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Appreciation for volunteers' dedication

Voluntary efforts worth more than \$1.2 million

By SKIP VAUGHN

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More than 600 volunteers contributed over 80,000 total hours for the year 2005-06 and saved Redstone Arsenal \$1,220,300.

"We have some of the best volunteers in the Army today," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said during the 22nd annual Redstone Arsenal Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"You all are wonderful," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, told the volunteers. "We can't run Redstone Arsenal without you."

Volunteers from 21 organizations were recognized during the luncheon which had 275 attendees. Eleven nominees were honored as Volunteers of the Year for 2005-06. Pillsbury asked for a show of hands of everyone in attendance who does volunteer work. "Every one of you that raised their hand in my estimation is a hero," he said.

Redstone recognizes its volunteers each year for National Volunteer Week, April 23-29.

Gisela Mullek received the Redstone Arsenal Community Lifetime Service Award. She volunteers at the Thrift Shop, Outdoor Recreation, Bicentennial Chapel and the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. She has been contributing her time for 42 years.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GIFTS FOR GIVING— Some of the volunteer honorees include, from left, Liz Blackmon, Elizabeth Bland and Gisela Mullek. At right is Kristi Foster of Army Community Service.

"I enjoy doing it, it gets me out of the house," Mullek said of her volunteer work.

"I do mine for the love of God," said Elizabeth Bland, who received the Military Community Lifetime Service Award for volunteering at Bicentennial Chapel.

Here are the other Volunteers of the Year:

- Yashira Rodriguez, Redstone Arsenal School Age Service Young Leader
- Tiffany London, Redstone Arsenal Middle School Young Leader
- Willie Brazile Jr., Redstone Arsenal

Teen Young Leader

- Maj. Derek Santiago, Redstone Arsenal Service to Youth
- Spc. Draper Hollier, Redstone Arsenal Active Service
- Katrina Wynn, Redstone Arsenal Community Service
- Liz Blackmon, Redstone Arsenal Community Dedicated Service
- Gabriel Cannon, Military Community Service
- Sharon Samuelson, Military Community Dedicated Service

AMC commander optimistic about moving

Army Materiel Command plans Redstone arrival

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The commander of Army Materiel Command says he is looking forward to moving to Huntsville.

AMC headquarters and its 1,500 positions are moving to Redstone from Fort Belvoir, Va., by fiscal 2011 under last year's base realignment and closure decisions. Gen. Benjamin Griffin, the commander, made his fourth visit here April 19.

"It's always great to be in Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley," Griffin said during a press conference at the Sparkman Center.

He told the reporters the exact timing of AMC's move is uncertain because of funding but by law must be completed by fiscal 2011.

"This is a very attractive area for people to come and live," Griffin said. "Huntsville sells itself. The majority of the folks we've talked to are clearly optimistic. This is a very attractive place to move to."

He sees benefits from AMC collocating with the Aviation and Missile Command, one of its subordinate commands, and moving to a high-tech area of the country. "It'll be good for AMC headquarters," Griffin said.

Money has been provided for planning the move; and that planning is coming along well, according to the general.

"We know that folks are looking forward to us coming and we're looking forward to moving AMC headquarters," he said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RETURN VISIT— Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command, speaks to local news media while visiting April 19.

An open lane random survey

What safety tip do you have for outdoor activities?

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Master Sgt. Patrick Vaughn
Ordnance Proponent Office



"Don't barbecue close to the house. Nobody needs a fire or for someone to get hurt because they weren't paying attention. If

you're going to barbecue, it's best to do it at least 15 feet or so away from your house."

William Presley
DoD civilian

"Don't drink and drive. There is nothing wrong with going out, having fun and having a beer – but designate a driver. It's easy to do."



Spc. Eric Bowden
"Wear your sun screen."



Vanessa Flowers
contractor

"Make sure you put on sun screen and bug repellent. It's the most important thing you should do."



Quote of the week

'I f you cannot say what you have to say in 20 minutes, you should go away and write a book about it.'

— Lord Brabazon
British aristocrat

Getting to know you

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Name: Vern Bearden

Job: Case manager for the Thailand Black Hawk foreign military sales program, Security Assistance Management Directorate

Where do you call home? Russellville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

I enjoy helping other people and this gives me an opportunity to help others, particularly the Royal Thailand Army and those who are also assisting the program.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Raise a garden. Raise kids (four ranging from ages 16-22). And my life has been centered around raising them in my spare time (laugh).

What are your goals?

My goals are to make my children successful, and making other people successful – encouraging oth-



ers to live a good life and follow solid moral values.

What's your favorite type of music?

The kind of music that my children play. They play classical violin music. See, my children play in a string quartet (the Bearden String Quartet) where they play violin and cello music. They've played in the Redstone chapel, area churches and at Christmas parties throughout Redstone.

Visitor control center maintains schedule

On Jan. 17 a partnership between Garrison and Marshall Space Flight Center resulted in the opening of the Joint Visitor Control Center located on Rideout Road. Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, director of emergency services, established initial hours of operation as Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., with visions of becoming a 24-hour, 365-day a year operation by April 3.

At a recent budget brief, Garrison leadership was informed of funding shortfalls throughout the Army. Garrison instructed each directorate to look at their organization

to see where savings could be realized. With funding limitations in mind, Directorate of Emergency Services elected to maintain the Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. operating hours at the visitor center.

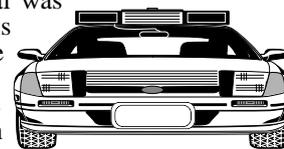
If funds become available at a later date, the directorate will revisit the idea of extending operational hours and procedures at the center. Until then, the center will process visitor badges and vehicle passes only. Permanent security badges and post vehicle registrations will continue to be issued at building 3423 on Gray Road. (Garrison release)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

April 17: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. Further investigation revealed he had no insurance. He was issued two violation notices and released.

April 18: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 9. Further investigation revealed that he had no driver's license and had an outstanding arrest warrant from Hillsboro, Fla., police department for burglary and grand theft. He was issued two violation notices and detained until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level, then transferred to the Madison County jail pending transport to Hillsboro.



April 18: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 19: An individual reported that someone removed his MP3 player valued at \$150 from his barracks room. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Traffic accidents reported: seven without injuries, one with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 13 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 open container, 2 driving with a suspended/revoked license, 1 driving under the influence, 2 expired tags, 2 failure to yield right of way, 1 failure to use seatbelt, 4 improper backing, 1 driving with no driver's license.

Correction

The last name of one of the participants in last week's random survey on page two was misspelled. W.T. Purnell is an inventory management specialist with the Program Executive Office for Aviation, CH-47 engine team.

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Joint chiefs vice chairman discusses war on terrorism

Reminds audience of universal threat

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The main speaker at the Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Summit on April 19 didn't want to talk about air and missile defense. Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, came instead to talk about other things.

Giambastiani made the brief trip to the Marriott at the Space and Rocket Center's Tranquility Base after attending a similar event the day before in Orlando, Fla.

He used his time to speak to the assembled industry and community leaders about issues he felt were important even if they didn't necessarily have direct bearing on the conference subject.

"Let me assure you that I support what it is that you're doing here," he said.

Instead of focusing his attention on the matter at hand, namely air and missile defense, he chose to make several points about matters he felt were closely related



Photo by Kelley Lane

QUESTION FROM FLOOR— Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, listens to a question from SMDC's Mike Schexnayder after his remarks to the Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Summit.

and extremely important to all those in attendance.

Giambastiani first spoke about the Global War on Terrorism, outlining who the enemy is, what it is they hope to accomplish and how.

"This enemy seeks to abolish your way of life — our way of life — and replace it with the rule of an extremist Islamic empire," he said. "Our adversary flies no flag. They defend no borders. They have no standing army. They occupy no territory and derive their strength and support by developing safe havens in the geographic virtual and mass media worlds."

He described them as advocates of chaos, bent on exploiting fear and ignorance to impose tyranny around the globe.

"The only reason why, on 9/11, just 3,000 people were killed and not 30,000 or 3 million is because they didn't have a weapon that would extend the destruction to that many people," he said. "I have no doubt they would use such a weapon if

they had it then or had it now."

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— Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

He also suggested a better use for the letter "I" in the acronym IED. Instead of "improvised," Giambastiani said he prefers the word "indiscriminate" as a better description of the damage and casualties caused by the devices themselves.

"I don't like the term IED. It does not describe accurately what these things are," he explained. "In my opinion they are weapons of indiscriminate destruction, but they are weapons that have strategic effect."

Giambastiani also loosely outlined future hopes for technological advancement to combat IEDs, without specific details.

"We can't get complacent here. We can't discuss our procedures in detail to the public," he said. "We had an expression during WWII called 'Loose lips sink ships.' We find that things show up very quickly on al Qaeda web sites."

Even though many may feel detached or sequestered from espionage or security situations geographically in the Huntsville area, Giambastiani reminded them that technology and the Internet have put us all only a few clicks away from the front lines.

"In today's world, anything said, written or televised can reach around the world in a matter of seconds," he said. "You can see on the Internet that this stuff moves at the speed of light. There are things that are classified and we want to keep them classified to not only protect our Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, but also to protect our citizens."

He also urged industry leaders to develop more open architecture technology, allowing for further development and innovation across companies. While sympathetic to a company's wish to guard and protect their technology as their own, Giambastiani believes that greater innovation and the greater good may be served instead by sharing and collaboration.

"I know sometimes in industry they want proprietary solutions. That is not helpful, in my view from inside the government," he said.

