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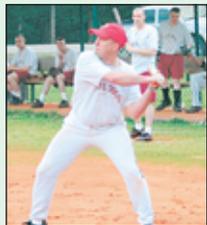
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Breaking ground for Buffalo Soldiers

Local monument to honor unit's service in late 1800s

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Holding a historical narrative autographed by several Buffalo Soldiers, Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips told an audience of city officials, educators, politicians and students at a ground-breaking ceremony last week that the Buffalo Soldier epitomizes the Army's warrior ethos.

"We need to recognize these great patriots of America who lived the warrior ethos – mission first, never quit, never accept defeat, never leave a fallen comrade," said Phillips, deputy to the program executive officer for aviation.

Phillips spoke about the Buffalo Soldiers during a ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of an outdoor monument that will include a 10-foot-tall bronze statue of a Buffalo Soldier. The statue has been housed inside the Academy for Academics and Arts for about a year and in a city warehouse for two or three years prior to that. Attention has recently been brought to the need to establish the statue in a monument park by middle school students at the academy who have been researching the Buffalo Soldiers as part of a Service Learning Project.

The statue has historical significance to Huntsville and the Cavalry Hill site where the academy is located because Soldiers from the Army's 10th Cavalry camped at the site for four months in 1898 and early 1899 following

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

RIDE ON— Members of the local chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club show their support for the Buffalo Soldier monument project by attending the monument ground breaking. From left, they are retired Sgt. 1st Class Eze Abuwali, Staff Sgt. Frederick McCallum of Fox Army Pharmacy, retired Sgt. and pastor Leroy Harris, retired Sgt. 1st Class Alex Harrison, member of the Buffalo Soldiers Ad Hoc Committee and president of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club in Huntsville.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BOOK OF PATRIOTIC SOLDIERS— Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips holds up a historical narrative about the Buffalo Soldiers of the late 1800s during a ground-breaking ceremony for the Buffalo Soldier monument on the front lawn of the Academy for Academics and Arts (formerly Cavalry Hill School). Phillips has collected the autographs of Buffalo Soldiers he has meant since first reading the book. The 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers camped on or near the grounds of the academy during 1898-99 following their service in the Spanish-American War.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BREAKING GROUND— Community leaders break ground for a historical monument that will honor the Buffalo Soldier and the time the 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers spent in Huntsville. They are, from left, Huntsville City Council president Mark Russell; Mary Ruth Yates, Huntsville City Schools assistant superintendent; Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips; Wilbert Brown, principal of the Academy for Academics and Arts; Huntsville city councilman Glenn Watson; Sheree Humphries, the academy's Service Learning Project coordinator; state representative Laura Hall; Mayor Loretta Spencer; retired Sgt. 1st Class Alex Harrison, member of the Buffalo Soldiers Ad Hoc Committee and president of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club in Huntsville; Buffalo Soldier and Purple Heart veteran George O'Connor; and Huntsville city councilman Richard Showers Sr.

An open lane random survey

How do you feel about the government monitoring the phone calls of private citizens?

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Lashonda Hartley
student
"I think my phone conversations should be private."

Leslie McLaughlin
student
"I don't like it. They're not going to get anything from it anyway but a few false leads. I don't think it's right."



Maj. Andrew Davis
"If you're not doing anything illegal on your phone, then what do you have to worry about? If it's protecting the country, so be it."

Clifford March
retiree
"Well, we have to draw the line at some point between confidentiality and protecting the nation. I'll leave it to Congress to debate that for us."



Quote of the week

It's no longer a question of staying healthy. It's a question of finding a sickness you like.

— Jackie Mason
comedian

Commentary: Take tissues to graduation ceremony

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A Kodak moment. That's what this was. Fleeting but memorable. It's hard to describe your son's high school graduation.

I knew I would cry. That was a no-brainer. I had told close friends beforehand that I would lose it as soon as my son walked across that stage.

But I didn't know I would be fighting back tears throughout the graduation program. Entering the Von Braun Center arena, I saw other parents that I hadn't seen in years. We were all gathered here for the same purpose — to see our offspring complete a long journey. This was a happy time, but a sad time, too.

It first hit me when the school principal talked about how special this time was. He mentioned the role of parents and the late night trips to pick up supplies for school projects. A flood of memories came — the poster boards, the magic markers, the notebooks. I started crying then.

When the student government president broke into tears while mentioning a fellow senior who was killed in a car wreck, the emotions flowed again. My wife, Janice, a teacher at the school, told me she had once taught the boy who had died.

Then the moment came. Cole's name was called. He received his diploma, hugged the teachers onstage, and returned to his chair. I wiped away tears.

Janice asked me if I was OK. Ironically, I was the one who was supposed to help her when she cried. But here I was doing all the crying.

After the ceremony, we congratulated other graduates and searched for Cole. We couldn't find him in the mob scene of parents, friends and graduates. I called him on my cell phone and he answered on his cell phone — of course, we didn't have these at my high school graduation back in 1972. Finally, he walked up smiling with his diploma.

I hugged Cole and Janice. He opened up his diploma. It said Samuel Vaughn (he's Samuel Coleman Vaughn III), advanced diploma, Grissom High School. Janice cried.



Memorial Day tribute planned

The North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Coalition, along with the City of Huntsville, will co-host this year's Memorial Day tribute to fallen veterans. The public is invited to attend this annual ceremony at the Veterans Section of Maple Hill Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 29.

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment 820 of the Marine Corps League will host this year's event. The commandant of the detachment, Al Orillion, will officiate.

The scheduled speaker is Joyce Wilbourn, a Gold Star mother, whose son, Marine Capt. Trey Wilbourn, was killed by enemy fire in 1991 during the first Gulf War.

Wilbourn, who is buried at Maple Hill, is one of the two Huntsville Marines for whom the detachment is named. The other, Morgan Brandon, was killed during the battle on Iwo Jima in World War II and is buried in Tennessee.

Letter to the Editor Unsettled in seat

Who is the comedian who originally decided to install automatically flushing toilets in the Sparkman Complex? I have been accosted by an assault toilet! The doggone things flush like there's a jet engine just under the bowl (somebody fess up — there's a black hole in the basement, right?). Your ears pop and you have to comb your hair every time one of those things kicks in. And the sensors are somewhat less than predictable. The things will flush at nearly any time and you just don't know what to expect. It's like some kind of Vegas game of chance but without the handle.

For reasons that are probably not going to become clear any time soon, toilet seat liners are not provided in the Sparkman Center (it's part of the gag, isn't it?), so you stand there and carefully line the seat with strips of toilet paper. And just as you have your protective work of art completed and turn around to do your business, the sensor concludes that it is now time to engage the flush mechanism from Hades and either suck your improvised seat protector down the pipes or spray them in place with toilet bowl water. What fun!

So now you've learned that you have to do a little hokey-pokey dance in front of the toilet in such close proximity to the sensor that you don't trip the flusher. But that's not all! No, not by a long shot. The doggone thing may just as well decide to flush while you're seated. Putting aside the obvious but insufficiently documented benefits of vacuum assistance, now your entire rear quarter is soaking wet and the one-ply tissue provided does little more than glue itself to the problem rather than dry it off. Come on now, it was a good joke but the fun's over. Please do us all a favor and recalibrate the toilet sensors, or give me a pull-chain from the ceiling!

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?
Meeting new people.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to read, swim and travel.

What are your goals?
Get my master's in library science.



What's your favorite type of music?
I like gospel.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 12: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

May 14: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

May 14: An individual was found to be operating her motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when she stopped at Gate 10 and asked directions. Further investigation revealed that she was



driving under the influence of alcohol and was in possession of an open container. She was issued three violation notices and placed in the detention cell until her blood-alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

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

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

Violation notices issued: 1 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag, 4 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 driving under the influence, 1 inattentive driving.

Repair activity passes review

The Target Acquisition Designation Sight/Pilot's Night Vision Sensor Special Repair Activity at the Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., underwent its first quality review May 8 by Dianne Schofield of AMCOM and Mary Ramirez of DCMA Orlando.

During the audit outbrief, Schofield commented that she was told before coming to Letterkenny that the Special Repair Activity "really has its act together." Having heard that, she "approached the audit with a lot of skepticism — with preparation to see if those comments were really true."

Schofield and Ramirez agreed, after spending a few days with the Letterkenny team, that the comments were in fact absolutely true. They were impressed with what the activity had accomplished in just a short period of time, and were pleased with the product being provided to the war fighter. (Letterkenny release)

Corvette club contributes to fund drive

Donations rolling in for emergency relief

By SKIP VAUGHN
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A caravan of Corvettes pulled into the Army Community Service parking lot Friday afternoon.

The occupants of the 11 vehicles represented the Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners who had joined Fox Army Health Center in co-sponsoring the fourth annual "Cars and Camouflage" car show April 15 at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Huntsville. The event benefits the Army Emergency Relief fund.

Retired Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Bill Lang, president of the Vets with Vettes, presented a \$2,550 check to AER officer Kristi Foster as the car club members looked on. The club has 74 members.

"Thank you all so much," Foster said. "We really do appreciate it. We'll put it to good use."

The event drew 112 entrants, according to car show founder Sgt. 1st Class Tom Perkins of Fox Army Health Center.

This contribution brought the AER campaign total to \$116,829. Contributions are being collected until May 31 with a \$150,000 goal.

Photo by Skip Vaughn
LOT OF VETTES— Eleven cars from the Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners arrive at the Army Community Service parking lot.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

THANKS SO MUCH— Retired Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Bill Lang, president of the Vets with Vettes, presented a \$2,550 check to Army Emergency Relief officer Kristi Foster. This represents proceeds from the fourth annual "Cars and Camouflage" car show which was co-sponsored with Fox Army Health Center.



Project office wins defense acquisition honor

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

The Department of Defense has announced that the Joint Attack Munitions Systems Project Office has won the annual Modeling and Simulation Award for the Acquisition category.

The JAMS Project Office won the team award for developing an innovative approach for simulation-based acquisition. The team has been recognized for its synergistic process of taking advantage of tri-service technical expertise, developed over years of experience on legacy, as well as ongoing programs. Those efforts have produced an integrated product team environment to develop an Integrated Flight Simulation and accompanying tool set, which will reduce risk, lead

to a better product in a shorter period of time and at a lower cost.

