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Guided rocket system on target

Development contract awarded for advanced precision weapon

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The 2.75-inch rocket has been in the Army's inventory for years. Now it's taking another step in development.

A contract was awarded April 25 for the Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II, essentially the seeker on the 2.75-inch rocket, making it guided.

BAE Systems, out of Nashua, N.H., won the award after a full and open competition. There were three competitors, according to Charlotte Hudson, division chief for APKWS, Non-Line of Sight and Hellfire in the Acquisition Center.

"We need this (weapon) system," Wayne Burke, deputy program executive officer for missiles and space, said during the contract signing. "The Army needs this system."

It is envisioned as a low-cost, lightweight guided weapon that is effective against soft and lightly armored targets and is well-suited to urban operations. The system will be used on all Army and Navy aircraft currently operating the Hydra-70 rocket. BAE Systems is partnered with Northrop Grumman and General Dynamics.

BAE Systems received a \$45.7 million system design and development contract to provide APKWS II laser-guided rockets. The contract is for a two-year development program with options for low-rate initial production to begin as early as 2007. It will reach \$96 million if all options are exercised through 2011, Hudson said.

She signed the contract with Glenn



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CONGRATULATIONS— BAE Systems' Glenn Martin signs the Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II contract with Charlotte Hudson of the Acquisition Center.

Martin, director of contracts, sensors systems, for BAE Systems.

"This is a fantastic win for us," Martin said, "culminating a lot of hard work by the government and BAE Systems. We're just excited as we can be to get going with the project. It's great for us and great for the war fighter."

APKWS II is intended to quickly fill an aviation systems' weapons gap between the Hellfire missile and unguided Hydra-70, 2.75-inch rockets, with an affordable, lightweight, precision aerial guided rocket by integrating a laser seeker and guidance section onto the Hydra-70 rocket components. The joint interest program is to be employed on Army and Marine Corps helicopters to provide a guided rocket capability to precisely hit a target within an effective range of .93 miles to 3.1 miles.

The system is managed by the Product Manager for Aviation Rockets.

"I appreciate the hard work of all those who participated in this effort to complete the source selection and award the contract," Richard Paul, APKWS II product manager, said. "We will continue to focus on ensuring a rapid fielding of this affordable, guided rocket to the Army aviation forces. It is a weapon system they want and need."

Working to improve active, reserve, civilian work force

Defense Department planning changes

By RUDI WILLIAMS
American Forces Press Service

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Defense Department is seeking ways to foster changes in its civilian, reserve and active forces, DoD's top personnel official said here April 25.

Any changes would be aimed at making the department more agile and effective, David S. C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said during his

keynote speech at the Combined Workforce Conference here.

Chu said DoD plans to convert thousands of military jobs to civilian positions. Other initiatives include transforming the armed forces, prolonging careers for retirement, and basing military promotions on preparedness rather than time in service.

DoD needs to better integrate its people because people are the core of the organization and the reason it has been successful, Chu told the conference audience.

"It was their performance in the first Persian Gulf war almost 15 years ago that



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Two of a kind

Doug Lee, chief of intelligence division in AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security), and Keith Ryan, the G-2 director, receive their certification as intelligence community officers. Of the 5,000 members in the Army's intelligence community, 10 have completed this certification. "And we've got two of them right here," Col. Bob English, chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command, said at the April 25 ceremony.

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An open lane random survey

What is the worst movie you ever saw?

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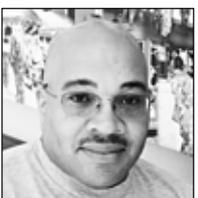
“Brokeback Mountain’ just wasn’t what I thought it was going to be. It was boring! It was wasted money.”

Phyllis Cox
volunteer

“I didn’t like ‘Interview with a Vampire.’ It was slow and some parts were pretty gross.”



Sgt. 1st Class **John Hennington**
3/10th Chemical Company



“The worst movie I ever saw was ‘Jeepers Creepers.’ It was just a dumb movie.”

Sgt. **Kristy Boyd**
3/10th Chemical Company

“The worst movie I ever saw was a movie called ‘G.’ It had really bad acting.”



Quote of the week

‘I f you want something done, ask a busy person to do it.”

— *Lucille Ball*

Letters to the Editor

Recognition for child care

I just wanted to take a moment and comment on an article that was in the *Redstone Rocket* April 26. The article on the Child and Youth Services was wonderful!

It is so nice to see the teachers finally recognized for the jobs that they do! I have utilized the CDC and SAS for seven years now, and those women (and man) that provide for our children do an amazing job! I enjoyed reading about Miss Mary and the other teachers! Some of those teachers have been there for years,

my second child is in the same classroom my daughter was in, with the same teachers, that right there is a secure feeling for my husband and me.

But maybe next time, it could be on the front page, to give those women some publicity and a huge pat on the shoulder for a job that is so unappreciated!

That article, again, was wonderful! Hope to see more of them!

Jennifer Owens

Grounds for improvement

What a great article in the *Redstone Rocket* on April 19 about all the wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities at Redstone. Bill Moreland and his crew have done a great job of modernizing the rental pool of campers and boats.

Too bad we don’t have a decent campground on the Arsenal where we can enjoy a weekend using those nice, new campers. In the article, Mr. Moreland is quoted “You’ll see quite a few at a local park. Some families just want to get away for the weekend and they’ll go to Wheeler or Guntersville or even to the campground at Easter Posey Recreation area on the Tennessee River.”

Mr. Moreland is correct: Very few folks will take their campers to the on-post campground. The facilities in general are inadequate and the bath house is absolutely disgusting. To make matters even worse, I noted in the price chart on page 11 the cost has gone from \$5 to \$12 per night. At Lake Guntersville State Park the nightly rate is \$16 (water/electric) and a full hookup (water/electric/sewer) site at Joe Wheeler State Park is \$18. I have stayed at both of these parks and the facilities are great.

When and what is Redstone going to do about the current campground that is situated next to bug-infested swampland? I’ve heard rumors that a new campground is planned near the old quarry. Is this true? Has the hill top adjacent to the Rustic Lodge been considered? Has anyone considered a poll of all the RV owners (there are several hundred!) who store their rigs in the storage yard? What happens to the estimated \$50,000 fees col-

lected each year from the boat/RV storage yard/buildings? Why did the nightly rate increase 240 percent? I’ll be happy to participate in a planning committee and represent the interests of the RV-ing community.

D.A. “Fitz” Fitzgerald
DISA PE-Huntsville

Editor’s note: The Garrison provided the following response. “Indeed it was with pride that MWR, specifically the Outdoor Recreation Branch, displayed our new campers and boats in a recent Redstone Rocket article dated April 19. In reference to the Easter Posey campground and plans for future construction, the following information is provided.

“The Easter Posey campground is indeed small when compared to the larger campgrounds that now have expanded to accommodate the large trailers and RVs which now forms such a sizable market. Having the Tennessee River adjacent to campground offers both good and bad as the current campground is prone to flooding several times each year. Rates at Redstone’s campground are seasonal being \$8 at the present time. From Memorial Day to Labor Day the rates are \$12 per night which provides water, electricity, bath house and dump station.

“You are correct regarding the rumor of plans for a larger campground being constructed on Redstone Arsenal. The site selected for this project is near the old Family Housing Area south of Goss

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Question of security policy

On April 20 at approximately 2 p.m., I went to Gate 10 (Patton Road) to sign in a commercial contractor who was to do warranty work on equipment belonging to the Army. The senior security individual at the gate refused to allow the contractor entrance to the Arsenal because his vehicle was considered a commercial vehicle. The security person insisted the van would have to go to Gate 1 (Martin Road). The repair person didn’t have time to go around to Gate 1; therefore, the repair

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Remember legacies of justice, liberty

For most of my life, my impressions of the Nazi concentration camps were like faded black-and-white photographs in someone’s scrapbook until one day, I visited one of the most gruesome concentration camps in Dachau, Germany, and heard stories from the Holocaust survivors. While reading and looking through the faded pictures, yellowed diaries and gravesites,

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Infection seen endangering vision

In last week’s issue of the *Redstone Rocket*, there was an article about a corneal (eye) fungal infection that has been spreading in the United States in soft contact lens patients. Additional information on this outbreak will aid contact lens patients in avoiding this serious, sight-threatening disease.

All contact lens wearers in the community need to be aware of a recent, potentially sight-threatening corneal infection. Although the Optometry Service at Fox Army Health Center has not

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Searcy, Ark.

What do you like about your job?

Learning how the Ordnance works – what makes it explode or not explode.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Mainly talk to my family back home and play video games.

What are your goals?

Short-term goal is to graduate from here and be a productive member of the Army. I'm not sure



if I want to make it a long-term member or not.

What's your favorite type of music?

Mainly it's hard rock.

Army recognizes Redstone community volunteer

A Redstone Arsenal volunteer has earned Armywide volunteer recognition with the Emma Marie Baird Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Sharon Samuelson has worked with youth in Girl Scouts and plays, guided young spouses in learning about the military lifestyle, and provided a friendly smile at Army Community Service. Since 1966, Samuelson contributed more than 5,158 hours at ACS to improve the quality of life for military and their families.

Samuelson was presented the 2006 Emma Marie Baird Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service at the ACS Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

She received a certificate signed by Brig. Gen. John MacDonald of the Army Community and Family Support Center and a lapel pin for outstanding volunteer contributions to ACS from 1966 to present. Samuelson was applauded for her achievements that included serving as co-chairman of the Army Emergency Relief campaign and ACS volunteer coordinator as well as her active participation in numerous community events and assisting as front desk receptionist at ACS.

The Emma Marie Baird Award is the highest achievement that an ACS volunteer can receive. Only six volunteer winners were chosen in fiscal 2006 to receive recognition by the Army. To meet the criteria, the volunteer needs at least five years of service to ACS, and contribute a



Sharon Samuelson

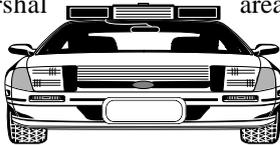
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minimum of 3,750 volunteer hours.

This award was established Aug. 29, 1988 as a tribute to the late Lt. Col. Emma Marie Baird, who is considered the founder of Army Community Service. After her death on Oct. 7, 1987, the Army Community and Family Support Center proposed a Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteers. The award is given to those high performance volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding, selfless service to ACS. (Army Community Service release)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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



area where police were investigating gunshots fired. The individual was processed and released to his unit.

April 20: The Madison County district attorney reported that an individual working on Redstone Arsenal had five arrest warrants. The individual was processed and released to Madison County DA.

April 20: An individual reported that someone removed a compact disc from clothing sales without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

April 20: An individual reported that an individual lost control of his vehicle and damaged approximately 70 feet of government fence. Investigation continues by the Madison Police Department.

April 21: A driver was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 21: A driver was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was issued a violation notice and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

April 21: A driver was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 21: An individual was found to be in possession of prohibited fireworks and a prohibited weapon when he was stopped in an

April 22: An individual reported that someone scratched both sides of his vehicle. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

April 23: A driver was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 24: An individual was found to be unlawfully using a military identification card during an inspection at Gate 10. The individual was processed and released.

