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# Military kids blast into Space Camp

**Scholarship winners  
selected for 22nd year**

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The U.S. Space & Rocket Center was founded in 1970 as a dream of Dr. Wernher von Braun. Another tradition continued Thursday at Heiser Hall.

Sixteen youngsters received scholarships to Space Camp, Space Academy or Aviation Challenge during the 22nd annual Space Camp Scholarship Awards Ceremony. The awards to these members of the military community culminated six months of effort by the Army Community Service Volunteer Program, ACS staff and sponsoring organizations.

"It's been a great ride with ACS and we look forward every year to participating with you in this event," retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, chief executive officer of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, said.

The winners were selected based on essays on why they wanted to attend the respective camp for their age group. The judges were from the seven sponsoring organizations: Air Defense Artillery Association; American Legion Family, Post



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**READY TO GO—** The essay contest winners participate in the Space Camp scholarship awards ceremony Thursday at Heiser Hall.

237; Association of the U.S. Army; Enlisted Spouses Club; Officers and Civilian Women's Club; Redstone Thrift Shop; and System Studies and Simulation Inc.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski congratulated the winners and said what he and others in uniform, and civilians supporting those in uniform, do is "all about kids."

"It's all about giving them an opportunity, better than what we got," he said.

Olshefski said the youngsters won their awards because of what they had done on their own, but Space Camp will represent a teamwork experience.

"If this is any example of what our future's going to be, I think we're in pretty good shape," he said of the winners.

They are attending their respective camp June 11-16 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Each winner read his or her essay during the awards ceremony.

"I would like to learn more about the galaxy and the people that explore it," read Charlie Catoire, son of retired Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Philippe Catoire.

"I think Space Camp would be a fun and rewarding experience," read Lauren Lundy, daughter of retired Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Glenn Lundy.

"I want to be an astronaut when I grow up," read Samuel Moss, son of 1st Lt. and Mrs. Roger Moss. "I really think Space Camp would help me in my career."

The other Space Camp winners include Victoria Bingham, daughter of Mrs. Monica Bingham; Brent DeSilva, son of

Maj. and Mrs. Roy DeSilva; Cody Moore, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Steven D. Moore; Cydney Nichols, daughter of retired Command Sgt. Maj. Clifton Nichols and retired Sgt. 1st Class Penny Nichols; Torrey Perkins, daughter of retired Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Roger Perkins; Courtney Peterson, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Samuel Peterson; Julia Plummer, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. William Plummer; Jordan Teats, daughter of Master Sgt. and Mrs. Daniel Teats; and Miles Whitmore, son of retired Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Carl Whitmore.

The Space Academy winners include William Breeden, son of retired Maj. and Mrs. Harry Breeden; Christopher Broadnax, son of Maj. Rae and Bernard Broadnax; and Stuart Ford, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Ford.

The Aviation Challenge winner is Daniel Aiken, son of Maj. Terry and Carol Aiken.

"You will learn something," Capps told the youngsters. "You will also have a lot of fun."

Gabriel Cannon, Mary Bissell and Phyllis Montgomery served as co-chairmen for the Space Camp scholarships. Cathy Hays was the ACS liaison.

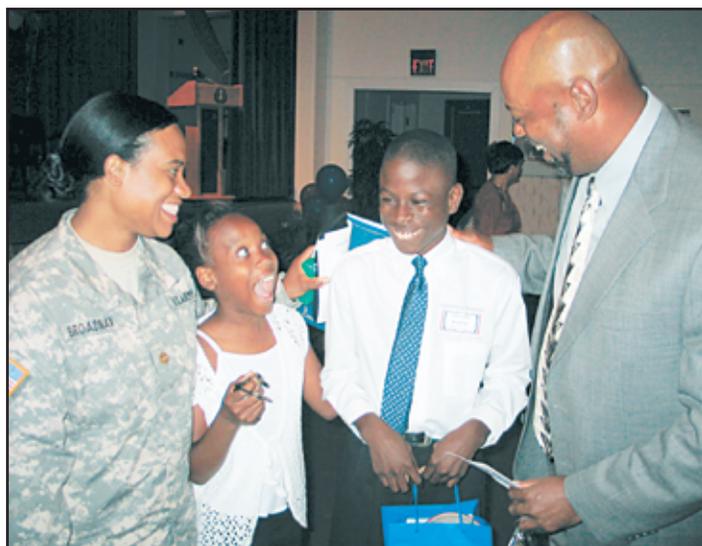


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PROUD FAMILY—** Christopher Broadnax, 13, is congratulated on his Space Academy scholarship by, from left, his mother Maj. Rae Broadnax, his sister Gabrielle Broadnax, 9, and his father Bernard Broadnax.

# An open lane random survey

*What does the Army's birthday mean to you?*

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**"It means that the Army has come a long way. It has endured challenges, but at the same time has gotten better."**

*Pvt. Justin Story  
Charlie Company*  
**"I think it means the Army has become more mature and adapted over the years."**



*Pvt. Alex Campbell  
Charlie Company*  
**"We're still a young country, but with the passing time the Army has become stronger and stronger. It's another year to learn."**

*Pvt. Terrance Jackson  
Charlie Company*  
**"It means tradition. I'm carrying on the tradition handed down to me from my parents and grandparents."**



## Quote of the week

**'G**rowing old is not for sissies.'

— *Bette Davis, 1908-1989*

## Birthday card from president

I send greetings to all those celebrating the 231st birthday of the United States Army.

America is strong because of the brave men and women who have made great sacrifices to defend our liberty. Since 1775, the members of the United States Army have answered the call to protect our country and preserve the ideals that define our nation. Faithful to their legacy of honor and courage, Soldiers have worked to help ensure America remains a country where citizens can prosper and live in freedom.

Today, the United States Army is serving on the front lines of freedom in the war on terror. Our troops have helped liberate tens of millions from

oppression in Afghanistan and Iraq and have defended the American people from danger. They have served brilliantly and courageously, and I am proud to be their Commander in Chief.

I appreciate members of the United States Army, Army veterans, Army families, and all those who help protect our nation and our way of life.

You give us an example of idealism and character that makes every American proud.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, may God bless our troops, and may God continue to bless America.

**President Bush**

## Soldiers should stay alert

As you are likely aware, the Department of Veterans Affairs recently lost a computer drive with the identifying information (names, Social Security numbers and dates of birth) of as many as 20 million veterans. We now know that many active and Reserve servicemembers may be affected. Although there is no evidence that the data has been used illegally, all Soldiers should be extra vigilant with regard to their financial well-being.

You should closely monitor your personal financial affairs while the DoD, VA and the military services work in earnest to determine the

details and impacts of the compromise. We ask that you carefully monitor your bank accounts, credit card accounts and any other financial accounts for suspicious activity. For more information on how to protect yourself, contact DoD's Military One Source at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) or 1-800-342-9647.

The Army will work to keep you informed and ensure that you are aware of the resources available to help deal with this issue.

**Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker**  
Army Chief of Staff; and  
**Kenneth O. Preston**  
Sgt. Maj. of the Army

## Outside food goes sour

Recently my wife and I went to the bowling center for lunch. While we were placing our order, our daughter who was returning to work came in to join us. Even though she was ordering a drink, she was asked to leave because in her possession was the dreaded outside food. Although the person taking our orders could not explain the reason for the rule, I can guess that management does not want people bringing

in food and using the bowling center's facilities and occupying tables. However, I wonder if this was not a little overboard in this instance. My daughter was joining her parents who were paying customers, she was ordering a drink, and she would be sitting with us at our table. While my wife and I sat alone eating our lunch, my daughter returned to her

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## Letters to the Editor

### Excellent PX service

In the 21st century to find a business where employees give superior customer service is rare. One sometimes believes in order to get good service we have to go back to the 20th century; however, in the Post Exchange I found that not to be true. The PX has in Mina, Fay, Jarniqua, Khaliliah, Sonia, Leona, Ashanti and Geraldine excellent examples of individuals who pride themselves on giving superior customer service. The PX certainly has eight treasures! I for one thank each of them for their superior customer service; all eight go beyond the call of duty.

**Linda Miller-King**

### Bordering on racism

My father was an illegal alien; he crossed the U.S.-Mexico border in 1924 as an 8-year-old orphan. Ultimately — with a third-grade education — he raised seven children and became a U.S. citizen after serving this country in World War II.

Growing up we were not taught to speak Spanish (something I clearly regret today); we would speak English and that was that. We never sought welfare or public assistance. All his children became reasonably productive members of society; I am the first in my family to have attained a college degree. I share this so there is a clear understanding I'm not taking a break from cheating some other American out of a job, planning another crime or looking for a new welfare office to deceive.

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### Festival has tropical taste

The sixth annual "A Taste of Hawaiian Festival," a supporter of breast cancer awareness, was held June 3 at Big Spring Park waterfall area. Our event is held every year in this area because it resembles the scenery of Hawaii. Our festival is a community event that raises money for a worthy cause. The proceeds this year will be donated to the Breast Cancer Center Foundation and to RISI Inc.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in the United States. It is also the most frequently diagnosed cancer

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# Getting to know you

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**Where do you call home?**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**What do you like about your job?**  
I get to help solve different problems every day. See all different sorts of stuff.

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

I do a lot of running on trails – trail running. Do a bit of woodworking, too. And I spend time with my wife (Jessica Newman).



**What are your goals?**

Continue having a good time with the Army as a judge advocate. And then enter private practice.

**What's your favorite type of music?**

Contemporary jazz

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**June 2:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license during an inspection at Gate 1. The individual was issued a violation notice and released.

**June 3:** An individual was involved in an accident on Goss Road and he was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and was DUI at the time. He was issued two violation notices and detained until his alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

**June 4:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a Click-it-or-Ticket checkpoint. He was issued a citation and released.

**June 5:** An individual reported that someone removed a JVC stereo system from the barracks. Investigation



continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**June 5:** An individual reported that someone had damaged his personal laptop computer.

Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**June 5:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a canceled driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued one violation notice and released.

**June 6:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Traffic accidents reported:** seven without injuries, none with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 11 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 5 driving with a suspended/canceled/revoked driver's license, 1 failure to yield right of way, 1 driving under the influence, 3 expired tags.



Courtesy photo

### War casualty

**1st Lt. Scott McClean Love, shown during his deployment, died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on June 7 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations. He was 32. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Baumholder, Germany. Love, a 1992 graduate of Grissom High School, received his bachelor's of fine arts in cinema and film at Florida State in 1995.**

## Explosive kills four contractors in Iraq

Four contractors working for the Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville died Thursday in Iraq, when the vehicle they were riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device. The names of the deceased were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The incident is under investigation.

Huntsville Center is an Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Ordnance and Explosives. Huntsville Center's Coalition

Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. To date, more than 450,000 tons of ammunition has been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq. (*Huntsville Center release*)

# Bridge overpass closes again for repairs

*Repair work continues for next 6-8 months*

By SHAREE MILLER  
For the Rocket

Redstone Arsenal officials closed the Patton Road bridge that crosses over Martin Road after it was struck by an over-height truck June 7.

“Major repairs will be needed to replace four steel beams supporting the bridge deck,” Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer in the Garrison’s Directorate of Emergency Services, said. “The overpass will be completely closed to all traffic during repairs that could take up to eight months to complete.”

Gate 1, Martin Road east, will continue to be open 5:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and from 6 a.m. to midnight on weekends and holidays. Peak traffic schedules will be kept as normal as possible.

Motorists traveling eastbound on Martin Road to north on Patton Road are encouraged to take an alternate route. Although functional, it will be inconvenient.