Specifically, the JAMS Project Office developed for the Joint Common Missile product line the JCM's System Design and Development Request for Proposal. The basis for the SDD simulation effort occurred when the IFS was initially developed during the concept development phase of the program.

The SDD Statement of Work provides sufficient rationale stating the need for simulation process maturity to be demonstrated by the winning prime contractor. Shortly after SDD contract award, the latest version of the winning contractor's IFS was delivered to the government. This version of the IFS was the centerpiece of the SDD simulation program.

The identical methodology was applied to the Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II product line, with that SDD contract being awarded last month. In sum, this innovative approach provides the opportunity to reuse non-proprietary items across product lines, reducing each product lines risk at a reduced cost.

The annual awards recognize achievement in support of DoD Modeling and Simulation objectives. Across the DoD, five winners were selected from among 79 nominations, in the areas of Acquisition, Analysis, Test and Evaluation, Training, and Cross-Functional.

Col. Mike Cantor, JAMS project manager, accepted the award at the recent DoD Modeling and Simulation Conference in Baltimore.

Festival honors Asian Pacific heritage

We are now well into the new year. Have you met any of the resolutions that you made at the beginning of the year? Was one of your resolutions to travel, to Japan, China, Thailand, Korea, the Philippines or even to Hawaii? Did you resolve to meet and make friends from different

cultures? What has prevented you from looking into our communities to achieve these results? Many members of Asian Pacific American descent live in the Redstone and Huntsville community.

President Bush signed a bill passed by Congress to extend the

celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month from a week to a month. May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May

10, 1869.

Team Redstone will celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage with a festival today at 2:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. The festival features cultural displays, artwork and performances.

Come ask questions about native attire, languages and customs that have aroused your curiosity. Let this help prepare you for the trip of a lifetime. It's also an inexpensive way to accomplish one of your resolutions. (*Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity Office release*)

■ Historical monument will honor cavalry unit's dedication

Cavalry

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the Spanish-American War. The all-black 10th Cavalry and 9th Cavalry were first commissioned by Congress in June 1866. They were called Buffalo Soldiers by Indians because of their dreadlocks and their courage.

"This ground breaking is an opportunity to recognize this great group of Soldiers who have a very proud history of service to our country," Phillips said. "There are no greater patriots ... If you look back on history, the black Soldier has served our country since the beginning of this nation ... The Buffalo Soldiers are part of the proud history of what Soldiers have done for our country."

Though Buffalo Soldiers are most recognized for their war efforts during the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War and World War II, Phillips reminded the audience that black Soldiers fought alongside George Washington in the Revolutionary War and have fought as patriots in every war since.

Phillips has long admired the Buffalo Soldiers he first read about in William H. Leckie's book "The Buffalo Soldiers: A Narrative of the Negro Cavalry in the West." During his speech, he held the book over his head to show the audience the autographs of black Soldiers that he has collected at the front of the book.

"I am proud to have added (today) George O'Connor's signature to my book," he said.

O'Connor is a Buffalo Soldier and Purple Heart veteran who served in the 92nd Infantry's 317th Combat Engineers Battalion in Italy during World War II. He was invited to the ground-breaking cere-

mony to represent America's Buffalo Soldiers. He described the Buffalo Soldiers of the late 1800s as men whose circumstances at the time made them "unusual" Soldiers.

"They upheld all the best values of the Army," the 84-year-old former sergeant told the audience.

"Life in the Army was tough, but for these Soldiers even tougher. Everything was second hand, from the hat on their head to the boots on their feet to the shirt on their back. Second hand."

They also wore second-hand chaps and gloves, and used second-hand rifles, swords and sidearms.

"Even the saddles for their horses were second hand," he said. "But, that didn't bother them. They used what they had and made the best of it ...

"Whenever they rode out on a mission, they were proud and dedicated. When they fought the Indian, they faced dangers and death without fear. Their enemy feared and respected them. They were always true to the cause. When the fight was over, they buried their dead, protected their colors, rode back in perfect formation and were ready for the next assignment."

The image of the Buffalo Soldier was a constant reminder to O'Connor and the men of his unit during their own battles — both on the battlefield and personally as Soldiers in a segregated Army — during World War II.

Throughout history, Buffalo Soldiers "have made great sacrifices as Soldiers guarding our country while enduring racism, bigotry, hatred and segregation," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Alex Harrison, a member of the Buffalo Soldiers Ad Hoc Committee and president of the local chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club.

"Not only did they have to fight America's enemies, but they also had to fight for their rights and dignity in a segregated military and civilian society. We must never forget the hardships they endured. But, let's not dwell on the negative."

Rather, history should remember their skills, intellect, courage, ability to adapt and overcome, and other personal attributes "that allowed them to become some of the most decorated and heroic Soldiers our country has known," Harrison told the audience.

In the history of the Buffalo Soldier, Harrison said there are many lessons for the nation's young people.

"I challenge you all to model yourselves after the Buffalo Soldiers," he said, addressing the students in the audience. "As a Buffalo Soldier, I never let an obstacle stand in my way ... Remember three things: keep your eye on the prize — college; be all you can be every day; a mind is a terrible thing to waste."

The statue symbolizes to children of all races that they can overcome challenges in their lives, said State District 19 Rep. Laura Hall, whose brother-in-law was a Buffalo Soldier and whose uncle was a Tuskegee airman during World War II and Vietnam.

"Never give up on that fight to be included and make sure there is justice and equality for all," she said.

As her uncle was an example for her as she was growing up, Hall hopes the statue will be an example to all young people of how commitment and dedication can lead to great contributions to this country.

"This is an example we should be proud of," she said.

Mary Ruth Yates, assistant superintendent for Huntsville City Schools, said the statue will be a reminder of an often forgotten piece of Huntsville's history.

"You will be able to look at the statue and realize the historical significance of

the campus here," she said, referring to the academy school, which was once known as Cavalry Hill School.

"It's hard to imagine that Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry camped here as they recovered from disease and war weariness ... This statue will remind students and the children of the future of this time in our history."

Several other speakers at the ground breaking spoke about the significance of the Buffalo Soldier, and recognized and thanked O'Connor for his military service. They included Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer; Huntsville city councilman Glenn Watson; Jim McCamy, district director for U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer; Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, member of the Alabama State Board of Education; Huntsville school board member Alta Morrison; Huntsville City Council president Mark Russell, Madison County commissioner Bob Harrison; Michael Lundy, executive director of the Huntsville Housing Authority; Jim Putnam, former Huntsville councilman who worked to get funding for the statue; and Wilbert Brown, principal of the Academy for Academics and Arts. Huntsville city councilman Dr. Richard Showers Sr. presided over the ceremony.

Watson said he expects the statue to be in place on the front lawn of the Academy for Academics and Arts within two months.

It is estimated to cost about \$180,000 for the construction of the monument and a surrounding park. Watson said the costs will be covered by donations from such companies as Vulcan Materials. Donations have also come from the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, and local businessman and politician Phil Dotts, who presented a check during the ground-breaking ceremony.

"The city will come up with the difference," Watson said.

Radiation exposure lab ready for deployment

Prototype vehicle leaves for testing

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This isn't the typical Humvee. This prototype vehicle, called the Deployable Dosimetry Laboratory, is designed to monitor radiation exposures of Soldiers in the field. After four years of development by the Army Dosimetry Laboratory at Redstone, the lab is on its way to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., for field testing.

"The Deployable Dosimetry Lab is a vehicle that is equipped with equipment that will allow commanders in theater to keep track of radiation exposure upon his or her Soldiers in order to prevent radiation hazards to their health," Capt. Angel Castellanos, nuclear medical science officer with the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground, said. He arrived March



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOING AFIELD— Standing beside the Deployable Dosimetry Laboratory are Capt. Angel Castellanos, nuclear medical science officer with the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and Bill Harris, chief of the Army Dosimetry Laboratory at Redstone.

13 with a mission of getting the system calibrated, tested and fielded. That has been accomplished within 11 weeks.

"This is the first such vehicle that has been developed by anyone in the United States," Castellanos said.

The lab is to be transported today to Aberdeen for field testing between May 30 and June 9 with the Army Area Medical Laboratory. Upon a successful test, the next step will be to brief the Combat Support Command at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on having the lab added to the Army Area Medical Laboratory's inventory. The Army Area Medical Laboratory, stationed at Aberdeen, is attached to the 44th Medical Brigade out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

The prototype system was built through research and development funding under control of the Army Dosimetry Laboratory, part of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity at the Aviation and Missile Command.

"Our (dosimetry) laboratory is traceable to national standards for radiation measurements," Bill Harris, chief of the Army Dosimetry Laboratory, said. The prototype system too has been calibrated to national standards and is ready to be deployed.

The dosimetry laboratory

originated the concept of a deployable lab because of the change in radiation exposure scenarios from the Cold War to the post-Cold War. During the Cold War, the threat was from high levels of exposure in a tactical nuclear war. The modern era brings a scenario of radiation dispersal devices which would mean lower exposure levels requiring more-sensitive detection equipment.

"There are two main advantages (for the deployable lab)," said Castellanos, who will deploy to Kuwait on Aug. 13. "First of all, it allows the Army to track radiation exposures in theater which gives rapid exposure assessment of radiation in theater. The second practical use of the DDL is it can be part of a rapid response team to a nuclear explosive device or 'dirty bomb' within the United States."

"It augments existing systems by providing rapid response," Harris said.

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Unmanned aerial vehicle target passes test

The BroadSword Unmanned Aerial Vehicle target performed its first successful test flight from Redstone Test Range 3 on April 27.

Griffon Aerospace of Madison is developing and producing the BroadSword aircraft and launcher system for the Target Management Office at Redstone.