April 25: A driver was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 25: A driver was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

April 26: A driver was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 18 speeding, 1 failure to stop, 6 driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, 1 no driver's license in possession, 1 failure to yield right of way, 1 expired tags, 1 driving left of center, 1 no proof of insurance.

Thousands of military jobs to convert to civilian positions

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restored the American military to its place as the most respected institution in our society," he said.

Pointing out that integration of the National Guard, reserve and active forces into a "total force" isn't a new issue, Chu noted that former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird coined the phrase "total force" a generation ago. Laird used the term in describing how the active duty and reserve communities were brought together to thwart the Soviet Union's efforts to dominate Western Europe and the oil fields of the Persian Gulf, Chu said.

He said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's single, most important charge from the president is transforming the armed forces to meet challenges of the early 21st century.

Emphasizing that transformation is about much more than hardware, Chu said: "Yes, new weapons systems are important. But ultimately it's the people who are operating those systems that make the difference."

Therefore, he said, it's important to effectively manage how DoD manages its people, how it treats them, and how they're recruited, motivated and retained so the nation can retain the finest fighting force in the world.

Chu discussed the three broad strands that are the focus of DoD's personnel agenda — civilians, active military forces, and reserve components. "The issue is how we bring these together most effectively in this early 21st century period to produce the military capabilities that we must have to defend our people and our society," he noted.

He said one of Rumsfeld's central concerns is how to restore the civil service to its rightful place as an equal partner with the military. "Too often in recent years managers have avoided

using a federal civil service solution because the system has been too cumbersome," Chu said. "It doesn't give us an agile and responsive capacity."

DoD is working toward having civilians play a larger role in the defense of the nation. "The department is in the process of converting about 20,000 positions from military to civil status," Chu said. "And there are plans to convert at least 10,000 more positions."

Chu also said many changes have been made in the way DoD looks at the reserve forces. "Historically, since World War II, the United States saw the reserves as a strategic asset, perhaps mobilized once in a generation," Chu said.

He added that the National Guard has generally been used for home tasks but not current operations. But that began to change in the last decade and expanded enormously after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Chu said.

"We made the decision in the department that the reserves would really be part of the operational force, an integral part of the total force," he said. "We recognized that reservists are not able to serve continuously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Therefore, we have to be judicious and prudent in our use of reserve components."

About 500,000 guardsmen and reservists have been mobilized since Sept. 11.

Officials are working to bring civilians, reservists and active-duty personnel together into one integrated community, which would make the total force more agile and more responsive, Chu said.

"Unlike the Cold War where we had a very well-developed idea of what was the problem and what might be the solution, now, we can't foresee with the same kind of certainty what the military operation of the future might look like," he said. "We have to be able to respond much more quickly than was true in the Cold War."

Testing at the top of their physical game

Program staff Soldiers take Army fitness exam

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During her first day on the job with the Missile Defense Agency's Ground Based Missile Defense Program, Lt. Col. Teresa Ortiz set the physical fitness bar for her co-workers.

On that crisp fall morning in October, Ortiz did 85 sit-ups in two minutes during her group's participation in Redstone Arsenal's semi-annual Army Physical Fitness Test, beating her standard of 66.

This past week, her co-workers had the chance to beat her October high at their spring Army Physical Fitness Test. But, while that record remained unbeatable in the friendly competition, Ortiz's performance in the spring test was beaten by her boss — Brig. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly.

After completing his sit-ups, O'Reilly walked over to Ortiz to ask her what she had scored.

"Seventy-three only today, sir," she answered.

"That's my goal. My goal was to catch up to you," O'Reilly said with a smile. "I got 78. I beat you this time."

Yet, Ortiz's October score still stands as the one to beat among her co-workers.

"My standard in October was a personal best record," Ortiz said. "I had transferred from Army G-3 in Washington

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

SETTING PACE— Lt. John Withers took the lead early on in the two-mile run completed by Soldiers and a civilian from Missile Defense Agency's Ground Based Missile Defense Program as part of the Army Physical Fitness Test. Maj. Tim McRae stayed in second place during the run. Withers' finished in 14:25 and McRae in 14:34.

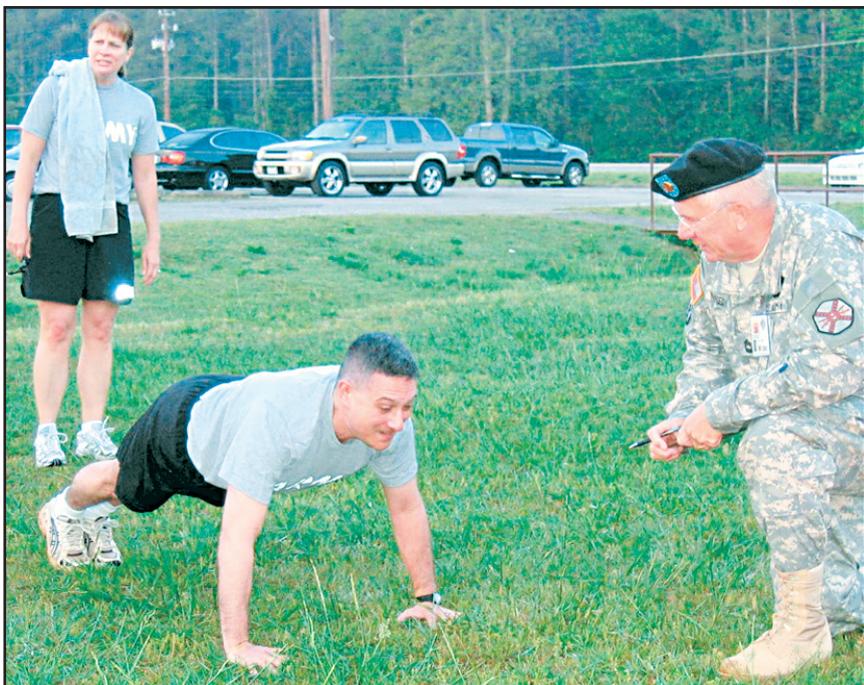


Photo by Kari Hawkins

PUSHING FOR SCORE— Col. Randy Bianca takes to the grass for the push-up segment of the Army Physical Fitness Test as Master Sgt. John Kennedy monitors his effort. Lt. Col. Teresa Ortiz, background, provided a lot of encouragement to her fellow co-workers from the MDA's Ground Based Missile Defense Program. Bianca is retiring from the Army in just a few weeks.

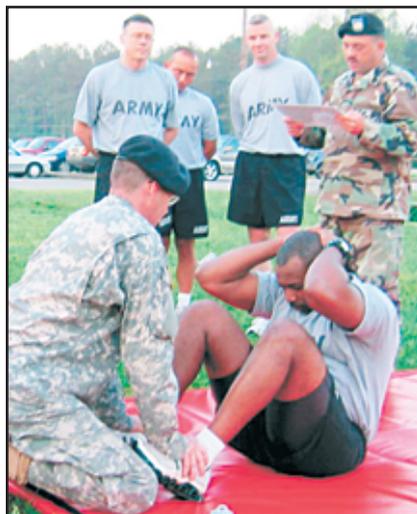


Photo by Kari Hawkins

UP TO STANDARD— Staff Sgt. Fredrick Traylor demonstrates the proper way to do a sit-up to a group of Soldiers and a civilian participating in the semi-annual Army Physical Fitness Test, which is conducted by Soldiers from the Garrison's staff. Holding Traylor's feet during the exercise is Sgt. Steven Walker. Sgt. 1st Class Keith Willard is reading the sit-up standard to the group.

Check out annual Health Fair on May 9

You can get your blood pressure checked and learn about other health matters at a free event next week.

The annual MWR Health Fair is May 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705. Everyone in the Redstone community is invited to this event, sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness.

Fox Army Health Center will do the cholesterol checks and bone density checks. There will also be blood pressure screenings and body fat screenings.

"Various vendors will provide information on different health topics," Phylissa Shannon, assistant sports and fitness director, said.

The purpose is "to promote health and raise awareness of various health problems that could affect the employees of Redstone," she said.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment for the blood drive, call Shannon at 313-1202.

Food poisoning prevention in your hands

Hand washing best weapon

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Every year over 3 million cases of food borne illness — "food poisoning" — are reported to health care providers. It is generally assumed that only a third of all cases are actually reported, leaving another 6 million cases of illness that occur each year.

Most of these food borne illnesses, or FBI's, are attributable to seven common bacteria and cost the food service industry and the public over \$6.5 billion per year in lost income, productivity and medical costs. One study revealed that a Hepatitis A outbreak with a single food service worker as the source resulted in 43 secondary cases, 5,000 exposures and cost over \$809,000 to investigate and treat.

While FBI's can be attributable to all points in the food processing and preparation process in both homes and industry, approximately 90 percent of outbreaks are associated with a food service restaurant. The majority of foods involved were sandwiches, salads and other foods that require extensive hand contact during preparation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, hand contact is the primary means of transmission of food borne bacteria. In FBI's reported to the CDC between 1988 and 1992, poor hygiene was a factor in 36 percent of the outbreaks and 93 percent of the workers involved had infections prior to or at the time of the outbreak and easily transmitted the bacteria to food through their hands. CDC and leading Public Health officials have identified hand washing as the single most important and least expensive method of preventing food borne illness.

Throughout the nation, state and local health departments are responsible for ensuring safe and sanitary practices are carried out in the food service industry. Here on Redstone Arsenal, the Preventive Medicine section of Fox Army Health

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and I had just finished three weeks of leave. It was a transition time and I spent it working on the PFT drill.”

Ortiz’s motivation, though, last fall wasn’t only to get a good score on her first APFT at Redstone Arsenal. She was also encouraging her son, Steven, who was training for his APFT as a soon-to-be enlisted private. He had no trouble passing his APFT and is now assigned at Fort Knox, Ky.

“He told me, ‘Mom, you were tougher than the sergeants,’” Ortiz said. “You trained me right.”

Ortiz and her boss were among nine Soldiers and one civilian – Dale Moore, deputy project manager for MDA’s Ground Based Interceptor — who passed their recent APFT under the instruction and scoring of the Garrison’s Sgt. 1st Class Keith Willard, Master Sgt. John Kennedy, Staff Sgt. Fredrick Traylor, Sgt. Steven Walker and Spc. Jessica Roman. During April, all Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal were required to take the APFT.

Preparing for the APFT can be tough for those who work on the Ground Based Missile Defense Program.

“We have a lot of travel,” O’Reilly said. “It makes it a little harder because you have to find ways to exercise in hotel rooms and in different locations in different cities.”

Even with the challenge, O’Reilly manages to exercise to maintain his APFT standards three or four times a week.

“What I do at my age is work at PFT all year round,” he said. “And, I add more aerobics.”

It isn’t often that a general actually participates in an APFT with the Soldiers who report to him. But, O’Reilly wouldn’t do it any other way.

“I don’t have to be out here with them. But I’m their leader and I want to be out here,” he said.