Motorists traveling north on Patton Road should turn left on Mills Road, turn right on Neal Road, and then left on Patton Road to continue northbound. To take Patton Road south, turn right on Neal Road, left on Mills Road and then right on Patton Road.

Speed limits will be reduced within the construction zone to provide for safe driving conditions and reduce the chance for accidents.

“Every effort will be made to keep the traffic flowing as smoothly and normal as possible,” Triplett said. “Motorists are urged to maintain safety awareness and driving patience.”

The Directorate of Public Works expressed its appreciation and apologized for any inconvenience encountered while traveling through this required work zone.



Photo by Sharee Miller

**ACCIDENT SITE—** Workers begin repairs on the Patton Road bridge over Martin Road after a truck accident last week.

## Changes call on telephone numbers

*Prepare to dial 7 digits to place call on post*

Get ready to change how you make on-post, local, long-distance and DSN calls.

Starting June 30, Redstone Arsenal will change the current dialing access codes to comply with the Department of Defense standard.

“When we purchased the telephone infrastructure and transferred ownership to the Garrison Directorate of Information Management we knew we would have to make some changes so the telephone system would be in compliance with DoD standards and certifications,” Communications Division chief Ricky Prince said. “These changes also allow us to add capabilities for future enhancements like additional prefixes.”

In order to meet the requirements, the current dialing access codes and on-post 5-digit numbers will change as follows:

- Telephone lines will require 7-digit dialing for all on-post calls (876, 842, 313 and 955).
- Access code to make FTS (long-distance) calls will change from 7 to 97.
- Access code to make DSN calls will change from 8 to 94.
- Local off-post calls will change from 4 to 99.
- On-post emergency numbers (911) and operator assistance (0)

remains the same.

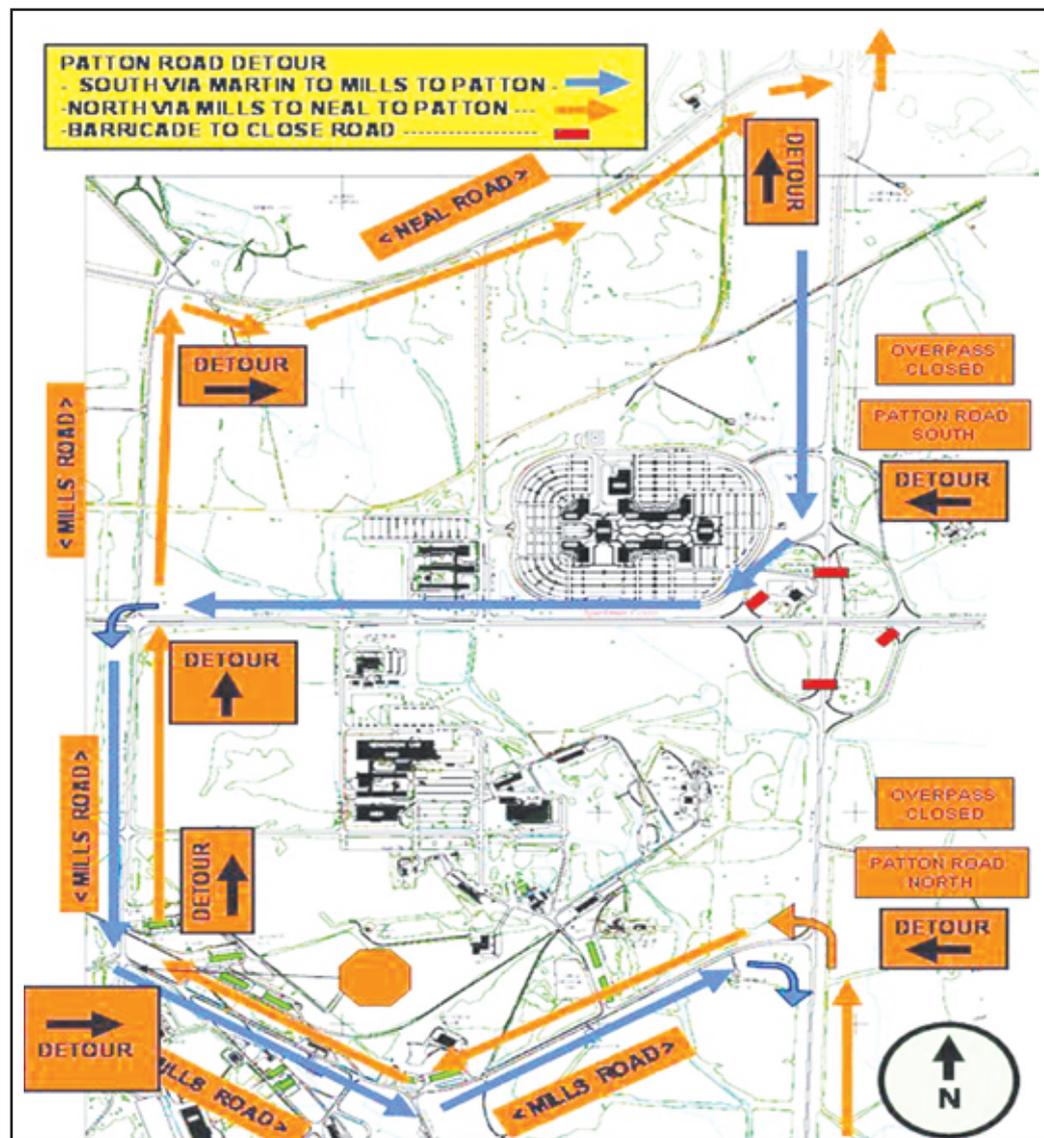
Prince advises customers to review and edit all speed dial lists on their telephones, fax machines and VTC units.

He also recommends that customers who have phones with the call forwarding option check and see if they’ll need to edit any numbers, especially on ISDN sets with call forwarding variable feature buttons. Customers serviced by internally managed telephone systems (Private Branch Exchanges) should not be affected by this change.

The DOIM contact for this action, David Williams, can be reached at 313-1137 or e-mail david.williams@redstone.army.mil.

### Dialing Access Code changes

- All on-base calls change to 7-digit dialing (842-1000 instead of 2-1000)
- Local off-base calls change from 4 to 99
- Long-distance FTS calls change from 7 to 97
- DSN calls change from 8 to 94



**DETOURS—** Drivers are advised to try to follow this detour map.

Courtesy graphic

## Soldier would have traded places with his troops

*Purple Heart recipient's wounds heal, but memories linger of fallen comrades*

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Staff Sgt. Ricardo Zamora, an instructor at the Technical Escort, 59th Ordnance Brigade, was awarded the Purple Heart medal by Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance, more than two years after Zamora was wounded during an explosion in Baghdad.

"It's a blessing that he received his Purple Heart now instead of immediately after the accident," said Jen Zamora, Zamora's wife. "I think he appreciates it more now that he's had time to reflect and come to terms with what happened."

For Zamora, who had received the orders for his Purple Heart but never had it officially presented to him, the presentation brought some well-overdue closure.

"It's bittersweet," he said. "I would give it back in a second if I knew that Sergeant Baker and Sergeant Roukey could still be here. I would have traded places with them if I could."

On April 26, 2004, Zamora was on an Iraqi Service Group mission in Baghdad in search of weapons of mass destruction. Zamora and his team were surveying a building which was supposed to be a paint factory. Upon entering the building, the team did not find items or chemicals they'd expect to find in a paint lab. Instead there were fertilizers, fuels, and other items known to be used for the manufacturing of Improvised Explosive Devices.

As the team exited the building, their nightmare began. Zamora remembers taking only a few steps away from the building's exit when he heard a rumble behind him.

"I turned to see what it was and I saw a fireball shoot out the door we had come out of," he said. "The entire building collapsed. The force of the explosion sent me airborne 10 to 15 feet."



**MEDAL—** Staff Sgt. Ricardo Zamora, center, receives the Purple Heart from Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance, during a June 1 ceremony while his wife, Jen, looks on.

Courtesy photo

Zamora doesn't know how long he was out, but when he regained consciousness he had a concussion and partial hearing loss. After doing a body check, he ran to aid his Soldiers.

"It was surreal to see everything happening in front of me," he said. "It happened in slow motion. You just don't want to believe it's really happening."

Zamora said this was the one mission that no one expected for anything to go wrong. They had planned and practiced so many times that no one was expecting the tragic events that unfolded.

The explosion took the lives of Sgt. Sherwood Baker, 30, and Sgt. Lawrence Roukey, 33, and seriously wounded five others – Sgt. Michelle Hufnagel, Spc. Brian Messersmith, Sgt. Darren Miles, Spc. Ryan Owlett and Sgt. Joseph Washam.

Hufnagel, now a staff sergeant, was Zamora's Soldier and the only female on the 17-man team. "I couldn't find (Hufnagel)," Zamora said. "I remember seeing the fireball completely engulf her as it shot out the door. She was standing right in the fireball's path."

The explosion destroyed four Humvees which were placed outside the building for security purposes. Hufnagel was at one of the Humvees checking the radios when the explosion took place.

"When I finally found her she didn't look as bad as I expected," Zamora said. "It wasn't until later that we were informed of the seriousness of her injuries. She received burns to 70 percent of her body. If she hadn't been wearing her body armor she might not have made it. What happened to me paled in comparison to what she went through."

Jen said Zamora didn't seek treatment for his injuries until two days after the accident.

"He took care of his Soldiers, when he did all he could for them he called me and let me know he was OK. It wasn't until two days later that he finally (sought) treatment for himself," she said. "It's just the type of person that he is. He'll always take care of everything else and leave himself for last."

In the final report, the explosion was noted as an unexplained accident. Zamora's injuries resulted in the partial loss of hearing in his right ear. After a series of surgeries and physical therapy, Hufnagel made it.

"That day there was something more looking over me," Zamora said. "I was in the wake of the blast and I had nothing more than a ruptured eardrum and a concussion. For the other Soldiers it was different. I wish I could've changed something. I wish I could've told (Hufnagel) not to stand where she was, but she was doing her job and so were Baker and Roukey. We were all doing our jobs."

Jen said the presentation of the award meant more to her and their daughters than it did to Zamora. "Like he said, he'd give the award back if it would change anything," she said. "But he takes a lot of pride in his career and wears his uniform with pride so it's good for us to see him honored for what he went through."

At the time of the accident, Zamora was assigned to Disablement Team 4, A Company, Technical Escort Battalion, Edgewood Arsenal, Md. After he returned from Iraq in 2004, he received orders to come to Redstone Arsenal and OMEMS' Tech Escort and has been there since January 2005. He hopes to return to his previous unit, now called the 22nd Chemical Battalion, once he has completed his current assignment.



Courtesy photo

**EXPLOSIVE INCIDENT—** This photo was taken after the explosion of the building Zamora and his team were inspecting April 26, 2004 in Iraq.

# Coalition forces kill top terrorist in Iraq

BAGHDAD – Jordanian terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi died in an air strike north of Baghdad on June 7, U.S. officials confirmed.

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multinational Force Iraq, announced Zarqawi's death during a press conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad.

"Ladies and gentlemen, coalition forces killed al Qaeda terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and one of his key lieutenants, spiritual adviser Sheik Abd-Al-Rahman, June 7, at 6:15 p.m. in an air strike against an identified, isolated safe house," Casey said.

Tips and intelligence led forces to Zarqawi and some of his associates who were conducting a meeting approximately eight kilometers north of Baqubah when the air strike was launched, Casey said.