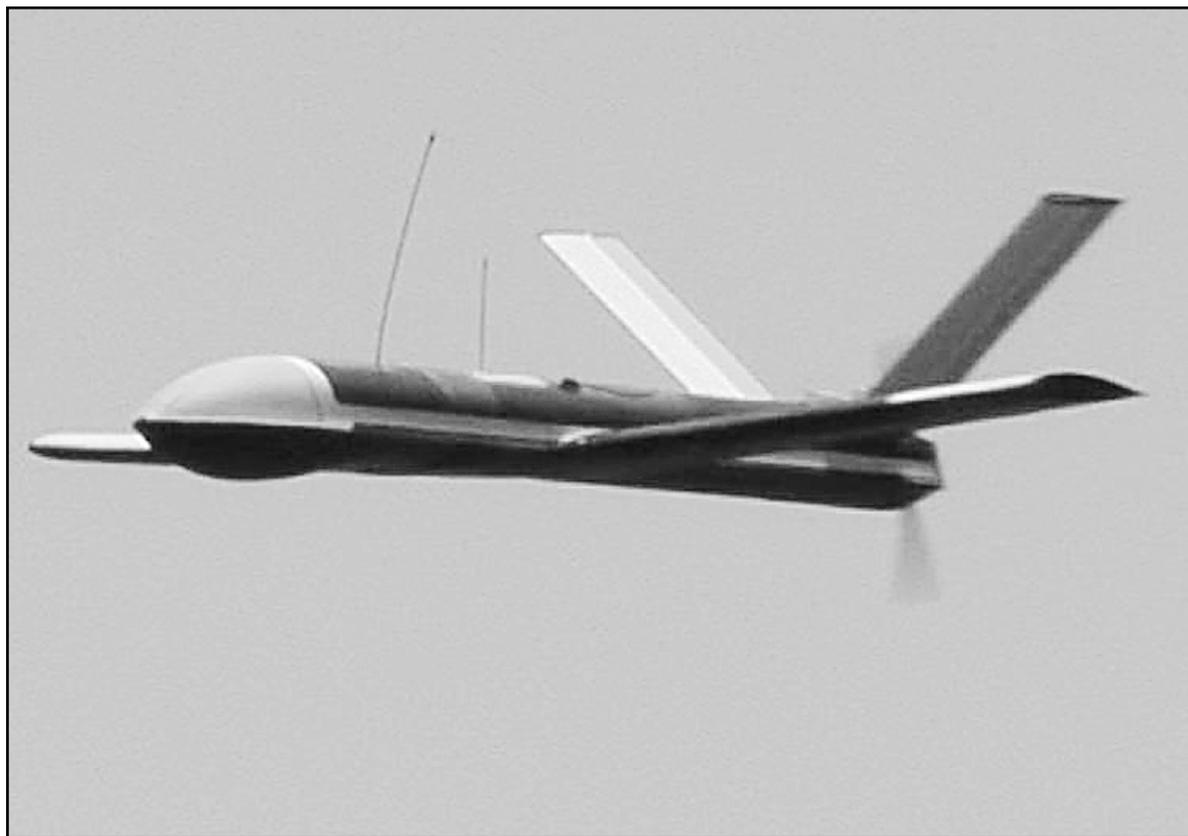
BroadSword will be used as a surrogate unmanned aircraft for testing emerging weapon systems designed to engage UAVs. It is expected the BroadSword will also serve as an inexpensive UAV platform to support sensor development. BroadSword is about 14 feet in length with a 17-foot wing span. The aircraft weighed about 370 pounds as it came off the launcher for its first flight.

All of the first flight mission and performance goals were achieved with the intent of the early flights to primarily explore launch dynamics, low and cruise speed handling, control system responsiveness, and approach to landing dynamics. Although

the aircraft performed as expected, work continues on the launcher to prepare aircraft for auto-launch capability. Launcher development at Griffon is ongoing to establish the critical launcher/aircraft dynamics to consistently produce repeatable, low-risk launches.

Griffon in conjunction with its avionics suppliers, Cloud-Cap Technologies of Hood River Oregon and Micro Systems of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., have developed a new autopilot system for BroadSword to work in conjunction with TMO's existing TTCSU range control system. 5D Systems of Huntsville is providing system engineering support and O&M manual development.

In the months to come, a new sound will be heard over the Arsenal as this new aircraft is being tested and matured. Prototype aircraft are under production with ongoing BroadSword production to start following the flight test program. (*Griffon Aerospace release*)



IN FLIGHT— The BroadSword Unmanned Aerial Vehicle target performs during a test flight at Redstone. Courtesy photo

Sixty-two receive master's from Florida Tech

Florida Institute of Technology awarded 62 master's degrees in Professional Masters of Business Administration and Management Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club. The graduates included active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and employees from local industries.

Graduates included:

- Charles Adams, Kelly Albert, Chike Aniwu, Robert Appleton, Britney Archer, Ken Arnold, Henry Atwood, Albert Barksdale, Ray Barnes, Donald Barribeau, Kimberly Bell, Robert Bisson Jr., Shirley Blalock, Cassandra Blankenship, Cary Bone, Dennis Booth, Beverly Boyd, Sherry Bradford, Jennifer Brainerd, Danny Brandon, Renie Bright, Sherri Brown, John Bryant, Kacie Bryant, Misty

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- Joseph Obrochta, Ryan Parden, Amanda Parker, Rina Patel, April Paul, John Fenley, Ashlee Phillips, Nancy Pierce, Barney Pierce, Andrew Plankhorn, John Porter, Porscha Potter, Dennis

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Redstone brew arrives

A new beer available at Redstone has a familiar ring to it.

The brew is called Redstone Red.

"We have our own beer now; that was as of (last) week," Derrick Gould, director of Morale Welfare and Recreation, said.

It can be purchased at the Firehouse Pub, The Links at Redstone's Weeden Mountain Grill, the Officers and Civilians Club, Redstone Lanes and the Soldatenstube. Stop by any of these activities to try Redstone Red at a special introductory price.



"We went downtown and had it brewed special for us," Gould said.

■ Army develops first deployable dosimetry laboratory

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The dosimetry laboratory purchased the components and used a local contractor, Macro Industries, to assemble the system which is valued at \$610,000. The Humvee is equipped with a shelter which is about 7-feet tall and 7-by-10. It contains a dosimetry reader for radiation badges, a weather station, a radiation

detector, an air-conditioning system, an onboard power generator and ports for external electrical power, a radiator for preparation of controlled dosimeters, and a fully backup computerized control system.

"It's for rapid exposure assessment in theater," Harris said. "And it's also for responding to any emergency responses within continental U.S. for radioactive dispersal devices – the 'dirty bombs' – or potential terrorist attacks against nuclear power plants."



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SYSTEM SHELTER— Capt. Angel Castellanos sits in the Deployable Dosimetry Laboratory which is on its way to Aberdeen Proving Ground for field testing.

From Korea to military wife in America

Journey filled with challenges, opportunities for happiness

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Thirty years ago, Kum Cha “K.C.” Bertling came to America with her 2-year-old son to live with the grandparents of her Soldier husband.

It was a move that took a young Korean-born military wife out from the shadow of a dominating family and into a world of vast opportunities, international travel and personal happiness. But before she could enjoy all America had to offer, Bertling spent several years trying to overcome negative attitudes born from the loneliness and despair often associated with the challenges of adapting to a different culture.

“I was young and stupid and hot tempered, too,” Bertling said, laughing about those first years as a military wife.

Born in 1947, Bertling grew up the youngest of eight children. She never met three of her older siblings, who were taken by the Japanese before World War II. Another sibling died.

She wasn’t the typical Korean girl. Bertling had a hard time keeping her eyes modestly downcast when spoken to. She was curious about life and wasn’t interested in the types of domestic arts that were supposed to fill the lives of women. She was bold, outspoken and felt more comfortable in friendships with boys than with girls.

“I’m Korean, but I wasn’t fit to marry a Korean,” the 58-year-old recalled. “I have a strong will. My family was poor, so I had nothing to offer. As a young girl, I saw Korean wives get beat up. I was not one who should live like that. That wasn’t me.”

Today, Bertling can look back on those years as part of a journey that has filled her life with challenges and opportunities to become her own kind of woman. She is now employed as the executive assistant to Col. Earnest Harris at Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems. But she is also a writer, motivational speaker and a “change” teacher for military families.

In her early years, however, it seemed Bertling’s life would not be much different from other Korean women. With only a sixth-grade education, Bertling did what many of her peers did – she became a maid.

But she was determined to do more with her life. She went to night school to learn basic English, leading to a job as an interpreter between Korean village elders and Soldiers of the Army’s 2nd Division military base. She enjoyed her work, which included a two-year stint with the Korean National Guard. Suddenly, though, she found herself an “old maid” by Korean standards. She was a disgrace and embarrassment to her family until she met infantryman Sam Bertling, who liked her



Photo by Kari Hawkins

COMMUNITY SERVICE IN COIN— K.C. Bertling holds two coins she helped design during her volunteer and professional work with the Army. She has collected the coins in her display during more than 30 years as the wife of a Soldier. Her husband first brought her to America in May 1976, during a military career that also involved living overseas in Germany.

just the way she was.

“I was 26 when we met. He was only 19,” she said. “I was just so scared. My life as a Korean woman at that age to live single is a real disgrace to your family. In Korea, you have to marry before you are 23.”

The couple married and had a baby. In May 1976, Bertling and her son traveled to Winder, Ga., to live with Sam Bertling’s grandparents until he returned from his tour of duty in August of that year.

“I was so sick when we came here. I couldn’t eat. I was nauseous,” she said. “His grandfather thought I was love sick. But, I found out I was pregnant.”

Soon Bertling’s husband returned to Georgia. During those early months in America, Bertling clung to the promise of a better life. She wanted to learn everything American.

“I was excited. I was ready to grow. I studied English every day,” she said. “When others went to the Korean community to learn, I learned from my husband. I was determined to learn how to live like an American.”

The couple moved to Fort Gordon, Ga. But the happy time of togetherness came to an end when Bertling lost her baby son six and a half months into the pregnancy and suffered an illness that nearly killed her.

“I wanted to die,” she said. “I told my husband ‘Just let me die.’ I told him to marry a friend of mine who is a nurse. He said ‘If I wanted to marry her, I would have married her. But, I wanted to marry



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHARING THE MILITARY LIFE— K.C. Bertling joins her husband, retired Sgt. 1st Class Sam Bertling, outside the Space and Missile Defense Command facility. The couple moved to Huntsville just over a year ago when Sam Bertling accepted a position as program analyst for the Business Initiative with SMDC.

you.’ We were determined. We really loved each other.”

She and her husband lived at Fort Gordon for four years. At the beginning of their stay there, Bertling fought depression, which was brought on by the loss of her baby, learning to adapt to American military life amongst strangers and the absence of her husband, who spent a lot of time attending field exercises or training. After one particularly difficult time, Bertling’s husband told her she needed to develop her own interests and friends so that when he was away serving his country he wouldn’t have to worry so much about her.