Finally, he praised the efforts of industry, government and academia to work together, saying that the solutions to the problems at hand would be found through those partnerships. He also reiterated the importance of Redstone Arsenal in the future of air and missile defense.

"The entire outfit here at Redstone is a very strong technological base and its long term importance can't be underestimated enough," he added. "What's done here in the Huntsville area, and the purpose of this conference, is exceptionally important and why I'm here."

Obituaries

Betty Joan Dobbs, who worked as a contract manager at Redstone, died April 19 at a local hospital. She was 68. Survivors include a son, Hugh Edward Dobbs of Milton, Fla.; and a daughter, Melinda Jo Dobbs Forsythe of Huntsville.

Helena Moore, secretary to the chief counsel of AMCOM, died April 17 at Huntsville Hospital after a lengthy illness. "We all miss her," chief counsel Fred Allen said. She had worked in the Legal Office since 1988.

Corpus Christi Depot eyes master plan

By JAMEY GIDDENS
Corpus Christi Depot publicist

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The final draft of the Comprehensive Joint Master Plan for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Corpus Christi Army Depot has been submitted by R&K Engineering Inc.

Due to the vital role the depot plays at the naval air station, the plan was jointly funded through Navy and Army resources and supports the joint vision of both organizations, as well as other tenant activities and potential operations.

Kresten Cook, Corpus Christi Depot director of engineering services, said it was necessary for an installation as comprehensive as the naval air station to utilize a master plan because of the amount of facilities and business operations it supports, as well as the missions of those

respective organizations and entities.

"We often get so caught up in the day to day work of keeping this facility operational, that we do not take the time out to adequately plan for the future," Cook said. "This comprehensive CCAD and NAS Corpus Christi master plan provides the initial planning and vision to what NASCC and CCAD will be in the future, 5, 10, 20 years from now."

The plan outlines four developmental phases, each one representing a five-year period for planning purposes and each with a general timeline established. However, the order in which the respective phases will be addressed could vary due to mission needs and funding availability.

Both NASCC commander Capt. Timothy Coolidge and depot commander Col. Timothy Sassenrath, along with representatives from most of NASCC's tenants, provided input to the plan.

Tax center continues trend of happy returns

Yields \$2.2 million in refunds, saves \$400K in preparation fees

By Capt. DAN PAPAJCIK
For the Rocket

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center closed its doors for the season April 17, after helping prepare more than 3,200 state and federal tax returns.

The center secured state and federal refunds of more than \$2.2 million and saved clients over \$400,000 in tax preparation fees. These numbers continue the eight-year increase in terms of services provided to the Redstone community.

Eligible clients were active duty servicemembers, their families, and retirees

and their families. The center maintained both appointment and walk-in hours and was able to prepare both simple and complex returns.

Soldier volunteer income tax preparers working at the center were: Sgt. 1st Class Alan Lovitt (NCO-in-charge), Sgt. 1st Class Don Mattox, Sgt. Sheena Knight, Spc. Mervyn Oliver and Spc. Joseph Bow. Additionally, the following civilian volunteers assisted in providing income tax preparation services: Randy Duff, Gunner Wallis, Rod Rodriguez, David Wyatt, Emily Hsi, Larry Howell, Brenda Jemison, Sun Morgan, Teresa Stone, Ernie Williams, Rachael Yeoman, Cathie Wright, Wayne Butler, Lisa Snyder, PD Gutierrez, Lawanda Biddle and Leslie Gray.

Prehistoric sites part of Redstone's past

*Collectors can look,
but just don't touch*

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

Redstone Arsenal is known for its background in missiles and space, but what about the history of this land before it became an Army post?

There are more than 800 prehistoric and historic sites documented on post, according to Danny Dunn, branch chief for Cultural and Natural Resources.

Prehistoric and historic sites are different. Prehistoric classifies the time in history before European goods, like modern tools or pottery. To put it in perspective, Carbon 14 dating has been used on several artifacts found on the Arsenal and proves that this land was used by people as early as 10,000 years ago.

One of the oldest artifacts found on the Arsenal is a spearhead (or arrowhead) known as the Redstone point, according to Ben Hoksbergen, Redstone's staff archeologist. The Redstone point is actually part of the Clovis point family of spearheads that dates back as far as 12,000 years.

A historic site is classified as anything from about 1500 AD, when Europeans first started searching out new land, to about 1956. The National Historic Preser-

vation Association considers anything 50 years old or older to be a historic artifact. Most of the modern military areas on Red-



Photo by Julie Frederick

TEACHING POINT— Ben Hoksbergen, Redstone's staff archeologist, displays a prehistoric spearhead found along the riverbank that borders the Arsenal and describes the flint knapping process used to make it.

stone are considered historic sites and are eligible for the National Historic Register.

Since about 1995, Redstone has been continuously doing a survey of the installation and marking archeological sites.

"Our goal is to find as many sites as possible to learn more about the people who inhabited this area before us," Hoksbergen said. "Our system was simple but time consuming."

Surveyors would mark off 100 feet of land, dig a hole about one and a half feet in diameter, and take a sample of the land. If they found any artifacts, they would tag the area as a site and move on to the next 100-foot plot. The entire Arsenal has been surveyed for archeological sites.

Once a plot has been tagged as an archeological site, the next step is to determine if it holds any significant artifacts. This determination is important because if a location is deemed a significant source of archeological information, then it cannot be disturbed or built on without first being excavated. This has significant impact on the planners and developers that are attempting to build new buildings and roads on this continually growing installation. Planners and developers must go through the Environmental office when making decisions

about where to place a building because of this.

The historical status of an area also has a certain impact on the many novice history buffs and collectors that work on the Arsenal. As with all historical sites, looking is always welcome, but do not remove an artifact from the Arsenal. It is against the law. Since there are laws that protect all sites and artifacts, anything found here belongs to the government.

Taking any kind of artifact from this installation constitutes stealing from the government; and there are consequences for people caught pilfering an archeological site. Any government employee caught removing artifacts can be fined, reprimanded and possibly fired from government service.

"If people remove artifacts then we have no way of documenting and preserving that piece of history," Hoksbergen said. "Take the Redstone point for example. At around 10,000 years old it is possibly the oldest artifact found on the Arsenal. There are only five documented, and we don't have any of them because they were picked up by collectors."

While a treasure hunt through time would be fun, leave artifacts where they lie.

Congratulations in order at cargo helicopters

*Project office members
join Order of St. Michael*

The Order of St. Michael Bronze Medal was awarded to four members of the Cargo Helicopters Project Office during the 2006 Army Aviation Association of America convention April 10 in Nashville.

The honorees included Janet A. L. Fletcher, Jeff Langhout, Robert Kentner and George Walters.

Robert Birmingham, president of the Tennessee Valley Chapter AAAA, and cargo helicopters project manager Col. Tim Crosby presented the awards.

A nominee for the Order of St. Michael must have served Army aviation or the civilian aviation community with distinction and

have demonstrated a significant conspicuous contribution in support of the aviation branch; must represent the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence and dedication to duty; and must be nominated for the award by an active AAAA member.



Photo by Nick Van Valkenburgh

AVIATION HONOR— From left are cargo helicopters project manager Col. Tim Crosby, Robert Kentner, Jeff Langhout, Janet A. L. Fletcher and Robert Birmingham.

Missouri-Rolla team wins helicopter design competition

University students
take \$5,000 prize

A multidisciplinary team of students from the University of Missouri-Rolla took the \$5,000 top prize this month in a helicopter design competition sponsored by the Huntsville chapter of the American Helicopter Society.

"The competition objective is to design and build a small vertical takeoff and landing unmanned aerial vehicle that can safely operate in and around buildings," said team adviser Dr. Fathi Finaish, professor and associate chair of mechanical and aerospace engineering at UMR. "This vehicle is intended to quickly conduct both preliminary building surveys and extended spot ground surveillance in geo-constrained spaces. These emerging capabilities will allow firemen, police and other first responders to more efficiently complete their missions and bring VTOL technology closer to home."

The UMR First Responder Design Team beat out Georgia Tech and several other universities to capture the first-place finish. The prize money will be used to refine and build the team's design for an unmanned aerial vehicle with vertical takeoff and landing capabilities.

The team's design — nicknamed Project SAVER because it's a semi-autonomous VTOL emergency responder — is a coaxial, contra-rotating blade helicopter featuring a side-mounted camera. The aircraft's semi-

autonomous control system and unique sensor suite allows it to be operated around buildings and outside of the line of sight of the ground station operator. The proposed aircraft design will weigh less than 5 pounds, and be small enough to be packed inside a briefcase for storage and transport.

The UMR First Responder Design Team will refine its Project SAVER design for the April 2007 final competition, where UMR will compete with teams from Georgia Tech and the University of Alabama-Huntsville. The helicopters will be evaluated based on total system weight, time to complete mission, number of object hits and total system cost.

The team's industry mentors include two Boeing employees who are also UMR alumni. Propulsion engineer Chris Wilson received bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering and a master's degree in engineering management from UMR. Flight test engineer Chris Keithley received bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering from UMR.

Support for the team has been provided by the American Helicopter Society, the Society of Flight Test Engineers, Boeing, the mechanical and aerospace engineering department at UMR, and the UMR Student Design and Experiential Learning Center.