"Iraqi police were first on the scene after the air strike, and elements of Multinational Division North arrived



Arnews photos

## *Terrorist leader*

**Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, shown in all three pictures, died in an air strike north of Baghdad on June 7.**

shortly thereafter. Coalition forces were able to identify Zarqawi by fingerprint verification, facial recogni-

tion and known scars," he said.

Zarqawi and al Qaeda in Iraq have conducted terrorist activities against

the Iraqi people for years in attempts to undermine the Iraqi national government and coalition efforts to rebuild and stabilize Iraq, U.S. officials in Iraq said. He is known to be responsible for the deaths of thousands of Iraqis.

"Zarqawi's death is a significant blow to al Qaeda and another step toward defeating terrorism in Iraq, U.S. officials said in a statement.

"Although the designated leader of al Qaeda in Iraq is now dead, the terrorist organization still poses a threat as its members will continue to try to terrorize the Iraqi people and destabilize their government as it moves toward stability and prosperity," Casey said. "Iraqi forces, supported by the coalition, will continue to hunt terrorists that threaten the Iraqi people until terrorism is eradicated in Iraq."

*Editor's note: This Army News Service article was from a Multinational Force Iraq news release.*

## Worker helps dig out Mississippi town



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**VIVID IMAGES—** AMCOM employee Ed Roll took several photographs of the destruction he saw while working for the Corps of Engineers in Pass Christian, Miss., following Hurricane Katrina. He spent two months in the area supervising and inspecting the removal of debris from neighborhoods.

### *Ed Roll keeps pictures from hurricane results*

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Images of destruction remain with Ed Roll months after his work in a small Mississippi town ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

School buses buried in mud, homes knocked completely off their foundations, household debris strewn everywhere and hundreds of trees standing as dead brown sentinels throughout devastated neighborhoods – such images were captured by Roll in photographs he took in Pass Christian, Miss., while working as a quality assurance supervisor for the Corps of Engineers.

But besides the images, Roll, 36, also came back to his office at AMCOM with memories of how he and others worked to make a difference for Pass Christian's 9,000 residents.

"I felt like I was part of a big program going on that was doing a lot of good things for the people of Pass Christian,"

Roll said.

Soon after he heard about the destruction left in Hurricane Katrina's wake, Roll wanted to find a way to help the residents of the hurricane area. But taking time off to volunteer wasn't an option – he had just taken a job at Redstone Arsenal a few months earlier, and he and his wife were managing a household that included four children between the ages of 1 and 20.

But the Corps of Engineers was looking for Army civilians to help in hurricane relief efforts. So, Roll got permission to go TDY from his job managing a maintenance program for the overhaul of aviation items in Europe for AMCOM's National Maintenance Program Office to help with the Corps efforts.

**"When I think I'm going through something difficult, I can pull out these pictures and know what I'm going through isn't that bad."**

– Ed Roll  
AMCOM worker

Roll traveled to Pass Christian last November for a one-month assignment to inspect and monitor the removal of debris from home sites in the city's neighborhoods. His work expanded to training and supervising other quality assurance inspectors, and his one-month stay was extended to two months. During his time there, 400,000 cubic yards of debris were removed from neighborhoods, and placed in newly created landfills or separated out for recycling.

"People just don't understand the scale of destruction or the logistics of bringing people in and coordinating cleanup efforts," Roll said.

"A lot of people criticize FEMA. I think FEMA did a tremendous job. This is not a normal emergency. A lot of rules had to be reinterpreted to fit this emergency.

There's no way to prepare for something like this."

Even Roll, who has served eight years in the Army and six years in the National Guard, and who has worked in or near demolition sites, junk yards and landfills, was not prepared for what he saw in Pass Christian, which is located on a peninsula that suffered two surges during the hurricane – one from the Gulf and the other from the back bay.

"The first day on the ground, my boss gave me a map and told me to learn my way around town and around the streets," Roll said.

"It was just devastation. In some places, houses were sitting in the streets. There were cars, refrigerators and all manner of trash spread out as far as you could see. There were very few street signs. Some people made street signs by spray painting signs and propping them up. But, you really had to develop your own landmarks to know where you were."

He also had a hard time coping with the smells of the devastation.

"There had been a Super Wal-Mart on the beach," he said. "The entire contents of this Wal-Mart were blown up into neighborhoods. The smell of all that rotting debris was almost unbearable."

At first, Roll was assigned to monitor a subcontractor. In his work, he wrote load tickets, answered contractor questions about safety and the property being worked on, and made sure all laws and regulations were followed.

"We had to have permission from the property owner to go on the property," Roll said. "We had to know what the property owner said we could and couldn't do to the property. We assessed the property, looked for safety hazards and made sure the boundaries were clearly marked. We had to make sure the subcontractor knew exactly what they were to do on the property."

In many instances, Roll also had to determine how much FEMA could do to help a property owner.

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“Owners wanted FEMA to do a lot more than they are allowed to do,” Roll said. “It was tough because the owners had been through a lot of devastation. But, we were also guardians for taxpayer money. Every day, we had to try to find a balance between a property owner’s rights and what the government should do to help them. There were no clear cut answers.”

At the end of the day, inspectors had to file reports on the properties the contractors worked on.

“When we were done with a property, it was cleared off and the trees were cut,” Roll said. “In most cases, what was left was a lot of mud and a home’s foundation.”

It wasn’t long before Roll was promoted to quality assurance supervisor, making him one of 14 supervisors responsible for teams of about five quality assurance inspectors monitoring various contractors cleaning up home sites.

“A lot of Corps of Engineer employees came in to work a month and then leave,” Roll said. “But, I was able to give the situation a bit of continuity because I stayed an extra month.”

During his time there, Roll also developed a standard operating procedure and a document tracking system in the Corps of Engineers office, which is still working out of a former retail shop in Gulfport, Miss.

“We assessed each project and what we needed to do to clean it up,” he said. “We documented what the homeowner wanted us to do and what we could do based on environmental laws. We had to have a system to file and maintain these records.”

The goal for the Corps of Engineers was to have the cleanup completed by the end of May.

“The last time I talked to a supervisor in Pass Christian, he said things were looking pretty good,” Roll said. “When I left, I really felt I was leaving a lot of things undone. It will take years for the city to rebuild what it has lost.”

While he was there, Roll said many state and federal agencies worked together to ensure a safe cleanup operation.

“EPA gave us a lot of training on environmental safety and OSHA monitored what we were doing,” he said. “Everyone worked together during a very dangerous

operation. There was lots of heavy equipment operating everywhere and contractors were paid by the amount of debris they removed, so they were motivated to work fast. We had to balance working fast with working safe.”

Besides federal government employees, many volunteers helped with the cleanup. Their generosity, Roll said, was wonderful.

“People would volunteer and bring in their huge bulldozers to help,” he said. “It was hard on them and their families to volunteer their time in a disaster zone. And, all they asked for in repayment was gasoline to continue their work.”

Roll also worked with several church groups that went door-to-door to help homeowners with cleanup.

“We worked with these volunteers in an unofficial capacity to make sure they sorted debris into landfill and recyclable piles,” Roll said. “FEMA and the Corps of Engineers couldn’t direct volunteers, but we could provide guidance so that we all worked together.”

Wood debris was separated out and made into useable mulch. Metal, plastics and electronics were separated out to be recycled. General household items were crushed and put into landfills. Some specialty items, such as roofing material, were dumped in specially designated landfills.

While he was working in Pass Christian, Roll’s wife, Sandy, kept things running smoothly at their home in northwest Huntsville. During that time, his 3-year-old was diagnosed with autism. Yet, Roll, who recently joined the Army Reserves, E Company, 4th 321st, located in building 3334 on Redstone Arsenal, and whose wife is pregnant with their fifth child, considers himself blessed. His own challenges are small in comparison to what hurricane victims continue to face.

“When I think I’m going through something difficult, I can pull out these pictures and know what I’m going through isn’t that bad,” he said.

“I have one picture of a refrigerator full of food that is lying in the middle of debris. It had been lying there three or four months when I took the picture. Well, I know where my refrigerator is, it’s plugged in and I can eat the food in it. What I may be going through is insignificant to what the people of Pass Christian are facing. There are many lost lives. Everything that people owned is destroyed. They are still trying to negotiate with insurance. And, they are facing another hurricane season.”

# Defense document service spreads word on automation

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — The Document Automation & Production Service, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, has been serving the Department of Defense for more than 55 years. Some simply call DAPS the “DoD’s printer” or the “quick copy guys.” DAPS has evolved to be much more than that basic description implies.

“We certainly provide both of those services, but if you believe that is all we do then you are missing the full story,” DAPS director Steve Sherman said. “DAPS provides a full portfolio of best value document services ranging from traditional offset printing, through on-demand output, to online document services.

“We are the catalyst for document automation in DoD by actively functioning as a transformation agent to move the department toward the use of online documents and services.”

Documents are a common denominator and key enabler to any business, including the Defense Department. DAPS is DoD’s full-service document solutions provider. This perspective is recognized among industry experts as well.

“DAPS is one of the most innovative and dedicated organizations that we work with in the document space,” Charlie Corr, group director for industry analyst InfoTrends said. “They consistently leverage their expertise around documents to the benefit of their varied clients.”

DAPS manages 175 service facilities, primarily located on U.S. military bases worldwide in 10 countries. Besides this robust organic capability, DAPS leverages the capabilities of the industry by outsourcing nearly 70 percent of the DoD’s document requirements through more than 400 commercial service contracts, some of which are through the Government Printing Office.

The multitude of DAPS services include the building of libraries of digital documents allowing for online access, the provision of multifunctional devices (that print from networks, copy, fax, and scan) in customer workspaces, and the conversion of paper documents to standard digital formats.

“We want people to know that online document services are now the largest part of our business,” Sherman said. “They have increased by 114 percent in the past seven years.” (*Document Automation & Production Service release*)

*Editor’s note: The Document Automation & Production Service, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, will have an open house June 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 5688. DAPS personnel will give information on the products, capabilities and services that are provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Teresa Chaney 876-2759 or Kim Box 876-4605.*

# Under secretary of defense makes first Huntsville visit

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A top defense official stresses the importance of getting technology to the field faster.

Ken Krieg, the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, said the key is “how do we rapidly supply urgent needs.” In his first visit to Huntsville, he was keynote speaker for Test Week 2006 last week at the Von Braun Center. He also addressed local news media representatives June 7 at Westar Aerospace & Defense Group Inc.

“The challenge is how do you always get better?” Krieg said. “Our customer, the war fighter, is pretty demanding and they should be.”

He also mentioned that the defense industry must attract a future generation of workers, when they’re in their early teens, to replace the retiring work force.

Test Week drew about 800 attendees,

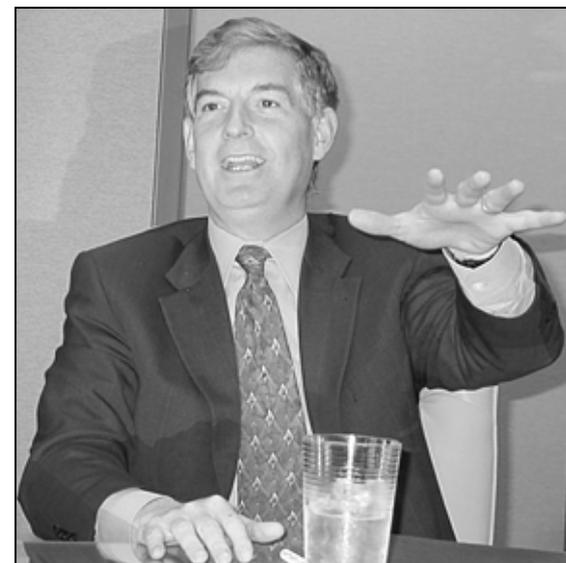


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PRESS CONFERENCE— Ken Krieg, the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, addresses local reporters June 7 at Westar Aerospace & Defense Group Inc.**

including 500 for the technical portion and 300 exhibitors from 77 organizations.