“I learned that I needed to get out and meet people,” she said. “I needed to help other people to help myself. I needed to get out in the community and volunteer. I didn’t need to stay in the house and sob ‘woe is me.’”

The couple also sought support groups, and marriage and family groups that taught them how to make their relationship stronger.

But still they had problems.

At the Baptist school where their son attended kindergarten, the children prayed for his parents.

“They asked for prayer requests before school. My son always asked them to ‘Pray for my mom. Dad’s not home and she cried last night.’ Or ‘Pray for my mom and dad. They argued last night,’” Bertling recalled.

“The teacher talked to the principal and they sent someone to witness to us. It didn’t click at first. It took several trips.”

It was Bertling’s desire to have a church wedding – to actually be remarried to her husband as a bride wearing a white

gown – that led her to Christianity.

“I realized if I want a church wedding, I’ve got to go to church, I’ve got to meet preacher so he will marry us,” she said.

When the minister at Southgate Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., agreed to remarry the couple in a church ceremony, Bertling asked him how much he would charge.

“He said ‘I don’t work for money. I work for God and God provides,’” she said. “I nagged my husband to go meet the preacher. He did and accepted Jesus Christ. It then clicked for me and we both got saved.”

And, Bertling had the big church wedding she dreamed about. The couple’s son was the ring bearer.

The couple grew closer to each other and to God. Bertling immersed herself in caring for her family, doing volunteer work and learning about Christianity. They moved on to Fort Dix, N.J., where they lived for three years. During that time, Bertling became more involved with military community service organizations, including working with family support groups and spouses clubs. She continued that work at Fort Stewart, Ga., where the family lived for nearly nine years. While at Fort Stewart, Bertling also opened a flower shop.

During their son’s growing up years, Bertling immersed him in American traditions. The Korean traditions she grew up with remained in another lifetime.

“In any military town you go to, you always find lots of Koreans,” Bertling said. “But, I didn’t have much association with them. I didn’t go to a Korean church.

Missile defense workers earn recognition

Several workers in Huntsville-based organizations were recognized during the annual Missile Defense Agency awards ceremony held recently in Washington, D.C.

Larry Easterwood, director of manufacturing and product assurance for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Project Office, received a safety, quality and mission assurance award for his efforts in executing a rigorous safety and quality program that has enabled the THAAD program to achieve and maintain mission success.

Scott Kowderuck of BAE Systems received the contractor

of the year award for his work with the X-Band Radar Project Office and specifically for his efforts to bring the Sea Based X-Band Radar from concept to completion under a compressed schedule of 36 months. The SBX office is part of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Program Office.

The X-Band Radar Project Office received a technology team award for its efforts to transform an oil production platform into the world's largest X-Band radar. Work was done in record time, from concept in 2002 to completion in 2005.

Bill Audenaert of Dynetics

was named to the contractor honor roll for his development of software that digitally injected a "target" into the THAAD radar, creating a fully integrated test for the system during its latest flight test.

The GMD Operations Support Group Joint Visitors and Information Bureau, based at Fort Greely, Alaska, received an administrative award for their efforts to accommodate more than 700 visitors to the GMD missile field. Visitors included members of Congress, combatant commanders, reporters and others. (*Missile Defense Agency release*)



Courtesy photo

Larry Easterwood



Courtesy photo

Scott Kowderuck

■ Korean-born spouse finds happiness in America

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"I was determined to learn English. I was determined to be able to understand English and help my son to do homework."

She got so good at English, in fact, that Bertling was even able to home school her son during his fourth- and fifth-grade years. But her determination went beyond helping her son with school.

"I wanted to be Americanized," she said. "My thing was if I am married to an American Soldier then I need to know how to make biscuits while also frying rice. I can't be blonde. But, I can have the skills of an American wife, if not better."

In January 1993, Bertling and her husband moved to Weisbaden, Germany, where she volunteered with Army Community Service. With her son grown and on his own in the Navy, Bertling spent more free time counseling and advising young women in

how to adapt to a military lifestyle. She began accepting speaking engagements to tell her stories of learning not only how to be an American, but how to be a wife to an American Soldier. She also spoke to women about how to keep romance in their marriage and how to walk closer to God. She taught children's Sunday school.

"I took college Bible course so I could equip myself to be able to minister to military spouses," she said. "I spoke to newcomers once a month as part of my work with the chapel. I was there to tell my message of

acceptance. Because of people who were willing to embrace people like me, I can blossom."

In late 1994, Bertling became a founding member of Army Family Team Building in Germany and worked full-time teaching newcomer orientations.

In 1996, her husband retired from the Army as a sergeant first class. The couple stayed on in Germany until last year, when Bertling's husband accepted a job as a program analyst for the Business Initiative with the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Besides work, Bertling spends her free time writing

essays for various recognition programs on the Arsenal. Recently, she has received recognition for her essays on National Women's History Month and the Team Redstone Holocaust Remembrance Observance. She is working on an essay for the upcoming Asian-Pacific Festival. She is also working on a display, collecting items from the Korea she knew as a child and young adult to help share her story with others.

"The process from there to here was not easy," she said. "But, it was worth it ... My husband is very proud of me."

Redstone military dogs work beyond fence

Dogs support outside agencies, deploy throughout nation

By **ANDY ROAKE**
For the Rocket

Soldiers and civilians aren't the only creatures on Redstone Arsenal that travel to support U.S. missions worldwide.

Dogs deploy, too.

Since 1996, Arsenal military working dogs have supported more than 100 missions beyond the boundaries of Redstone.

"We never know when we'll get a call. We have to be ready to deploy on short notice," said police Sgt. Billy Booth, the lead police officer/military working dog trainer for Redstone. "While we were only requested two or three times in 2005, we will get more than 10 requests in an election year."

So far this year, Redstone has received at least five requests for external military working dog support. The requests come down through the Department of Army and are not based on installation location.

In addition to military-related missions in the U.S. and overseas, agencies supported by Redstone's military working dogs include the Secret Service, the U.S. Customs service, U.S. Marshals and state law enforcement agencies.

"We could get a call today and have to be in New York or Los Angeles tomorrow," Booth said.

The dogs travel via commercial air in a kennel crate in the aircraft's luggage compartment or, if the weather is bad, the dog will travel with their handler, muzzled in a seat on the aircraft.

The dogs have supported missions throughout the country and one mission overseas since 1996, according to Booth. There is a U.S. map on the kennel wall covered with push pins showing locations where the dogs have served.

Most recently, Booth and a Belgian Malinois breed named Eestabon supported the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Guntersville when a fugitive dropped a weapon in the woods after allegedly shooting a local police officer. Booth and Eestabon searched with others to find the gun, but they were unsuccessful because the firearm hideaway was eventually revealed by the suspect more than a mile away.

Booth has had success on other missions. While supporting U.S. Customs agents in El Paso, Texas in 1997, he and his dog found more than \$3 million in narcotics.

All military working dogs receive their initial training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The Air Force is the executive agency for the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Program, which trains the dogs, handlers, trainers and kennel masters for DoD.

Based on temperament and personality, each dog is trained in one of three working areas: patrol dog, which means being trained to apprehend criminals,



Photo by Andy Roake

DOG DAYS— Police Sgt. Billy Booth puts Eestabon through his paces at the Redstone Arsenal military working dog obstacle course.

explosives detection and narcotics detection. It takes an average of 3-6 months for a dog to be trained.

After assignment, each dog is paired with a handler and each team must be certified. Each handler must complete a 12-week course at Lackland AFB.

Redstone Arsenal has six working dog teams, four of which are certified.

Certification means each dog/handler team is trained in their specialized working areas and is ready to work. It takes 3-6 months for a dog/handler team to be certified and each dog/handler team must be recertified annually.

Unlike one-time obedience training for a pet dog, obedience and proficiency training for a military working dog occurs daily throughout the dog's service life. Stopping training for as little as 30 days significantly decreases the team's capabilities and can result in having to recertify the team.

A typical day for a Redstone working dog team includes obedience training, random vehicle searches at the gates, and patrolling. Like human police partners, the time spent together builds a special bond that strengthens the team.

"I feel like he's a friend," Booth said. "He's my partner that I go to work with. He's there to protect me, and vice versa when we're out on patrol. I've only been working with Eestabon for a couple of months, but already we're building a really good bond together."

In addition to the daily work, each dog team is on constant standby, ready to respond to a job that only a military working dog can support.

So, the next time you see a military working dog sniffing a car at one of Redstone Arsenal's gates, realize that you are looking at a national asset that is ready to deploy to support the nation.

True cowboy puts up his suit, tie and boots

Retiring director of instruction ready to ride off into sunset

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As I walked through the door I could see the smile on his face as he signed his very first check endorsed to the American Association of Retired Persons. "You couldn't have come at a more opportune time," said Steven Weber, director of the Directorate of Instruction for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School. As he sealed the envelope the man behind the desk in his suit, tie and cowboy boots did not have looked happier. After more than 36 years of federal service, he is officially retiring.

A Minnesota native, Weber began serving his country in 1967 when he joined the Marine Corps during the height of the Vietnam War. Upon his boot camp graduation and follow-on infantry training, Weber came to Redstone Arsenal for the first time to receive his job training in 1968.

"Back then it never crossed my mind that I would come back to be the director of schoolhouse," he said. "I was more concerned with whether or not I'd be able to pass the Hawk Missile Pulse Acquisition Radar and Battery Control Central technician course."

He graduated from that course in 1969. During his time in the Corps, Weber returned one more time to Redstone and the Missile and Munitions Center and School, now called OMEMS, in 1974 to attend the Hawk Missile System Maintenance Chief Course, graduating in 1975.

The son of a World War II Marine veteran, Weber volunteered to fight in Vietnam three times and every time he was turned down. The third time he volunteered, he was sent to Pasadena, Calif.

"My father fought in the great world war and I wanted to be able to tell my grandchildren that I fought in a war, too," he said. "I stayed in the Corps for 10 years and never left the United States. As a civilian I have been to Germany, Japan, Korea, Israel and Hawaii. It was definitely much more fun traveling abroad as a civilian." Weber was quick to add that Pasadena was never overrun during the time that he was there.