Members of the First Responder Design Team are:

- Tim Assel of Cameron, Mo., a senior in aerospace engineering;
- Peter Cross of Ash Grove, Mo., a graduate student

in aerospace engineering;

- RYANNE DOLAN of Lake St. Louis, Mo., a junior in computer engineering and computer science;
- PAUL LEONARD of Ballwin, Mo., a senior in mechanical engineering; and
- PAUL ROBINETTE of Maryland Heights, Mo., a junior in computer engineering and physics. (*UMR Public Relations*)

Logisticians gather for annual seminar

Dr. Richard Amos
to address group

Dr. Richard Amos, AMCOM deputy to the commanding general, will address Huntsville area logisticians during their annual professional seminar May 3 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Amos will discuss key logistical issues facing today's Army and challenge attendees to develop innovative and cost effective solutions for the Army of the future.

Each year the local chapter of the International Society of Logistics Engineers presents the latest information on emerging logistics concepts, tools and techniques. This year's professional seminar begins at 8 a.m. May 2 and runs through 4 p.m. May 4. The theme of the seminar is "Logistics Data Standardization – The Key to Interoperability."

Training sessions that Tuesday and Thursday can earn participants continuing learning points and provide skills needed to effectively use the latest battery of logistics modeling tools. Individuals working with level of repair analysis, life cycle cost modeling, logistics support analysis, and post fielding support analysis will want to attend these workshops.

Wednesday's general session offers today's logisticians an array of speakers from key positions in the Department of Defense logistics community. Experts in logistics data standardization will show evidence that data standardization is the key to interoperability in the modern and future defense world.

The SOLE monthly luncheon will be held at midday May 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club. An ice-breaker social time will be held from 4:30-6 p.m.

Attendance is limited and seats are going fast, but there is still time to register. Log on to <http://www.hats.org/sole/>, download the form and fax it to Cheryl Baker at 876-4471. For more information, call Mike Murphy 327-3896. (*SOLE release*)



Photo by Wendy Turney

Employee of quarter

Security specialist Janet Dickerson is the Employee of the Quarter in the G-2 (Intelligence and Security) for the first quarter of 2006.

Some suggestions for keeping cool

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office provided the following tips regarding cooling.

- Don't set the thermostat colder than normal to cool a room faster. The lower setting will not cool any faster; it will cool to a lower temperature than needed and use more energy.
- To operate an air conditioner more efficiently, use ceiling fans to move air across the skin, lowering skin temperature by evaporation. The temperature can be raised about 4 degrees Fahrenheit without any decrease in comfort. Each degree set above 78 F will save about 7-8 percent on cooling costs.
- Use landscaping, awnings and overhangs to shade the outside of a house in summer. A shaded house will cost less to cool than one in direct sunlight.
- When possible, use fans to keep cool instead of using the air conditioner. Fans use a small fraction of the energy that an air conditioner will use.
- When leaving a room for a few minutes or more, turn fans off. Letting them run wastes energy and does not cool the empty room. The heat from the motor could warm the room a little.

For more information, call energy manager Mark Smith 842-0014.

Huntsville serves as forum for Test Week 2006

Event brings top-level speakers, exhibits, networking opportunity

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, South Hall.

This event, formerly known as Army Test and Evaluation Days, has been held in Huntsville for the last eight years, and diversified into the tri-services in 2005 when Dr. John Foulkes took over the position of director of TRMC. This forum has always served as an event where the test community, industry leadership and academia counterparts can come together and discuss how they can better serve the Soldier.

This year the conference will host two four-hour short courses sponsored by Trideum Corporation and DAU South Region, starting at 1 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. These courses are open to the community.

The annual Golf Tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Trail, Hampton Cove will kick off at 8 a.m. June 5, shotgun scramble. Also, if you are a bike enthusiast, Janie Miernik of NASA will be co-hosting with the Test Week sponsor, Foulkes, a bike ride to the river starting at noon that day from the Sparkman Fitness Center. From there, the kickoff reception will be held in the pre-function lobby of the South Hall, Von Braun Center, at 5 p.m. where Huntsville officials can welcome the attendees and speakers. The Serial Grillers will be featured at the special event "Barbecue at the Roundhouse" on June 7, where the attendees and exhibitors can network in a leisure atmosphere over prize winning pork, ribs and chicken.

This year Kenneth Krieg, under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology

and logistics, will deliver the keynote address. Other notables confirming their speaking engagements include Rep. Lincoln Davis, D-Tenn.; Walter W. Hollis, deputy under secretary of the Army for operations research; John Krings, president of Krings Corporation (formerly appointed by President Reagan as the director of operational test and evaluation for DoD); retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, vice president and partner of Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.; and Maj. Gen. Howard Bromberg, deputy director for force protection/director of Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization.

Leadership from Navy, Air Force, Army, industry and Office of Secretary of Defense will chair the select panels which include Congressional Perspectives: A View From the Hill on T&E; Commercial Industry T&E: Comparisons and Contrasts; International T&E Capabilities: A Look Offshore; The MRTFB: Opportunities for Reinvention; Support the Warfighter: Joint Infrastructure Enterprise Concepts; and Customer's Perspective: Assessment of T&E Services.

Test Week also features an exhibition of equipment. The South Hall has 100,000 square feet of continuous space which can accommodate large hardware and corporate booth structures. This conference has served as a forum for a ribbon cutting ceremony for new systems supporting the war fighter. There is still room to sign up. The week will begin June 5 with short courses, golf tournament, and a kickoff reception, with the technical program and exhibits opening on June 6. Also included in the agenda is a special event in the evening for participants to network in a leisure surrounding.

For more information call Sherry Hilley, support services specialist in the T&E Management Office at the Research Development Center, at 842-6715. The web site is www.testweek.org.

Taiwanese military student enjoys Redstone Arsenal tour

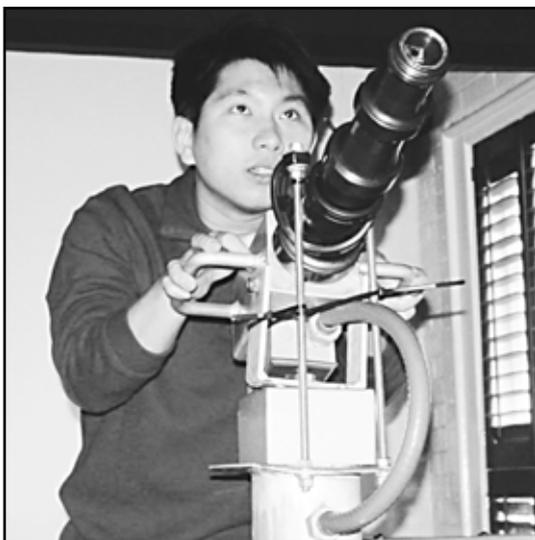
A military student from Taiwan has made the most of his time at Redstone.

"I enjoyed my stay here so much," Taiwanese army Capt. Hao-Ming Chen said. He is attending the BET/TOW/Night Sight Repair Course from Jan. 17 until May 2.

"America is a modern and free country," he said. "People who live here have a very good environment and everyone has good religion. I see democracy here; I think that is why people like to live here."

The International Military Student Office provides activities, such as field trips, for students from other countries.

"When I came here, they took me to my school and help my life so much," Chen, 27, said. "We also have some trips to see America which were wonderful and unforgettable."



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FIELD TRIP— Taiwanese army Capt. Hao-Ming Chen takes in the sights at the Fire Museum in Memphis.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

RACING FOR EGGS— Once they were given the go ahead, young children run through Vincent Park looking for Easter eggs hidden in the picnic areas, around the playground and in the ball field. About 175 children participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt coordinated by MWR's Child and Youth Services at Vincent Park on the Saturday before Easter. Children were divided into three age groups – toddlers, younger elementary and older elementary – to hunt for more than 800 eggs hidden in the park.

Children get hopping for Easter Egg Hunt

Child and Youth Services holds annual event at Vincent Park

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Grasping the fluffy bunny in her small hands, 2-year-old Sarah Watson quickly forgot about the eggs she had found at MWR's Easter Egg Hunt in Vincent Park.

All she wanted to do was pet her new friend.

"He's a soft bunny. He's so sweet," said her grandmother, Environmental Office retiree Linda Smith. "What are you going to name him?"

"Rabbit," Sarah answered, patting the bunny's head.

Sarah and about 175 children and their families enjoyed the fun of finding eggs filled with candy and winning prizes during MWR's Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday morning before Easter. Some 800 eggs

were hidden for the children throughout the park by employees of Morale Welfare and Recreation's Child and Youth Services. The event was sponsored by the Commissary and Office Max Government Solutions.

For many of the children, eggs weren't the only surprises of the morning. Many walked away from the event with Easter baskets filled with toys and candy. For some – like 4-year-old Kaitlyn and 8-year-old Jayson Klingensmith – the giveaways left them hopping with excitement.

"My basket has three race cars!" Jayson exclaimed to his parents. "It's got candy! It's got Fun Dip, Skittles, M&Ms and Sweet Tarts!"

Both Jayson and Kaitlyn won their Easter baskets in a drawing and, like all the children, they received free coloring books. But, in the midst of the fun, they were also looking forward to celebrating the traditions of Easter day with their parents, Capt. Randy and Beth Klingensmith.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

EATING SOME CANDY— Two-year-old Morgan Mitchell takes a break from hunting for Easter eggs to eat some candy with her dad, Capt. Earl Mitchell, a lawyer for SMDC. The Easter eggs hidden by Child and Youth Services employees were filled with all kinds of candy.

"We're going to have pineapple!" Jayson said.

"With ham," his mother quickly added.

Many children at the Easter Egg Hunt carried fun baskets that looked like flowers, trains, cars and lady bugs. Some kids were dressed just for the occasion. Six-year-old Olivia

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Reaching out to children with care

Child and Youth Services has variety of programs

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“Miss Mary” has a beautiful singing voice and a warm, happy disposition to go along with it. When she sits down amongst the children in the playground at the Child Development Center, it’s a sure bet several of the center’s toddlers will sit right down with her.