# Army approves new command to improve logistics management

By MICHELLE MCCASKILL  
Army Materiel Command

WASHINGTON — In order to streamline end-to-end logistics in support of the Army’s modular force, the Army has approved the establishment of a new subordinate command under the Army Materiel Command. This change transforms AMC’s Army Field Support Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., to the Army Sustainment Command. The AFSC has already begun its transition to the ASC, with a ceremonial activation set for this fall.

“The Army is transforming and so is the Army Materiel Command,” said Greg Kee, AMC deputy chief of staff, G-5, strategic plans and policy. “The Army has transformed to a brigade centric Army and AMC is realigning its organizational structures to support the Army modular force from the brigade to the national level.”

Transitioning into the ASC expands AFSC’s current mission, which already includes managing the Army’s pre-positioned stocks, the Logistics Civilian Augmentation Program and field support. Kee noted that this transformation adds reset

synchronization, distribution and materiel management functions and integrating logistics support with joint and strategic partners.

To more closely support combatant commands, ASC will add authorizations for several hundred Soldiers, while realigning a number of civilians with the command’s global operations.

“Standing-up the ASC is a step in the right direction to improve logistical support to the war fighter for several reasons,” said Lt. Gen. William Mortensen, AMC deputy commanding general. “ASC enables us to be more responsive and provides a single interface point to the Soldier in the field for acquisition, logistics and technology. Converting AFSC to ASC will link the industrial Army to the expeditionary Army and help provide greater logistical integration and support to deploying forces as well as redeploying and training forces.”

Kee acknowledged change brings challenges, but AMC is prepared to face them head-on. “We are working with operational commanders to ensure that there is no gap in logistics capability to the war fighter as we transform.”

# Huntsville Center implodes building on Fort Myer



Photo by Debra Valine

**TERRACE TUMBLES—** Some 124 pounds of explosives bring down Tencza Terrace at Fort Myer, Va.

## *Project raises the bar for building recycling*

By **DEBRA VALINE**  
*Huntsville Center Public Affairs*

FORT MYER, Va. – At 6:25 a.m. June 4, building 501 stood 12 stories tall against the backdrop of the morning sun. With a series of loud booms at 6:30, the 40-year-old housing complex came crumbling down.

It took engineers from the Army Corps of Engineers and contractor partners 124 pounds of explosives and 15 seconds to bring the building down. All that remains to do is to crush the remaining rubble into small pieces and use it as landfill to raise the elevation of the parking lots on the west side of the site and to become an extension of the Hatfield Gate entrance of Fort Myer.

Fort Myer worked with the Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, the Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, Bhate Associates of Birmingham, and Controlled Demolitions Inc. of Phoenix, Md., on the project.

“This demolition effort is an excellent example of the Fort Myer Military Community’s outstanding partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers,” Garrison commander Col. Thomas Allmon said. “The project is a true environmental success story for our Army and the open

communication with our partners is the key to that success.”

Imploding the building versus traditional demolition saved both time and money and is a much safer operation. The team will divert (reuse or recycle) nearly 90 percent of the building material from the landfill, which exceeds the 2004 Army regulation that requires 50 percent diversion of materials.

“This is big. This is probably the best one we’ve ever been able to do because we’re going to be able to crush the main building,” said Bhate Associates project manager Greg Taylor. Bhate Associates is the firm contracted for the \$1.6 million demolition of the apartment complex.

When Huntsville Center wrote the scope of work for the project, it included the requirement to recycle – or divert – as much of the building as possible. Recycling can save money by cutting down on the cost of transporting materials to a landfill, and paying to dump the materials in the landfill.

“These particular firms – Bhate and CDI – are really committed to recycling,” said Michael Norton, the project manager with the Huntsville Center. “The recycling effort was a success because of these contractors. A lot of demolition projects just bring in backhoes, or a claw, tear it down and dump it in a landfill.”

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## **Center awards \$29M contract for readiness support services**

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, on June 2 awarded a multiple award task order contract worth up to \$29.1 million to four businesses to perform Combat Readiness Support Team Services. The purpose of these contracts is to support planning for military installations, ranges, training areas, facilities, lands, utilities and related issues.

The four businesses are: Avila Government Services in Alexandria, Va.; Colorado Datascape in Colorado Springs, Colo.; John Gallup & Associates in San Diego, Calif.; and RexRoad APG in Colorado Springs. The contracts will replace the Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville’s Planning Services contracts.

The awards are for one base-year with four option years (total of five years). The total programmatic contract value is \$29.1 million.

All four companies are small businesses. The center received five proposals.

Projects may include range development plans, training investment strategies, theater training strategies, Summary Development plans, utilities support studies, Installation Compatibility Use Zone studies, land use studies and Force Modernization/Force Integration studies.

Huntsville Center serves as the Army Corps of Engineers’ Mandatory Center of Expertise for Ranges. (*Huntsville Center release*)

## ■ Apartment building walls come tumbling down

# Implosion

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Bhate Associates began its on-site work the first week of February. "When we got here we wanted to try to salvage everything we could and recycle the material," Taylor said.

Items recycled included dishwashers, stoves and refrigerators that went to Fort Belvoir, Va., in exchange for new housing for E1s through E5s from building 501. The playground equipment outside the building also was sent to Fort Belvoir.

The team offered items to Habitat for Humanity and the Jimmy Carter Foundation. Taylor estimates that 95 percent of the copper wires, 95 percent of the steel piping and 80 percent of the metal studs and screws are being recycled. Even the light posts in the parking lot are being recycled as aluminum.

A whopping 60,000 pounds of sheet rock are being recycled. The sheet rock is ground up and used as a fertilizer. Tom Peck, a project manager with Bhate Associates, said he took the idea from a demolition guide developed for Fort Campbell, Ky.

As many trees as possible are being saved.

"I love trees and I know how hard it is to grow one," said Taylor, who grew up

on the treeless prairie of Kansas City, Mo. Ninety percent of the trees that can't be saved will be recycled into mulch. The rest will be given as firewood to needy families.

Building 501, named for Col. Anthony Tencza, housed enlisted Soldiers and their families from 1966 until 2005.

When the apartment complex became outdated, Gay van Brero, Fort Myer's housing manager, said she would remove the building from the inventory. The installation plans to build new roads, supporting utilities, storm sewers and a possible visitor control center on the revamped site.

Van Brero, who had been working on removing the building since 1997, said all she could think of as the building came down was how many families had lived there over the years.

"If you consider that 120 families that have lived in the building for the past 40 years, and that those families rotated every three years, and multiply that number of families by 13 changes of occupancy in each apartment with the Army average for a Soldier's family of 2.5, that's a lot of families that have lived in Tencza Terrace," van Brero said.

*Editor's note: Matt McFarland, a staff writer with the Pentagram, Fort Myer's command information newspaper, contributed to this article.*

## ■ Non-restaurant meals outside rules

# Food

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office to eat her lunch alone and I looked around at the other seven unoccupied tables.

We normally eat lunch at the bowling center at least once a week but maybe not anymore.

### Richard Rice

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response from Redstone Lanes management. "Redstone Lanes regrets your unpleasant experience.*

*However, the policy of no outside food or beverage is covered by Army Regulation 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, Aug. 15, 2005, para-*

*graph 8e(15).*

*"(The policy reads as follows.) 'Non-FB&E food and beverages. No member, guest, or group is permitted to bring food or beverage into an MWR food and beverage facility for consumption on the premises. Exceptions are:*

*'(a) Box lunches at swimming pools and tennis courts.*

*'(b) Wedding cakes and other specialty food items provided by the host of a private party or reception. Conditions will be specified in the party contract.*

*'(c) Food and nonalcoholic beverages for consumption by employees during scheduled meal periods.'*

*"Redstone Lanes management will ensure that the staff is better informed of the reasons for policies such as this one so we may better serve our customers. We again regret your unpleasant experience."*

## ■ Immigrants can bring positive input

# Racism

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I've lived the racism that comes from the unintended — and sometimes intended — stereotypical attacks found in today's frequently heated debates.

Although recent national protests represented a microscopic fragment of the estimated 12 million illegal aliens, they did serve to fuel the fear and loathing felt by many Americans. Demonizing Mexicans may make people feel better, but it isn't going to solve this country's illegal immigration problem. The great majority of undocumented Mexicans came here searching for a better life, are hard working and thankful to have a job.

Whereas I feel we must absolutely secure our borders, the human side of

this equation complicates a civilized solution. The fact is we have a huge illegal Hispanic population, the preponderance of which — believe it or not — are not sucking leeches on this country's welfare system. I certainly do not advocate opening the door to every immigrant who wants to come here, but scores of Americans could certainly learn from the family values and work ethic practiced by most of these "invaders." As hard as this may be to accept, the problem we face today is of our own making; we have porous borders — vulnerable to terrorists — that need fixing and laws that need enforcing. Personally, I'm more worried about Iran with nukes than I am about Pedro working construction down the street.

**Christopher Chavez**

# City of Madison salutes deploying Soldiers

## Reservists' families get banner tribute

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When Army Reservist Marjorie "Lisa" Mathews deployed for her first tour of duty in the Middle East in 1991, her oldest daughter was 18 months old.

Today, as Staff Sgt. Mathews prepares to leave her family to serve with the 3rd Battalion, 108th Division in Iraq, her eldest daughter is 17 years old.

The age difference will make this deployment easier for her husband, Calvin, to care for their two daughters. So, too, will living in North Alabama.

"We were stationed at Fort Polk (La.) the first time she was deployed," Calvin Mathews said. "It was really rough. We didn't get near as much support from the community as we've gotten here. The only ones that helped us back then were our families."

The Mathews live in New Market, where friends and family have created a support group that will help the family through a year without mom. And, thanks to a Blue Star Service Banner Ceremony held Thursday night at the Madison City Hall, the Mathews and 29 other families of North Alabama Reservists from the 108th know they can rely on the local community and Redstone Arsenal resources, such as Army Community Service, Fox Army Health Center, and Morale Welfare and Recreation, to support them through the one-year deployment.

"We wanted to host this ceremony to show the city's support to these families," said Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall, who is a Vietnam era veteran.

"We wanted to give them moral support and show our appreciation for their service. Usually, there is a military venue for the awarding of Blue Star Service Banners. But, we wanted to show these families that they not only have the Army's support, but also the city of Madison's support. I think it is important for the military to see that the civilian world cares."

The 30 families were recognized during the ceremony, which was spearheaded by Kirkindall with the help of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition. Kirkindall also signed a



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**GOODBYE HUG—** Ten-year-old Kayla Mathews gives her mom, Staff Sgt. Marjorie Mathews, a big hug following the Blue Star Service Banner ceremony at the Madison City Hall. The event was coordinated by Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall to show the community's appreciation for deployed Soldiers and their families. Mathews' 17-year-old daughter, Brandi, was unable to attend the event because she was at church camp.

proclamation during the ceremony that proclaimed June 8, 2006, as Blue Star Service Banner Day in Madison.

"The war touches every neighborhood and every home," he said. "The citizens of Madison support our troops and wish all Soldiers a safe journey back home."