Of course, his rank does give O’Reilly a little additional respect. As he finished the running portion of his APFT, his time was called out in a way just slightly different from the rest.

“16.58 ... sir,” timer Willard called out.

During their early morning test, the Soldiers had to meet standards in three areas – push-ups, sit-ups and the two-mile run or two and a half mile walk.

“No matter what age or rank, Soldiers

have to pass the APFT,” Kennedy said. “There are different scorings for different age groups and gender, but the standards have to be met.”

Keeping Soldiers in top physical condition is important to the Army’s overall mission.

“If they ever wind up in a combat situation, they have to be able to perform under serious physical conditions,” Kennedy said. “Even if they aren’t in a combat situation, they need to be at their physical best to do their job in the Army.”

Soldiers who don’t pass the APFT are flagged, which could keep them from a future promotion or limit their assignments in the Army. They are given an opportunity to retake the test to have the flag removed from their files.

Dedication to keeping physically fit isn’t just a priority with career Soldiers who want a promotion, though. Two Soldiers in the group – Col. Randy Bianca and Col. Mike Smith – wanted to make sure they passed their last APFT as Soldiers. Both are retiring in the next few months.

The APFT is more than just a way for the Army to police the physical condition of their Soldiers. It is also a way to measure Soldiers’ physical capabilities.

“This gives us a working standard to see how physically fit we are as a group,” Kennedy said. “It also lets the Soldier prove themselves. This is something they grew up doing in the military. It is their basic training until retirement.”

The Garrison staff in charge of conducting the APFT for O’Reilly’s staff were not surprised that they all passed. Willard said older Soldiers have a better chance of passing the APFT because they train based on their performances at previous APFTs in their careers.

“I don’t think there is anyone in this group close to failing,” Willard said. “If you want to see someone fail, come see our young Soldiers. Our older Soldiers know how to prepare themselves.”

The Garrison staff, though, was particularly impressed with civilian Moore’s scores.

“Seventy-six for push-ups, 73 for sit-ups. That’s passing,” scorer Willard said. “It’s better than some of the young Soldiers I’ve seen who just squeeze by.”

Moore participated in his first APFT with the Ground Based Missile Defense Program group last fall.

“General O’Reilly invited us, so I took him up on it. Why not?” said Moore, after finishing his two-mile run in 17:10.

Moore does work up to the APFT.

“If you exercise regularly you can do this,” he said. “This is not done without some preparation. I exercise on a regular basis, but I start running a little bit more frequently three weeks out (from APFT).”

O’Reilly was proud of all his Soldiers and, particularly, Moore.

“He’s a civilian and he volunteers to do this for the teamwork and camaraderie this inspires within our group,” O’Reilly said.

“We all enjoy doing this together. We all have met or exceeded our standards. That makes my job easy. It’s the one thing I don’t have to worry about.”

The Soldiers who work for the Ground Based Missile Defense Program enjoy

coming together for their APFT. It is one of the rare times they are all together because of the traveling associated with their jobs.

“We only get all together once every six months so we can do this,” O’Reilly said.

They also enjoy working with the Garrison Soldiers who score them on the APFT. O’Reilly made it a point to thank these Soldiers by giving each of them a commander’s coin after the APFT.

“We really appreciate your enthusiasm and coaching us,” O’Reilly told the Garrison Soldiers. “We appreciate what you do for us and the other Soldiers on base.”

■ Millions of food poisoning cases occur annually

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Center performs this mission. Military preventive medicine technicians conduct routine sanitary inspections of all food service operations on the Arsenal to ensure compliance with the Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code and Army regulation. Inspections review all aspects of the food service process, from ordering and receiving to the actual point of service to the customer. One key process that is reviewed is the facility procedure for ensuring good hand hygiene.

One concern that consumers often have about hand hygiene is use of food service gloves by food service workers. Most consumers assume that gloves ensure “hands are clean” and therefore are safer. In reality, gloves are only substitutes for clean hands and often give workers a false sense of cleanliness and therefore promote poor hand washing discipline. For this reason, the Model Food Code does not require the use of gloves; when used they must be changed as often as the worker would wash their bare hands and the hands must be thoroughly washed with soap and water before putting on a clean pair. In addition, the warmth and sweat moisture generated inside the gloves while wearing increases the bacterial growth on the hands. If gloves are damaged while wearing, bacteria can leak through the holes (in one study, 18,000 organisms in 20 minutes through a single hole!) and enter food.

A related concern is the use of hand sanitizers. While they do kill some degree of bacteria on the hands, the Model Food Code only allows their use in addition to, and not as a substitute for, thorough hand



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HAND CHECK— Workers at the Burger King on post get their hands inspected for cleanliness.

washing to remove bacteria by mechanical friction.

Preventive Medicine Services, Fox Army Health Center, conducts monthly inspections, more frequently if indicated, of all food service establishments on Redstone Arsenal ensuring that food service handlers have the most current information on food safety. A part of those inspections is to review hand washing procedures to ensure that proper protocols are observed and followed. Food service managers are responsible for monitoring their staff to ensure that hands are washed when necessary and in the proper manner to remove bacteria. As consumers, you can reduce your risk of food borne illness by ensuring food service workers maintain clean hands and by thoroughly washing your own hands prior to consuming any food products. The key to safe food really is in your hands.

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Road and west of Vincent Drive. Environmental factors were of much greater concern in other possible site locations. Given the scope of this project the initial phase will provide approximately 30 large campground spaces, one bathhouse, and two recreational cabins. Plans for future development would bring the total number of large campground spaces to 100 and a total of 25

cabins and chalets. Presently this project is awaiting Environmental Assessment completion with hopes of construction being as early as July.

“We certainly welcome your thoughts and ideas regarding the RV community’s interest and would be happy to discuss this project and how it will best serve you. Please send your comments or visit the Outdoor Recreation staff which will be happy to discuss this project more in detail as development begins to take shape in the next few months.”

■ Americans should assure survival of liberty

Justice

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I felt the profound sorrows of unspoken memories of those who have perished under the hands of one of the world’s vilest regimes ever known in the history of our time. A horror story of whose voice has been muffled by the passage of time, whose meaning has been reduced to a set of dates and counts of dead. Each of them in their sorrows, no hopes of life other than waiting for the last breath of dying moment, perhaps wondered if their loved ones have survived.

I imagined frail, emaciated people in tattered clothing standing in the shadows of the gas chambers. The buildings, the ground and the sky all seemed to exist in varying shades of gray. As my view of the Holocaust became much clearer, I took a moment to thank God for those who defend my freedom, and I reminded myself not to take it for granted. I believe as an American, our forefathers have given us the privilege to be a citizen of a free world; therefore, it is our responsibility to defend what we have inherited at any cost for the next generation. And we must learn to accept our differences and find the way that we can truly become united. Otherwise, we’ll end up in a world of darkness, where men are gassed, young boys are shot, young girls and mothers are raped and killed, and newborn sons are burned to ashes.

While its sheer scale and the ferocity with which it was pursued are unparalleled in history, mass murder and genocide in general have unfortunately become commonplace even after the World War II. Since 1945, millions have been ruthlessly slaughtered on account of their race, ethnicity or class. The memories of those whose lives have been cut short unjustly, would there be any justice? If there be any, what would it be that we can say, the justice have been served? Today, we read books, watch movies portrayed by Hollywood

society, listen to the memories of those who have survived the incomprehensible stories, whose value has been lost as it is wedged into timelines and textbooks.

I personally believe it is extremely important to remember the Holocaust, because unless the memory of the Nazi atrocities remains fresh, the world becomes apathetic to genocide. Though the primary witnesses to the near genocide of the Jewish people are disappearing as the years pass, there is still a generation of war survivors that cannot be denied. The 6 million Holocaust deaths have left more than 6 million survivors, family members, and friends that find themselves being ignored by the general public. As a result not of hate, but of lack of knowledge, the adults of tomorrow are growing up largely numb to the magnitude of destruction and despair that resulted from Hitler’s “Final Solution.”

Today, as we welcome home the Iraq Freedom War heroes, so too must we welcome the Holocaust survivors: prisoners of a war of the most horrible kind. We must ensure that our children will never face such destruction and despair, and there must be no tolerance of discrimination. As Americans, we are plagued by terrorism, racism and persecution of all groups, prejudicial pattern, which has become all too easily disregarded norm, holds a much greater significance than we may realize. We must step out of our safe cocoons and do our best to understand what people from other faiths and backgrounds really have to face in their lives. “Legacies” of those who perished, we must never forget, and if we defend America, never to fall in the hands of vilest criminals, then, the “Justice” will be preserved.

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.” — John F. Kennedy

K.C. Bertling

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work didn’t get completed. I informed the Security person that this is a common half-ton van, the same size as the half-ton government truck I was driving and that it would easily fit through the barriers with other POVs. The repair person even offered to remove the magnetic signs from his van. The Security person refused to allow this van to enter.

On the same date at approximately 4:20 p.m., as I was going home through Gate 10, I met a commercial propane truck that had just entered through the gate. I stopped and confronted the same Security person (senior guard) and asked why this commercial truck was allowed through the same gate? The guard handed me a piece of paper with phone numbers and said that if I had questions or objections, I could call those numbers. Not to make a scene, I departed peacefully.

On the morning of April 21 at approximately 6:30 as I entered Gate 10 in a pouring rain, two commercial pickup trucks were allowed to enter in front of me without being challenged.

I find it hard to accept the fact that the Provost Marshal’s Office intentionally places people like this on the gate to meet the public. These guards represent every person who works on or lives on the Arsenal, because the guard is the first person the public meets. When guards are biased in their actions or those that might have a chip on their shoulder, they are part of the problem, not part of the solution.

Contractor personnel should be required to maintain the same ethical, dedication and moral values that is required of the government employee. After approximately 45 years of military and Army employment, I believe the PM Office can find a better quality security guard than this person.

Shame on the PM Office for allowing professional employees’ time to be wasted, time that was dedicated to supporting the Soldier.

Jim Brown
MOPP Shop

Editor’s note: The Garrison provided the following response. “The Directorate of Emergency Services appreciates your concern regarding the appearance of inconsistencies at installation access control points and access requirements for commercial vehicles. While we are unable to divulge operational information for security purposes, we will attempt to explain generically the basic concept that we use to process commercial/cargo vehicles onto the installation.

“Gate 1 (Martin Road East) at Redstone Arsenal has been designated as the ‘cargo vehicle processing gate’ for all cargo carrying vehicles to gain access onto the installation. It is the only access control point (gate) at Redstone Arsenal that is set up in such a manner so as to accommodate the large volume of cargo carrying traffic which is inspected prior to entry onto the installation. All other gates focus primarily on authorized personnel/vehicle and visitor access control and therefore are not designed or staffed to accommodate cargo vehicles at these locations.