At their urging, Miss Mary (aka daycare teacher Mary Lewis) will sing a whole list of popular toddler hits. Itsy Bitsy Spider, Three Little Monkeys, the ABC Song, the list goes on and on as she works her audience with smiles, large hand movements and eyes that flash with merriment.

Miss Mary is just one of several teachers at the Child Development Center who takes the time between keeping order, changing diapers, helping with potty training, serving up snacks and running through a multitude of child-friendly activities to make the day special for her charges.

While Miss Mary sings and entertains, teacher Eleshia McCrimmon is helping children climb the stairs of the playground equipment, taking a minute here and there to draw smiley faces on the fingertips of some of the children. Inside, teacher Janie Loadholt is helping preschoolers with learning games on two computers and teacher Tonya Koch is having a tea party with three preschool girls.

The children at CDC are the teacher’s customers, the ones they want to keep happy, satisfied and content with the care they are receiving. Throughout MWR’s Child and Youth Services, children are the customers.

April is the Month of the Military Child – an appropriate time to take a look at all the offerings Child and Youth Services has for the children of military and civilian employees living and working on Redstone Arsenal. And during the ongoing Morale Welfare and Recreation publicity campaign, CYS employees want to get the word out that CDC is just one of several CYS programs available to all active duty, National Guard and Reserve; Redstone/NASA civilians and contractor employees; military, civilian and contractor retirees;



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PLAY SONGS— Mary Lewis, a teacher at the Child Development Center, sings the Itsy, Bitsy Spider and other fun songs with toddlers on the playground. CDC is the cornerstone of Child and Youth Services and is available to any family that has access to Redstone Arsenal.

and their families.

A longtime, top-notch provider of child-friendly and family-friendly programs, Child and Youth Services is looking at ways to expand its offerings with new and innovative programs that address the needs and wants of Redstone Arsenal’s families.

“We have a lot of great things that we are looking at doing,”

said Andre Terry, chief of Child and Youth Services.

About 160 employees work for the children of Redstone Arsenal.

“Anything that deals with children from age five months to 19 years old falls under Child and Youth Services,” Terry said. “From after school programs and block parties, from youth sports

to child care, we are mandated to provide these services. Every program offered here is offered on U.S. military posts worldwide so that there are seamless transitions for our career Soldiers and their families.”

But, Soldiers and their families aren’t the only ones to benefit from Child and Youth Services. So, too, do all families connected to the Arsenal.

“We’ve got a lot of big changes coming to CYS,” said Terry, who moved from a military post in Germany to take over as the CYS chief at Redstone last fall.

“We have a lot of new things planned. I think this fiscal year will be a great year for us, and FY ‘07 will be a big year at the Arsenal for Child and Youth Services.”

Child care at cornerstone

The cornerstone of Child and Youth Services is the Child Development Center, which offers daycare for up to 181 babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Located in building 3145 on Goss Road, CDC offers a variety of programs based on developmentally appropriate curriculum.

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■ Egg hunt in park brings basketful of fun

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Nicholson wore a pair of bunny ears in her blonde hair. She is the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class James and Colleen Nicholson. Her dad is with the 832nd Ordnance Brigade.

Two-year-old Tristan Duncan came dressed in Army green to search the grass for eggs with his sister, Francesca Duncan, 4. They got lots of help from their grandfather, Chief Warrant Officer Miguel Santiago-Rodriguez, who pointed out eggs for his grandchildren as their grandmother, Waleska, and mom, Nicole Duncan, watched the three of them searching for eggs.

Though the agenda for the event was to have lots of fun, some egg hunters also came with big plans.

"I want to get 100 eggs," said 7-year-old John Cummings who was relying on some help from his dad, Lt. Col. Steve Cummings.

Other children came not knowing what kind of fun was in store for them. Fifteen-year-old Lamar Thomas hadn't planned to hunt for eggs until his dad, retired Sgt. 1st Class Richard Thomas, let him know he would be helping his sister, 4-year-old Aiyana, in her search.

And, still other children – the youngest

in the group – had to be coaxed along by their parents to find the hidden eggs. Two-year-old Kyle Hallman, son of Staff Sgt. Lee and Betty Hallman, was more interested in playing with a stick in the dirt than he was with finding eggs. Eighteen-month-old Cody Johnson spent his time wandering around the roped off area for toddlers with his Easter basket in hand while his mom, Charmein Johnson, a NASA SAIC contractor, encouraged him to put an egg or two in his basket.

But the older children didn't need to be coaxed or encouraged. They understood the competitive fun of searching for eggs hidden in the park's ball field. After the egg hunting was done, they went on to the fun of counting their eggs and eating their candy.

Three-year-old Kiara Ubiles and her sister, Nayeli, 5, both had baskets filled with candy from the Easter Egg Hunt.

"I'm getting lots of candy today," Nayeli said.

"I got some lot of candy just like you," Kiara replied.

Three-year-old Liam O'Connell found a place on the bleachers to sit with his dad, Lt. Col. David O'Connell of RDEC, to eat some Easter chocolate. Four-year-old Nathan Corvington counted his 10 eggs over and over before opening them up to retrieve the candy inside. He and his

brother, 8-year-old Alfred, got help with egg counting from their mom, Dagmar. Their father is retired Chief Warrant Officer Serge Corvington who now works for Teledyne.

"This really is a lot of fun for the kids,"

said Sarah's grandmother, Linda Smith. "We came the first time to this in April of last year when Sarah and her brother Case were just four months old and their older brother Gage was 7. It's fun for all of us."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

COUNTING THEIR EGGS— When the mad dash for eggs is over, the next thing to do is count the eggs. Juttah Terry, second from left, helps her sons, 6-year-old Michael and Noah, 4, count the eggs in their baskets while 6-year-old Elijah Cordero, center, takes a break from the fun as his grandmother, Maggie Cordero, and his mother, Angela Cordero, count his eggs. The Terry brothers' father is Andre Terry, chief of Child and Youth Services. Elijah's grandfather is Staff Sgt. Jose Cordero.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BUNNY SURPRISE— Five-year-old Giancarlos Figueroa reaches into the Easter bunny's basket to get out a chocolate surprise. Giancarlos attended the Easter Egg Hunt with his mom and dad, Warrant Officer Jose and Aileen Figueroa, and his brother, 7-year-old Giovanni.

Classic cars drive on up for fund drive

Fourth car show raises money for Army Emergency Relief

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Cars of all shapes and sizes, all makes and models, were put on display during the AER Cars and Camouflage Show on April 15.

Some were antiques, some were today's high-tech models and others were just plain interesting. But all were shiny, flashy and presented to show off their best features.

Ninety-five cars entered this year's AER Car Show, held on the grounds of the Veterans Memorial Museum off Airport Road. About 500 spectators attended the Saturday event, which raised about \$2,500 for Army Emergency Relief.

Fund-raisers such as the Cars and Camouflage Show not only raise money for a good cause but also bring attention to a community need, said retired Marine



ROW FOR SHOW— Ninety-five shiny show cars have their hoods up during the AER Cars and Camouflage Show on the grounds of the Veterans Memorial Museum.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Bill Lang, president of Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners Club, one of the organizer's of the event.

"Bake sales, Redstone bowling events and other activities all give the donor a reason to give money to AER," Lang said. "In our case, the Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners Club utilize the Corvette automobile as a draw for such a fund-raiser."

Lang said he can't think of any better organization to raise money for than AER.

"AER directly supports the Soldier at a time most important, when the chips might be down because some catastrophe has struck his immediate family and he is without financial means to resolve it," Lang said. "AER stands ready to provide the helping hand, which lessens the Soldier's worries and allows focus on the problem."

Besides raising funds for AER through the car show entry fees, the show also holds a 50-50 raffle with 50 percent of the winnings going to AER and 50 percent going to the winning name that is drawn during the show. This year, Paul Casto, whose 1961 Porsche Tryke won third place in the motorcycle class, also won the 50-50 raffle. Yet, he surprised everyone with his generosity after he won the 50-50 raffle.

"Paul went beyond the normal boundaries by being extra generous to both AER and a child spectator," Lang said. "Paul



Photo by Kari Hawkins

RIDE ON— Vietnam veteran Paul Casto got a lot of attention at AER's Cars and Camouflage Show with his homemade 1961 Porsche Tryke. It also caught the eye of the judges, winning third place in the motorcycle class. "I built it from the ground up. I know every bolt and washer in it," said Casto, a member of the Wings of Thunder. Casto was also the winner of the 50-50 AER raffle. But he donated his 50 percent of the winnings back to AER and gave his trophy to a child spectator who was admiring it. Both Casto and his wife, Brenda, served in the Army in Vietnam.

was gracious and benevolent, and provided his winnings of the 50-50 raffle back to AER! And then he gave his trophy to a child who was admiring it upon its award."

The first AER Cars and Camouflage Show was held four years ago when Sgt. 1st Class Tom Perkins organized it with the support of Fox Army Health Center. It was so successful that he continued it the next year. The third year, Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners Club conducted the show because Perkins was deployed. This year, the club worked with Perkins to put the show together.

Huntsville's Veterans Memorial Museum provided electricity; many pieces of military war equipment, rolling stock and static displays; and lots of other support to make the show a success. Volunteer Tommy McPherson provided music, and several other volunteers with the sponsor organizations helped with the show's coordination.