The North Alabama Soldiers will be among 800 Soldiers in the 108th Division (Institutional Training), which includes units in six states, to deploy to Iraq this week. There are a total of 54 Soldiers being deployed with the unit from Alabama.

"These Soldiers are officers and enlisted, school teachers, pilots, college students, moms and dads," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry of the 108th. "All of them will be working together to train the Iraqi National Army, the Iraqi National Guard and the local law enforcement agencies."

The Soldiers recently completed two months of readiness training at Fort Hood, Texas, and

Fort McCoy, Wis. Soldiers of the Advanced Party have already left for Iraq while those of the Main Party will leave this week.

"These Soldiers will be performing numerous duties during the year in Iraq," Perry said.

"Some of these Soldiers will be going to the desolate areas in Northern Iraq to be advisers with the Kurdish soldiers keeping the peace in villages we never heard of. Some of our Soldiers will be assigned to convoy duty guarding trucks of supplies destined for our Soldiers all over Iraq. Many of our Soldiers will be training the Iraqi soldiers how to be soldiers and how to protect the peace long after we have left Iraq."

Mathews will be teaching Iraqis how to run a warehouse as the non-commissioned officer for the Supply Support Activity Team Warehouse.

"I will be teaching them how to track equipment, among other things," she said. "But, the number one challenges will be translating so we can communicate



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SHARING RESOURCES—** Kathleen Riester, the mobilization and deployment manager for Army Community Service, talks to Command Sgt. Maj. Rocky Shapla of the Reserve's 3rd Brigade about the resources available through ACS for the families of deployed Army Reservists as Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Freeman of the Reserve's 3rd Brigade signs the ACS roster. Also with the group is Sara Ballard of ACS.

and being a female teaching Iraqis."

In a letter written by Capt. Rosalind Walker of the 108th, who was on a short vacation with her family, those concerns were reiterated.

"As a female officer, I have a challenge of getting the Iraqis to communicate effectively in order for me to perform my duties," she said in a letter read by Perry.

"The culture in Iraq has not allowed females to interact effectively and efficiently with high ranking male Iraqis. I know this will be a challenge for me, but hopefully the mission that is set before us will get accomplished. I am willing and ready



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SHOWING HIS PATRIOTISM—** Tommy Taylor, son of Kelly Taylor, the best friend of Staff Sgt. Marjorie Mathews, waves a flag during the singing of "God Bless America" that ended the Blue Star Service Banner ceremony.

to accept the challenge so all Soldiers can come home."

But, more than that, Walker's letter spoke of concerns about the environment in which the

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## North Alabama Reservists deployed with 108th Division

Sgt. Leotis Allen  
Capt. Dustin Awtrey  
Capt. Shari Barfield  
Capt. Jeremy Blanford  
Staff Sgt. Darla Bonner  
Maj. Jimmy Bowie  
Lt. Col. Michael Claybourne  
Lt. Col. Joseph Creekmore  
Staff Sgt. Author Deason  
Maj. Carl Hawkins  
Staff Sgt. Danny Hayes  
Capt. Vincent Jackson  
Sgt. 1st Class Charlie Jones  
Staff Sgt. Kendall Keaty  
Maj. Michael Kelley  
Sgt. 1st Class Marcus Lanier  
Staff Sgt. Kent Liner  
Sgt. 1st Class Steffin Massey  
Staff Sgt. Marjorie Mathews  
Staff Sgt. Dalkeith Mullings  
Lt. Col. Ricky Nichols  
Spc. Robert Reeves  
1st Lt. Michael Simpson  
Capt. Jonathan Stewart  
Sgt. Larry Tharps  
Capt. Rosalind Walker  
Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Webb  
Lt. Col. David Weiss  
Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Whited  
Staff Sgt. Anthony Worley

# Festival

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among nearly every racial and ethnic group. Breast cancer, as any other cancer, has no color or gender. Will we find a cure? Let's hope that with research and determination we will find a cure.

My goals for next year are to continue to donate to the breast cancer foundation that will help breast cancer patients and their families, and to set up a free program for under-privileged kids. I want to be able to make a difference. Our festival is small but growing, hoping to get sponsors to help fund our cause.

It is devastating to see a family struggle when a spouse or single parent who has breast cancer loses their job or can't work because of this deadly disease.

The Hawaiian Festival is a way of bringing the entire family together.

There was Hawaiian music, entertainment, Hawaiian best dress attire, a hula hoop contest, international dancing, a limbo contest, refreshments and fruits. Prizes were given away.

Participants included the Huntsville High School Pantherettes Dance Team; Suneerat Blair, who demonstrated a dance from Thailand; Frejomac Fashion owner Freda Mack; JJ McCall of Lite 96.9, who served as master of ceremonies; and Redstone engineer Signey Hernandez, who was disc jockey for the event.

Special thanks go to Lite 96.9, Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc., volunteers from Russell Hill Breast Center; Cynthia Quintela, director of the Pantherettes Dance Team; Tammy Robertson, vice president of Huntsville High Booster Club; Parisian of Madison Square Mall, Parisian of Parkway Place, Belk Department Store of Madison Square Mall, Huntsville Hospital Breast Center, Cici's Pizza on University Drive, Southern Adventures, Target-West, Wal-Mart,



Courtesy photo

**PATRIOTIC PARTICIPANTS—** Members of the Redstone Arsenal Color Guard participate in the sixth annual "A Taste of Hawaiian Festival."

John's Big Brothers Supermarket, Kroger, Tropical Café Smoothies, Channel 31 and the community. The Redstone Arsenal Color Guard presented the colors.

I would like to thank the community for attending and supporting this worthy cause. I wish my sister had funds from a fund-raising event to turn to; it would have made things easier for her and the family.

We are looking for sponsors for next year's event. For the past four years, I have organized the festival by myself. If you would like to be a sponsor for next year, give me a call at 429-8039. This is the first Hawaiian festival in Huntsville.

Our goal for next year is to get other performers from Hawaii, and maybe from other islands, to be our guests. We are dedicated and determined to make a difference. Thanks to the City of Huntsville.

**Rosie Douglas**  
founder/organizer,  
Hawaiian festival

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# Dreams of flight take off at airfield

## Redstone Flying Activity trains student pilots

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The T-shirts hanging on the walls in the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity's classroom are a tribute to the experiences of pilots on their first-ever solo flights.

The personal messages left on the T-shirts are often humorous. "Have you ever seen a duck have a hard landing?" is scrawled on one T-shirt while another T-shirt reads "WARNING: This pilot may be hazardous to your health!"

An ambitious pilot wrote "Ready for F-18s Now!" on his T-shirt while another drew a picture of Snoopy the Dog in his pilot gear flying from the top of his dog house. One pilot's T-shirt simply says "thisisitanditisyes" while another depicts a picture of the Wright Brothers' airplane with the words "First to Fly" inscribed on it.

It's the tradition at MWR's Flying Activity on Redstone Arsenal for instructors to cut the shirt off their student's back after they solo for the first time. And it's also a tradition for the students to personalize those T-shirts as a classroom souvenir.

"It's a great day when someone solos," said Tim Thompson, business manager for the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity.

"The instructors typically don't let their students know when that day is because the students get so nervous. They'll first fly around with their student, land and then give the student the go-ahead for their solo. That's the first great day for a pilot. The second best day is when they actually come back here to fly with their license in their hand."

On any given day of the week, students and their instructors along with experienced pilots can be found at the activity's airfield getting ready to take off or land. For many of them, flying lessons are a big step in a long journey toward realizing their personal dream of flight.

Edwin "Eddie" Barber, who works for the Space and Missile Defense Command, has wanted to learn to fly since he was a boy. His first time up as a student pilot became a reality in late May.

"I've been wanting to do this since I was 8," he said, as his



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PRE-FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS**— Flight instructor Bob Scheppler, right, shows Eddie Barber how to do a pre-flight check of a Cessna 172 before taking off on Barber's first flight as a student. There are 21 flight instructors who provide lessons for students at the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity.

instructor Bob Scheppler walked him out to the Cessna 172 they would be flying that day.

"My dad's a pilot so I've actually been in a plane like this before. I flew with my dad on a cross country trip from Guam to Saipan during the Vietnam War. Learning how to fly is one of those selfish things you put off. My wife is actually making me do this."

But before Barber got in the cockpit as a student pilot, he went through extensive ground school training.

"After they've learned the basics of ground school, we take them on flights to learn things like maneuvers, landing and take off, and radio communication," Scheppler said. "Their introductory flight teaches them how to straighten and level their plane,

and how to do turns and other things about flying the plane. It's a time to energize their enthusiasm for flight."

Scheppler went over the Cessna's operations both inside and out before the two took off. While they were doing that, pilot and flight instructor Dan Malcolm, a retired sergeant first class who now works for Lockheed Martin, was doing his pre-flight check in preparation for flying with his wife, Jean, in a Cessna 182 to Pell City for lunch.

"The restaurant is on the field in Pell City," he said. "It's kind of neat to fly to the airport and eat lunch right there."

His wife waited patiently while her husband checked the plane's fuel lines and other mechanics.

## Going rates for flying

Redstone Flying Activity flying rates include:

- Initiation fee: \$30
- Monthly dues: \$35
- Private aircraft tie down fee: \$35 per month
- Aircraft rental rates: \$60.50 to \$109 depending on type of aircraft; note, this rate is per Hobbs Meter hour and includes Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity fuel
- Classroom instruction rates:
  - Private pilot ground school: \$375 (\$225 supplies and \$150 tuition)
  - Instrument pilot ground school: \$320 (\$160 supplies and \$160 tuition)
  - Flying instruction rate: \$22 per flight hour
- Estimate of total cost for a private pilot's license: \$3,800



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**REPAIRING A CESSNA**— Licensed mechanic Telton Tolbert, who is retired from the Air Force, replaces a starter in a Cessna 152. He and Derek Romaine keep the flying activity's aircraft in top condition.

"We fix 'em and fly 'em," said Tolbert, a retired Air Force sergeant as he replaced a starter in a Cessna 152. Recently, a Cessna 172 first built in 1979 was upgraded to a new avionics package that increased its horsepower from 160 to 180.

The activity's 21 instructors are also of top caliber, as are its 311 members. RAFA is an authorized FAA Computer Test Station.

"Our mission here at the flying activity is to rent quality aircraft to our members, to provide

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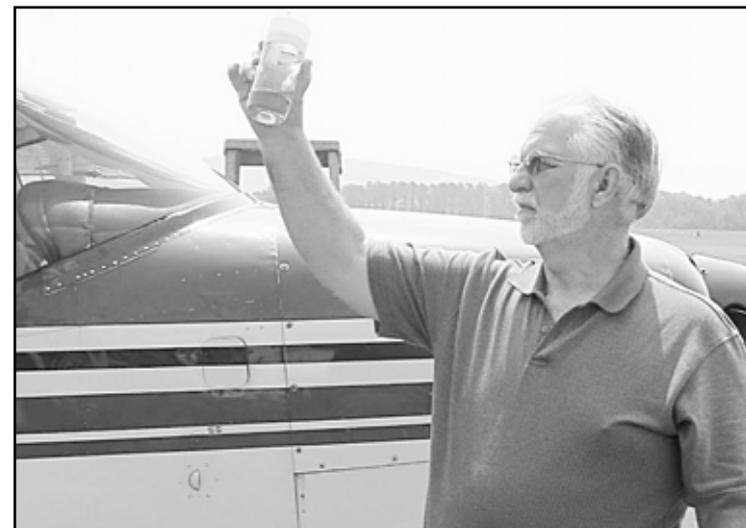


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**GETTING READY FOR LUNCH**— Retired Sgt. Dan Malcolm checks the gasoline in the Cessna 182 that he is getting ready to fly his wife, Jean, to Pell City for lunch. Many retirees as well as DoD civilian employees, contractors and active duty Soldiers and their families enjoy using the flying facilities offered through Morale Welfare and Recreation.