“Commercial/cargo vehicle policy exceptions are made on a case by case basis for special circumstances and only with prior approval from the Directorate of Emergency Services operations officer. Additionally, a few commercial/cargo vehicles have been given authorization to enter gates other than Gate 1 in order to accommodate other special circumstances. One such example of this is the truck that you observed which was in fact the contractor who services all of the portable lavatory facilities located at each access control point – which requires him to have access to all gates. However, in most instances, commercial/cargo laden vehicles are required to establish an operational need to enter the installation and undergo a thorough inspection of their vehicle and its contents – all of which is generally conducted at Gate 1 as described.

“Access control personnel (gate guards) have been instructed, if unable to provide a satisfactory answer to a complaint, to refer to their senior supervisory chain of command by giving them the appropriate phone numbers.

“The Directorate of Emergency Services takes great pride in the professionalism, ethics, dedication and moral values of those personnel performing security duties at our access control points – which is our first line of defense to ensure the safety and security for all who live and work on Redstone Arsenal. We believe that our contract security guard services continue to improve. Most of the issues, such as this one, stem from either a misunderstanding, confusion on the part of the patron, or from simple miscommunications.

“After having performed access control point security on Redstone Arsenal for over four years, the Provost Marshal’s Office has continued to improve these services in order to ensure the most efficient, accurate, secure and timely methods are used to control access onto the installation. As such, we are aware that improvements can still be made and we encourage and welcome your comments, questions, concerns and issues to Art Riley at 842-2441.”

Corps capitalizes on years of military experience

Dooley manages munitions clearance

By JO ANITA MILEY
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A new project manager is bringing 14 years experience and love of the job to the Coalition Munitions Clearance Program in Iraq. Richard Dooley, recently hired by the Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville, has experience in the munitions' field: first as a Marine, next as a government contractor and now as a civilian employee.

Dooley volunteered for deployment to Iraq and serves as a project manager for the Legacy Ammunition Depot, part of the CMC Program in Iraq. He has spent the past two years in Iraq at various remote locations.

Dooley said he continues working in the ammunition field because he likes his job. "I initially went to Iraq as an ammunition contractor with another company back in early 2004," Dooley said.

"When an opportunity arose to work with the Corps of Engineers, I applied and went home for some leave with my family for a few weeks," he said. "After I accepted the position with Huntsville Center, I returned to Iraq. I enjoy what I do; so why not do it for the government again? I was also a Marine Corps ammunition officer prior to my working as a contractor employee. So I guess this job was tailor-made for me."

The Connecticut native has traveled extensively around the globe during his career with the federal government.

"My greatest sacrifice has been being away from my family," Dooley said. His wife and two children have really had to make adjustments during his deployments.

"Unless you have been deployed over here, it's hard to explain," he said. "It has been a sacrifice. My wife knows that I love what I do, and she is behind me 100 percent. It has been tough for the last two years, especially on my children; but she and my sons know that I will call every day; come home every 90 days, and we always go on a nice vacation while I'm home."

On the other hand, there are other members of his family that find it harder to accept his being deployed to Iraq, since he also has a younger brother who is often deployed to Iraq as well. "So this is really a family affair," he said. "I was reared by my grandmother, and she finds it a little harder to accept that we both are so heavily involved in the war effort."

The CMC program's primary focus is cleaning up all the munitions that have been scattered around Iraq, or left in unsecured locations. By doing this, hundreds of jobs have been created for the local economy.

Since 2003, Huntsville Center representatives and their contractor partners



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TAKING STOCK— A weapons stockpile is prepared for destruction in Iraq.

have diligently sorted tons of captured enemy munitions in Iraq. Their goal was to destroy the mountain of munitions stockpiled by Saddam Hussein that were deemed unusable and identify any remaining serviceable munitions for future transfer to the new Iraqi army.

With most of the demolition work completed, the scope of the program is changing and new missions have been added.

Since September 2003, Huntsville Center has destroyed more than 500 tons of munitions.

It has taken a lot of hard work and team effort to make sure program goals are met. Team members attribute their success to being able to work closely with contractors and the Iraqi people.

"Our project managers oversee the depots being run by the contractors," said Dennis Lacy II, also a project management specialist for the program. "We also utilize a local labor force. Our mission is the receiving, storing and issuing of ammunition for the Iraqi Army. This can sometimes be a very difficult job. Our people put in very long hours to make sure the job gets done; many work 60 hours a week. The goal of the Army is the transitioning of these depots to Iraqi Army control."

"My project has destroyed tons of ammunition," Dooley said. "This ammunition would have possibly fallen into the hands of insurgents or other groups of this nature had it not been for us. In turn, these destructive devices could have caused harm to troops and Iraqi civilians alike."

"The Corps has made Iraq a safer place. Serving our country in the war effort definitely makes an impact on your own life and job perspective," Dooley said. "I feel working in Iraq with people from all over the globe is a good experience, but, there's no place like home."

The CMC project will continue for two more years or until all the munitions work is complete. "I will remain in Iraq until the mission is completed," Dooley said. "But I miss my family, and look forward to my next visit home."

He has adjusted to his new job as a civilian and feels that he has been in the right place at the right time.

International student likes her first trip to Alabama

Simona Munda isn't a typical international student at Redstone.

Unlike many who arrive for training from other countries, she isn't male and she isn't military.

Munda, from Slovenia, attends the Army Acquisition Basic Course at the Army Logistics Management College from March 6 through May 13. She's assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and goes on trips sponsored by the International Military Student Office.

"I have been to the states before but this is my first trip to Alabama, therefore there are still many new things and exciting adventures for me," she said.

The 31-year-old single civilian spent much of her time studying because "my course required much studying to do well."

She said the most memorable thing about her stay was "the time I spent with the other international students here for training. They were like my family sometime. We spent a really good time together, made friendships forever and I appreciate their support so much."



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GROWING EXPERIENCE— Simona Munda, a civilian student from Slovenia, visits the Opryland Hotel on a field trip sponsored by the International Military Student Office.

New personnel system begins for some agencies

Defense Department approves first spiral

WASHINGTON — Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England has signed the directive that will implement the

National Security Personnel System, a new civilian human resources system, for about 11,000 employees effective this week.

Civilian employees from 12 DoD organizations, including the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the Tricare Management Activity, Naval Sea Systems Command, the Navy's Office of Civilian Human Resources and Human Resources Service Centers, Joint Warfare Analysis Center, Strategic Systems Program Office, Human Performance Center and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, the Army's Civilian Human Resources Agency, which includes the Civilian Personnel Operations Center and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers, the Secretary of the Air Force Manpower and Reserve Affairs office, elements of Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and the Air Force Audit Agency, will be the first to transition to the system as part of Spiral 1.1.

Beginning this week, these employees will be converted to pay bands that replace the General Schedule and will be given new results-focused performance plans that are clearly linked to their organization's mission and strategic goals.

"NSPS is critical to the department's overall transformation to a results-oriented, performance-based culture. It will help us attract and retain the talent we need to execute our national security mission," said England, who also serves as the NSPS senior executive. "Our senior leaders are ready, our employees and their supervisors are trained, and we are excited about achieving this major milestone."

Training of managers, supervisors, and employees has been a top priority for the department in preparing for NSPS. Classroom and web-based training covering the basics of NSPS, with special emphasis on performance management, has been in high gear for employees over the last several months.

Managers and supervisors received additional training on setting clear per-

Bright suggestions for home lighting

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

- Use one larger light bulb instead of several small ones in areas where bright light is needed. In general, the efficiency of incandescent light bulbs increases as the wattage increases. For example, one 100-watt incandescent bulb provides approximately 1,720 lumens or the same amount of light as two 60-watt bulbs (120 watts and 1,720 lumens) or four 40-watt bulbs (160 watts and 1,980 lumens), but consumes less electricity.

- Use compact fluorescent lights instead of incandescent bulbs wherever possible. Compact fluorescents are 3-4 times more efficient than incandescent and last 10 times as long.

- Long-life incandescent light bulbs (1,500 to 3,500 hours lifetime)

are less efficient than regular life incandescent because the filament operates at a lower temperature to extend the life. Energy-conscious consumers should use long-life bulbs only where replacement is difficult; or even better, replace those hard to reach incandescent lights with compact fluorescent lights that have a life of 10,000 hours or more.

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



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Thumbs up

Taiwanese army Capt. Hao-Ming Chen graduates April 26 with a perfect grade point average of 100 percent from the BET/TOW/Night Sight Repair Course which he has attended since Jan. 17.

formance expectations and evaluating and providing feedback to employees. One of the web-based courses is available on the NSPS web site at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101>.

Employees in Spiral 1.1 will convert into NSPS based on their permanent position of record and will experience no loss of pay in the conversion. In fact, most employees will actually see an increase in pay if they are eligible for a one-time, prorated "within-grade increase buy-in."

Employees can access a conversion tool in the NSPS 101 Course to see the value of their WGI buy-in as well as their career group and pay band. In addition to basic pay, Spiral 1.1 employees will receive local market supplements equivalent to the locality pay they get today.

The performance appraisal cycle for Spiral 1.1 employees began April 30 and ends Oct. 31. These employees will receive their first performance pay increases in January 2007. In addition, employees performing satisfactorily will receive an increase equivalent to the general pay and locality increase received by General Schedule employees in January 2007.

Mary Lacey, NSPS Program Executive Officer, was visiting Spiral 1.1 organizations to meet with employees and senior leaders. "They need to know that NSPS is a flexible system designed to help them better meet their mission objectives," she said. "Their feedback is critical in helping us make the system better over time. We want NSPS to work for them, and for all of DoD." (*Defense Department release*)

Aviation management idea takes flight in Iraq

Cost avoidance seen from on-site repairs

The Theater Aviation Single Manager is a forward element in Southwest Asia for the Aviation and Missile Command and the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

As the senior AMCOM aviation presence in theater, the TASM serves as the "go-to" organization for aviation and aviation related issues. Its charter, given by AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, is as an "initiatives group" and a "catalytic agent" focused on developing enterprises to improve theater level aviation logistics by providing an organization to field, account for and maintain PEO Aviation system enhancements to the war fighters in the Combined Forces Land Component Command theater of operations.

The TASM has a 61-member Enhanced Desert Maintenance contractor team which runs both an Engine Service Center and an Aviation Ground Service Equipment section. The ESC has improved the availability of T-700 series engines in theater through a rotatable pool and improving the Engine Torque Factor performance baseline for all aviation units utilizing T-700, T-701 and T-701C engines. There is also an AGSE section also works on maintenance stands, aircraft jacks, Aviation Ground Power Units and other ground service equipment.

Two examples of initiative, synergy and leveraging brought about by the TASM AGSE /ESC team were demon-

strated to Pillsbury during his visit to Balad Air Base, Iraq on Feb. 22.

Sharing a common Aviation maintenance shelter has led to much collaboration between AGSE and ESC. Recently, Ron Poulin, L3 site supervisor, and his team leads, Tony Kembro and Wayne Treadaway, put their heads together after finding eight engine start valves for 700 series engines at the Balad Defense Reutilization Management Office. Each of these start valves cost approximately \$4,000.