A car show wouldn't be a car show without trophies. And as in year's past,

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

AMERICAN BEAUTY— Retired Maj. Hal Meeker is proud of his 1967 white Pontiac. But it wasn't the only car he had on display during the AER Cars and Camouflage Show. He also had a 1982 Mercedes on display. They are among his collection of memorable cars. Meeker is a configuration management supervisor for Redstone's Engineering Directorate Technical Data Division.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

UNDER THE HOOD— Vietnam era veteran Bill Tucker, right, the owner of a 1965 Mustang, talks about some of its features with Fred Scheppard of Huntsville. The owner of a '66 Fast Pack Mustang, Scheppard got plenty of pointers from Tucker about options and accessories. He was driving by the AER Cars and Camouflage Show and decided to stop and check out the cars.

Arbor Day plants roots for future generations

'Tree City USA' extends invitation

Thirteen years ago, then post commander Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby called on the community to join him at Redstone Arsenal's first Arbor Day celebration at the Child Development Center. The tradition continues this week.

On Friday at 10 a.m. within 200 feet from the first Arbor Day celebration site, Darrell Brewer, deputy to the Garrison commander, will proclaim Arbor Day 2006. During this 14th annual event a tree will be planted in recognition of the special day.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Smokey the Bear and a representative from the Alabama Forestry Commission will be in attendance. Preschool children from Child Development Center will provide the Arbor Day music in song.

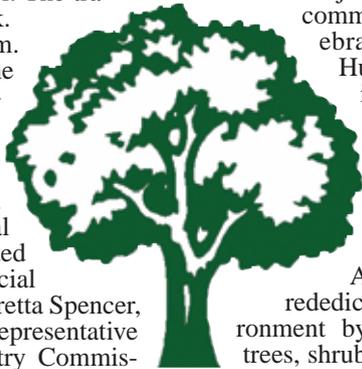
Redstone's commitment toward education and practices of planting, protecting and caring for trees for the future supports the ideals of Arbor Day. This annual commitment is reflected in Redstone's receipt of its eighth consecutive national recognition as "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation

with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. There will be a limited number of cherry-bark oak, nuttall oak, shumard oak and sawtooth oak tree seedlings available at the conclusion of the event at no cost to those present.

Around noon Friday, Redstone Arsenal will join with the surrounding community of Huntsville to celebrate Arbor Day at Huntsville's Big Spring Park, in front of the bell tower.

Brewer, Spencer and members of the Huntsville Tree Commission will speak and sign a joint proclamation declaring the day as Arbor Day to signify their rededication to helping the environment by protecting and planting trees, shrubs and other plants.

Everyone is encouraged to take time out from their schedule Friday and join in celebrating Arbor Day at the Child Development Center and at Big Spring Park. If your work schedule won't permit your departure, then make plans to plant and maintain a tree this planting season. After all, planted trees, wherever planted, provide a healthier environment and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal for this and future generations. *(Garrison release)*



Sun shines on Earth Day festivities

Students enjoy outing on Path to Nature

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

Despite the possibility of severe weather, Mother Nature smiled on Redstone's 11th annual Earth Day event Thursday.

A sunny day with a slight breeze and a chorus of chirping birds was the perfect backdrop for the event at the Path to Nature. The cheerful sounds of 150 elementary school children blended in harmoniously.

Who knew an educational event could be so much fun?

"We try to give them some information they can use about cultural and natural resources," said Danny Dunn, branch chief for Cultural and Natural Resources. "But more than that, we want to get them excited about our cultural resources, like wetlands and fish and wildlife, by being outside running, playing and enjoying nature."

The teachers appreciate a chance to get the kids out of the classroom, according to Ann Taylor, a fourth-grade teacher at Priceville Elementary.

"This is our third year to bring students to Redstone and we think it is a real honor and privilege to get to come out here," she said. "We really love the activities that they plan for us, and the kids just have a really great day when we come out."

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer joined in on the celebration. She spoke to



Photo by Julie Frederick

PICK ME, PICK ME— Fourth-graders from Priceville Elementary express their desire to help Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer plant a tree on Earth Day.

the children about the importance of protecting the Earth and its natural resources. She reiterated how even the simple tasks of picking up litter to keep communities clean or planting a new tree would benefit the environment. To follow through on her statement, Spencer, with the help of two students, planted a dogwood. This was her 11th tree to help plant at the Path to Nature.

The young students seemed to gain an appreciation of natural resources.

"Earth Day is important because it helps remind us that we need to protect all the animals by not trying to kill them," fourth-grader Taylor Wright said.

Staff ecologist Gabby Ehinger led the Earth Day event. "This is a great opportunity for local school kids to see the natural resources that Redstone has to offer," she said.

Elementary students get their hands dirty with exercise

Engineers teach youngsters in mock hazardous incident

By ANDREA TAKASH
Engineering and Support Center

Fourth- and fifth-grade students donned personal protective clothing in preparation for a mock environmental exercise, where they learned firsthand how the Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center, completes an environmental field investigation.

The University Place Elementary School students celebrated the 36th anniversary of Earth Day on Thursday by walking through the whole process, from the sampling of the mock chemicals to a personal wash-down.

"Each student played a role. Some students sampled the soil, some participated in the wash-down and others acted as public affairs specialists by handling the mock media and public," said Steve Willoughby, technical manager for the Electronic Security Center at Huntsville Center.

Willoughby attended University Place Elementary and said he had fond memories of the school.

"It was great to be back at my elementary school and participate in such a fun exercise," he said. "I think children retain more from a hands-on activity."

Before the children started, Huntsville Center volunteers described the Corps' role in environmental investigations and gave them the scenario for the exercise.

"We explained that our research led us to believe that the ground had been contaminated with 'Methyl Ethyl Sue Goo.' We told them that we were sending in teams to take soil samples of this very dangerous contaminant of concern," said Audrey Nore, an environmental engineer



DIG IN— Sherene Opichka, technical manager at Engineering and Support Center, helps fourth-grade students from University Place Elementary take soil samples. Courtesy photo

at Huntsville Center.

More than 100 students participated in the event. Each grade was divided into six groups. The volunteers set up three work zones for the scenario.

"We gave the students spoons to collect the soil. They mixed the soil in the bowls to get a good representative sample," Nore said. "Our work zones included the hot zone where the contaminated

soil was located; decontamination zone where the students were rinsed and scrubbed and removed their Personal Protection Equipment to prevent spreading the contaminant; and the support zone where the emergency responders and safety specialist stood by in case of an accident."

The teachers from both grades stayed to watch their students learn about envi-

ronmental field work and participate in the activities.

"This was a great hands-on experience for the children to get to role play with a Hazardous Toxic Waste situation," said Melissa Thomison, fourth-grade teacher at University Place Elementary. "They have never had the chance to participate in such a fun and educational event for Earth Day."

Area youngsters to meet Aviation Challenge

Chapter awards two scholarships

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America, in conjunction with the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, has awarded its annual Aviation Challenge Scholarships for 2006 to

Daniel Richardson, son of Derrick and Christine Minor from Muscle Shoals, and Kevin Hoecherl, son of Maj. Joe and Kelly Hoecherl from Madison.

Daniel is 13 years old and in seventh grade. Kevin, 16, is a junior at Bob Jones High.

The Aviation Challenge scholarship is intended to fully immerse trainees in a

realistic military pilot's training environment. This summer, Daniel and Kevin will attend a six-day residential camp, learn land and water survival, basic aeronautics and aerodynamics, flight physiology, and air combat history. By the end of camp, they will have received a taste of the high powered world of military aviation on land and water and be prepared for any challenge that might come their way.

The AAAA Scholarship Foundation 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 activity. For more information, see the AAAA web site

Sam Boyd/U.S. Space & Rocket Center
CONGRATS— Tom Harrison, AAAA Tennessee Valley Chapter vice president for scholarships, congratulates scholarship recipient Daniel Richardson.

[a.org/](http://www.quad-a.org/), Scholarship link, or call Tom Harrison, Tennessee Valley Chapter vice president for scholarships, at 319-0100. (AAAA release)

Doctors diagnose potential infection from contact lens

Cause for concern, but not for alarm

ST. LOUIS — Doctors of optometry from the American Optometric Association's Contact Lens and Cornea Section urge contact lens wearers to take proper precautions amid reports of a potentially sight-threatening eye fungus appearing in the United States.

U.S. health officials are on alert after a recent outbreak of severe corneal infections associated with contact lens wearers in Asia began surfacing in America. The New York State Department of Health has issued an alert in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, acknowledging that they are investigating three cases of *Fusarium keratitis*, a severe corneal fungal infection that has recently been linked to soft contact lens use.

Optometrists in Florida and Iowa also have reported seeing similar cases in patients. "This recent news is cause for concern, but not for alarm," said Jack Schaeffer, O.D. and chair-elect of the Contact Lens and Cornea Section of the AOA. "We want our patients to be aware that there is a problem out there and that the details are unfolding as we speak." Health officials have not yet determined whether the cases in the United States are directly related to outbreaks in Asia. Treatment for *Fusarium keratitis* includes anti-fungal medication. However, some patients have reportedly experienced a significant loss of vision, resulting in the need for a corneal transplant.

"We want to make sure Americans are taking the necessary precautions to protect themselves in this interim period as information becomes available," said AOA president Richard Wallingford, O.D. "It is imperative that contact lens users practice safe handling of their contact lenses, are aware of any potential vision problems and alert their optometrist as they occur."