# Young Marines get head start on discipline



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

**MILESTONE RANK—** Marine Master Sgt. Richard Nyman, left, and Chuck Gentry, promote Young Marine 1st Sgt. Houston Gentry to master gunnery sergeant June 5. The promotion made Gentry the highest ranking Young Marine in the state of Alabama.

## Former drill instructor gives youngsters direction

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You could see the sweat drip down the drill instructor's face as he shouted louder and louder with every error the recruits made. There was fear and determination in the eyes of the recruits, some as young as 8 years old.

It sounds like a scene straight out of boot camp, but it's an after school program that focuses on the character building of students. The drill instructor, Marine Master Sgt. Richard Nyman, who is preparing to leave Redstone in two weeks, has

volunteered his off time to the Young Marines of North Alabama. As his departure date nears, Nyman said he hopes the students take only good things from the program.

"I want them to realize that they can accomplish anything that they put their minds to," said Nyman, chief instructor, Marine Corps Detachment, Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, 59th Ordnance Brigade. "If they take only one thing from this program I want that to be it."

The Young Marines program is a non-profit organization that meets once a week and focuses on character building through a combination of self-discipline, teamwork and leadership promoting a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

"I like the program and what it offers. If you challenge a kid to do something that they didn't think they could do and they succeed, it changes them. They leave here thinking they can do anything," Nyman said.

Nyman got involved with the Young Marines program when he arrived at Redstone in 2004; he thought so highly of the program that he encouraged his son to join.

Marine 1st Sgt. Orlanda Grimsley, first sergeant for Marine Corps Detachment, said Nyman's participation with the Young Marines is very unselfish.

"He's an active duty Marine, a chief instructor, a husband, a father, and he's still able to find time to

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## Activity offers flight training, provides aircraft

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them a place to keep their aircraft and to offer quality instruction for people who want to be private pilots, or who want to go on to get their instrument training and their commercial pilot's license, or who want to be certified as a flight instructor," Thompson said.

Flying students come in all ages. Some are retired and want to try something they've always dreamed about. Others are mid-life professionals who have found time to commit to learning to fly. Still others are school-age students who hope to make flying a career.

"Many young kids come through here," Thompson said. "They solo at 16, get their license and go straight into the Air Force to be a fighter pilot or a cargo pilot. We have one young pilot who went on to work as a pilot for a major airline."

But many of the activity's students want to earn their private pilot's license simply for the pleasure of flying.

"For most, they just want to go places," Thompson said. "It's fun to get in an airplane and fly to the Florida coast for dinner. It's fun to get up in the air and away from work, and go visit family and friends. Some pilots even fly to their destinations when they are on TDY."

The activity offers a private pilot ground school every three months. Instrument training is offered once or twice a year.

"There's not as big a demand for instrument training," Thompson said. "People are happy once they get their private pilot's license and they want to enjoy that."

"With a private pilot's license you learn primarily how to fly by visualization of the ground. But, with instrument training you can fly through all kinds of weather and even through clouds. Instrument flying is more stringent because you fly by gauges."

Many of the activity's members are recruited in the fall and spring during the Flying Activity Open House. Last Octo-

ber, 29 new members joined so they could learn to be pilots and fly the activity's airplanes. This past May, 15 new members joined the activity.

"What we offer here is very unique," Thompson said. "There are only three Army MWRs that offer a flying activity. Besides us, there is a flying activity at Leavenworth (Kan.) and Lewis (Wash.). We are probably the biggest of those three MWR flying activities and we are the biggest flying group in North Alabama. We are also the best maintained and the best equipped because we are always upgrading."



The flying activity is located off Research Park Boulevard just south of Gate 9. Once inside Gate 9, visitors should take a right onto Hale Road and follow it to the activity. RAFA has an office building, where classes are taught, members meet and pilots file their flight plans.

Morale Welfare and Recreation employees Mildred Lancaster and Thompson run the activity's office and are often on hand to assist pilots as they prepare for a flight. Nearby, the activity's two hangars are filled with aircraft in various stages of repair or maintenance. Just outside the activity's office windows is the airstrip that is used by its pilots and maintained by the Army.

RAFA hasn't always been on post. It was established in the late 1950s to provide safe, low-cost light aircraft recreational flying opportunities. It moved to the Huntsville airport and other locations for several years before returning to post in the 1970s. It moved around on post to various locations and eventually became part of MWR. In about 1996, the flying activity opened its facilities at the Redstone Airfield.

"In 2008, we will be celebrating 50 years as a flying activity," Thompson said. "Every open house we have, we put up banners at all the gates. It's amazing how many people on the Arsenal still don't know we are here."

During the ongoing MWR promotion, RAFA is one of many services listed on banners located throughout Redstone Arsenal as an MWR service open to anyone who has access to the Arsenal, including all active duty, National Guard and Reserve; Redstone/NASA civilians and contractor employees; military, civilian and contractor retirees; and their families. As the flying activity grows in members, so, too, does its ability to purchase more aircraft.

"We are always trying to acquire more aircraft to take care of membership needs," Thompson said.

"I'm always asking for something to

improve on what we have. We would really like to have a set of hangars to accommodate private individual's aircraft. Right now, we have very few hangar spaces to rent out. If we had more, they would all be full."

Thompson first started working at the flying activity in 1997. He has been the business manager for about a year. He recently started attending the private pilot ground school so that he can get his license to fly.

RAFA is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on the flying activity, call 881-3980 or 880-9495.

## City shows support for Reservists, families

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Soldiers will be trying to successfully complete their mission.

"We are heading into a place that, first of all, does want to become a democratic society, but the neighboring countries don't," Perry read from her letter.

"Our Soldiers will be in constant harm's way facing multiple Improvised Explosive Devices each day. The approximate totals of IEDs going off are now up to 200 or more a week. The training here at Fort McCoy has mentally and physically prepared us for the attacks. But, the reality has not set in until you have the firsthand experience of one of these devices exploding."

The Blue Star Service Banners presented to the Reservists' families were supplied by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, which also gave each family a \$200 phone card.

The banners, to be hung in the Soldier's family's window, allow families to proudly display their sacrifice to their neighbors and community, said retired Air Force Col. Sam Liburdi, executive vice president of the coalition.

First displayed during World War I, "hundreds of thousands of families during World War II proudly displayed the banner," Liburdi said.

"During the Korean War and the Viet-

nam War, that tradition unfortunately waned. But, I'm proud to say that has changed ... In this room, I see the real heroes who bless our nation with service and sacrifice" to protect our freedoms.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins of Fox Army Health Center, a nurse who served a year in Iraq, saluted the Reservists who attended the ceremony.

"My hats are off to citizen Soldiers," he said. "These people stop their lives to help other people start their lives."

Amanda Stewart of Rogersville, wife of Capt. Jonathan Stewart, will keep her mind off her husband's absence by filling her time with a full-time job, and caring for their 3-year-old and 6-week-old daughters. Rothe Simpson, wife of Capt. Michael Simpson; Pearl Jackson Green, mother of Capt. Vincent Keith Jackson; and Gwen and Jasmine Phillips, relatives of Sgt. Larry Tharps, all hope the year of service goes by quickly both for themselves and their Soldier.

In the Mathews household, the girls will have a busy schedule with school, sports, church and social activities. Kayla will be busy at softball and church camps this summer. She will also celebrate her 11th birthday this summer and start sixth-grade in August. Her best friend Katie Taylor and her cousin Tiffani Campbell both promised to keep Kayla busy during the year her mom is away.

"The hardest part is going," Mathews said. "Once you leave, it's still sad and it's still upsetting. But, the waiting is over."

# Blind worker sets sights on excellence

*Employee of the year didn't expect honor*

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One of the country's largest employers of the vision impaired, Alabama Industries for the Blind, says that they strive to provide safe and dignified training and employment to give meaning and substance to the lives of the vision impaired. Jeffrey Mayo has been a valued member of AIB's work force since he came to the Base Supply Store. This year he has been recognized as their employee of the year.

"You choose someone that is exceptional at doing their job and customer service," Dee Malone, assistant manager of the Base Supply Store, said. "It's everything as a whole. Jeff fits that bill. He's a great worker."

Redstone Arsenal feels like home to Mayo. It should — after all, he was born



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**READY TO SERVE—** Jeffrey Mayo keeps his area stocked and ready at the Base Supply Store.

here in the installation hospital in 1962. His father was a military man, which saw Mayo living all over the world until his family returned here upon his father's retirement.

Mayo was declared legally blind in

1993 due to complications from the diabetes he had from childhood. He has lost sight completely in his left eye and only has partial vision in his right. The disease further ravaged his body, leaving him on kidney dialysis in 1995. The outlook on his health was grim.

"The doctors said I was blind. I was on dialysis. They were about ready to write me off," Mayo said.

A kidney transplant saved his life in July 1997. He began work at the Alabama Industries for the Blind Base Supply Store in 1999. He has been there as a store clerk ever since. He gets a lot of satisfaction from what he does.

"I stock shelves," he said. "I help customers find what they need."

Mayo's health keeps getting better. A pancreas transplant in July 2005 changed his life, he said. Mayo no longer has diabetes. Not having to worry about insulin injections and meals has made a big impact on his daily living.

"I can eat stuff I could never eat before," he said. "It's a whole different life. Before I could eat (previously), I would have to take my blood sugar and maybe take another shot. Now I can skip meals or eat a bigger one if I want. I don't have to stick to such a strict schedule."

The improvements from his latest sur-

gery also give him hope for what changes may come.

"They said my vision would never get better, that it could only get worse," Mayo said. "But it seems like its getting better all the time."

Being the blind employee of the year has made an impact on his immediate future, namely his travel plans. As part of his award, Mayo will receive one week's paid vacation. He's thinking he might use the time off to visit his brother, who has moved to Hawaii.

"Hawaii is a great place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there," he said.

In addition to recreational time, Mayo will also do a little traveling on behalf of the award. He will attend a banquet in Talladega in August to accept his award. He will also be going on to the national ceremony in Scottsdale, Ariz., for a presentation at the end of September.

The road to recognition may not stop there. Mayo is also the AIB 2006 nominee for the Milton J. Samuelson Career Achievement Award.

"I just found out about that," he said.

Having the spotlight turned on him has been a surprise for Mayo.

"Our assistant manager told me I was getting this," he said. "I was surprised. I've just been doing my job."

## Help available for military spouses seeking jobs

*Army Community Service has employment resources*

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Frequent moves and limited advancements can make it diffi-

cult for military spouses to continue their career aspirations.

Spouses may often find themselves in locations where it is difficult to find employment in their field of interest. If you find it difficult to obtain employment, don't give up. Continue to search and explore your options.

Periods of unemployment can be an open opportunity

for growth and development. Research the jobs to find out what skills and abilities are required. Consider developing or enhancing those skills so that when the opportunities are presented you will be ready to compete.

There are several options to keep your skills up-to-date, such as temporary employment, accepting a lower level job in your field or volunteer work. Keep in mind that it's easier to get a job when you're on the inside of an organization than when you are outside. Employers like to hire people that they know.

Many employers will not consider hiring military spouses because they still view them as too transient or under skilled. This is a fact of life for many spouses regardless of their experience or level of education. This assumption is slowly starting to change. Some companies are now actively seeking to hire military spouses. They contact Army Community Service to post their job vacancies and this information is given to spouses that are registered with the Employment Readiness Program.