Weber was discharged from the Corps after serving tours of duty at Redstone Arsenal, 29 Palms, Calif., Pasadena, and Barstow, Calif. Less than a week before he left the Marines, Weber was offered a job as a civilian at Redstone Arsenal.

Weber attributes his return to Redstone in 1977 to "divine providence." He was days short of leaving the Corps when he went to visit a fellow Marine, Emory Hutchins, who was a few months away from leaving the Corps himself.

"He was on the phone with his sweetheart who lived in the Redstone area,"



Photo by Spc. Eliamar Trapp

WESTERN HEROES— Steven Weber, director of the Directorate of Instruction for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, has portraits of famous cowboys on the walls of his office.

Weber said. "She was taking down Hutchins' information to help him apply for a job at Redstone. He told her to take my information down, too. They called him back right after she submitted the applications. He couldn't take the job because he was still in the Corps. Then they called me while I was en route to Minnesota and I took it."

That call began the most rewarding portion of Weber's career — being an instructor. "Teaching young Soldiers, officers and warrant officers was by far the most rewarding thing I have done in my career," Weber said.

He'll show you it was, too. In his guest registers, Weber has the name and signature of most of the students he taught throughout his career. He'll even proudly show you the newspaper clipping of an officer hugging her child upon returning from the Gulf War.

"She was a young lieutenant when she came through this school," he said. "Nothing feels better than seeing (Soldiers) go from one level of knowledge to a much higher level."

Keeping a newspaper clipping is very much like Weber, said Anna Glasgow, the proud secretary of Weber for the past four

years. "He still has the first e-mail I ever sent him when I found out he was going to be my boss," she said. "That's just the type of person he is."

Glasgow can still remember the first time she met her boss.

"He walked in with flowers for me," she said. "He was wearing a suit, a tie and cowboy boots. I told myself 'this man's a true cowboy.'"

Weber is a genuine cowboy. In his office he hangs portraits of the greatest cowboys of all time. There's a portrait of everyone's hero — John Wayne and there's also Tom Mix, James Stewart, Bob Steele, Tim McCoy and the rest of the gang hanging on the walls in Weber's office.

"I grew up during the cowboy era," Weber said. "My father used to come home from work as a farmhand and play cowboys and bandits with me. They have always been my heroes. The standards that those cowboys set were standards one could emulate. We all have blemishes and wants but back in those days the good guys always won."

Now that his official retirement date, June 2, is getting closer he is happy he'll have the time to teach his seven grand-

children to be cowboys.

"I look forward to more time with my grandchildren," Weber said. "They are all so unique, beautiful and a reward from God for not killing my own kids."

As he contemplates on what he's leaving, Weber only hopes that those he leaves behind remember only good things about him.

"There are three things that I always tried to never be — intimidating, arrogant and pompous," he said. "It's very important to me to get my staff to like me. I've seen leaders who mistook rank and position for royalty. I made it a point not to do that. I believed that everyone has a PHD — personal human dignity. Throughout my career, I tried desperately to never lose sight of that fact."

Glasgow said Weber's ability to talk to people and make them feel at ease regardless of their rank, grade or position, make Weber's shoes hard to fill.

When Weber's desk is cleaned off and his portraits gone, he'll be remembered by all as the man in the suit, tie and cowboy boots who left everyone with the philosophy that it is important to find fun in all the work you do and to find meaning in all the fun you have.



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Cannonball run

International student Mark Ellison from England checks out a Civil War artillery piece outside the Battles for Chattanooga Electric Map Museum on the top of Lookout Mountain. The International Military Student Office also visited the Incline Railway, Lookout Mountain and the Tennessee Aquarium on this May 12 trip which was attended by students from Korea, Taiwan, Bulgaria, Greece and Slovenia.

Corps cleaning up former munitions site

Community relations team cited for second consecutive year

By **DEBRA VALINE**

Huntsville Center public affairs

While evaluating a residential community on what used to be Camp Wheeler near Macon, Ga., inspectors found a 60mm mortar under leaf litter. The mortars also have been found within 13 feet of homes.

These inspections are being conducted under the Formerly Used Defense Sites, Military Munitions Response Program, managed by the Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville. To date, 1,691 FUD sites have been identified, with 600-700 sites expected to be contaminated with unexploded ordnance. The former Camp Wheeler is one of them.

Huntsville Center, in cooperation with local Corps of Engineers districts, public officials and interested citizens, determines the potential danger from munitions and explosives of concern, develops a plan to remove the MEC or reduce its risk and oversees the execution of the plan. The local geographic district serves as the overall project manager for the investigation and response actions, and handles the real estate and public involvement responsibilities.

Partners in this project include Savannah District, Corps of Engineers; Huntsville Center; EOD Technology Inc.; and the residents of the former Camp Wheeler, near Macon.

It was Savannah District's expertise in working with the community on this project that led to the district winning the Locke L. Mouton Community Relations Award, presented by Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is the second consecutive year the Public Affairs Office, led by Billy Birdwell, received the award.

"This has been such a huge community relations success because we are telling the residents the truth," said Chris Cochrane, the project management specialist with Huntsville Center's Ordnance and Explosives Design Center. "We are emphasizing the fact that this is dangerous. We tell them that we want to do this work, but we do not know if we will have the money to do the work. Then when we get funding, we tell them we have money for a certain amount of work."

Cochrane used property boundaries to illustrate the type of information being provided the residents. Initial surveys had identified boundaries based on tax maps, but Cochrane's team found that the tax map boundaries were smaller than the legal survey boundaries. She said they are clearing to the legal survey boundaries, including easements.

"Billy Birdwell, the chief of Public Affairs at Savannah District, submitted the project for the award and he really deserves it," Cochrane said. "He has led the effort to make public relations excellent at Camp Wheeler, but we have all been behind him helping out. The group at Savannah is really proactive and they are team players."

The team kept the community informed and involved in the project through public meetings, news releases and a web site.

The Savannah District's Project Manager, the Huntsville Center and the staff of EOD Technology Inc. led directly to a successful and relatively smooth investigation, Birdwell said.

"The community remains supportive of the project," he said. "Local officials have gained insight into the efforts of the Corps of Engineers and the FUDS program and their role in the program."

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Robin Hawn/EOD Technology Inc.

WATCHING STEP— Members of the news media walk through an area that has been flagged for further investigation during a media day at the former Camp Wheeler, Ga., March 27.

Legal eagles rise above the pack

Staff judge advocate office wins Armywide recognition

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For a small staff office, Redstone's Staff Judge Advocate provides big service. It has been recognized for outstanding and innovative service by the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Judge Advocate General with the 2005 Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance.

The members received notice May 4 that they have won the award in the small office division for the second consecutive year. It is quite an honor. The award is based on not only meeting the standards and requirements for the office, but in going the extra mile to exceed them and provide unparalleled service. Deputy staff judge advocate Maj. Cheryl Boone believes the dedication of the office staff has made that goal a reality.

"We pride ourselves on providing outstanding service," Boone said. "Our staff goes



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BUSY STAFF— Members of the Staff Judge Advocate office go about business as usual. From left, Legal Assistance clerk Letia Bryant, seated, and reservist JAG Capt. James Brown go over the appointment schedule while deputy staff judge advocate Maj. Cheryl Boone and 1st Lt. Jason Williams, chief of Legal Assistance, discuss a client's needs.

above and beyond. They work long hours. They are dedicated to their practice. If they don't have an answer, they will find it."

In addition to the regular services provided by the office, new services have made Redstone a standout. Besides the standard

office hours and availability of services to the community, office members make arrangements to visit clients unable to travel in their homes or hospital rooms so that they, too, can make use of needed legal services.

"I think it's a necessary serv-

ice," Boone said. "You may have a client in the hospital who needs a will. As long as they are of sound mind we'll make sure it's prepared."

Appointments can be made by phone 876-9005 or e-mail through legalppt@redstone.army.mil. To accommodate clients with hectic or demanding schedules, appointments are also available on the weekends once a month. The addition of Reserve Soldiers, such as Capt. James Brown who joined the office two weeks ago from the 213th LSO, have made weekend and out-of-office appointments a possibility. Having them has helped the office reach a new level of service that they could not otherwise attain, Boone said.

"Their presence makes those weekend appointments possible," she said. "Their support has meant so much to this office."

In an ongoing effort to ensure that they are doing their best for the community they serve, Boone said they survey every 20th client for suggestions, complaints or comments.

"We try to objectively measure our customer service. We try to reach out and touch our clients

to make sure we are providing the services they need in a manner they prefer," she explained.

While the goal is to maintain consistent excellence in service, the recognition of such a prestigious award is reinforcement that what they are doing is working. They do not intend, however, to rest on their mounting stack of laurels. Boone said they plan to continue doing everything they can for the active duty servicemembers, families and retirees who come to them. They plan to continue participation with the State and National Bar Associations, Better Business Bureaus and retiree organizations, while still looking for new and better ways to expand and improve their services.

"We're really trying to provide preventive legal services now. It's better to address issues before they become problems. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Boone said. "Our clients have served their time and done their duty. In return, we try to provide them with the best service possible."

Invest today for health care costs after retirement

By SHARI BURNUM
For the Rocket

Retiring these days is getting more complicated than ever. One of the complicating factors is finding ways you won't outlive your assets.

For years, we've executed retirement projections to help individuals know how much money they need to amass in order to retire and not run out of money. But we have a new wrinkle these days — health care.

Who ever thought the average person would live well into their 90s and early 100s? And who ever thought that the cost of health care would rise almost 10 percent per year? And who ever would have thought that Medicare would be in as bad financial shape as it is?

All of these factors point to two main conclusions:

- We all need to be saving more and obtain a retirement analysis with a separate component for health care cost — over an above ordinary retirement living expenses.

- Even through people don't need to make elections regarding survivor's bene-

fits until retirement, looking at these early and planning any insurance alternatives should be part of a complete investment/retirement analysis.

Government and military workers are most fortunate when it comes to health care benefits. But the statistics for health care 'on the horizon' are staggering, so much so that even workers who are well taken-care-of today need to be making provisions for a not-so-well situation down the road.

The U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services predicts that medical expenses will account for 20 percent of the gross domestic product in 2015, up from 16 percent in 2004 — all in a mere decade. Also in another decade, they project consumers will spend \$421 billion per year in out-of-pocket health care costs, almost 70 percent more than today.