Doctors of optometry urge anyone who experiences the following symptoms to contact their optometrist immediately: sudden blurred or fuzzy vision; red and irritated eyes lasting for an unusually long period of time; pain in and around the eyes; increased sensitivity to light; and excessive eye tearing. (*American Optometric Association release*)

■ Post offers developmental programs for youth

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lunch, an afternoon snack and field trips. Camp activities will include bowling, archery, arts and crafts, canoeing, swimming and much more for school-age children. There is five-day, three-day and one-day-a-week program

Other fun activities sponsored by Youth Services include the annual Community Block Party, Easter Egg Hunt and Oktoberfest. Social events are also planned throughout the year and may include dances, lock-ins, holiday parties, and trips to museums and sporting events.

Youth are also given opportunities to be leaders in the Arsenal community and its youth programs. The Teen Council/Keystone Club for teens, and the Preteen Council/Torch Club for younger members, meets on a regular basis to plan activities, provide community services, and also for special programs such as Workforce Preparation, Violence Prevention and Substance Abuse Training. Youth participate in programs such as Army Youth Forums, Madison County 4-H and Boys & Girls Clubs of America leadership programs.

Youth Services has partnerships with several youth organizations, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Army's Promise Passport Initiative, USDA and Madison County 4-H.

Terry would also like to see local home-school programs use Redstone Arsenal's CYS facilities, many of which are empty during the day when children are in school.

"We are trying to entice home schoolers off-post to come on-post and use our Youth Center," he said. "It is open to anyone connected to the Garrison. Only one parent of a student in a home-school group needs to have that Garrison connection. Through them, we can arrange to get their home-school group on post to use our facilities."

Terry would like to see those empty hours of the day filled with home schoolers using the Youth Center.

"Our mission is to support our families," he said. "If we have facilities available that aren't being used, why not open them up to home schoolers and have yet another wonderful thing happening at Redstone Arsenal?"

For more information, call the Youth

Center at 876-5437 or 876-2255, or stop by building 3148 for a visit.

Family school liaison

CYS also offers a School Liaison Service that helps families establish a connection with off-post schools.

"The school liaison officer helps kids transition into the community," Terry said. "He knows about the local schools and the points of contact at each school. He can help kids entering or leaving the local school systems.

"As employees move here from Virginia as part of BRAC, the school liaison officer can link them to schools and give them information about demographics and testing. He can link a new child moving here to a child who is already here so that there is a connection that makes the transition easier."

SLS can provide access for parents by addressing issues with youth registration in the local school system; coordinating education transition related resources and points of contacts within school and community; collaborating with parents to ensure academic success; educating parents on the local school system policies, procedures, programs and schedules; supporting home school families; and supplying resource materials on primary, secondary and post-secondary education.

SLS can provide access for youth by affiliating with 4-H and Boys & Girls Clubs of America; connecting youth through sponsorship activities, outreach events and action councils; creating opportunities for work force preparation, citizenship and leadership development; enhancing educational experiences through CYS instructional programs and partnerships in education; sponsoring transitioning teens; and supplying post-secondary education information.

For more information, call 876-7801 or e-mail schoolliaisonsvcs@redstone.army.mil.

Other opportunities

CYS is continually looking for ways to help children and youth in their development to adulthood. Among its programs, it offers SKIESUnlimited, Youth Sports and Fitness, ChildWise and Rec on Wheels.

• SKIESUnlimited — The name SKIESUnlimited combines the acronym for "Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills" with the word "Unlimited" for the unlimited learning possibilities this Army initiative offers children and youth. SKIESUnlimited

provides the framework for all child and youth instructional programming that expands their knowledge, inspires them, allows them to explore and acquires new skills. For information about SKIESUnlimited, classes and registration, call Missy Richards at 313-3701.

• Youth Sports and Fitness — Youth Sports and Fitness offers seasonal team sports leagues for ages 5-18. These include fall soccer, baseball, basketball and inline hockey. Team sports are offered in partnership with the City of Huntsville Recreation Services.

Various individual sports are offered throughout the year, including bowling, tennis, racquetball and golf. MWR offers the Start Smart Sports Development Program that prepares children ages 3-5 for the world of organized sports without the challenge of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Parents work together with their children in a supportive environment to learn all of the basic skills — throwing, catching, kicking and batting — so they can go on to play baseball, soccer and basketball.

All registration takes place at CYS Central Enrollment, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. For registration information and fees, call 876-3704. For program information, call 313-2177.

• ChildWise — This outreach program of Child and Youth Services offers support and information to expectant parents and families with children from newborn to 5 years old.

This free of charge voluntary participation program assists families through a variety of programs. ChildWise helps new families learn to cope with stress, isolation and the everyday demands of parenthood. It can also help to develop new friendships and help parents feel more at home in the military community. For more information, call 876-2798 or visit 1413 Nike St.

• Rec on Wheels — CYS offers a Rec on Wheels program that will go into communities where National Guard and Reserve units are readying for deployment or have been deployed and provide CYS programs for the children of the deployed Soldiers.

"We are trying to meet the needs of National Guard and Reserve families that are off-post," Terry said.

"We want to connect with communities in outlying areas and get their military families involved in CYS. The challenge is a lot of these families don't realize that once their family member puts on the uniform they have all the benefits of a family of an active Soldier."

Hot beverages easy with new invention

NATICK, Mass. — War fighters in Afghanistan and Iraq can enjoy a hot cup of coffee — thanks to scientists at the DoD Combat Feeding Directorate, part of the Natick Soldier Center.

Researchers from CFD have invented the Hot Beverage Bag, a re-sealable, high-density polyethylene bag. The bag is a safe and easy way for Soldiers to heat water for coffee, tea, cocoa and other hot beverages. It may also be used for preparing hot water for personal hygiene.

The bag uses flameless ration heaters — which are sometimes left unused in Meals, Ready-to-Eat — and recycled MRE chipboard cartons.

The HBB is basically a plastic zippered bag with markings for different water levels (6, 8 and 12 ounces), according to Stephen Moody, team leader for the Individual Combat Ration Team. Instructions are included in each bag.

“It was noted during field evaluations

that Soldiers often did not reconstitute their hot beverages because of the mess they would make in their canteen cup,” Moody said. “This led to the idea for the inclusion of a bag that could also serve as a cup. Also, some war fighters do not routinely carry a canteen cup.”

The bag creates a demand for unused FRHs, thus reducing the number of surplus heaters and related waste-disposal concerns, Moody said.

“An FRH is included in every MRE. Since they are not always used to heat the entrée, there are often extra FRHs available,” he said. “The feedback to date has been overwhelmingly positive. This is a very simple, dependable and inexpensive addition to the ration that is an enormous benefit to the war fighter. Not only does it give the Soldier the opportunity to enjoy a hot beverage, it also helps to keep them hydrated by encouraging additional fluid intake.” (*Army News Service*)



Warrior trainer

Photo by Spc. Eliamar Trapp

Sgt. 1st Class Richard McKeithan, left, NCO-in-charge of the Warrior Training Center, shows Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis King, Accessions Command command sergeant major, the M-2 50-caliber machine gun used to train the NCOs attending the NCO Academy. King was at Redstone Thursday visiting the Soldiers at Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

Soldier named Women's Wrestler of the Year

Earns 2005 recognition
from USA Wrestling

By TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A Soldier in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program has been named the 2005 Women's Wrestler of the Year by USA Wrestling.

The highlight of Sgt. Iris Smith's year was a gold-medal performance in the women's 158.5-pound freestyle division of the 2005 World Wrestling Championships in Budapest, Hungary. She also finished third in her weight class at the 2005 World Cup of Wrestling in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

Earlier this year, Smith was named 2005 Female Wrestler of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee. She also received a plaque from the Sportswomen of Colorado for her outstanding performances.

"Winning the world championship definitely was one of the goals that I've been trying to reach for the past 10 years," Smith said. "Being a part of the World Class Athlete Program definitely helped me out a lot. I'm able to focus and still have a career and do something I love doing."

As the only American to win a gold medal in the 2005 World Wrestling Championships, Smith became the fourth U.S. female wrestler to win a world crown, joining four-time gold medalist Tricia Saunders, two-time gold medalist Kristie Marano and Sandra Bacher.

Smith is the only U.S. woman to win a world crown since women's wrestling became an Olympic sport.

Smith upset five-time world champion Kyoko Hamaguchi of Japan to become the new world champion in her weight class. To reach the championship match, Smith posted victories over Bulgaria's Stanka Zlateva, Poland's Angnieszka Wiececzek and Germany's Anita Schaeztle.

Smith, 26, has competed twice in the World Championships, finishing seventh in 2000. She also made Team USA's roster for the 2001 World Championships but

missed the tournament to attend Army basic training.

"My main goal is to win the Olympic gold medal," Smith said. "Until then, I'm just going to continue to push forward."

A four-time national champion, Smith did not participate in the 2006 U.S. National Wrestling Championships because of a left-knee injury sustained in January during a tournament in Siberia.

She has resumed training and plans to compete June 30 in the 2006 U.S. World Team Trials at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"It shouldn't be too much of a setback except for just being a little bit rusty," Smith said. "All of that rust can be cleaned out in the next few weeks."

Champions of the women's U.S. World Team Trials will qualify to represent the

U.S. in the 2006 World Wrestling Championships scheduled Sept. 26 through Oct. 1 in Guangzhou, China.

Stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., Smith was born in Albany, Ga., where she began wrestling for the boys' varsity team at Dougherty High School.

Editor's note: Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.