Karen Lashley is the wife of Capt. Paul Lashley, who is stationed in Korea. She is a summa cum laude graduate from the University of North Alabama. She visited the ACS Employment Readiness Program and took advantage of the free com-



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**ONLINE FOR WORK—** Karen Lashley, wife of Capt. Paul Lashley, visited the ACS Employment Readiness Program and took advantage of the free computer classes to enhance her computer skills.



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**RIGHT PATH—** Deranda Scott, wife of Sgt. Torreon Scott, used the ACS Employment Resource Center to conduct her career search and was selected for an intern position with the IRS.

puter classes to enhance her computer skills. She was hired by SEI Group Inc., an engineering firm seeking to hire a military spouse.

Deranda Scott is the wife of Sgt. Torreon Scott of MEDDAC. She received a bachelor's in accounting from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2003. She used the ACS Employment Resource Center to conduct her career search in her field of study and was selected for an

intern position with the IRS.

Army Community Service offers information and referral services to assist military spouses with their job search. The Employment Resource Center is equipped with computers with Internet access, self-paced computer training, and local employer information. Workshops are offered to assist with resume writing and interviewing techniques. For more information, call 876-5397.

# Military retirees invited to survivor benefit plan

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By April 1, 2008, the two tier Survivor Benefit Plan annuity will be eliminated creating a single tier 55 percent benefit. Because of this significant improvement in the SBP benefit, retirees who previously elected not to enroll fully in SBP have an opportunity to enroll during the SBP and RCSBP open enrollment period. The open enrollment period ends Sept. 30.

All eligible retirees should consider whether enrolling in the SBP is the right choice. Those eligible are: Retirees currently receiving retired pay who previously declined coverage for an eligible beneficiary category or if participating in SBP selected a reduced base amount; Reserve retirees, commonly referred to as "gray area retirees" who will be entitled to retired pay at age 60, who previously declined to participate in RCSBP (Option A), elected deferred coverage (Option B), or immediate coverage (Option C) at less than maximum coverage.

Ineligible are retirees who terminated SBP coverage between the 25th and 36th months following receipt of retired pay or

during the May 17, 1998 to May 16, 1999 open season for SBP termination.

A retiree must live two years from the effective date of the open enrollment SBP or RCSBP election for an annuity to be paid to survivors. For retirees who die within two years of the effective date of the open enrollment election, the open enrollment premiums will be refunded in a lump sum to the named beneficiary. Retirees making an election during the open enrollment period must complete and submit a Survivor Benefit Plan and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan Open Enrollment Election (DD Form 2656-9). Additionally, open enrollment SBP elections are generally voluntary and may not be court-ordered or deemed, and do not require spouse concurrence. Finally, the effective date is the first day of the first month following the date a valid election is logged into the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland or Human Resources Command-St. Louis systems.

DFAS-Cleveland will notify the retiree in writing of the open enrollment SBP cost and effective date of the election. HRC-St. Louis will notify the Reserve retiree in writing that the open enrollment RCSBP

election was received. Retirees may cancel SBP open enrollment elections in writing after receipt of the DFAS-Cleveland or HRC-St. Louis letter of notification. DFAS-Cleveland or HRC-St. Louis must receive the cancellation request within 30 days of the date of their notification letter.

Open enrollment elections require payment of two separate premiums, the Prospective Monthly Premium and the Open Enrollment Lump Sum Buy-in Premium. The PMP includes the monthly premium for the open enrollment period election and any previous coverage if increasing or adding to existing SBP coverage. For Spouse or Former Spouse open enrollment elections, the 6.5 percent of base amount cost method will be used. The OEBIP is a one-time payment required by law and is not part of the monthly SBP premium. The OEBIP may be paid as follows: a lump sum payment submitted with the DD Form 2656-9; deducted from retired pay over 24 months; or as a combination of a lump sum payment and deductions from retired pay over 24 months. If OEBIP is deducted from retired pay over 24 months, the deduction cannot exceed the retiree's net retired pay. There is no OEBIP for

RCSBP open enrollment elections.

Another question that faces retirees who elect SBP is what happens if my spouse predeceases me? Retirees do not have to pay SBP premiums for any month that they do not have an eligible spouse beneficiary. Once DFAS is notified of a spouse's death, the SBP costs are stopped on the first day of the month following the death of the spouse. Although SBP costs are stopped, SBP coverage is suspended not terminated. If a retiree who has suspended SBP coverage remarries, the retiree can elect to resume, increase or terminate coverage. However, the decision to terminate SBP coverage is irrevocable.

Any retiree interested in SBP open enrollment should visit the following web sites: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Retired and Annuitant Pay: Home at <http://www.dod.mil/dfas/retired-pay.html> and Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-1, SBP Open Enrollment Period Oct. 1, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006 at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/sbpopenrollment.asp>.

*Editor's note: This article included information from the aforementioned web sites.*

## ■ Serious training to make good kids better

### Discipline

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dedicate to the Young Marines program – (no military service) can instill that kind of attitude in anyone," Grimsley said.

A former Parris Island, S.C., drill instructor, Nyman takes his job of teaching the students discipline very seriously. "This is very serious training," Nyman said. "The only difference between this boot camp and real Marine boot camp is the slower pace. But what we make (the recruits) say and do is the same."

The Young Marines boot camp is 14 weeks long. The first part of every meeting is the boot camp portion for the new recruits, but afterward Nyman takes them into the classroom, takes his hat off and talks with them about the dangers of drugs, the importance of integrity, selfless service, personal courage and other val-

ues.

Nyman is quick to clarify that the Young Marines is not a reform program. The students who participate in the program want to be part of it.

"We don't take problem kids, and make them good kids," Nyman said. "We take good kids and make them better. We teach them to act the same way here, at home and at school. They have to apply what they learn here to every aspect of their lives."

Houston Gentry, 16, has been with the program for five years and was promoted to master gunnery sergeant, by Nyman June 5, making Gentry the highest ranking Young Marine in the state of Alabama. He said Nyman's hard work and dedication to the program will be greatly missed by the Young Marines who have met him.

"When I first met (Nyman) I had always heard how real drill instructors were hard," Gentry said. "He was the exact definition of a drill instructor. He

was very intimidating until you got to know him better. What I'm going to miss the most about him is seeing the pouting faces of the recruits when he walks into the room."

Nyman, a California native, will be leaving Redstone for an assignment at

Camp Pendleton, Calif. It will be the first time he is stationed at his home state in 18 and a half years.

*Editor's note: For more information on the Young Marines program or to get involved, visit [www.orgsites.com/al/ymarines/](http://www.orgsites.com/al/ymarines/).*



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

**ALL TOGETHER NOW—** Marine Master Sgt. Richard Nyman, right, a chief instructor, Marine Corps Detachment, Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, 59th Ordnance Brigade, tells his Young Marines of North Alabama recruits to keep their backs straight as they attempt to master a correct push-up. A former drill instructor, Nyman volunteers with the after school program and trains the young recruits during their 14-week boot camp.

# Bravo, Marines move to front

Unit-level softball  
conference leaders

Bravo Company and the Marines look like the teams to beat this year.

Each led its respective conference in unit-level softball entering this week with Bravo atop the Eastern Conference and the Marines over the Western. The PEO and 326th Chemical teams were dropped from the league after their third forfeits of the season.

Games are scheduled through Thursday; and the postseason tournament begins June 19.

Last week's results included:

**June 5** – HHC 59th def. 326th Chemical 20-2, Marines won by forfeit over PEO and Bravo def. MEDDAC 13-12.

**June 6** – MEDDAC def. NCO Academy 11-8, 326th Chemical won by forfeit over PEO (dropped from league because of three forfeits) and Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 18-16.

**June 7** – Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over 326th Chemical and Bravo def. Marines 10-2.

**June 8** – NCO Academy def. HHC 59th 13-8, Marines def. MEDDAC 13-3 and Bravo won by forfeit over 326th Chemical (dropped from league because of three forfeits).

League standings entering this week were: **Eastern Conference** – Bravo (10-1), HHC 59th (5-5) and MEDDAC (4-8). **Western Conference** – Marines (9-2), Headquarters & Alpha (6-3) and NCO Academy (1-8).



Photos by Skip Vaughn

## Raise up

HHC 59th shortstop Bryant Burdell triples and scores on an error in the top of the second inning in a 20-2 win over 326th Chemical Company on June 5.

# Clutch putts put Aiken on map with golf title

Post champion  
captures playoff

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The post golf championship for active-duty individuals proved to be similar to the unit competition. It came down to a playoff to decide the winner.

Terry Aiken and 2004 champ Mark Verren were tied at 163 after two days of golf June 3-4 at The Links at Redstone. Aiken had shot 88-75-163 while Verren did 81-82-163.

So, the title was at stake in a sudden-death playoff on the Meadowview course. They both got par on the par-4 first hole and went on to the par-3 second.

Aiken hit first since he had about a 9-foot putt for par while Verren had a 6-footer.

"I knew it was a must-make putt because I figured he was going to make his," Aiken said later. This is akin to approaching the free throw line for two shots and your team trailing by one point with no time left.

"I took so much time standing over the putt, he probably thought I fell asleep," Aiken recalled. "It was a good putt. I mean I read it well, and it just went right in the hole. And then I had to just stand by



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SUDDEN CHAMP— Terry Aiken, a South Carolina native, is the 2006 post golf champion after winning a playoff against 2004 champ Mark Verren.**

and wait for him to putt. I felt sure he'd make his putt too and then we'd end up going to the third playoff hole. And he hit a good putt, and it looked like it was going to the hole. And when it got to the hole, it just died off to the right and barely missed."

Verren shook Aiken's hand and congratulated him as the 2006 post champion.

What were Aiken's thoughts at the time? "I can't believe I won," he recalled. "It took a couple of minutes for it to sink in."

The procurement officer at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center made a comeback march to the title. After shooting a 16-over-par 88 on Saturday's first day, he figured his chances were gone. So, he played more relaxed that Sunday and rebounded with an impressive 75.

"I won the longest drive contest on Saturday and the closest-to-the-pin contest on Saturday, and that's the only two good shots I hit all day," he said, laughing. "Saturday might've been tournament jitters because I felt I had to hit almost every shot. I stayed pretty relaxed on Sunday and the score showed."

He didn't realize he was tied for the lead Sunday until the 15th hole. He got par on 16 while Verren double bogeyed, giving Aiken a two-shot lead. Then Aiken double bogeyed 17 while Verren got par, tying the tournament again. On the 18th hole, Verren sank a 10-foot putt for birdie. Aiken had a 10-footer left for his birdie. "Somehow it found the bottom of the cup," he said about forcing the playoff.

Sean Newsom shot 88-78-166 for third place. Mike Rutkowski was fourth with 84-84-168 followed by Corey McNeil at 86-85-171 for fifth. Seventeen golfers started the Felix Milar post championship and 15 finished. Aiken got the closest-to-the-pin on the sixth hole on Hillside, and the longest drive on the eighth hole on Whispering Pines. Besides bragging rights his weekend earnings included a

trophy, a \$75 gift certificate at the pro shop and two \$25 gift certificates for closest-to-the-pin and longest drive.

Aiken, 42, originally from Easley, S.C., arrived in July 2005 from Fort Benning, Ga., where he had served as a project officer in the concepts, analyses and integration directorate for the Army Infantry Center, combat developments. That job for two years kept him busy and required a lot of traveling, which didn't leave time for competitive golf.