How does this affect retirement projections?

People who may be projecting a need of 70-80 percent of their current income in retirement are likely fooling themselves. Real numbers are probably more like 100 to 120 percent. Gone are the days (for most) when the hope was to live on

less in retirement.

Financial investment officials suggest budgeting a minimum of \$500 per month for additional health care expenses. They have no qualms, however, at adding an additional \$1,000 per month to that analysis, depending on the track record for payment of expenses currently. If most of the medical cost is covered today, then perhaps the additional \$500 is needed, as in most plans connected with the government. (Keep in mind these additional numbers do not include the cost of any other insurance like Medigap or long-term care.) But adding the \$500 per month means saving more today.

Many retirees today (or those thinking about it within the next five years) may feel comfortable with their ability to live in retirement because the amount they'll draw is close to their net take home pay during their working years. What they ignore is they will be receiving that payment plus a little inflation for 30-40 years. The inflation number doesn't keep up with real world costs and it doesn't do so for a very long period of time. This only gets worse as we age because health care costs become a much more significant

percentage of a retiree's budget. So, there's an upward spiral of cost that can easily become out of control.

Suggestions:

- Obtain a retirement analysis and add a minimum of \$500 per month plus 100 percent of your income as the retirement goal (unless some major expense goes away, like a house payment).

- Save more money.

- Invest in areas that will allow for potential growth instead of accepting lower interest rates associated with a more principal/preservation type of investment. Explore places that maximize the return for whatever level of risk you are willing to take.

- Consult professionals you trust in the process. Be sure you are looking at the total picture, not just looking at an investment product solution in a vacuum, with no regard to your individual set of circumstances.

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Thrift Savings Plan offers benefits for critical Army jobs

The Army's Thrift Savings Plan is now offering matching funds to new recruits willing to fill critical job specialties within the Army as part of a pilot program that runs to Sept. 30.

All non-prior service enlistees who elect to serve five or more years on active duty in a critical specialty designated by the Secretary of the Army will receive matching funds on the first five

percent of pay contributed from each pay period during their initial enlistment term. The first three percent of pay that is contributed will be matched dollar for dollar, and the remaining two percent will be matched at 50 cents on the dollar. Only those who sign up during the recruitment process and make regular contributions into their TSP account will receive the match-

ing funds.

This incentive is only one part of a new campaign to increase enrollment in the TSP program, Army officials stress. The TSP is a government-sponsored savings and investment program that offers tax-deferred opportunities similar to the civilian sector's 401 (k) plan. All Soldiers have the opportunity to participate in TSP at any time.

Following this pilot test, using matching-funds incentives for recruitment will be studied with the possibility of making it a more permanent part of the Army's recruitment policies.

Currently, a Soldier can elect to contribute any percentage from their basic pay, incentive, special or bonus pay up to the IRS annual tax-deferred

limit of \$15,000. A Soldier pays no taxes on this money until it's withdrawn. A special feature of TSP is that money contributed while in a combat zone will never be taxed, even if it is withdrawn early out of the account. The only taxes paid on combat-zone contributions are on the earnings, rather than the balance. (Army release)

■ Munitions experts part of award-winning community relations team

Community

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"We have attended every public meeting," Cochrane said. "Our contractors (EODT) have been responsible for staging the meetings."

She said the most successful meeting was in February where question and answer stations were set up around the cafeteria in a local school. The residents could come in any time between 5 and 8 p.m. and talk to specific people about particular issues. "We listened to their issues," Cochrane said. "Robin Hawn and Tiffany

Midyett with EODT are doing a wonderful public relations job because they really care about helping the residents.

"The residents are so grateful to have us in there that they make brownies for the field workers and leave them on the porch before they evacuate their house," Cochrane said. "At the Public Involvement meeting a month ago, people were hugging me and giving the team pats on the back. I have never seen this happen before."

As the team moved into the initial stages of cleanup, cooperation continued, Birdwell said. "The openness of the team to the public and the media fostered a sense of trust which will reap benefits for

years to come," he said.

When corps employees and contractors are doing intrusive field work Monday through Thursday, residents must be evacuated for their safety.

"Because we are working in a neighborhood, we are working closely with the residents," Cochrane said. "We need to gain Rights of Entry (property owner's written permission) before we can do this work. Most of the people are very cooperative and helpful. Also, while we are working on their property, they have to be evacuated."

Residents who do not work outside the home during the day are evacuated to hotel rooms, paid for by the project.

"Monday through Thursday we do intrusive field work and that is when residents have to be gone," Cochrane said. "On Fridays, we run the magnetometer over the ground and any time we find a magnetic anomaly - it could be a bomb, a pipe or even a tuna can - we mark it with a flag and spray paint. When we go in Monday through Thursday, we dig up the anomalies we marked."

So far, about 40 60mm mortars have been removed from people's yards. These are high explosive rounds; they are not training rounds.

The former Camp Wheeler encompasses more than 14,000 acres that were used to train replacement troops during World Wars I and II. Munitions being removed

now only date to World War II.

Huntsville Center, the Savannah District and EODT finished the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis last fall. During that analysis this residential area was identified as the highest priority for removal action.

"This is a project that needs to be completed," Cochrane said. "The original investigation started in 2003. Field work (EECA) started in the spring 2003. Field work for the removal action started in mid-March this year. We have been in the field about a month now. It could go into September or October, but I think we will finish the field work this fiscal year."

Camp Wheeler was established in July 1917 and maintained until November 1919. A second camp was established in October 1940. Troops trained 13-17 weeks before being deployed. Camp Wheeler was declared excess in 1946 and deactivated. Follow-on de-dudding - picking up duds off the surface - operations were conducted in 1947. "They did not have the technology at that time to get below the surface," Cochrane said.

The lessons learned from this Public Affairs effort include the need for early discussions with the public and early and continuing frankness with the media and officials, Birdwell said. Focusing public and media responses onto only selected spokespersons ensured a consistent and up-to-date message.



Robin Hawn/EOD Technology Inc.

MEETING PLACE— Chris Cochrane, left, a project management specialist with the Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, works with Brent Midyett to set up for a workshop meeting about the Camp Wheeler unexploded ordnance cleanup.

Bulldogs roar past 326th Chemical

Bravo Company beats Eastern Conference rival

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The Bravo Company softball team flexed its muscles on offense in an early season showdown against the 326th Chemical Company last week.

Luther Reynolds had three hits with a double and scored two runs as the Bulldogs beat the 326th 13-3 on May 15 at Linton Field. His teammates also contributed.

Kasey McFarland went 2-for-3 with two hits, a walk and three runs scored. Sam Rodriguez and Henry Herrera each had two hits, a double and two runs. Eric Uschan added two hits with one run.

“So far batting practice has been the key,” Rodriguez, the first baseman, said of Bravo’s success on offense. “Just to get up to speed with different pitchers, and stuff like that.”

The 326th was led by Mark Hill and Kenny Sharp, who had one hit and one run apiece.

“We just haven’t had enough practice together yet,” Dragons left-center Eddie Bryan said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SAFE— Sam Rodriguez slides safely into third base and later scores in the first inning of Bravo’s 13-3 win over 326th Chemical. Looking on is 326th’s third baseman Kenny Sharp.

“We had a lot of people not playing. And we’ve got a lot of people not playing in the right positions.”

Last week’s results included:
May 15 – Bravo def. 326th Chemical 13-3, HHC 59th def. PEO 15-8 and Marines def. MEDDAC 15-9.

May 16 – Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha 11-10, 326th won by forfeit over NCO Academy and PEO def. MEDDAC 16-14.

May 17 – Bravo def. MEDDAC 17-5, Marines def. PEO



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DOUBLE TROUBLE— Bravo’s Sam Rodriguez doubles during a five-run first inning against 326th Chemical.

17-14 and HHC 59th def. 326th Chemical 9-8.

May 18 – PEO def. Headquarters & Alpha 12-11, Bravo def. HHC 59th 15-14 and

Marines def. 326th Chemical in three innings.

League standings were: **Eastern Conference** — Bravo (5-1), HHC 59th (3-1), 326th Chemical

(3-3) and MEDDAC (1-4). **Western Conference** — Marines (5-0), PEO (2-4), Headquarters & Alpha (0-3) and NCO Academy (0-3).

Where kids learn winning isn't everything

Youth Sports and Fitness teaches joy of competing

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Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, Mike Gates transforms one side of the Youth Center gym into a weight room. He pulls out barbells, weights, a utility bench, mats and fitness balls from a small storage room off the gym.

While Gates is getting things ready for the Youth Fitness Training class, his three students – 14-year-old Chris Cunningham, 13-year-old Carston Culbertson and 12-year-old Andre Kirkland – are working up a sweat dodging around each other and shooting baskets. But when it's time to get down to the serious business of weight training, the boys toss in their basketballs for barbells.

Before they hit the mats, though, the boys go through a series of warm-ups and stretching exercises that have them hopping, walking, crawling and jogging across the gym. At Gates' instruction, the boys take up weights at the various stations, where they work out in short stints timed by their coach.

"I like to lift weights," Chris said before his workout. "I already know how to use the weights, but I like hanging out with other guys and lifting weights with them."

The Youth Fitness Training class is part of the MWR Youth Sports and Fitness program that offers a wide variety of sports activities for youth.

"This is a class that includes weight training, flexibility training and cardiovascular conditioning," Gates said.

"It evolved as we were trying to develop programs that offer the different kinds of things kids like to do. My goal has been to try to get something going that would bring some new kids into the Youth Sports and Fitness program."

Depending on the season, Gates can be found working with coaches and kids through basketball, baseball and soccer leagues, and setting up programs for golf, fitness training or other sports that have been requested.

"All our programs are instructional and then we incorporate the physical," he said. "We mostly want the kids to have fun. We want them to come away from



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BODY WORK— Carston Culbertson, 13, works out to develop his coordination and flexibility.

their experience with an appreciation for the sport. We hope they develop some new skills and sportsmanship, and they learn that winning isn't and shouldn't be the only goal."

But while sports and fitness programs are available in abundance on Redstone Arsenal for youth, Gates and others involved with the programs have a hard time recruiting young people to use them. Because of competi-

tion from local city, county and private sports organizations, Morale Welfare and Recreation's Youth Sports and Fitness has difficulty increasing its user numbers.