Photo by Tim Hipps

TOP FEMALE— Sgt. Iris Smith (top), seen here defeating Ali Bernard for the 2005 women's 158.5-pound freestyle national championship in Las Vegas, has been named 2005 Women's Wrestler of the Year by USA Wrestling. Smith, a four-time national champion wrestler in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

Spring kickoff golf championship results

By ADRIAN BAKER
MWR Sales and Marketing

Morale Welfare and Recreation hosted the inaugural Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury Spring Kickoff Golf Tournament on April 1 at the newly renovated "Links at Redstone" Golf Course.

Major tournament sponsorship was provided by Bill Heard Chevrolet, Knology, and Supreme Beverage Company. For more information on this and other MWR activities, go to www.redstonemwr.com.

- Tournament winners in each of the flight included:
- 57, first place — Olshefski/Pegues/Germonprez/Bolton; 57, second place — Wlaton/Verren/Sneed/Bryan; 58, third place — Myers/Myers/Whitsell/Neil; 59, fourth place — Uselton/Westbrook/Curley/Carroll
 - 62, first place — Paulson/Greismer/Chinea/Preston; 62, second place — Murdzek/Donald/Stringfellow/Glazik; 63, third place — Thonus/Thonus/Shippers; 64, fourth place — Lanphere/Kim/Pathmanthan/Burroughs
 - 65, first place — Albert/Hornung/Wood/Hicks; 65, second place — Armstrong/Gosch/Temple/Baker; 65,

- third place — Bissell/Reitzell/Dillie/Taylor; 65, fourth place — Dorritty/Arnold/Kephart/Kephart
- 67, first place — Dejong/Dejong/Sheppard/Sheppard; 67, second place — Stanley/Stanley/McGuire/McGuire; 67, third place — Budah/Bridges/Rivamonte/Fields; 67, fourth place — Rogers/Cupples/Brow/Riley
- 69, first place — Woolf/Baber/Umstaedter/Umstaedter; 69, second place — Shemwell/Dussaault/Lane/Gamble; 69, third place — Pillsbury/Swart/Smith/English; 71, fourth place — White/Young/Flynn/Seay



Photo by Nick Van Valkenburg

Winning team

Cargo Helicopters Project Office won the "Commanders Cup" at the 2006 Army Aviation Association of America Golf Tournament, Chapter Golf Championship held April 8 in Nashville. The team members, from left, are Ted Schmidt, Jeff Langhout, project manager Col. Tim Crosby and Ray Sellers.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Where's the driver?

Nit Hall of Hazel Green looks at the Tide racing car on display at the Commissary April 20-21. Travis Kvapil drove this Nextel Cup Tide Racing Chevrolet No. 32 Monte Carlo SS about two or three years ago until it was wrecked. "It just does shows now, it doesn't race anymore," exhibit manager Eric Katz, of Sports and Promotions out of Mooresville, N.C., said.

Cars of all shapes and sizes shine at benefit show

Cars

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several trophies were presented to winners in various classes at the Cars and Camouflage Show.

The following are the classes and trophy winners for this year's AER Cars and Camouflage Show:

- Best of Show — Col. Cox, 1930 Ford Model A Pickup Truck.
- Pre-WWII — first, Billy Longshore, 1940 Ford Coupe.
- 1946-54 — first, Ed Poe, 1949 Mercury; second, James Brooks, 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline; and third, Randy and Nell Owen, 1953 Hudson Super Wasp.
- 1955-65 — first, David Stephenson, 1955 Chrysler; second, Bob Reed, 1963 Plymouth; and third, Ken Justice, 1965 Ford Fairlane.
- 1966-75 — first, Larry Burke, 1966 Ford Mustang; second, Mike O'Hallaran, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle; and third, Doug Berryhill, 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle.
- 1976-90 — first, Shaun Wieske, IROC Camaro; second, Bill Holtzclaw, 1982 Chevrolet Corvette; and third, Frank Rosebery, 1976 BMW.
- 1991-Present — first, Mr. Wislon, 1996 Impala SS; second, Mr. Peck, Yellow Mustang GT; and third, Mr. Tate, 1997 Chevrolet Corvette.
- Modified — first, Bill Hogan, 1923 Model T Bucket; second, Wes Campbell, 2000 Chevrolet Impala; and third, Steve Williams, 2002 Ford Mustang.
- Tuners — first, Howard Vaughan; second, Benjamin Quinn; and third, Clay-

- ton Higgins.
- Trucks — first, Mr. Isbell, Toyota Tundra; second, Mack, Chevrolet Suburban; and third, Mr. McDaniel, Jeep Cherokee.

- Motorcycles — first, Walter McGregor, BBC Venom Motorcycle; second, Ray Methrin, Kawasaki Ninja Motorcycle; and third, Paul Casto, 1961 Porsche Tryke.

The Cars and Camouflage Show coordinators also presented "Just Cuz" trophies to various people involved with the show. The Soldiers hosting the show presented a "Just Cuz" trophy to Bill Tucker, 1964 Ford Mustang; Fox Army Health Center's commander presented the "Just Cuz" award to Ed Poe, 1949 Mercury; the Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners Club presented a "Just Cuz" trophy to Walter McGregor, BBC Venom Motorcycle; and a special "Just Cuz" trophy went to the hosting club, Carl Matson, 1981 Chevrolet Corvette.

Sponsors for the Cars and Camouflage Show were: MSS1, Millennium Support Services Inc; Woody Anderson Ford; Quad A; Radianc Technology; InfoPro Corp.; Symbiont Enterprises; Sergeants Major Association; All Sew Fast; Richard Dreyfuss Icee Cones; Old Timey Ice Cream; Huntsville Car Scene; Power Vac Systems; Officers and Civilians Club; 326th Chemical Company; Fox Army Health Center; Army Recruiting Command; City of Huntsville Public Affairs Office; Huntsville Fire Department; and Huntsville Parks and Recreation Department. Coverage of the event was provided by WAAY-31, WHNT-19 and *Redstone Rocket*.

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Fund-raising campaign goes through May 15

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- AER Online Auction, now through May 15, at www.aer-redstone.com. Brought to you by PEO Aviation. For information call Maj. Mathew McCauley 313-4260.

- Chick-fil-A on South Memorial Parkway is contributing 15 percent of its lunchtime revenue to AER every Thursday until May 15. Call Belinda Bailey 313-2257.

- AER Sales: lapel pins, car magnets, teddy bears, and porcelain eagles. Items are available in all price ranges. Brought to you by RDEC. Call Janet Martin 313-1996, room S-108, building 5400, or by e-mail to janet.a.martin@us.army.mil. Items are for sale Tuesday through Friday until May 15.

- The ASGE Directorate of Research Development and Engineering Center is selling Polo T-shirts and denims, along with caps and coffee mugs. The design is a full span eagle atop an American flag with the words "Redstone Arsenal" on top and "Soaring to New Heights" underneath. The shirts range in price from \$14 to \$30, caps \$12 and coffee mugs \$7. The design is a Team Redstone design. Orders will be placed weekly with a 1-2 week delivery time. For more information call Kay Patton 876-3525 or e-mail kay.patton@us.army.mil.

- G-8, Resource Management, is selling Avon Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard and Insect repellent products from now through Thursday. Call Dana Wilbanks 842-9238 and Larry Bowlin 842-7103.

- Coupon books will be available for \$12 each through May 15. Call Cheryl Baker 842-8695, Ranny Vinson 842-6793 and Kim Sharp 876-8696. Brought to you by Integrated Materiel Management Center, ILS/Manprint Office.

- Flex Tickets to Theatre of Huntsville Performances, \$12 each. Each flex coupon is redeemable for a seat to any Theatre of Huntsville play. All money



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FACE VALUE— Rick Lusk, chief of engineering and property division in AMCOM G-4 (Logistics), shows the results of the G-4 pie throwing fundraiser April 19.

goes to AER. Available anytime from Pat Blackman 842-8101 or Nancy Morris 955-9613. Brought to you by IMMC, Maintenance Information Branch.

- Patriotic Gear, today from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sparkman Cafeteria hallway. Hosted by IMMC, National Maintenance Branch. Items are available anytime from Sharon Sipp 876-1748.

- Used Book Sale, through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sparkman Center first floor, building 5300, corridor between 5303 and 5304. Hosted by G-3 (Command Analysis Directorate). Donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs, and videotapes are welcome through today. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-5743 to arrange delivery and pickup of those items.

- Child ID/Records Kits and First Aid Kits including a Pet First Aid Kit. May 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sparkman Center, in front of the Cafeteria. Brought to you by IMMC, Fleet Man-

agement Branch. Call Kathy Siebert 842-8614.

- Bowling Tournament, Thursday at 1 p.m. at Redstone Lanes. Hosted by RDEC, Propulsion Division. Cost \$15 per person includes three games and shoe rental. To register call Maureen Deluca 313-9089.

- Cinnamon Roll Sale, Thursday from 8 a.m. until sold out. Available at two locations: in the hallway of building 5308 front entrance and also building 5302, second floor kitchen. Hosted by IMMC, Transportation Division and Supply Chain Execution Division. Call Aubrey Fencher 842-8485 and Austin Lundy 842-7853.

- Bake Sale, May 1 from 8 a.m. until it's all gone, corridor between buildings 5301 and 5302. Brought to you by G-8 (Resource Management). Call Dana Wilbanks 842-9238.

- Garrison AER Fund-raising Day and Chili Cookoff, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., building 4488. Call Cathy Hays 876-5041.

- "No-Tap" Bowling Tournament, May 4, noon to 3 p.m. at Redstone Lanes. Hosted by IMMC, Depot Maintenance Directorate. Tickets are \$10 and entitle you to three games. Call Don Slagle 876-3445, Lynn Moore 955-6001 and Sandra Swartz 842-6772.