The Engine Service Center noticed that the aviation units were condemning the valves instead of servicing them in accordance with Memorandum AMSAM-RD-AE-I-D-U, dated July 10, 2003. The valves once in the ESC were cleaned, disassembled and repaired as necessary. To be able to ensure the serviceability of the valves, the team repaired and made a \$200 modification to a condemned AGPU that was obtained at the DRMO. In less than two months they have now returned to the system 15 start valves at an estimated cost avoidance of \$60,000.

This modified AGPU has been used to test and repair other hard to find parts for all other AGPUs in theater.

The second initiative is equally impressive. The AGSE and ESC section built an Auxiliary Power Unit test stand from a condemned CH-47 test stand. Once again using parts and pieces found at the DRMO, mechanic Steve Kidwell completed the test stand. Previously, APUs needed to be sent back to a North Carolina facility for testing. By modifying and repairing a condemned CH-47 engine test

stand they are now able to test APUs for CH-47, UH-60 and AH-64 aircraft at Balad Air Base. This has saved time and transportation costs for the units in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. In a month, five APUs have been repaired and returned to service.

The L3 team members were modest

their work. They commented on how one section had helped another and when asked why they did it, most replied "It just seemed like the right thing to do."

Editor's note: This article was written by Col. Frank Atkins and retired Col. Kimo Bacon.



Lance Cpl. James Vooris/1st Marine Division

Fire away

Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division conduct a test fire of the Multiple Launch Rocket System on Camp Fallujah, Iraq, April 22.

while receiving praise from Pillsbury for

■ On lookout for spreading infection

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yet seen a case of this fungal infection, it is spreading in the United States. A large number of cases with this infection were found to be using Renu Moisture Loc Contact Lens Solution by Bausch and Lomb. The company has voluntarily withdrawn the solution from the shelves of American stores and discontinued shipping of this product. This includes the stock of this solution at AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) and the commissary.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are alerting health care professionals and their patients who wear soft contact lenses to an increasing number of reports in the United States of this rare but serious fungal infection that can cause permanent loss of sight. Some patients have reported a significant loss of vision, resulting in the need for a corneal transplant.

A fungus called *Fusarium* has been identified as the cause of the infections. As of April 9, some 109 cases of suspected *Fusarium* keratitis were under investigation by the CDC and public health authorities in 17 states of the U.S.

Clean and safe handling of contact lenses are the most important measures Americans can take to protect their eyes.

The top five recommendations for clean and safe contact lens use are:

- Carefully and regularly clean contact lenses, as directed by information included with lens care products.
- Rub the contact lenses with fingers and rinse thoroughly before use; soak overnight in enough multi-purpose solution to completely cover the lenses.
- Store lenses in the proper case and replace the lens storage case monthly. Clean the contact lens case after each use and keep the case open and air dry.
- Use the proper products to clean and disinfect contact lenses as directed by an eye doctor.
- Only fresh solution should be used to clean and disinfect contact lenses. Contact lens solution must be changed every day.

Seek care immediately through your primary care manager if you suspect you could have this infection. If it is not during duty hours, go to the nearest emergency room. It is important to seek care early, as the condition is treatable. Questions can be directed to your eye doctor.

More information may be found at <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01354.html> and on the Bausch and Lomb web site, www.bauschandlomb.com.

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Survivor describes horror of Holocaust

Shares memories
of prison camp

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A mother's love and years of silence kept Holocaust survivor Agi Geva detached from the soul-shattering fear, emotional pain and physical torment she experienced at the hands of Nazi Germans.

But no matter how hard her mother tried to protect her, how far away she traveled from Germany and how much time passed since those days in 1944-45, the images have always haunted her.

Now, she shares those images with others so that the Holocaust is not forgotten.

"After liberation, we didn't speak about it. We try to forget. We try to get over it," she recalled.

"For the first 50 years, people didn't speak about what happened. We just put it behind us and tried to move on. After all those years, it wasn't so easy to bring back all the memories that we tried not to remember ... I am among the last of the survivors who will talk about it."

Geva, 76, shared her memories of the Holocaust on April 25 with about 100 civilian employees and Soldiers who attended the Team Redstone Holocaust Remembrance Observance in the auditorium of Richard C. Shelby Center for Missile and Space Intelligence.

The remembrance tribute recognized the "American Soldiers who fought to defeat Nazi Germany and liberate the camps," said AMCOM chief of staff Col. Bob English. "We need to take the lessons learned from that and teach future leaders it's up to them to fight to prevent genocide.

"Nearly 6 million Jews along with the mentally and physically handicapped, gypsies, blacks, homosexuals, Spaniards, Serbs, political decedents and others were killed during the Holocaust. They were someone's father, mother, son, daughter, a loved one, and every single one was a child of God. Entire families, neighborhoods and villages were lost. So few now are left to bear witness."

A volunteer with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Speakers' Bureau, Geva is a slight woman with a warm smile who tells her Holocaust story



Photo by Kari Hawkins

IN REMEMBRANCE— Holocaust survivor Agi Geva spends a few moments with AMCOM chief of staff Col. Bob English prior to speaking about her Holocaust experience at the Team Redstone Holocaust Remembrance Observance.

with the quiet determination born out of her commitment to remember Holocaust victims and to honor its survivors.

"I tell my story as proof that it happened," she said. "I tell my story so that others know that one can survive very difficult situations ... We should be careful that it never happen again."

Although she spoke of her experiences rarely during the years after World War II, Geva took on the mission of sharing her Holocaust story with Americans after moving to Washington, D.C. four years ago to be close to her daughter Dorit and her family. Her first speaking engagement was to a classroom of children at her daughter's invitation.

Geva began her story for her Team Redstone audience with the months leading up to her deportation to Auschwitz. Her father died from an illness shortly before the German occupation of Hungary in March 1944. A few months later, Geva, then 14, her 13-year-old sister and her mother were confined along with the rest of Budapest's Jewish community to a ghetto. They were then shipped in cramped boxcars on a two-day journey to Auschwitz.

Because of her mother's ability to assess and respond to the dangerous situation, Geva, her sister and her mother managed to stay together during eight months in Nazi camps. She was

able to keep her family together during selections at two camps – the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp and the labor camp Plaszow.

"I was very, very lucky," Geva said. She showed the audience how her mother covered their heads in scarves to make her daughters look older and herself look younger during their first selection at Auschwitz.

"My mother inspired my sister and me to be at Auschwitz and not know what is going on, to believe nothing bad is going to happen to us," Geva said. "It was such an accomplishment ... My mother was very anxious and scared, but we (my sister and I) didn't know anything bad was happening to anyone."

At their mother's instruction, the daughters never let on to German soldiers that they were related. When their heads were shaved and they were sent to the showers to be disinfected, they didn't know about the other showers where prisoners were gassed. They wore the clothes of strangers, pulled from the piles of clothing they found outside their showers.

"We didn't find out about the gas chambers until after the war," Geva said. "My mother was very careful what she told us because she feared we would get depressed and lose hope."

They were enticed to leave each other for promises of better conditions or better food, but

they ignored such enticements at their mother's urging, later learning those who succumbed to the promises went to their deaths. They ate soup made of water, grass and little stones because their mother insisted they eat.

Yet, despite their mother's efforts to shield them from the horrors of the Holocaust, things continued to get worse for the three women. At Plaszow, they moved stones from one site to another, only to have to move them back again the next day. Geva's sister was badly beaten because she couldn't carry a large stone.

The prisoners became hopeful when they heard the Soviet army approaching Plaszow. But they were then quickly sent back to Auschwitz.

"Very few can say they were twice in Auschwitz and survived the selections. But, we survived somehow," she said.

Yet, Geva almost didn't survive her second Auschwitz selection.

"My mother looked the best, so she went first. My sister went next and then me because I didn't look well at all," Geva recalled. "They wanted to send me to the left. But, I said 'No, I want to work. Let me prove I can work.' I was talking in German. Since I could talk in German, the soldier said 'OK. Go where you want to go.'"

It was during this selection that Geva got the marks "A18667" on her arm.

"My mother was before me and my sister was after me," she said. "It was painful and humiliating. I fainted."

Despite their mother's efforts,

the family was separated once at Auschwitz because they were told their mother had a contagious sickness. Yet, she was able to sneak back into her daughters' barracks. Because of that, the barracks' body count was off and the entire group of women was left standing for hours with guns pointed at them in an effort to get someone to tell who had snuck back into the barracks.

"There were mothers and daughters stealing from each other at night for water and food. They were fighting," Geva said. "We were not like that. We were helpful. So, no one told when my mother came back to the barracks."

Geva remembers the cold of winter and her mother staying awake at night to rub her daughters' shoeless feet to keep them from freezing.

During more selections, people would run into the electrical fence to kill themselves. Once, Geva saw German soldiers turn the electricity off just before a woman got to the fence, denying her the death she yearned for.

Geva and her family were among 200 prisoners sent to Rochlitz, Austria, where they were sent to school to learn how to make airplane parts before being assigned to work in an airplane factory in Calw.

At the school, Geva "was given a pencil and I was so happy to have a pencil in my hand. We thought maybe it would be a better life. We never thought we would be free again. But, I had a pencil and maybe I could learn," she recalled.

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Essay and display contest winners

As part of the Holocaust Remembrance Observance, Team Redstone sponsored an essay writing contest and static display contest to enhance educational awareness of the Holocaust.

The winners of the essay writing contest were: first place, K.C. Bertling, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office; second place, Dorman Chasteen, Precision First Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office; and third place, Frank De Luca, Precision First Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.

The winners of the display contest were: first place, Headquarters & Alpha Company; second place, Bravo Company; and third place, NCO Academy.

The awards were presented by Col. Jose Enriquez, commander of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School.

Medal of Honor recipient still leading troops

By Sgt. CRYSTAL ROTHERMEL
Army News Service

KUWAIT – Life can go down many avenues. For then-Spc. 4th Class Gordon Roberts, the roads treaded deep into Vietnam's Thua Thien Province, testing his every attribute that would win him a spot in military history.

Roberts, a native of Lebanon, Ohio, joined the Army three days after graduating from high school, a natural step for someone from a military family growing up in a small, patriotic town.

At the age of 17, he was an Army infantryman.

The date was July 11, 1969. Roberts was a rifleman with Company B, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, sent to eliminate enemy bunkers along a ridge. While approaching the bunkers, his convoy was hit by heavy fire from automatic weapons and grenades. Moving quickly, he made his way from

his immobilized platoon toward the closest bunker, firing while running, silencing bunker after bunker. Despite the waves of enemy fire, he helped the wounded and continued fighting — finally returning to his unit.

Roberts' actions not only saved the lives of Soldiers and helped defeat the enemy, but earned him a spot in history as a Medal of Honor recipient — at the age of 19.

While the path was treacherous and the moment ruthless, the experience did not deter him from life's course. In fact, it was only the beginning.

After serving four years in the Army, he attended the University of Dayton and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. He gained a wife, son and daughter. He raced sprint cars. He practiced social work for 18 years. By 1989, Roberts felt it was time to take a new path, one out of business attire. He applied for and received a direct

commission as an Army officer.