"When I got here, I had more free time so I've been practicing," he said. He plays about two or three times each month, mostly at either the Redstone course or the Robert Trent Jones course at Hampton Cove.

Aiken, a major with 19 years service, plans to defend his title next year. He and his wife, Carol, and their son, Daniel, 12, reside in Harvest. Aiken plans to stay in this area when he retires.

Golf is his hobby of choice. He's been playing for a little over 20 years and has about an 8 handicap.

"Best game ever invented," he said. "You get to be outdoors, nice walk, enjoy nature and it's you against yourself basically, because you're not competing against everybody else – you're competing against 'ol man par."

"It's a hobby right now because of time constraints. But I would love to make a second career out of it some day, after my military career."



### 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.

### Fall soccer signup

AYSO Soccer at John Hunt Park is taking registrations for the fall 2006/spring 2007 season for ages 4-18 boys and girls. Cost is \$70 per player and includes the uniform. Fall season practice begins Aug. 7 and the fall season will end Oct. 29. Registration can be made online at [www.ayso160.org](http://www.ayso160.org) or call 650-0739 to have forms sent to you. Forms are also available at John Hunt Park at the Information board at the corner of Airport Road and JC Way. (Registration fee covers both the fall and spring seasons.) For more information, call 539-6852.

### Hiking trails

Burritt on the Mountain, "A Living Museum," has a series of mountain nature trails that connect the Huntsville Land Trust and the State Park, affording miles of hiking. But the most important trail may be the handicapped accessible trail that is paved for easy access. If visitors are using a wheelchair, stroller, or just need a smooth surface for walking, this paved trail has been used as a model across the nation. During the week of July 10, Armed Forces Week, Burritt is free to all military with identification. The rest of the year, Burritt offers military discounts. The Burritt Mansion and Historic Park are also handicapped accessible. For more information, call 536-2882.

### Mud bog competition

On June 24, the Rocket City Rock Crawlers in association with the Huntsville Speedway will host a mud bog competition for 4x4 vehicles (no ATVs). The price of admission is \$10 for adults; kids 12 and under are admitted free as well as active duty military with ID card. Gates open at 9 a.m. and the fun starts at

noon. For more information, logon to [www.rocketcityrockcrawlers.com](http://www.rocketcityrockcrawlers.com) or call 883-1131.

### Mud volleyball

The 18th annual CASA Mud Volleyball Tournament is July 15 at 9 a.m. at Swan Creek Park in Athens (on Highway 31, south of Athens High School). Proceeds will benefit Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound of Limestone County. Fee is \$15 per player. Team entry deadline is June 30 at 3 p.m. No admission charge for spectators. For more information, call coordinator Heather Meredith 232-5751.

### Kids' fishing derby

Child and Youth Services is hosting an All American Fishing Derby for children ages 6-15 on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. This event is free. There will be awards for casting, biggest fish, smallest fish and most fish caught. Children need to provide all of their own fishing equipment. A parent or guardian is required to attend. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 313-3699.

### Vipers football

Tennessee Valley Vipers will entertain South Georgia Wildcats on "Military Appreciation Night," July 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Tickets for this arenafootball2 game are available at the box office for \$5 off for seating levels with valid military ID. For ticket and game information, go to [www.vipers.tv](http://www.vipers.tv).

## Conferences & Meetings

### Helicopter technology

The Southeast Region and the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Helicopter Society and the Colonial Virginia Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America will sponsor a national conference on Helicopter Military Operations Technology, Oct. 24-26 at Fort Eustis, Va. "Global Operations: Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Military Aviation/Industry Team" is the theme. For information call Jerry Irvine, public affairs officer for the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, (757) 878-3272.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at 11 a.m. at Baxter's Steakhouse on I-65 in Cullman. Membership is open to all Airborne and Glider qualified individuals. For more information, call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

### Engineer society

The June meeting of the Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Huntsville Center Army Corps of Engineers, 4848 University Square. The program is recognition of Science Fair winners and the Post candidate for engineering camp. Cost of the box lunch is \$10. For information call Amber Dickens Martin 895-1834 or Brandon Price 895-1352.

### Project management institute

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting June 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Beville Center on the UAH campus, 550 Sparkman Drive. Fran King and David Beddingfield are to talk about how to "Master Your Life - Build Your Network!" The cost is \$20. RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday at [www.northalabamapmi.org](http://www.northalabamapmi.org). For more information about the organization, send an e-mail to [info@northalabamapmi.org](mailto:info@northalabamapmi.org).

### Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast June 24 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 Air Force Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

### Space systems speaker

Dr. Dale Thomas, director of the Systems Management Office at Marshall Space Flight Center, is to speak on "Exploration Launch Vehicle Status" at the next meeting of the Huntsville Regional Chapter of INCOSE at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the SAIC Millennium Room, 4901 Corporate Drive, Building B. If planning to attend, call Rick Leonard 876-4714 today.



## 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](http://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.gsauctions.gov](http://www.gsauctions.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 is accepting summer clothing/items. 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,



Courtesy photo

## New laptops

**AMCOM logistics assistance representatives worldwide are to receive new laptop computers within the next six weeks, according to the Integrated Materiel Management Center. "These laptops will enable AMCOM to better serve Army units around the globe, including Iraq and Afghanistan, in the continuing fight against terrorism," a prepared release said. Dallas Crowell, in foreground, and Lt. Col. Gregg Bayuga unload the boxes of laptops at building 3777.**

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.

## 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 transition, call Russell Manuel 842-2532.

## 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

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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.

## 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.

## Car show benefit

The Tennessee Valley Mopar Club will have a free Mopar show and drag event Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Huntsville Dragway. Donations are requested for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For information visit www.tvmoparclub.com.

## AER awards

The Army Emergency Relief awards ceremony is Thursday at 1 p.m. in Heiser Hall. The annual fund-raising campaign has surpassed its \$150,000 goal.

## Acquisition support center

The Acquisition Support Center-Southern Region Customer Support Office has moved from 106 Wynn Drive to building 5206 on Redstone Arsenal. Building 5206 is located off Linder Road behind building 5201. The easiest way to find the office is to use the parking lot on the north side of McMorrow Labs. As you enter the parking lot, turn left in one of the first three rows and the building is at the bottom of the hill. As the location has changed, so have many of the phone numbers. Here are the new numbers: regional director Shirley Hornaday 955-2764; acquisition career managers Bonnie Stewart 313-5039, Laverne Kidd 313-5038, Lorie Johnson 313-5035, Alexis Holden 313-5036 and Roger Yocom 313-5040; administrative assistants Branigan Carter 876-8067 and Paige Gooch 313-5031; and fax 955-2758.

## Father's Day buffet

The Officers and Civilians Club will hold a Father's Day Buffet on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children ages 4-11; and kids 3 and under eat free. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 830-2582.

## 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

noon in the front lobby of the center. If you cannot attend the fair, call Jermie Howell 721-7109 for more information and details of the opportunities available.

## Jazz benefit

The Watters Brothers Group, featuring trombonist Harry Watters and trumpeter Ken Watters, will give two concerts at UAH Roberts Recital Hall on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. and June 25 at 3 p.m. with proceeds to benefit the Harry H. Watters Memorial Scholarship Fund for Excellence in Jazz. In addition to Harry and Ken, the Watters Brothers Group will include pianist Kevin Bales, bassist Neal Starkey and drummer Justin Varnes. Both concerts will be held at UAH Roberts Recital Hall, which has recently been renovated to include a handrail, among other improvements. Advanced tickets are available at Shaver's Bookstore, AB Stephens Music, Robbin's Music, and the UAH Department of Music. Admission is \$15 for adults and

\$12 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call the UAH Department of Music 824-6436.

## Service open house

The Document Automation & Production Service, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, will have an open house June 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 5688. DAPS personnel will give information on the products, capabilities and services that are provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Teresa Chaney 876-2759 or Kim Box 876-4605.

## Post Exchange news

The PX would like to thank its customers for being their first choice. In order to do that, it wants to help you buy a summer wardrobe for your vacation this year. Every Monday in June, the PX will give away a \$500 gift card to one of its valued customers. "This is just another way of saying thank you for shopping your

AAFES Redstone PX," a prepared release said. Would you like to get the inside scoop on all the specials, sales new products and events at the PX? Join the PX Buddy List. Simply fill out the form available at any cash register or at customer service, and turn it in at the manager's office. All the PX needs is your e-mail address, and you will be added to the list. For more details call Kim Sumpter, sales and merchandise manager, 883-6100 or e-mail sumpterkim@aafes.com.

## Celebrate America

Calvary Assembly of God will hold its annual "Celebrate America" outdoor event June 25 from 5:30-9 p.m. at 1413 Glenn St. southwest in Decatur (on the Beltline). There will be entertainment, games, food and a grand finale fireworks show. "In support and appreciation of our Soldiers and family members, an arm band will be given to enjoy all games - free of charge," a prepared release said. For more information, call 355-7440.

## 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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SCBK06330159	Business Mgmt Ofcr	14-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06330159D	Business Mgmt Ofcr	14-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06231280	Management Assistant	14-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0344	6	7	31,834 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06231280	Civil Engr	14-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	11	12	52,355 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06231280D	Civil Engr	14-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	11	12	52,355 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06300478	Contract Spec	14-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1102	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06330156	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCNAFBK0679	Veterinary Medical Ofcr	14-Jun-06	Dir of Morale, Welfare, & Rec Veterinary Treatment Facility	NF-0701	4	4	32,500 - 90,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06355312	Supervisory Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Jun-06	IMMC	NH-0346	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06346890	Operations Spec	16-Jun-06	AMRDEC	DE-0301	4	4	74,621 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06348514	Program Analyst	16-Jun-06	AMC- G3 Oper	GS-0343	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06247690	Supervisory General Engr	17-Jun-06	USADTC- Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06247690D	Supervisory General Engr	17-Jun-06	USADTC- Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06325670	Operations Research Analyst	20-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-1515	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06325670D	Operations Research Analyst	20-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-1515	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06331351	General Engineer	20-Jun-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06331351D	General Engineer	20-Jun-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06338519	Electronics Integrated Sys Mech	20-Jun-06	Garrison	WG-2610	13	13	21,03 - 24,51	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06338519D	Electronics Integrated Sys Mech	20-Jun-06	Garrison	WG-2610	13	13	21,03 - 24,51	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06352082	Program Analyst	21-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06275484	Civil Engr	22-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06348507	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Jun-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06348288	Budget Analyst	22-Jun-06	PEO C3T	GS-0560	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Landscape Architect, Architect, Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Mechanical Engr, Electrical Engr, Chemical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0808, 0810, 0819, 830, 0850, 0893	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06266183	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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SCBK06330159D	Business Mgmt Ofcr	14-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06231280D	Civil Engr	14-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	11	12	52,355 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06247690D	Supervisory General Engr	17-Jun-06	USADTC- Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06331351D	General Engineer	20-Jun-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06325670D	Operations Research Analyst	20-Jun-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-1515	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Mechanical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0830	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Landscape Architect	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0807	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Environmental Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0819	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Electrical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0850	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Civil Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Chemical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0893	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Architect	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0808	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)</b>																											
<b>A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.</b>																											
<b>B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).</b>																											
<b>C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).</b>																											
<b>D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).</b>																											
<b>E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)</b>																											
<b>F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)</b>																											
<b>H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)</b>																											
<b>I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)</b>																											
<b>R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)</b>																											
<b>T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)</b>																											
<b>V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).</b>																											
<b>U - All U.S. citizens</b>																											
<b>NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.</b>																											
<b>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 <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.</b>																											
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