- Barbecue Plate and Bake Sale, May 11 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of building 5309. Hosted by IMMC, Lower Tier Sustainment Logistics Directorate. Call Roosevelt Pitts 313-1068, Dave Moudy 313-1069, Pam Reyer 313-1077 and Patricia Cox 842-7904.

- Scented Candles, May 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sparkman Cafeteria hallway. Brought to you by IMMC, Maintenance Directorate, OLR Branch. Call Teri Benson 842-7717.

- RDEC System Simulation and Development Directorate is hosting a No-Limit Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament on May 13, time to be determined (all day event) at the Rustic Lodge. Winner will receive a trophy. Entrance fee is \$20. Rebuys in early rounds are \$10. There will be a concession stand. Participation is limited to the first 100 people who pay the entrance fee. Call Pat Hooper 876-4273.

- Ice Cream Social, May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until sold out, corridor between buildings 5301 and 5302. Sundaes are \$3 each. Hosted by G-2, Intelligence and Security Directorate. Call Cherry Hovik 876-9484 and Susan Dou-

glas 842-6795.

- Blue Star Golf Tournament, four person scramble, May 16 at Redstone. Rain date is May 23. Registration includes green fees with cart, lunch buffet and team prizes. Hosted by the Acquisition Center. Call Colleen Rodriguez 876-8849.

- AMRDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. Call Mary Ann Brothers 876-1216, Wynema Wooten 842-2775 and Holly Rigdon 842-2764.

- Golf Tournament, four person scramble, May 19 at Redstone. Registration deadline is May 15. Hosted by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call Austin Watson 842-7844, Cletis Severs 876-0196, Jan Pickard 876-2569 and Kim Marr 955-7133.

- AER Idol talent competition is May 25 from 1-3 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium, \$5 donation at the door. All contestants should sign up as soon as possible but no later than May 8. Contestants must provide their own music on CD or cassette tape. Audience votes for the winner and the winner will receive prizes. Call Anthony Grayson 955-9002, Sharon Nolen 842-9431 and Sherry Miller 842-0736.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHEERFUL BIDDER— Johnnie Whitsen of Tecolote Research, a contractor supporting Aviation Mission Equipment, tells about his winning bid in the Program Executive Office for Aviation's AER auction April 1-7. He won a day's rental of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle for his \$100 second bid. He originally bid \$30 and resubmitted after someone bid \$80. "I'm going to ride it all day," he says happily. Latana Erves, right, of Aviation Mission Equipment Product Office, is amused. "Just seeing you on that hog is going to be interesting enough," she says.



Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

Tryouts for Redstone's team in the Army Ten-Miler are 7 a.m. May 6 and May 13 on a 10-mile course beginning and ending at Sparkman Fitness Center. There are openings for eight military and four civilian members. The Redstone community is invited to try out – including active duty and retired military, National Guard and Reserve, and government and contractor civilian employees. The 22nd annual Army Ten-Miler is Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C. For more information on the tryouts, call team head coach Chief Warrant Officer Harry Hobbs 842-6864, Skip Vaughn 876-1500 and Alexander Steel 876-3867. Interested military runners should call Hobbs so he can answer any questions they might have.

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.

Football camp

The second annual Walter Jones football camp, a free event for youngsters 13 and under and 14-18, is May 27 at 2699 Jeff Road in Harvest. Register on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dicks Sporting Goods, 6275 University Drive. Jones is an offensive lineman for the Seattle Seahawks.

Senior softball

The Huntsville Senior Softball league is seeking softball players who will be age 55 or older by Dec. 31. The slow-pitch league consists of players of all skills and abilities. For information call Ray Beverly 859-7419 or Fred Garcia 883-1135.

Umpires wanted

Youth Sports is conducting a market survey for potential contractors to umpire T-ball and Coach Pitch baseball games on Redstone Arsenal. The contract will begin May 1 and continue through June. It will consist of umpiring approximately 20 games. If you have experience umpiring and a love of the game and children, call Mike Gates 313-3699.

Bicycle safety

Road I Course from the League of American Bicyclists is for all cyclists who wish to gain a full understanding of how to operate a bicycle in a variety of situations. It's recommended for all experience levels, and for adults and children above 14. The course is May 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Safety City, 2221 Drake Ave. The \$50 course fee is due at signup. Spring City Cycling Club members receive a \$5 discount; and AlaBike members receive a \$10 discount. Commuter Course from the League of American Bicyclists, recommended for adults, is May 15 from 7-10 p.m. at Safety City with a \$25 course fee. Registration forms can be found at www.bikeleague.org/members/instructor/pdfs/Road%20I%20Registration%20Form.pdf.



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Photo by Spc. Eliamar Trapp

Derby racer

Staff Sgt. Shawn Baker, left, and Staff Sgt. Daryl Timothy hold onto Oliver Wheeler, 7, a Tiger from Pack 609, before he races to the finish line to try and earn the fastest time during the annual Cubmobile Derby held April 8 at the North Memorial Parkway Home Depot. The Soldiers belong to one of the 59th Ordnance Brigade's Noncommissioned Officers Academy's Basic NCO courses. A group of 15 Soldiers from the academy participated in supporting the Urban Emphasis Scout Leaders Council, which sponsored the event. For the past 10 years, the academy has been taking part in the derby and other inner city Boy Scout events. UESLC members, in turn, have attended most of the graduations of the NCOs who come out and support their Boy Scout activities.

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.

Logistics society

The Logistics Data Standardization Seminar will be hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics on May 2-4 at the Officers and Civilians Club. This seminar is to provide life cycle logistics professionals with the latest information on emerging logistics data standardization concepts/changes and the latest supportability tools, techniques and lessons learned in product data use. For more information, e-mail Randy Gibbs at randy.gibbs1@us.army.mil.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club with scheduled speaker Capt. Robert Hawley, post veterinarian. For more infor-

mation, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

Aeronautics institute

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will have a dinner meeting May 4 at the Holiday Inn Research Park. Social begins at 6:15 p.m., and dinner at 7. Scheduled speaker is Robert Sackheim, Marshall Space Flight Center assistant director and chief engineer for space propulsion. Cost is \$20, \$10 for students. For reservations call Terry Abel 217-6365 by noon May 1.

Working group

The Greater Huntsville EVM Working Group will hold its quarterly meeting May 4 from 1-5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park (in front of Madison Square Mall) in the Times Square Banquette Room. Scheduled speakers include Gary Humphreys, president of Humphreys and Associates; Jerald Kerby, NASA's EVM focal point council lead; Gary Troop, president of C/S Solutions Inc.; and Debbie Schumann, of MDA. Anyone who works in or is interested in EVM is welcome. There is no cost to attend. RSVP Bob Wasser at bwasser@knology.net.



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.

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.

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. Volun-

teers 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.

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. On a trial basis, the shop will take afternoon appointments from 1:30-2:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays. "The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, May 6 for some great bargains from 10-2," a prepared release said. For more information, call 881-6992.

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except

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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.

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.

AER book sale

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief continues through Friday 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 today. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-5743 to arrange delivery and pickup of those items.

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.

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 activity. 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.

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.

Disabled veterans

Disabled American Veterans will hold its "Forget Me Not" drive Thursday through Saturday at the Commissary and Post Exchange. This annual fund-raiser is to support disabled American veterans, past and present. For information call chapter commander Mick Vaccaro 534-6166.

Panoply volunteers

Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers' Community Projects Committee is recruiting volunteers to help with the Panoply Arts Festival April 28-30 at Big Spring Park. Most of the shifts are three hours or less. For more information or a volunteer form, call Eura Reaves 842-7093.

Festival participants

If you are interested in participating in the Asian Pacific American Festival as a performer or vendor May 24 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, call Gladys Lee 876-5844.

TOW system reunion

The TOW missile system has been in existence since the 1960s. The TOW Reunion is planned Sept. 8-9 for everyone who has contributed to the system through the years. A registration web site has been established at <http://towreunion.com/> or call Jack Conway 562-2132. The chairman of the reunion committee is George Williams, former program executive officer for tactical missiles and former TOW deputy project manager. Chuck Ruddy, of Raytheon marketing and business development, is co-chairman.



Courtesy photo

International graduate

Saudi Arabian Capt. Ahmed Al Zahrani graduates April 13 from the Ammunition Technical Warrant Officer Basic Course, which he attended since Jan. 23.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is offering education scholarships to spouses of Soldiers on active duty, and residing in the United States. Scholarships are also available for widows of Soldiers who have died while on active duty. Applications will be accepted through May 22, and are available at www.aerhq.org or by calling Kristi Foster of Army Community Service 876-5397.

College registration

Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension, will hold summer registration through May 10. Classes begin May 23. For more information, call 876-7431 or visit www.calhoun.edu.

Video gamers

The entire Redstone community is invited to the MWR Gaming Party from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Morale Welfare and Recreation's School Age Services, building 3400 at the corner of Ajax and Gray roads. There will be more than \$1,000 in cash and prizes. To register call Andrea Mattox 955-7250.

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Photo by Ron Garrett

Gone fishing

Simona Munda, an international student from Slovenia, enjoys her time at the Aquarium of the Smokies in Gatlinburg, Tenn., April 15-16. She and four other international students from Greece, Taiwan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia took part in the trip with the International Military Student Office. The trip also included tours of the Mayfield Dairy in Athens, Tenn., and Lost Sea in Sweetwater, Tenn.