"I left the (old) Army and came back to this one because this Army is much better," Roberts said as he discussed today's Soldiers and leadership. He was officer in charge of force protection for 1st COSCOM at Camp Anaconda, Balad, Iraq.

Now a lieutenant colonel, Roberts has left footprints in the sands of Iraq and in the hearts and minds of today's Soldiers as he offered experience and advice. He may be the youngest living Medal of Honor recipient, but he sees himself as a comrade, a leader and developer of troops.

"I think everyone thinks a Medal of Honor somehow translates into leadership, but I don't think that is inherently accurate," says Roberts. He notes that actions speak louder than words.

Editor's note: Sgt. Crystal Rothermel writes for the 143rd Transportation Support Command.



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VETERAN OFFICER— Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Col. Gordon Roberts served as officer in charge of force protection for 1st COSCOM at Camp Anaconda, Balad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

■ Holocaust memories live on with survivor

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The prisoners worked at night as a way to keep them hidden from Austrians. Yet, they did come in contact with some Austrian citizens.

"As we passed a group of people, one person said 'Shalom.' This one word gave us so much insight and so much to think about," Geva said.

Yet, the working conditions in Austria were very difficult.

"It was hard to work all night and hard to sleep by day," she said. "We were very weak and very desperate. We didn't know how long we could keep it up."

Soon, the Americans were approaching. The 200 prisoners were sent on a death march toward a train car filled with guns that the German soldiers planned to use to kill the prisoners. But, Geva's feet hurt so badly that she could barely walk. By the time she and her family reached the cars, the guns were gone.

"They took us into the woods," Geva said. "We walked for about an hour at night. Then, we looked around. We didn't see no officers, no Germans, no armed soldiers around us ... We stopped marching ... We were told 'You are free.'"

Yet, freedom was not the destiny for some of the prisoners. As soon as they could, they grabbed their bags and began to eat the food they were carrying. Geva's mother would not let her daughters eat the food.

"Many got sick. Some died," Geva said.

The group didn't know where to go. But, they started to walk and eventually they met American Soldiers near Garmisch on April 28, 1945.

"We were scared about what they would do to us," Geva said. "We were in rags. We were weak and dirty. We found a pair of white underwear and hung it at the end of a stick so they would know we

were at least peaceful. These were not Soldiers who liberated the camps. If they had been, they would have seen people much worse than us."

The Soldiers fed and clothed the prisoners. Geva asked for lipstick and they gave her some.

"Those Soldiers today must be 85 or 86," she said. "I would like to find them. I want to thank them for the lipstick and everything they did for us."

After their liberation, Geva and her family spent eight months in Innsbrook. Their mother wanted to go back to Budapest to see who survived the Holocaust. Her daughters wanted to go to Israel. But, they agreed to return to Budapest, where their mother was able to re-establish the small hotel she owned before the German occupation.

Yet, the memories were too difficult for the daughters to live with and they eventually migrated to Israel. Six years later, their mother joined them. Geva married and had two children. Today, she has four grandchildren. Her mother died at the age of 97 and a half.

Thirty years after the Holocaust, Geva accepted an invitation to return to Germany to speak to students about the Holocaust. She and her sister were among eight of the invited 200 who made the trip.

"People had to talk about the experiences," Geva said. "It was very interesting because many of us hadn't met in 30 years. Many of us talked about our experiences for the first time. My sister completely opened up. But, when we went back to Israel she didn't want to talk about it anymore."

During that trip, Geva faced her fears in a classroom of blonde, blue-eyed German students who had never met a Jew or seen the numbers on a Jewish person's arm.

"For a minute, I couldn't talk. I couldn't think," she said. "I went back 30 years.

It took a lot of self control. I was completely alone."

Yet, the students wanted to hear her story, and she shared it with them in hopes of keeping it from happening again. After the trip, she returned to her life in Israel and didn't volunteer for further speaking

engagements until four years ago when she moved to D.C.

"Every day I think how blessed I am to be free," Geva said. "I'm really free. I can do what I want. Those eight months as a prisoner affected my entire life. But, I am free."

Children's day brings smiles to work

Hundreds participate in first organized event

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The sun was shining on the parade field as the youngsters and their parents visited the various display stations.

Thursday's organized "Bring Your Child to Work Day," held in conjunction with national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work day, was the first of what is to become an annual event. More than 400 people participated.

"It was a beautiful day and the event was truly a success for the amount of people who came out to participate and for the volunteers who took their time to be here," organizer Kim Henry of the Public Affairs

Office said. "My hope is at least one child goes from here with an idea of what he wants to do for a living." Activities included a TOW missile firing, robotics, wetlands tour at the Path to Nature, firefighter demonstration and military working dog demonstration.

"I'm glad they have activities for the kids to do," parent Sondra Bramlett of the Office of Continuous Improvement said. "I mean this is great for the kids."

"Cool stuff," Parker Hanks, 8, cousin of Janie Wyatt of Integrated Materiel Management Center, said. "A lot of fun."

That seemed to be true for the event workers, too – at least for Sgt. Billy Booth, military working dog trainer.

"This right here is what I live for," Booth said. "I love it. It's so much fun for me."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FULLY COVERED— Military working dog trainer Sgt. Billy Booth helps Tiana Ramos, 8, daughter of John Ramos of GBI Joint Project Office, into an attack suit.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IN CONTROL— Lorrie Pruett, 12, daughter of Terry Pruett of the Research Development and Engineering Center's Propulsion Lab, maneuvers the Talon explosive ordnance disposal robot.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SCOUTING HELICOPTER— Looking at a UH-1H Huey are, from left, Emily Smith, 14, and Allison Smith, 12, daughters of Susan Smith of G-2 Intelligence and Security; and Maegan Dean, 12, daughter of Sondra Bramlett of the Office of Continuous Improvement.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIELD DAY— Brad Huhlein of the Program Executive Office for Aviation enjoys the outing with his son Brendan, 8.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOOD JOB— Jeff Ystueta, 13, son of Louise Ystueta of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, tries a fire extinguisher during the firefighter demonstration. At left is fire inspector Jim Hughes.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DO THE ROBOT— Staff Sgt. Derek Fenstermacher of the Robotic Systems Joint Project Office introduces the Markbot robot to his young audience.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GAME OF CATCH— Lt. Col. Jason Crow of G-3 Operations plays Frisbee with his son Zachary, 9.

Checking out book easy with Arsenal access

Library use grows as word spreads

By **KARI HAWKINS**
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At lunch time and after class, on any given day of the week, and especially on Saturdays, Soldiers from OMEMS make a trip to the MWR and OMEMS Post Library to use one of its valuable resources – its computers.

Internet access is a popular commodity to Soldiers who want to check on their families back home, or on their co-workers and friends at other military bases. In fact, it is so popular that the library will soon increase its six computer stations to nine.

This is the story of the little library that could – and does five days a week. It is the story of a little known yet well used Redstone Arsenal resource that is brimming with books, DVDs, resource materials and many other services that are often only found at large public libraries.

The MWR and OMEMS Post Library, located in building 3323 on Redeye Road across from Army Community Service, is one of many services being promoted in the ongoing Morale Welfare and Recreation publicity campaign aimed at all those who can use MWR services – including all active duty, National Guard and Reserve; Redstone/NASA civilians and contractor employees; military, civilian and contractor retirees; and their families.

It's easy to be a customer at the library. A few minutes at the front desk and an Arsenal ID is all that's required to get a library account. For Soldiers like Sgt. Coley Richardson, signing up in the computer log book gets them quick access to the Internet.

"I like to come here to use the computer," Richardson said. "I also like to check out DVDs."

While Richardson checks up on friends assigned to other military installations, Staff Sgt. Daniel Gonzalez checks his e-mail for messages from his children who are at Fort Hood, Texas, and Staff Sgt. Willie Hodge searches the Internet for directions from Redstone Arsenal to Fort



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SIGNING UP FOR COMPUTER TIME— Sgt. Coley Richardson logs in his name before using one of six computers at the MWR and OMEMS Library. Computer usage is so popular that the library is increasing its computer stations from six to nine in the near future.

Riley, Kan.

"Above all, we are here for the military and military families, but we also want to emphasize that we are here for civilian employees and contractors on Redstone Arsenal," librarian Gail Alden said. "We want to encourage use of our facility among the entire Redstone Arsenal community."

The library has just over 7,000 registered patrons. About 150 patrons use it each day with about 200 items circulated daily. There were almost 5,000 computer

sessions used in 2005.

"Word of mouth is our best advertising," Alden said. "The use of the library is just growing, growing, growing."

Alden and her library staff – which includes Elizabeth Jones and Martha Piskulic on staff and volunteers Daniel Cunningham, Martha Moring, Sheryle Gouker and Joyce Spencer — is on hand to assist patrons with any of their library

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needs, from looking up a new book to researching a school paper to getting access to online reference data bases.

"Our volunteers are invaluable toward augmenting what the staff is doing," Alden said. "They are fantastic and we really need them to provide all the services our users need and want."

Besides working with patrons on traditional research needs, "our most popular items are picture books for children, new fiction and non-fiction, audio books, DVDs and compute use," Alden said.

"For the Soldiers, the very most popular things are computers and DVDs. They like to come in here and work with computers and relax with DVDs. The computers are great for research and e-mailing home. They are a marvelous way for the military to have access to their families."

Soldiers who are students at Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance

"We have a special place just for children where they can sit and listen as our storytellers read to them. After story time, children can play in the children's area or pick out a book to read. We hope this time at the library helps children to fall in love with books and libraries at a young age."

— Librarian Gail Alden

School are also being assigned a lot more e-learning.

"They are doing their class work on computer," Alden said. "They are also using the computers for things like house hunting when they are PCSing to their next post."

Recently, Redstone Arsenal's OMEMS library merged with the MWR library.

"OMEMS wanted a professional librarian to run their library and to manage changing library needs," Alden said. "It is fairly unique in the Army. But it's something that's being encouraged to try to consolidate services."



The library offers a selection of 50,000 fiction and nonfiction books. It can also obtain items through interlibrary loans from the Library of Congress. Library materials can be checked out for a two-week loan period. Up to three DVDs can be checked out at one time.

"We have a common mix of books and services that you would find at a general public library," Alden said.

Many retirees used the library, making a stop to pick up or drop off books as they make their way to the Post Exchange, Fox Army Health Center, golf course, or Officers and Civilians Club.

"Retirees come out here all the time for various events and they like to stop by here to check out books when they are on post," Alden said.

Besides its books, DVDs and computers, the library's audio book collection is also popular, especially in the summer when vacationing families check out audio books to listen to on long road trips. "We are putting a lot of resources into our DVD and audio book collections because they are heavily used," Alden said. "A lot of ideas on what books, DVDs and audio books to buy come from our patrons."

The library also offers programs for both children and adults.

Story time for preschool children is at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

"We have a special place just for children where they can sit and listen as our storytellers read to them," Alden said. "After story time, children can play in the children's area or pick out a book to read. We hope this time at the library helps chil-

dren to fall in love with books and libraries at a young age."

In the summer, children from Child and Youth Services' summer camps visit the library for special activities.