"People who work on this post have a lot of options for getting their kids involved in sports," Gates said. "We'll try just about any program if it will get more kids involved in sports on post."

Youth Sports and Fitness is one of many services being promoted in the ongoing MWR 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 is also hoped that this year's summer camp on Redstone Arse-

nal will bring more youth into the program. Youth involved in summer camp will be able to participate in canoeing, disc golf, fishing, archery, trap and skeet, fitness training and other sports activities.

"I'm probably more involved in summer camp this year than I have been," Gates said. "We are hoping these activities will draw more kids into summer camp. And, I hope their summer camp experience will draw more kids into the Youth Sports and Fitness program."

Gates and a part-time assistant work with about 300 youth from the ages of 3 up to 18 throughout the year. The youngest children are introduced to sports through a Start Smart series of programs meant to encourage their interest in baseball, basketball, soccer and golf.

The Start Smart programs are developmentally appropriate for children 3 to 5 years old, and work with parents to prepare children for organized sports in a fun non-threatening environment. As children move into the 5-year-old age group they participate on leagues and in individual sport competitions.

Nearly 80 youth are playing on baseball teams on Redstone Arsenal. There are two T-ball, two coach pitch and two minor league teams.

"We have a partnership with the City of Huntsville so that we can play some of their teams during the season," Gates said. "Our teams are competitive."

The program offers soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter.

Golf is one of the newest additions to Youth Sports and Fitness offerings. Younger students are now finishing up their Start Smart sessions while youth ages 7 to 9 will begin a low-level competition league on June 3.

"The younger class has been going pretty well," Gates said. "I think most everybody's had a good time. They've learned to hit the ball and they know the feeling of hitting the ball without the class getting too technical."

Golf and fitness training are among several individual sports that Gates wants to offer through his program. He also wants to offer tennis and racquetball programs for youth.

"That's something the Army is pushing," he said. "They want more individual sports because of the idea that kids need to get

Army launches online weight loss program

By ELAINE WILSON
Army News Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON — Soldiers can now participate in the Army's weight management program from the comfort of their own home.

The Army has launched an online version of "Weigh to Stay" to improve the program's accessibility and convenience for Soldiers, families and retirees.

"The site has been hugely successful," said Lt. Col. Danny Jaghab, site creator and nutrition staff officer for the Directorate of Health Promotion and Wellness, U.S. Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "We recently had 23,000 hits, the most any medical page has received on (Army Knowledge Online) other than the 'myMedical' page."

The Weigh to Stay program is an Army requirement for Soldiers who have been "flagged" for weight, and comprises three one-hour sessions and three half-hour follow-up sessions with a dietitian.

Before the online program, reserve- and active-duty Soldiers had to attend sessions in person. While the requirement wasn't generally a problem for the active duty, who have easier access to dietitians, it often created headaches for reservists and their leadership.

"Reservists have to take time off from their civilian jobs and, in some cases, travel a distance to attend a session with a dietitian," Jaghab said. "As a result, the program's return rates were poor for reserve and Guard members."

Hoping to remedy the problem and improve the overall health of reserve members, Army leadership asked Jaghab to find a solution.

The online site duplicates the standard version, offering the same number of ses-

sions and content, which includes nutrition basics and myths, supplement use, menu planning, behavior modification and the importance of exercise. The only difference is that participants attend sessions online rather than in-person.

"You sign up, go online and pick a class," Jaghab said. "Then, at the scheduled time, you log on and participate in a virtual class."

Participants can interact with other students and the instructor, as well as view slides and a participant list.

The site also includes links to health and weight loss information and special features. In a recent section, dietetic interns reviewed nine popular weight loss books, scoring them for such areas as hunger satisfaction, healthiness and effectiveness.

The site's success has prompted Army officials to extend the online program to active-duty Soldiers, family members and retirees, although only reserve Soldiers are able to forego the traditional program for the online one. It could also prove particularly beneficial for deployed Soldiers who take risks when traveling back from the frontlines to attend sessions with a dietitian, Jaghab said.

"Statistics show that 70 percent of our population is not flagged but know they have a problem now or one in the past," he said. "There's a need for this type of online program in the Army."

The ultimate goal is to create a multi-service site for the Department of Defense, Jaghab said.

For more information or to register for the Weigh to Stay web site, call Jaghab at (410) 436-8856, DSN 584-8856 or e-mail danny.jaghab@apg.amedd.army.mil.

Editor's note: Elaine Wilson writes for the Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office.

Youth Sports and Fitness teaches active enjoyment



Photo by Kari Hawkins

COACH'S ORDERS— From left, Youth Center sports director Mike Gates instructs Andre Kirkland and Chris Cunningham during their fitness training class.

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into more than team sports. Individual sports, fitness programs and outdoor recreation are all being promoted to get our kids outside and active."

Youth sports rely on numerous coaching volunteers. Gates usually has no problem recruiting the dads of some of his athletes to be team coaches.

"The Army promotes volunteerism. So, when we have kids of active duty Soldiers, usually those dads will volunteer," Gates said.

All coaches are trained and certified through a program offered by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association. Gates teaches the class and emphasizes with all his volunteer coaches that the game is about learning, not all about winning.

"The main thing we need to teach kids is that it's OK to fail, it's OK to strike out or drop the ball," Gates said. "All surveys and research show that kids stop being active in sports as they get older because it's not fun anymore. Not everyone is cut out to be a super star athlete. But, everyone should be in a sport or a fitness activity."

Gates can see when kids enjoy a sport, and when they know the difference between being a winner and winning a game.

"Part of the beauty of sports is the struggle to win," he said. "Athletes should strive for victory, but victory in competition doesn't have to be the ultimate goal. The victory is in the athlete themselves and what they have achieved in their struggle. Losing is OK as long as they've tried their best."

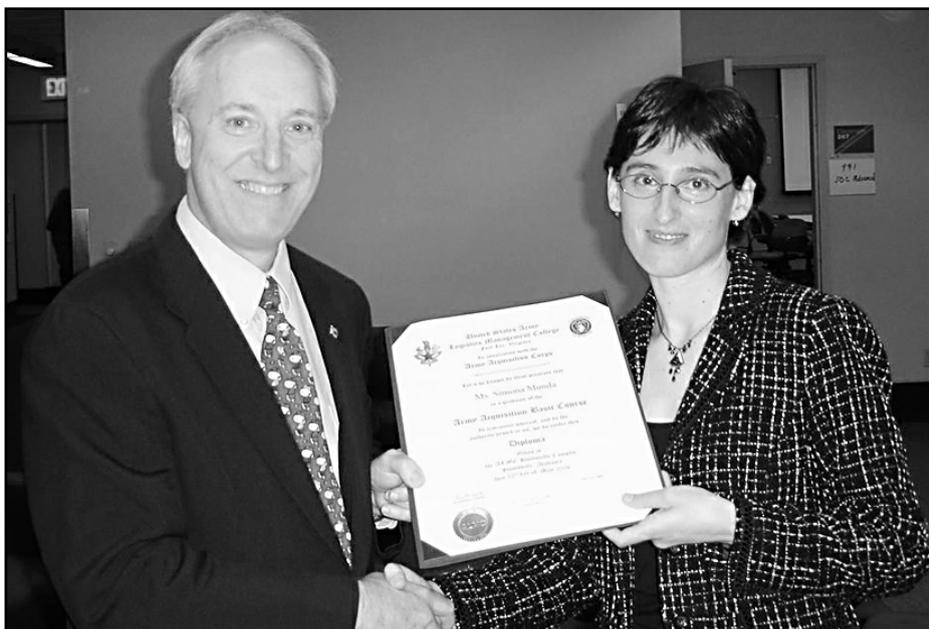
Gates has been the director of Youth Sports and Fitness since March 2003. He likes the variety and the challenge of the job.

"Hopefully, I'm making a difference in some kids' lives," he said. "Most adults have memories of childhood sports. Hopefully, they are positive. We want our kids to have positive experiences with sports."



Parents can sign their children up to play in a sport offered by Youth Sports and Fitness by completing paperwork that can be found at the MWR web site and turning it in at the Youth Center in building 3148 on Youth Center Road. The phone number is 313-2177 or 313-3699. The web site is www.redstonemwr.com.

Editor's note: There is a one-time \$18 fee to enroll in Youth Sports and Fitness activities on Redstone Arsenal. Fees for each sport vary.



Courtesy photo

Honor graduate

Simona Munda, from Slovenia, receives her honor graduate diploma from Richard Price, dean of the School of Systems Acquisition Management. Munda is one of only a handful of international students that has ever graduated with honors from the Army Acquisition Basic Course taught in Huntsville.

Sports & Recreation

Boat inspections

MWR and the Garrison Safety Office will hold boat inspections Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. The inspection is free of charge and is open to all members of Team Redstone. For more information, call John Zuber of Garrison Safety Office 876-3114.

Bicyclist class

Road I Course from the League of American Bicyclists will be held June 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Safety City, 2221 Drake Ave. The class is recommended for adults and children over 14. The \$50 course fee is due at signup. Spring City Cycling Club members receive a \$5 discount; and AlaBike members receive a \$10 discount. Deadline for registration is June 3. Registration forms can be found at www.knology.net/~BikeEdHSV/courses.htm. For more information, call David Stone 348-6414.

Junior Golf benefit

The Rocket City Retired Military Golf Classic Tournament organizers invite you to come drive a Chrysler and support Junior Golf. If you test drive a car at the tournament June 5-8 at The Links at Redstone, you get a sleeve of balls and Chrysler donates money for the Junior Golf Program.

Military golfers

The Felix Milar Active Duty Post Championship will be held June 2-4 at the Links at Redstone. This tournament is part of the intramural sports leagues and is open to active duty military only. June 2 is the unit competition with the post championship June 3-4. There are no fees for this tournament. Carts, food, drinks and prizes will be provided. For more information, call Gaylene Wilson 842-2574.

Sergeants Major golf

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its annual golf outing June 23 at the Links at Redstone. There will be a breakfast meeting that morning from 6:30-7:30 in the Regimental Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. Teams will be organized at that time with a tee time between 8:30 and 9. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Robert Johnson 842-9767 or retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michael McSwain 842-6778.

