Retired employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Richard Amos, deputy to the AMCOM commanding general. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet March 21 at the Holiday Inn

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Select on Williams Avenue, Sun Room of Lofton's. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. Dr. Danny Dutton is to speak on stress management. Cost is \$16.50 for members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 full-time undergraduate students. Reservations are required by noon March 17. Call 830-0377.

Aviation symposium

The Army Aviation Association of America will sponsor the 32nd annual Joseph P. Cribbins Aviation Product Symposium for interested members of industry and the aviation logistics and acquisition communities March 8-10. The theme of this year's symposium is "Support to the Total Aviation Force." The purpose of the symposium is to stimulate dialogue among industry executives, senior government officials and military leaders concerning the support of Army aviation's war fighters. For more information, visit the AAAA web site <http://www.quad-a.org> or call Debi Charlier or Janice Sanders of AEPCO Inc. 464-9191.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting March 16 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Officers and Civilians Club, Regimental Room. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Gregory Knight 876-8036.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-8710 or Chief Warrant Officer Robert Smith 955-9722.

Civilian deployment

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

www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

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, 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." 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 number, 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.

Manager wanted

The Thrift Shop is looking for a new manager; 30 hours per week, experience a plus and must be computer literate. Details and job application can be picked up during business hours.

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

Weather closings

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: radio – WAHR, 99.1 FM; WDRM, 102 FM; WEKR,

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

Volunteer opportunities

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

Tax assistance volunteers

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

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is accepting scholarship applications for dependent children of active duty and retired Soldiers for the 2006-07 school year. Scholarship applications can be found at the AER web site www.aerhq.org. Applications will be accepted through 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.

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>.

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.

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.

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.

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. This conference is also listed in TIP, vendor: Westar Corporation. For information call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

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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. 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. The application materials can be accessed at http://fisher.osu.edu/~cooper_7/.

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 application, 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.

Women's history contests

Team Redstone is sponsoring Women's History Month display and essay contests. Essays should be two pages, double-spaced and pertain to the theme "Women – Builders of Communities and Dreams." Fax, e-mail or mail essays by March 15 to Garrison, AMSAM-E0 (Sgt. 1st Class Mixon), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35897, fax 876-8947, phone 876-8648, e-mail monique.mixon@redstone.army.mil; or to OMEMS, ATSK-AE (Master Sgt. Jackson), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35897, fax 842-6853, phone 876-9224 or 842-9765, e-mail tuyunykua.jackson@redstone.army.mil. For the unit/department static display contest, notify the 59th Ordnance Brigade or Garrison office of the location and contact for your static display by March 15. The judging will take place March 16. Contest plaques and trophies will be awarded during the Women's History Month observance March 23 at 10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Physical training test

Headquarters & Headquarters Company, Garrison will administer the Army Physical Fitness Test every Wednesday in April for all Soldiers assigned or attached to the Garrison. The AFPT will begin at 6:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Note the change of the primary location for this event from the field adjacent to Tin City to HHC headquarters, building 3206 for push-up/sit-up events. This change of location is due to the chance of inclement weather. Special accommodations will be made for sections wanting to make this a morale-building event. Please call 1st Sgt. McIntyre 842-7091 or Mr. Gibson 876-7797 to verify that permanent/temporary profiles are on record at the unit. For all personnel that have temporary profiles which preclude them from taking the APFT, weigh-in will be conducted at 7:30 a.m. the day of the APFT.

Infantry reunion

The Southeastern Chapter of the 88th Infantry Division Association will hold its

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