"Kids still love to have stories read to them," Alden said. "Children still respond to that. They also like to read to each other. We will also have snacks and a craft for the summer camp kids."

For adults, the library promotes the "One Book One Community Reading Program."

"The idea is to promote one book heavily for a certain period of time so that many people read it and talk about it," Alden said.

The book being promoted now and into the summer is "Guns, Germs and Steel" by Jared Diamond. It is considered one of the most important books of the past decade.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BOOKS FOR ALL AGES— One-year-old Trinity Heil looks through a book in the children's area at the MWR and OMEMS Library. Trinity and her sister, Bethany, 2, came to the library with their mother, Leah Heil, to enjoy Story Time. Their father is Staff Sgt. Christian Heil.

"We have copies of the book and of the four-part DVD series made by National Geographic," Alden said. "The library will have a discussion of the book in June. This is the fifth book in our One Book One Community series."

Whether children or adults, the library staff works to make the library a comfortable and easy-to-use resource for all its patrons.

Alden said renovation of the library is now being planned. It has been delayed because its red brick building was built in 1953 and has historical significance to the early years of Redstone Arsenal. But once all approvals for the renovations are obtained, some walls will be removed to offer easier access for customers to different parts of the library and the restrooms will be renovated.

Library hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Currently, Tuesday hours have been extended to 9 p.m. and Thursday hours until 8 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

For more information, call the library at 876-4741 or check out the MWR web sites at www.redstonemwr.com.

Secretary of Defense visits U.S., Iraqi troops

By Staff Sgt. BRENT WILLIAMS
Army News Service

BAGHDAD — The Iraqis are increasing their capabilities every day, according to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, during a visit to Forward Operating Base Honor April 26.

The tour provided Rumsfeld an opportunity to observe the soldiers of the 5th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, as they trained on infantry tactics and first-aid procedures.

While visiting with Maj. Gen. J. D. Thurman, commanding general, Multinational Division - Baghdad, Rumsfeld also took advantage of an opportunity to observe U.S. forces training Iraqi soldiers.

“This is an exciting time to be here with the new permanent government of Iraq,” Rumsfeld said. “They are making impressive progress.”

“It was monumental to have the honorable Mr. Rumsfeld here today to observe our Iraqi partner brigade honing their battle skills and to meet and eat with the Soldiers of the 4th BCT,” said Col. Michael Beech, commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

Rumsfeld also took the time to partake in a special luncheon at the King Cobra Dining Facility at FOB Prosperity.

Command Sgt. Maj. John Moody Jr., 4th BCT, hosted the luncheon for the brigade, allowing each of the battalions to select Soldiers to attend the special occasion.

“It is good for the Soldiers to see someone from Washington come down to show them that they appreciate what we do on a day-to-day basis here in Iraq,” Moody said.

Upon finishing his lunch with the troops, who serve in south and central Baghdad, Rumsfeld made his way from table to table, joining the variety of Soldiers - shaking their hands, posing for photographs and listening to their con-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Williams

GREETINGS— Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld met with Brig. Gen. Mohammed Wassif, commander, 5th Brigade, 6th Division at the Iraqi Army’s Forward Operating Base Honor located in Baghdad’s International Zone. Rumsfeld also observed Iraqi Army training and met with Multinational Division-Baghdad soldiers responsible for training Iraqi Security Forces.

cerns. Then, he would ask the questions.

“How are you? Where are you from? What do you do?” he individually asked more than 60 Soldiers who joined him for lunch.

“It was interesting, very interesting,” said Pfc. Allah Johnson, a fuel specialist with Company C, 704th Support Battalion. “I got a chance to see someone that you don’t usually see as a Soldier because we are out here doing our job.”

1st Lt. Casey Newell, platoon leader, Co. A, 704th Spt. Bn., said having the secretary of defense visit was an incredible boost to morale.

“It’s important to know that the people who are making the policies stand behind what they are trying to do - to know that they are pushing through with us, that they support us,” said Newell, a graduate of Illinois State University.

Newell said that visits like this one from Rumsfeld remind Soldiers that they are all fighting for the same cause.

“It’s nice to know that the leadership is behind us,” he said.

Editor’s note: Staff Sgt. Brent Williams writes for 4th BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

Marines get swinging early in troop softball



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CATCH THIS— Marines coach/pitcher Lee Burket hits to his outfielders during practice April 24, the day before the preseason tournament openers.

Outscore 326th Chemical 13-2 in preseason tourney

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The Marines got the start they wanted in preseason softball.

Stanley Carver had a triple, two doubles and scored three runs as the Marines beat 326th Chemical Company 13-2 on April 25 at Linton Field on opening night of the preseason tournament. MEDDAC beat Bravo Company 17-7 in the preceding game.

"We just wanted to come out early, start playing good defense and get the bats swinging," Marines right-fielder Marvin Fletcher said. "And we did a real good job in both bat swinging and our defense."

Fletcher went 2-for-3 with two doubles and scored two runs.

Nicholas Jacobs also went 2-for-3 with two runs and a double. Orlanda Grimsley homered and scored three runs. Coach and winning pitcher Lee Burket had a triple, double and scored a run.

"It was a pretty good night," Burket said. "I was pleasantly surprised."

Eddie Bryan hit a double for the 326th Dragons.

In MEDDAC's win, Michael Wolonsky hit a double and three-run homer. Winning pitcher Eric Moorman had a solo homer in the first inning. Rodney Henshaw went 3-for-4 with a double and scored three runs. William Hickman added two doubles and scored three runs.

"I think it was a good game," said Wolonsky, the MEDDAC coach and left-center. "I think we need a little more practice, but I think we'll have a good season."

Bravo's Luther Reynolds tripled and scored a run for the Bulldogs.

Youth baseball clinic hits homer

Youth Services funded a baseball clinic for the Redstone Arsenal spring baseball teams April 13 at the Little League fields on post. This was done at no cost to parents.

The Simply the Best Baseball School provided two instructors who took the kids through a series of hitting, fielding, catching and throwing drills. Most of the parents were pleasantly surprised at the quality of the instruction for free. Many of the RSA youth teams' volunteer coaches were on hand to observe and lend a hand where needed.

Volunteer coaches and parents as well were happy to see some of the teaching tools and techniques explained and practiced, according to Missy Richards of Youth Services.



Courtesy winner

Contest winner

Steve Booze won the "Name the Sports Bar" Contest at Redstone Lanes for his submission of the name "Brooklyn's." "If you're a right-handed bowler, a Brooklyn strike is when the ball crosses over center line and hits to the left of the head pin," he says. "Sports Bar is on the left as you walk in to Redstone Lanes, so I thought it was appropriate. Redstone Lanes is, by far, the most impressive bowling establishment in the Northern Alabama area." Booze won a bowling party for 10 for his winning entry.

Runners invited to Ten-Miler tryouts

Team Redstone's streak of winning a medal in the annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., was broken last year, but only because of a security concern. There were no results from the race after a suspicious package was found on the course and the runners had to run more than a mile extra.

Tryouts for Redstone's team this year are scheduled 7 a.m. Saturday and May 13 on a 10-mile course that begins and ends at the Sparkman Fitness Center. It's the same out-and-back route from previous years: south on Patton Road, past Buxton, turn around and return.

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.

"Come on out and push the winning tradition along," Chief Warrant Officer Harry Hobbs, team head coach, said.

The 22nd annual race is Oct. 8 in Washington, beginning and ending near the Pentagon.

For more information call 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.



Redstone Arsenal 10 Miler Team Tryouts

Tryout Dates: 6 & 13 May
Time: 0700

Race Date: 8 October 2006 (Washington DC (TDY))

Tryout Location: Parking lot next to Sparkman Fitness Center

Team Composition (Planned): 8 Military, 4 Civilian
(Active Duty, Reserve, Retired Military, Gov't Civilians and Contractors)

Tryout Route: Start at Sparkman, run to Patton Rd, South on Patton, past Buxton Rd to 2nd Magazine Rd and return. Start/Finish & mile markers are marked on road.

POCS: CW5 Harry Hobbs (Head Coach) 842-6864
Skip Vaughn (876-1500), Alexander Steel (876-3867)
All interested Active Duty Military call CW5 Hobbs at 842-6864



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.

- 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. Stop by the Theatre of Huntsville display between buildings 5301 and 5302 today from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call the following anytime: Pat Blackman 842-8101 or Nancy Morris 955-9613. Brought to you by IMMC, Maintenance Information Branch.

- Great American Pastime brought to you by PM Aviation Systems, Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., parking lot in front of building 5308. Hot dog, chips and

drink for \$3; brat, sauerkraut and drink \$4; nacho chips, cheese and jalapenos \$3. Call Jo-Ann Rice 313-3742.

- Child ID/Records Kits and First Aid Kits including a Pet First Aid Kit. Thursday 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 Management Branch. Call Kathy Siebert 842-8614.

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

- "No-Tap" Bowling Tournament, Thursday from 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.

- AER Chocolate Bars. Hershey, Nestle and York chocolates with specially created wrappers featuring eight of AMCOM's systems, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or sold out), building 5300, hallway between 5301 and 5302. Brought to you by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call J.D. Crownover 876-8303.

- Barbecue and Silent Auction, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 7611 auditorium on Cardinal Road. Hosted by Security Assistance Management Directorate. Menu is pork steak or chicken quarter with baked beans, potato salad, roll, dessert and soda. Tickets are \$6 in advance. Please place your orders by close of business Friday. Call Mike Morphew 313-6888, Marie O'Boyle 313-6985, Willie Roy 313-0907, Melissa McWhorter 313-6839 and Brandy Ray 955-6715.

- 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

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

GET PATRIOTIC— Sharon Sipp and Patrick Williams, both of the National Maintenance Branch, Integrated Materiel Management Center, sell patriotic gear near the Sparkman Cafeteria. The branch's fund-raiser continues throughout the AER campaign. "If people are interested, I'd be happy to come to them," said Sipp, who can be reached at 313-2083.



Courtesy photo

Facility visit

Army Materiel Command commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin, center, visits the Research Development and Engineering Center's Prototype Integration Facility on April 19.

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on May 13, time to be determined (all day event) at the Rustic Lodge. Winner will receive a trophy. Entrance fee is \$20. Re-buys 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 Douglas 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 Acquisi-

tion 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.



Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

Tryouts for Redstone's team in the Army Ten-Miler are 7 a.m. Saturday 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.

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.

Safe boating class

Huntsville Power Squadron, a unit of United States Power Squadrons, a nationwide non-profit boating safety organization, will present "Boat Smart" to ages 12 and older. The class is 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 13 and 20. Instruction is free, and optional study guide is \$20. For directions call Daryl 721-7599.

Golf tournament

United Cerebral Palsy announces the 14th annual Huntsville Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Golf Tournament is May 18 at Cherokee Ridge Golf Club. The tournament format is a four-

person Florida Scramble and begins at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. A buffet lunch will be provided and served at 11:30 a.m. Registration after May 1 is \$350 per team of four. Sponsorship packages are available. For more information, call tournament chairman Johnny Franklin 679-7447 or the UCP office 859-4900.