Youth cheerleaders

There will be an interest meeting for the 2006-07 Alabama A&M University Baby Bulldog Cheerleaders on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the T.E. Elmore Health Science Building on the campus of Alabama A&M. The cheerleader camp will be held June 1-3 in the gym at A&M. For more information, call 217-1873 or e-mail mjmoore40001@hotmail.com.

Conferences & Meetings

AMCOM town hall

The AMCOM Town Hall with Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, is May 31 from 9-

11 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. It will be broadcast on Team Redstone Television Channel 42, and via Internet Portal TV to computer desktops equipped with the IPTV application. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending. All AMCOM, PEO-Aviation and PEO-Missiles and Space employees are encouraged to attend.

Parents committee

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Committee will meet May 30 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance – five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. “Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to provide your ideas, opinions or concerns,” a prepared release said.

Toastmasters

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

Enlisted spouses

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

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting May 31 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski is scheduled speaker. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast May 27 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

Air defenders

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is holding a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Brig. Gen. Fran Mahon, commander of 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, is scheduled speaker. Cost is \$11 for members, \$15 for non-members. Corporate member tables are available at \$11 per seat. RSVP by Friday to Janett Beasley 837-5282, ext. 1524.

Electronics society

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Aerospace Electronics Systems Society will meet Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ryan's on University Drive (near Red Lobster). Dr. Bob Berinato of Dynetics is to speak on “The Future of Radar; fearless prognostications into the next 10-15 years.” The meeting is in the enclosed room on the right side as you enter Ryan's. If planning to attend, please

e-mail Buddy Bishop at william.bishop@msl.army.mil.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold the regular/special June (only) membership meeting June 6 at 5 p.m. at building 3202. The date of the meeting is being changed in order for the members to present and approve resolutions to be presented at the National Convention in Atlanta Aug. 7-11. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Aeronautics section

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Alabama-Mississippi Section will hold its Awards Dinner and Officer Installation on June 1 at the Holiday Inn Research Park, 5903 University Drive. Social begins at 6:15 p.m. with dinner at 7. Cost is \$20 (\$10 for students). For reservations call Terry Abel 217-6365 by noon May 30.

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.

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Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. The shop has appointments from 1:30-2:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays. The shop is accepting summer clothing/items. "Join us at your Redstone Thrift Shop Saturday, June 3 for some great bargains from 10-2," a prepared release said. For more information, call 881-6992.

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

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.

Asian Pacific festival

Team Redstone invites everyone to its Asian Pacific American Festival today at 2:30 p.m. at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. This year's event features cultural displays, demonstrations and artwork.

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.

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, Hotel Redstone, www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. Cost is \$18 for general admission tickets and \$60 for premium tickets. For more information, call 876-4531 or 876-5232.

Johnson High reunion

Johnson High School's Class of 1986 20-year reunion is Aug. 4-5 at the Holiday Inn-Research (Madison Square Mall). Those interested can send their address and phone number to joj1986@earthlink.net or call Jenise Showers 457-4633.

Reutilization office

As the final phase of the A-76 transition grows near, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service-Huntsville, would like to remind all DRMO customers of some key transition milestones. On June 30, DRMO Huntsville will transition to full performance by the Most Efficient Organization. Because of accountability issues, approximately 10 days before the transition, or on June 20, DRMO Huntsville will discontinue receiving and storage operations in order to conduct a 100 percent inventory. During the week of the inventory, the MEO will schedule a "Town Hall Meeting" to introduce key MEO members and address concerns. If you have any questions about this transi-



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Career choice

Maj. Russell Dunford, assistant product manager for Scout Attack Helicopters, speaks to Jeffrey Slagle and other fourth-graders at Harvest Elementary on career day May 17.

tion, call Russell Manuel 842-2532.

Veterinary clinic

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics May 30 from 4-7 p.m. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk-in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia tests and microchip identification will also be available for pets. For more information, call the facility 876-2441.

Air show

More than 15 acts are scheduled to perform in the Wings of Freedom Air Show in Tullahoma, Tenn., Memorial Day weekend May 27-28. The free air show celebrates the 55th anniversary of Arnold Engineering Development Center at Arnold Air Force Base and will feature both aerobatic acts and static displays. Headlining the air show is the Trojan Horsemen T-28 Warbird Aerobatic Team, the only six-ship T-28 war bird formation and aerobatic demo team in the U.S. For more information about the air show, visit the AEDC web site www.arnold.af.mil or call AEDC Public Affairs (931) 454-4204, the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce (931) 455-5497 or the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce at (931) 728-7635.

College registration

Columbia College-Redstone Arsenal will begin its June session on June 5. Registration is now open, and students can register for classes through June 9. For more information, call 881-6181 or 876-4851.

PX holiday hours

Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours Memorial Day, May 29: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; all concessions, closed; Barber shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; GNC, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Furniture store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tire store, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military clothing, closed; Barber Shop, building 3479, closed; Food court – Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin

Hood, closed; Church's, closed; and American Eatery, closed.

Children's volunteers

Volunteers are needed Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings for Childwise, a parent and child play morning program. Help out with crafts, snacks and more. Call Esther McDaniels at Army Community Service 876-5397.

Employment briefing

The Federal Employment Briefing is designed to give an understanding of the federal application process. A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct this session Thursday at 9 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Topics will include veteran and military spouse preference, recruitment sources, resumix procedures, candidate evaluation, and referral lists. Call ACS 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

MWR auction

Outdoor Recreation will auction its older equipment on eBay throughout the summer. To bid on various items, visit the Morale Welfare and Recreation web site www.redstonemwr.com and follow the link at left or direct link to the following: <http://www.redstonemwr.com/html.auction.intro.html>.

Officer dinner dance

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold an old fashion Country and Western Hoedown on June 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. There will be a DJ for after dinner dancing. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. Reservations are required by May 29. For more information, call Carrie Hightower 882-3992.

Post Exchange news

The PX has an Oriental Rug Bazaar going on through May 30. Also, stop by and take a look at its latest spring collection of Texier purses, according to a Post Exchange release. "Do you want to have a direct link to all the great sales events going on at the AAFES Redstone PX?" the release said. "Stop by and fill out a request to be on our e-mail Buddy List. Pick up a copy of the registration form at any register or at customer service — fill it out, and bring it to the manager's office at the back of the store. Soon you will receive e-mails of all the great events going on at the Redstone PX."

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on June 6 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338, Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a tour of Redstone. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Civilian employees, contractors and family members are welcome. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. If you have already attended a Newcomers' Orientation or you were reassigned to a new unit at Redstone Arsenal, disregard this notice. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Fox health center

Fox Army Health Center announces its hours for the Memorial Day holiday, May 26-29. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon for scheduled appointments Friday, Saturday, and Monday, May 26, 27 and 29. All other clinics and the pharmacy will be closed those days. The health center is closed on Sundays. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments.

Latin dance

The Alabama Hispanic Associations invites everyone to its "Tropical Night Salsation" Latin Dance on June 3 at the Senior Center auditorium, 2200 Drake Ave. There will be a group dance lesson at 8 p.m. and music by "DJ Azúcar" (disc jockey Signey Hernandez) after 9. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door, available at La Michoacana Mexican Store or through members of AHA. Tropical attire is encouraged. For more information, call AHA at 325-4242 or visit www.alabamahispanicassociation.org.

Space museum volunteers

Volunteer opportunities for ages 16 and older are available at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. A volunteer opportunity fair will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the center's front lobby. If you cannot attend the fair, call Jermie Howell 721-7109 for more information.

Ordnance ball

The 59th Ordnance Brigade would like to invite all Ordnance Soldiers of the present, past and future to commemorate the gallantry of the Ordnance Corps and to

promote "esprit de corps" during the Ordnance Ball (South), July 14 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is chief of Ordnance Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, commander, Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lt. Col. Thomas Coburn 876-3508.

Benefit cookbook

Weber-Stephen Products Co. has released a special cookbook, "Command of the Grill — A Salute to Steak," which features grilled steak recipes by active, reserve and

famous former Marines. One hundred percent of sales from the 80-page cookbook, which retails for \$10, will go to four charities that directly benefit Marines wounded or killed in the line of duty and their families. Many of the recipes for the book were selected from 10 "Command of the Grill" grilling semifinal competitions held at Marine Corps bases across the country in fall 2005. The winners of those semifinals will be flown to New York City to compete in the "Command of Grill" finals and as part of Fleet Week '06. For more information, visit www.commandofthegrill.com.

Buddy poppies

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5162 will distribute Buddy Poppies at the One-Stop, Main Exchange, and Commissary May 26-28 during normal business hours for each facility. "The Veterans of Foreign Wars bylaws require that all proceeds from our distribution of the Buddy Poppy must be used to benefit disabled and needy veterans as well as widows and orphans of deceased veterans right here in our local community," VFW post commander Bob Davenport said.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																												
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SCBK06235736	Executive Mgmt	25-May-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0301	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X																												
SCBK06304344	Supervisory Prgm Analyst	25-May-06	IMMC	NH-0343	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X																												
SCNAFBK06057	Child & Youth Prgm Assistant (Entry to Target Level)	25-May-06	Child and Youth Services	CC-1702	1	2	9.70 - 17.28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK06058	Reservation Clerk	25-May-06	Community & Family Supp Ctr	NF-0303	2	2	7.27 - 13.07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK06059	Recreation Aid	25-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK06060	Bowling Equipment Repairer	25-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NA-4819	7	7	9.82 - 9.82	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK06061	Recreation Aid	25-May-06	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK06062	Maintenance Worker	25-May-06	Redstone Lodging Facility	NA-4749	7	7	9.82 - 9.82	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																		
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SCBK06243435	Training Instructor (Hazardous Devices)	30-May-06	USAOMEMS-EOD Trng Dept	GS-1712	11	11	52,355 - 68,066	X	X				X																							
SCBK06262291	Aerospace Engr	1-Jun-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK06264731	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	1-Jun-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK06315113	Human Resources Spec (Staffing/Classification)	1-Jun-06	CHRA	YA-0201	2	2	43,175 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06315113D	Human Resources Spec (Staffing/Classification)	1-Jun-06	CHRA	YA-0201	2	2	43,175 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK06184623	General Attorney	28-May-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0905	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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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 requirements).																																				
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required).																																				
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																																				
U - All U.S. citizens																																				
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																																				
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																																				
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil , search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for more information.																																				