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.

Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting May 20 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. The branch will present its scholarship award to the area winner of its essay contest; the topic for 2006 was "What My Vote Will Mean to Me." For more information, call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Computer users

Sam Karabinos will speak to the Huntsville Personal Computer Users Group at 10:45 a.m. May 13 at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The 11-year-old will demonstrate X-Box gaming with multiple, online, fellow gamers. Sound effects will be included. Kevin Wangbickler of the HPCUG will present a program on "Windows Genuine Advantage" for the Internet/Windows Special Interest Group at 9:15. Visitors are welcome; however, a drawing for prizes is limited to members. For more information, call 883-9601.

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet 6:30 p.m. May 11 at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Jamie Gillum, author of "Twenty-Five

Hours to Tragedy," an hourly account of the 25 hours leading up to the Battle of Franklin, Tenn., is to speak on the Battle at Spring Hill. The meeting is free; and chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet May 9 at the Holiday Inn Select on Williams Avenue, Sun Room of Lofton's. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and program at 6:30. Gail Wall of Beason & Nalley P.C. is to speak on rules for data archiving of accounting information. Cost is \$16.50 members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 full-time undergraduate students. Reservations are due by noon Friday. Call 830-0377 or e-mail royerfe@uno.com.

Working group

The Greater Huntsville EVM Working Group will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday 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.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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

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Monday through Friday anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Certificates will be given after successful completion. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

Chapel services

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

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.

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.

Short courses

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

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.

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.

American Idol singer

Carrie Underwood, the 2005 American Idol winner, along with special guest Josh Turner, are coming to Redstone Arsenal July 21. Tickets can be purchased at the Post Exchange, ITR, Officers and Civilians Club, Sparkman Cafeteria, Outdoor Recreation, www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call 876-4531 or 876-5232.

German restaurant

The Soldatenstube's Maifest Celebration is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club parking lot. German and American foods will be available for purchase, as well as German beer, American beer, German wine, and German

liquors. There will also be a car show, as well as clowns and face painting for the kids. Call 830-2582 for more information.

Yard sale

The Diane Campbell Recreation Center will hold a postwide yard sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon at the south end of the Post Exchange parking lot. The sale is open to the entire Redstone community. Permits to sell items may be purchased at the recreation center, building 3711, for \$7. All items being sold must be personally owned or used. Sellers must be in place by 7:45 a.m. the day of the sale. No vendors will be allowed. For more information and official guidelines, call 876-4531.

Case lot sale

The Commissary is having a case lot sale May 4-6 from 9 a.m. until dusk. For more information, visit its web page www.commissaries.com under the "locations" link.

Rummage sale

NAMIH, a non-profit organization for helping families affected by mental illness, will have a rummage sale May 5-6 at 8 a.m. at Young Nak Presbyterian Church, 7904 S. Whitesburg Drive, one block north of Lily Flagg Drive. For information and to donate items for the sale, call 534-2628.

Contracting seminar

National Contract Management Association, Huntsville Chapter will hold a seminar Thursday titled "GSA Multiple Award

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Schedule Contracting: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You at the Boeing Company, 950 Explorer Blvd, building 48-47. The guest instructor, Jonathan Aronie, is a partner in the government contracts practice group of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, focusing on litigation, internal investigations, and government contracts. To register, go to www.ncmahsv.org. For information call Lisa Hubbard 922-3527.

Summer camp

The National Military Family Association is accepting applications for its Operation Purple Summer Camps. The camps provide unique experiences to more than 2,500 military children coping with the deployment or pending deployment of one or both of their parents. The 26 Operation Purple Camps provide children from military families with fun and memorable opportunities to learn new skills for managing deployment-related stress. NMFA developed this free summer camp program, sponsored this year by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and TriWest Healthcare Alliance, in response to the need for increased support for military children. A list of camp dates, sites and other information is available at <http://www.operationpurple.org/>. Applications are only available online and will be accepted through May 15.

Johnson High reunion

Final plans have been made for Johnson High School's Class of 1976 30-year reunion from June 30 to July 2. Cost is

\$25 per person, \$50 for couples. For more information, visit the web site <http://www.joj76.org>.

Church conference

The Church of the First Born will hold its First Prophetic Conference on May 4-6. The church is located at 5650 Sanderson St. northwest, next to Sam's Club on University Drive. For more information call Minister Leria Wilkerson 313-6353 (work), 783-3414 (cell) or Derrick Whittington 503-2945.

Pilgrimage tour

The Huntsville Pilgrimage Association invites you to its annual Pilgrimage Weekend May 6-7 downtown. Brochures and home tour tickets are available for pre-sale. For information call the Pilgrimage 533-9460, Margaret Strickland 1-800-772-2348 or 533-5723.

Best yards

It's time for the annual Housing "Yard of the Month" Program. Judging dates are May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12. For a copy of the guidelines, visit the Housing Office, building 3207 on Hercules Road. For information call Giannina Brown 842-0422.

Quarterly retirements

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is June 22 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate. If you would like to participate, call Sgt. 1st Class

Steven Walker 876-2819. Deadline for signing up to participate is June 1. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Sept. 21.

Motor pool update

The Garrison Transportation Office announces the following changes: Effective May 1, operators of government vehicles required to possess an OF 346, U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card will be processed at the Motor Pool, building 3664A, Driver's License Office. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Telephone number is 876-3533. Individuals requiring issuance, update or reissue of an OF 346 must follow the guidance listed in Redstone Arsenal Regulation 600-55, dated Sept. 13, 2005. Regulation 600-55 is available by going to the Garrison home page. On the home page under "Frequent Links," select "Regulations." Copies of Regulation 600-55 may be printed. Tactical vehicles will now be dispatched through the Driver's License Office.

Celebrating mass

Father George will celebrate a "Healing Mass" May 11 at noon in Bicentennial Chapel. A special individual blessing will be given to all who attend the service. Lunch will be served after the mass in the Assembly Room. The entire Redstone community is invited. For information call Phyllis Gibat 842-2175.

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling/2004

Chapel anniversary

Bicentennial Chapel's 30th anniversary celebration will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the chapel on Goss Road. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow the program. For more information, call the chapel at 842-2964 or 842-2176.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now registering for the summer term, May 30 to July 31. For information call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222.

Master's degree

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now offering a master of science in management program on Redstone Arsenal. For more information visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222, or its web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>.

Federally employed women

Federally Employed Women announces that its 37th National Training Program will be held in Atlanta July 17-21 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel. The theme is "New Connections - New Directions." Dr. Bernice King, daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the late Coretta Scott King, is scheduled keynote speaker. For online registration visit the FEW web site at www.fewntp.org and for more information on the Huntsville Chapter of FEW call Donna Rigsby 313-3021 or 876-4814.

Resource managers' picnic

American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual picnic May 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the NASA picnic area. Cost is \$3 members, \$5 non-members. Reservations are due by noon Thursday. Call Kim Jean 876-3033 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Engineering camps

The University of Alabama-Huntsville will offer two Engineering Summer Camps this year. The weeklong day camp is designed for rising high school juniors and seniors interested in learning more about the opportunities in the engineering profession. The camps are June 19-23 and July 17-21 on the UAH campus. Camp fees are \$350 and include all supplies and materials, lunch and prizes. A limited number of partial and whole need based scholarships will be available for the summer camp. For more information, visit the web site www.eng.uah.edu/camp or call Yael Marcus 824-3590.

Latin dance

SaborLatino invites you to the "Latin Spring Dance" on Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Home Port International Bar and Deli, 2007-L North Memorial Parkway. Cost is \$8 for ages 18 and up; you must have a valid photo ID. Ladies are admitted free from 9-10 p.m. For information call hostess SaborLatino 783-5756.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK06235425	General Engineer	3-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06235425D	General Engineer	3-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST06221806	Electronics Engr	3-May-06	Threat Simulation Mgmt Ofc- (TSMO)	GG-0855	7	12	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06216846	Resource Manager	3-May-06	SMDC	GS-0501	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X											
SCBK06172670D	Community Planner	4-May-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0020	13	13	74,621 - 97,003								X				X
SCBK06266055	General Supp Spec	4-May-06	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	43,271 - 56,258	X											
SCNAFBK06043	Bowling Equipment Repairer	4-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NA-4819	7	7	9.82 - 9.82	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK06044	Recreation Aid	4-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK06045	Recreation Aid	4-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK06046	Cook	4-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NA-7404	6	6	9.41 - 9.41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK06047	Laborer	4-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	4	4	8.27 - 8.27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06264997	Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-May-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X											
SCBK06260612	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	6-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06260612D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	6-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST06232050	General Engineer	8-May-06	Threat Simulation Mgmt Ofc- (TSMO)	GG-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06264189	Dental Assistant	8-May-06	Dental Clinic	GS-0681	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06279423	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-May-06	IMMC	GS-0346	11	11	52,355 - 68,066	X							X				X
SCBK06279426	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-May-06	IMMC	GS-0346	11	11	52,355 - 68,066	X							X				X
SCBK06286059	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-May-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X											
SCBK05426622R	Firefighter (Hazmat Tech/ Basic Life Spt)	9-May-06	Garrison	GS-0081	6	7	31,834 - 45,985		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06260672	Lead Aerospace Engr	10-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06260672D	Lead Aerospace Engr	10-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06246913	Tech Writer-Editor	10-May-06	IMMC	GS-1083	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X											
SCBK06239510	Staff Assistant	10-May-06	SMDC	GS-0303	8	8	39,177 - 50,929	X											
SCBK06244919	Lead General Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06244919D	Lead General Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06245866	Lead Comp Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06245866D	Lead Comp Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06246990	Lead General Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06246990D	Lead General Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK050126	Lifeguard	15-May-06	Recreation Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06261789	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	19-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06261789D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	19-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06260275	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	24-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06260275D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	24-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06264988	Lead Electronics Engr	24-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06264988D	Lead Electronics Engr	24-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06261583	Lead Aerospace Engr	25-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06261583D	Lead Aerospace Engr	25-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06259551	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	26-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06259551D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	26-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06262589	Lead General Engr	26-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06262589D	Lead General Engr	26-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06266183	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK06235425D	General Engineer	3-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST06221806	Electronics Engr	3-May-06	Threat Simulation Mgmt Ofc- (TSMO)	GG-0855	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06172670D	Community Planner	4-May-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0020	13	13	74,621 - 97,003								X				X
SCBK06260612D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	6-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06999660DR	Contract Specialist	7-May-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1102	14	14	77,793 - 101,130								X				X
WTST06232050	General Engineer	8-May-06	Threat Simulation Mgmt Ofc- (TSMO)	GG-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06260672D	Lead Aerospace Engr	10-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06245866D	Lead Comp Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06244919D	Lead General Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06246990D	Lead General Engr	14-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06261789D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	19-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06264988D	Lead Electronics Engr	24-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06261583D	Lead Aerospace Engr	25-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06262589D	Lead General Engr	26-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06259551D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	26-May-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).
- C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)
- E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)
- H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
- T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)
- V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or V